

NORTH WEST ROWING LADDER

Whilst we have been able to return to on-water training with easing of Covid regulations, the return to any form of meaningful competition in the short-term is unlikely. Looking at the current rowing calendar, it is unlikely that there will be any events in the North West much before the end of June 2021.

In order to provide competitive opportunities, we have teamed up with Rowing Ladders to create the [North West Rowing Ladder](#)

The Ladder is open to all crews (including single scullers) from J17 upwards and covers all Open, Mixed, Women's and Master's crews. We are looking to arrange a separate ladder for J16 crews and under – if your club or school is interested, please contact Paul Jackson on NWrowing.PJ@outlook.com to advise which crews you would like to join the North West Junior Rowing Ladder.

The current order in the ladder has been based on performance at the 2019 North of England Head – and yes, we accept there is some subjectivity as a result but we have to start somewhere. Equally, we can add further crews as required – if you wish to add crews, please contact Paul Jackson.

The current ladder can be accessed on www.racingladders.com/standings-page/ (and select North-West region)

How does the Ladder work?

1. It is Free – there is no cost to challenge
2. One person in each crew (or club) needs to create a log-in on the website to “own” a particular crew on the table. (If a club has multiple crews, we suggest that a nominated member of the club is responsible for allocating crews)
3. Before you issue your challenge to another crew, ensure that each crew member is insured – the best and easiest way to do that is to sign-up for Race membership of BR which includes insurance cover - www.britishrowing.org/join/#race
4. If a crew is within ten places of you on the ladder, you can challenge them to a race. The crew you are challenging need not be the same boat type or classification; you can even challenge a crew from your own club which might be higher in the ladder than you
5. The challenge can be part of your training session; also you do not need to be on the same stretch of water as long as you agree the distance to be rowed – it is down to trust; it also means that you can compete without having to travel and move equipment around
6. You do not need an umpire or timekeeper just the means to time over the agreed distance
7. Race
8. The crew (or club) member with the log-in then reports the result. If the higher crew before the race is beaten, then the challenging crew jumps above them in the ladder. If the higher placed crew won, nothing changes
9. Challenge back – there is no cost to challenge
10. A crew is not obliged to accept a challenge and can ignore it if they so wish. However, if a challenging crew cannot challenge, the alternative is to do in two steps – challenge a crew possibly 5 positions ahead; if successful, then challenge a crew above the crew you were looking to challenge – remember you can challenge a crew no more than 10 positions above you
11. Look out for your result and the changing ladder
12. We will work with the Junior committee in the region to discuss similar competitive challenges for J16 and under crews.
13. We will arrange a prize board – further details to follow.

The Rules

(they're very simple!)



1. Agree your race

If a crew is within ten places of you on the ladder, you can challenge them to a race. It can be any distance or any time - you just need to agree it. Maybe a minute. Maybe three. Maybe a distance. Just agree it!



2. Go for it

Race as agreed !



3. Report the result

Whoever has the log in for your crew simply reports the result. If both crews report the same result, the table updates. If the higher crew before the race was beaten, then the challenging crew jumps above them in the ladder. If it won, then nothing changes.



4. Challenge back?

Nursing your wounds? You can always race again. Maybe they beat you over a minute because they're quick starters, but you think you'd row through them over 3 minutes. Challenge them back!

Full list of frequently asked questions listed online at www.racingladders.com/faq

The ladder is meant to be fun as well as provide a competitive framework for North West clubs initially to compete until the return of formal competitions later in the year. Hopefully, other regions will adopt the ladder and allow us to challenge outside of the region – further details to follow as they become available

In the meantime, any questions or requests for new crews to be entered please contact Paul Jackson on NWrowing.PJ@outlook.com

Let's start challenging

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