



Background

Following the recent successes at the Junior Inter regional's in the last few years, the North West (NW) Junior commission are looking to produce a team capable of matching 2009's & 2010's 1st placements overall in the event (in 2011 & 2012 we missed 1st by 1 point!). In 2013 we came 2nd again; it was noticeable that all regions have upped their standard. In 2014 we came 2nd in the girls, but 4th equal in the boys' event overall, we came 4th. In 2015 we came 3rd in the girls and 5th in the boys overall 4th. In 2016 we came 3rd in both girls and boys, overall 3rd place but we were only 2 points off 2nd place. 2017 was a fantastic racing year, we did our best and we came 3rd overall by just 4 points, 2nd in the boys and 3rd in the girls. Thames London are a good 40 points ahead of us, but we can get closer and knock Thames upriver off the 2nd pedestal. In 2018 the boys had a fantastic year coming 3rd but only 1 point off 2nd and 3 points off being first. The girls had a tougher year coming 5th with 87 points and Thames upriver winning with 130 points, so overall 4th place.

Unfortunately, 2019 was cancelled due to weather; team was selected from NWJTT for 2020 but the competition did not run for some reason and then in 2021 again no competition.

In 2022 we were able to select a strong NW team from the NWJTT results and went on to gain an overall 3rd place (Boys 2nd and Girls 4th) at the Junior Inter-Regional Regatta.

In 2023, we will again use the NWJTT results to selection of a Junior Team Orange to represent the NW regional at the Junior Inter-Regional Regatta at Nottingham on Saturday 22nd April 2023.

We need everyone to pull together our best team to take on some strong regions, so as a region we need to up our game as well, good luck this year I know we can do it.

We want the North West Junior Time Trial (NWJTT) to produce the best team in order to do that we want to have a fair representation of all clubs in the North West. We want to include everyone. In 2019 we are added a rule: **athletes can only race in 2 divisions, so doubling is allowed but not 3 events at the Time Trial on Sunday 5th March 2023! Please advise Team Captains (see below) and on entry form the preference to event if successful.** Composites must be arranged before the entry date. The reason we introduced this rule was because we had singles entries and then they took part in crew events. If they won, the crew event the clubs then chose the crew boat. This left the singles



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depleted. We are running the singles in the last division so ***if you are entered in crew boats and do not win you may take part in the singles as a third entry.***

Ideally, we would like only **one** entry per club per event. It will be at the discretion of the Team Manager and Boys and girls Captain to allow extra crews into the event. We would like to remind you that we want the fastest crew for each event, but we do realise that some crews may be very close and only under test conditions can this be achieved.

In 2019 we changed the order of events in the Time trial organising the crew boats first. In 2020 a new event was introduced a WJ16 2- (see 2nd Division of NWJTT). And in 2022 Adaptive Op J and WJ 1x crews were added to JIRR and our time trial. For 2023, there is now J16 2- (1st division of NWJTT)

Results will be given out after the 2nd Division and hopefully selection will be confirmed. Race-offs of close races will race again in division 3. All singles and eights will be raced in Division 3.

If there is only one entry for the 4+ or 4- events, crews who did not win their event will be invited to race in Division 3.

You will see how many have entered when the entries posted on Sunday 19th February. Entries will be suspended for 24 hours; you will then have time to enter before we close entries on Sunday 26th February.

This policy has been formed to be a basis for selection of the NW team for all junior coaches to be aware of the process to attain this target. It is impractical to create a policy for all eventualities, so this document looks at the major items. Wherever there is ambiguity the guiding principle must be to select the very best team.

Management of team

<i>NW Junior Team Leader:</i>	Val Edwards (Kings)	val@woodenscull.co.uk
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Selection and entry

Most of the team selection will take place at the North West Junior Time Trials which will run on the Sunday 26th February 2023 at Northwich, over 1500 meters.

Entries will be suspended on Sunday 19th February 2023, 9pm for up to 24 hours; the entry numbers and the point of suspension will be released only to those that made entries; coaches can then change/add crews until entries close on Sun 26th February (this is in order to give the region the best chance to have our most competitive team ever)

Entries will be done online in BROE; entries will be open 1st week in Feb.

**Please make sure you add your coach's email address and phone number for each crew;
and identify the volunteers to help in each division.**

Entries must also include crew T-shirt size please

Please pay online before the event (SCR before the draw will be refunded)

If your athlete is chosen to represent the region, I require their T-shirt size – please include this information on the entry form.

Each club that enters must supply a contact name and telephone number for at least 2 volunteers for each division to help at the time trial (this can be parents or sensible young people, your athletes).

Your will not be allowed to race if you do not supply these volunteers.

The Junior Inter Regional Regatta (JIRR) is on Saturday 22nd April 2023 at Nottingham. Please ensure all athletes entered at the time trial can attend the JIRR and there British rowing membership is up to date in April.



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Results

Competitors/coaches should understand that winning your category does not necessarily guarantee you are selected as other factors may need to also be considered in the selection process.

Competitors/ coaches should also understand that they are racing all in a boat class and not just in age group; the selectors can promote younger juniors up a class if they beat older age groups.

Athletes can only race in 2 divisions, so doubling is allowed but not 3 events! Please advise Captains and on entry form the preference to event if successful.

Club coaches will be notified of crews successful in gaining selection after the event. Please make sure the coach of the crew or athlete has their contact details, email, and phone number please.

Any empty slots in the team can be filled by the team captain to produce a full squad.

Complaints

Complaints will only be considered from club coaches to the relevant team Captain (Girls and Boys)

The Team Captains' will have the final say on team selection