



# NW Rowing Council Constitution (2019.11)

Supporting Notes for Members (2020)

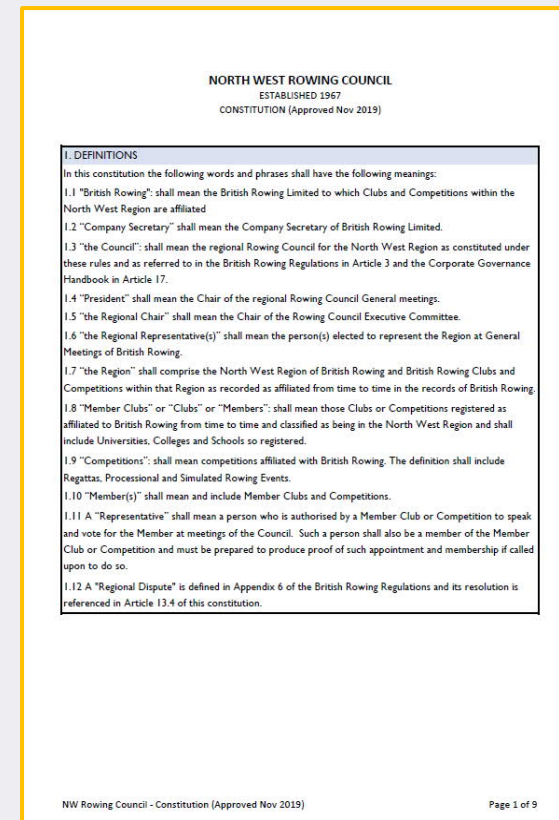
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# Introduction

## Why did the constitution change in 2019 ?

This document has been created to help NW Rowing Council understand:

- when and why the constitution was updated
- the structure of the constitution
- Rowing Council members, offices, committees
- Representation at BR meetings and committees



# Background

## Why did the constitution change in 2019 ?

In 2019 the NW Rowing Council constitution (v.2013) was updated and approved at the AGM in November 2019.

The Constitution was updated for following reasons:

- BR Governance structure referenced by the constitution has been updated, impacting
  - Terminology
  - durations of officers and representatives.
- BR provided a model constitution for regions to follow with additional updates based on recommended practices
- Some things have changed and can be clarified, simplified or removed

# Structure of the Constitution (v2019.11)

## 13 sections/articles

1. DEFINITIONS
2. OBJECTS
3. POWERS OF THE COUNCIL
4. COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL
5. OFFICEWRS OF THE COUNCIL
6. COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL
7. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
8. COUNCIL MEETINGS AND APPOINTMENTS
9. COMMITTES – GENERAL
10. QUORUM AND VOTING
11. FINANCE
12. GENERAL
13. BRITISH ROWING STANDARDS

### Note.

This is the same structure as used in the BR 'model constitution' with NW Rowing specific content aligned to this structure for clarity of discussions.

# Some key topics in the Constitution

Where can I find some info in the constitution about ..

Topic	See Article
President	1.4 / 5.5
Regional Chair	1.5 / 5.1 / 7.2
Regional Representatives	1.6 / 3.1.2 / 5.2 / 8.3
Officers of the Rowing Council	5 / 7.1 / 8.3 / 8.4.2 / 11.1 / 11.9 / 13.2 / 13.3
Executive Committee	6 / 7 / 8.2 / 8.5 / 9 / 10.5 / 11.1 / 11.5 / 11.7 / 12.5 / 13.2 / 13.5
Other Committees of the Council	3.2 / 6 / 8.4.2 / 9 / 10.2 / 10.5
General Meetings of The Council: AGM	5.1 / 8.1-8.4 / 8.7 / 10.1 / 10.3 / 11.7-11
General Meetings of The Council: EGM	8.4 / 8.5 / 10.1 / 10.3
Quorum & Voting	10 / 12.3.1
Finance / Assets / Funds / Accounts	3.1.5 / 3.1.6 / 5.3 / 8.4.1 / 11 / 12.3
The Constitution	8.6 / 10.3 / 12.1 / 12.2 / 12.4 / 13.1



BR Board, BR Staff, Committees & Panels

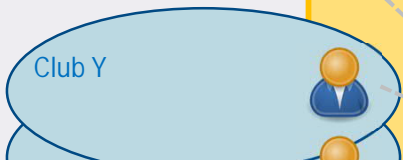
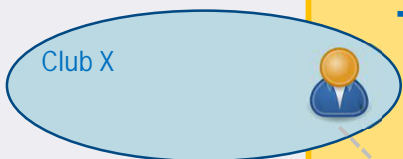
Regional Chairs Forum    Regional Representatives

Junior Rowing    Masters' Rowing    Recreational Rowing  
National Coaching    National Umpiring    Regional Event Co-ordinators  
Rowing Safety

Regional representation with BR

### "ROWING COUNCIL"

Clubs & Competitions affiliated to BR & based in the region



"Member" = BR affiliated Clubs & Competitions

One Representative for each member

### "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE"

#### "OFFICERS"



Chair(s) of Regional Committees co-opted onto the Exec. Committee.



### Registered Individual Membership of British Rowing

( Types of Membership Subscription: ADULT RACE; STUDENT RACE; ADAPTIVE RACE; JUNIOR RACE; SCOTISH & OVERSEAS RACE; ROW, COACH, SUPPORT )

See later pages for:

- List of Member (Clubs & Competitions) that each have one Representative on the Council
- the current Executive Committee positions and holders.

# North West Rowing Council

## Members of the Council and BR affiliated members (2020)

NW Clubs (BR affiliated)				NW Competitions (BR affiliated)	
AGE	Agecroft RC	RUN	Runcorn RC		Chester L/D Sculls
GRN	Grange School, The RC	SFU	Salford University BC		Runcorn Autumn Head
GRO	Grosvenor RC, Chester	SJD	Sir John Deane's College BC		Agecroft Head
HOL	Hollingworth Lake RC	STK	Trentham BC		Dee Autumn Head
KCH	Kings School Chester RC	TRF	Trafford RC		Northwich Autumn Head
LAJ	Lancaster John O'Gaunt RC	UOC	Chester University RC		Head of the Lune (Lancaster)
LAU	Lancaster University BC	WTN	Warrington RC		Liverpool Victoria Head of the Float
LCS	Lancaster Schools' Rowing Association	WDM	Windermere RC		Head of the Mersey (Warrington)
LIU	Liverpool University BC	KEL	Keele Uni BC		Head of the Bridgewater (Trafford)
LIV	Liverpool Victoria RC	LJM	Liverpool JM Uni BC		Runcorn Spring Head
LRG	Lancaster Royal Grammar School BC				North West Junior Time Trial
MAU	Manchester, The Univ BC				North of England Head (Chester)
MES	Mersey RC				Northwich Spring Head
SBC	Southport RC				Trafford Regatta
MTS	Merchant Taylors' School BC				Merseyside Regatta (Liverpool)
NOW	Northwich RC				City of Lancaster Regatta
NST	North Staffordshire RC				Northwich Regatta
QPH	Queens Park High School BC				Trentham Regatta
RAR	Ramsey BC				Chester Regatta
RCH	Royal Chester RC				Runcorn Junior Regatta
REX	Rex BC				Warrington Regatta
					NoE Sprint Championships (HLRC)

Note. Constitution (section 1) refers to the following:

- A "Representative" is a person who is authorised by a Member Club or competition to speak and vote for the member at meetings of the council.

# North West Rowing Council

## Officers of the Council

Officer	Reference in Constitution	Current holder (Club)	Position held since
Regional Chair	1.5 / 5.1	Clare Briegal (NOW)	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020 # (2nd term of office ends 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2022)
Regional Representative(s)	1.6 / 5.2	Heidi Hackett (RUN/GRN) Rachel Hooper (GRN)	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2018 # (1 <sup>st</sup> term of office ends 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2020) 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2019 # (1 <sup>st</sup> term of office ends 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2021)
Honorary Secretary	5.3	Jim Hill (GRN)	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2012
Honorary Treasurer	5.3	Andrew Simpson (NOW)	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2017
President	1.4 / 5.5	Tim Williams (GRO)	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2013
Other Officers	5.4	none	-

# Constitution has reference to duration office is held



# North West Rowing Council

## North West Committees

Committee	Chair	Other Attendees
NW Executive Committee	* Clare Briegal (NOW)	(See next slide)
NW Regional Umpires Committee (RUC)	* Heidi Hackett (RUN/GRN)	Appointed NW RUC members
NW Coaching Committee	* Rachel Hooper (GRN)	.
NW Masters' Rowing Committee	*+ Brian Chapman (GRO)	.
NW Junior Rowing Committee	* Val Edwards (KCH)	Coaches & Junior Co-ordinators

\* Also represents North West on National Committee / Forum in this role

+ Also chair of the BR national committee

Note. Constitution (section 6) refers to the following:

- "Committees shall have a clear terms of Reference that identify their responsibilities and the powers delegated to them by the Executive Committee",
- "Appointments to Committees, if any, are made by the Committee Chairs and confirmed by the Executive Committee."
- "The Council shall, without restriction as to numbers, appoint the Chair of the Regional Committees, except the Regional Umpiring Committee, each of which shall have power to co-opt from within or outside the Council. "

# North West Rowing Council (2020)

## Executive Committee

Name (Club)	Officer	Other Positions held in NW Rowing Council
Clare Briegal (NOW)	* Regional Chair	
Heidi Hackett (RUN/GRN)	* Regional Representative	Vice Chair
Rachel Hooper (GRN)	* Regional Representative	* Chair of NW Coaching Committee
Jim Hill (GRN)	Honorary Secretary	
Andrew Simpson (NOW)	Honorary Treasurer	
Tim Williams (GRO)	President	
Colin Davies (GRO)	-	* NW Rowing Safety Advisor
Mark Briegal (NOW)		* Chair of NW Regional Umpires Committee
Val Edwards (KCH)	-	* Chair of NW Junior Rowing Committee
Brian Chapman (GRO)	-	* Chair of NW Masters' Rowing Committee
David Oates	-	* NW Recreational Rowing Representative
George Perrin (RUN)	-	University Representative
Andy Greenwell (RUN)	-	Exec Committee Member - Equipment Co-Ordinator
Paul Jackson (NOW)	-	* Regional Competition Co-Ordinator (and NW Exec Committee Member - System Support / Technology)
Simon Reeves (TRF)	-	Exec Committee Member
Simon Darnbrough (HOL)	-	Exec Committee Member
JC (Bonner) Davies (RCH)	-	Exec Committee Member
James Harris (AGE)	-	Exec Committee Member
Matt Holmes (WAR)	-	Exec Committee Member

# General BR Meetings with NW Rowing input

## Regional Chair Forum and Regional Representatives (2020)

BR	Note (from BR Regulations)	North West Representative
Regional Chair Forum	<p>There shall be a Regional Chair Forum that shall comprise the Regional Rowing Council Chairs from each Regional Rowing Council and the Chair and Deputy Chair of British Rowing. The Regional Chair Forum shall meet as often as it chooses.</p> <p>To act as an advisory group to the Board and executive team, ensuring appropriate two-way communication and consultation, and collaboration between the Board and Regional Chairs on key strategic projects and priorities impacting the rowing community.</p>	Clare Briegal (NOW)
Regional Representative(s)	<p>Regional Representatives are elected by the Affiliated Members of a Region to represent their interests at a General Meeting and to hold the Board to account for their stewardship of British Rowing.</p> <p>A Regional Representative shall be elected for a term of three years commencing on 1st January of a relevant calendar year. No Regional Representative shall be appointed for more than three consecutive terms. A term of office shall be considered consecutive if there is not a minimum of 12 months between terms.</p>	<p>Heidi Hackett (RUN/GRN)</p> <p>Rachel Hooper (GRN)</p>
Affiliated Member	A Club or Competition affiliated to British Rowing	

# Links to Further Information & Contacts

## North West & British Rowing

### [North West Rowing Council](#)

- <https://www.nwrowing.com/>
- <https://www.nwrowing.com/about-us> (includes link to current Constitution)
- <https://www.nwrowing.com/the-team>
- <https://www.nwrowing.com/what-do-we-do>

### [British Rowing](#)

- <https://www.britishrowing.org/>
- <https://www.britishrowing.org/about-us/>
- <https://www.britishrowing.org/about-us/governance/>
- [Articles of Association \(v. April 2020\)](#)
- [British Rowing Regulations \(v. April 2020\)](#)
- [Governance Handbook \(v. Sept 2018\)](#)