

PROPOSED UKSRL POINTSCORE REVIEW 2012

Problem:

Large gulf in points between league leaders and lower placed crews, resulting in obvious league winners before Rounds 4 & 5. Lack of incentive for crews to attend who may have missed an event.

Suggested Solution:

Award fewer points per event – based on entry numbers.

Ditch the “Turn-up points”.

How it works:

FIRST:

Crews race three heats as normal and are awarded points inversely proportional to their relative finish position based on the number of boats in the largest heat:

Heat 1 (5crews) Heat 2 (4crews)

1st = 5pts

1st = 5pts

2nd = 4pts

2nd = 4pts

3rd = 3pts

3rd = 3pts

4th = 2pts

4th = 2pts

5th = 1pt

Heats are repeated three times as normal with random draw. The available race points remain the same for the day irrespective of crew drop-outs.

SECOND:

The above “Race Points” are totalled to give an overall standing for the event; then the crew position is converted to “League Points”, which are relative to entry numbers for that event:

Total “Race Points”	Crew	Event Position	“League Points”
14	Porthtowan A	1st	9
13	Llantwit	2nd	8
12	Bournemouth	3rd	7
10	Perranporth A	=4th	6
10	Bude	=4th	6
7	Croyde	5th	5
6	Porthtowan B	6th	4
4	Newport	7th	3
3	Perranporth B	8th	2

THIRD:

The 'Golden Point Final' now carries a single "*League Point*" (not race point). For example, if Llantwit won the GPF in the above table they would be tied with Porthtowan A on 9 league points after Round 1.

Technicalities:

- ⤴ Crews that scratch before the start (DNS) receive no race points (or league pts if DNSx3); the remaining crews in the heat receive points that would have included the scratched crew.
- ⤴ DNF and DSQ crews receive no race points, but league positions and points include them.
- ⤴ Any crew that starts a race will receive league points even if they then DNF or DSQ.
- ⤴ A 'League Points' minimum of 6pts for event winners be applied (see example below*).
- ⤴ Teams drawn on league positions after three races will receive equal League Points; the next placed team will receive the next consecutive league point position, note two below**.

*If only 3 crews turn up, they race for 3,2,1 'Race Points' in the heats. When converted to 'League Points' they will be awarded 6,5,4 points before the GPF awards 1 more League Point to the winner. (6pts represents a full entry for all 6 lanes).

**Most sports deal with drawn positions like this:

1st Liverpool
=2nd ManU
=2nd ManCity
4th Chelski

This could create a big gap for later rounds, so I propose:

1st Llantwit
=2nd Blue Bali
=2nd Perranporth
3rd Bournemouth

SUMMARY

This proposal will even out those races and events with an odd number of crews.

It will reward those who attend every event, without greatly penalising any crew that fails to attend one time.

It will keep crews very close together throughout the season, leading to more exciting final events.

It increases the importance of the GPF for all.

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