

Changes in the Dorset Road Race League structure

(Agreed at the September DRRL Committee meeting)

History

The current structure of the DRRL consists of two divisions.

The Men's and Ladies teams compete separately, and their divisions operate independently from each other.

In each case the division one consists of 7 teams and the remainder in division two which is 9 or 10 teams.

For the men it is 5 to count for a team in division one and 4 in division two.

For the ladies it is 3 to count in both divisions.

This is a historical feature as in the past we had much less ladies competing but as the table at the end of this document shows the numbers of ladies has increased quite favourably over the last 5-6 years.

This year (well it would have been 2020) we have welcomed two new clubs into the league – Dorchester RIOT and Twemlow TC but we have lost a few over the last few years – Hamworthy Harriers, Bridport Runners & Zoom tri.

Each year the bottom club in division one is relegated and the top club in division two are promoted.

The winning teams are awarded some small mementoes (usually glasses – the team receive the same number of mementoes as in a team e.g. winning team for men in division one get 5 mementoes). We also provide mementoes to the 2nd team in each division.

The proposal below is intended to create more interest for more clubs as they will be aiming for promotion or to avoid relegation.

Agreed changes

1. We change from a two division system to a three division system
2. That division one and two both have 5 teams with the remainder in division three.
That would mean with the current number of teams that there would be 6 in division 3 for the men and 7 for the ladies.
3. That the bottom teams of division 1 and 2 are relegated.
4. That the top teams of division 2 and 3 are promoted.
5. That the number of men to count in a team would be 5,4,3 for divisions one, two, three respectively
6. That the number of ladies to count in a team would be 4,3,3 for divisions one, two, three respectively

Additionally

That we continue to award a 2nd prize in division 1 but not in the other divisions

Recent league tables are shown below to get a feel for who it would have affected. It's easy enough to see in league one who would have been in the relegation battle but less clear in league two as we can't easily work out where the clubs in league one would have figured.

2022 – as it stands

First Division Mens Teams	First Division Ladies Teams
Egdon Heath Harriers	Egdon Heath Harriers
Bournemouth AC	Littledown Harriers
Lytchett Manor Striders	Poole Runners
Poole Runners	Lytchett Manor Striders
Littledown Harriers	Bournemouth AC
Poole AC	Purbeck Runners
Dorset Doddlers	Poole AC
Second Division Mens Teams	Second Division Ladies Teams
Twelmlow TC	Dorchester RIOT
Westbourne	Dorset Doddlers
Dorchester RIOT	Bournemouth Joggers
Wimborne AC	Westbourne
Purbeck Runners	Weymouth St Pauls Harriers
Weymouth St Pauls Harriers	Wimborne AC
Royal Manor Portland	Gillingham Trotters
Christchurch Runners	Royal Manor Portland
Gillingham Trotters	Twelmlow TC
	Christchurch Runners

2019 – Final position

First Division Mens Teams	First Division Ladies Teams
Bournemouth AC	Poole Runners
Egdon Heath Harriers	Egdon Heath Harriers
Poole AC	Littledown Harriers
Littledown Harriers	Bournemouth AC
Poole Runners	Lytchett Manor Striders
Dorset Doddlers	Poole AC
Westbourne	Dorset Doddlers
Second Division Mens Teams	Second Division Ladies Teams
Lytchett Manor Striders	Purbeck Runners
Wimborne AC	Royal Manor Portland
Purbeck Runners	Westbourne
Royal Manor Portland	Wimborne AC
Weymouth St Pauls Harriers	Bournemouth Joggers
Christchurch Runners	Weymouth St Pauls Harriers
Gillingham Trotters	Gillingham Trotters
Hamworthy Harriers	Christchurch Runners
	Hamworthy Harriers

2018 – Final position

First Division Mens Teams

Bournemouth AC

Poole AC

Poole Runners

Littledown Harriers

Dorset Doddlers

Egdon Heath Harriers

Lytchett Manor Striders

Second Division Mens Teams

Westbourne

Wimborne AC

Purbeck Runners

Royal Manor Portland

Weymouth St Pauls Harriers

Christchurch Runners

Gillingham Trotters

Zoom Tri

Bridport Runners

First Division Ladies Teams

Poole Runners

Littledown Harriers

Bournemouth AC

Poole AC

Egdon Heath Harriers

Lytchett Manor Striders

Westbourne

Second Division Ladies Teams

Dorset Doddlers

Purbeck Runners

Bournemouth Joggers

Wimborne AC

Royal Manor Portland

Weymouth St Pauls Harriers

Gillingham Trotters

Christchurch Runners

Bridport Runners

Zoom Tri

2017 – Final position

Men Div 1

Poole AC

Bournemouth AC

Poole Runners

Littledown Harriers

Egdon Heath Harriers

Lytchett Manor Striders

Westbourne Running Club

Men Div 2

Dorset Doddlers

Purbeck Runners

Wimborne AC

Royal Manor of Portland

Weymouth St Pauls Harriers

Christchurch Runners

Gillingham Trotters

Zoom Tri

Bridport Runners

Ladies Div 1

Littledown Harriers

Bournemouth AC

Poole Runners

Poole AC

Lytchett Manor Striders

Egdon Heath Harriers

Purbeck Runners

Ladies Div 2

Westbourne Running Club

Dorset Doddlers

Wimborne AC

Royal Manor of Portland

Bournemouth Joggers

Weymouth St Pauls Harriers

Gillingham Trotters

Christchurch Runners

Zoom Tri

Bridport Runners

2016 – Final position

First Division Mens Teams	First Division Ladies Teams
Bournemouth AC	Bournemouth AC
Littledown Harriers	Poole AC
Poole Runners	Littledown Harriers
Poole AC	Poole Runners
Lytchett Manor Striders	Lytchett Manor Striders
Egdon Heath Harriers	Purbeck Runners
Wimborne AC	Wimborne AC
Second Division Mens Teams	Second Division Ladies Teams
Westbourne	Egdon Heath Harriers
Dorset Doddlers	Westbourne
Purbeck Runners	Dorset Doddlers
Royal Manor Portland	Bournemouth Joggers
Weymouth St Pauls Harriers	Royal Manor Portland
Zoom Tri	Weymouth St Pauls Harriers
Christchurch Runners	Gillingham Trotters
Gillingham Trotters	Zoom Tri
Bridport Runners	Christchurch Runners
	Bridport Runners

2015 – Final position

First Division Mens Teams	First Division Ladies Teams
Bournemouth AC	Bournemouth AC
Poole AC	Poole AC
Littledown Harriers	Poole Runners
Poole Runners	Littledown Harriers
Lytchett Manor Striders	Lytchett Manor Striders
Wimborne AC	Wimborne AC
Purbeck Runners	Egdon Heath Harriers
Second Division Mens Teams	Second Division Ladies Teams
Egdon Heath Harriers	Purbeck Runners
Westbourne	Westbourne
Dorset Doddlers	Dorset Doddlers
Royal Manor Portland	Bournemouth Joggers
Weymouth St Pauls Harriers	Royal Manor Portland
Gillingham Trotters	Gillingham Trotters
Zoom Tri	Zoom Tri
Christchurch Runners	Weymouth St Pauls Harriers
Bridport Runners	Bridport Runners
	Christchurch Runners

2014 – Final position

First Division Mens Teams	First Division Ladies Teams
Bournemouth AC	Bournemouth AC
Poole AC	Poole AC
Poole Runners	Poole Runners
Wimborne AC	Wimborne AC
Littledown Harriers	Littledown Harriers
Purbeck Runners	Egdon Heath Harriers
Wimborne AC	Bournemouth Joggers
Egdon Heath Harriers	Second Division Ladies Teams
Second Division Mens Teams	Lytchett Manor Striders
Lytchett Manor Striders	Westbourne
Dorset Doddlers	Purbeck Runners
Royal Manor Portland	Dorset Doddlers
Westbourne	Gillingham Trotters
Weymouth St Pauls Harriers	Royal Manor Portland
Gillingham Trotters	Weymouth St Pauls Harriers
Zoom Tri	Zoom Tri
Christchurch Runners	Christchurch Runners

Number of competitors

Year	Men	Ladies
2019	548	437
2018	550	399
2017	478	377
2016	517	374
2015	496	303
2014	459	277

2022 after the first 6 races: 331 Men vs 259 ladies.