REPORT

Technical Officials Travelling Expenses

To: Birmingham & District Invitation Cross Country League Executive

Purpose: The purpose of this report is to generate discussion on how to encourage car sharing amongst officials and make recommendations for season 2025-26.

Background: The league currently pays technical officials (officials) 35p per mile in reimbursement of their travelling expenses. One of the main problems with finding suitable venues for league races is adequate car parking. There is a strong body of public opinion that the use of cars should be reduced where possible.

The current maximum rate HMRC allow for travelling expenses before there are tax implications is 45p per mile.

Report: The league currently pays officials 35p per mile which is close to the highest paid in similar competitions. Unlike some competitions this does not increase if an official gives a lift to one or more other officials.

If the league was to pay an increased figure for carrying other officials it would have the effect of reducing the overall cost of travelling expenses to the league, reduce the number of parking spaces required for officials and make a small contribution to reducing air pollution.

Recommendations: It is recommended that

1. The standard mileage rate remains unchanged at 35p per mile.
2. If an official gives a lift to another official, they can claim 40p per mile
3. If an official gives a lift to two or more officials, they can claim 45p per mile

The advantages of these recommendations are that it will save at least 30p per mile for each official who is a passenger, there will be fewer cars requiring parking spaces at the fixture and it will reduce car journeys and thereby make a contribution to reduce pollution.

Conclusion: There are many advantages to the recommendation and no apparent disadvantages. The Executive is asked to discuss the recommendations and set the new expenses levels for next season.

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