

CTT NORTH EAST DISTRICT – ANNUAL REPORT – 2021

1. District Committee

The District Committee for 2021 was elected with a committee of 10 members and continued with a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Secretary and Risk Assessment Co-ordinator. The Risk Assessment Co-ordinator has continued to be an essential role supporting the District, particularly where we have new courses within the District. Significant thanks are recorded within the report to Nev Martin for the continued excellent work he does supporting current and new Risk Assessment requirements and providing sage advice and guidance on matters with a Risk / Health and Safety perspective.

2. Club Affiliations

The affiliation process was completed in a timely manner with a large number of re-affiliations completed very early in the process which is very much appreciated by the District Treasurer. The District has 58 Clubs affiliated to the CTT. New clubs affiliated in 2021 were as follows:-

CJ Performance

GB Fire Service Cycling

NOBSJC (Newcastle Old Boys Jersey Club)

Outlands Project

3. District Events:-

The summary of District Events is as follows:-

a. Open Events

36 open events were planned by clubs within the District during 2021. Cancelled events with reasons were as follows:-

NTR 4-up TT – 15 August 2021 – Cancelled due to roadworks

Barnesbury CC 10m – 22 August 2021 – Cancelled due to weather conditions

0 events were cancelled due to Covid and all events have been run in accordance with the relevant Covid-19 Risk Assessment guidance.

28 have been successfully completed with 6 events remaining to be completed during 2021. Remaining events are all Hill Climb events.

b. Club Events

Club Events were applied for by 4 clubs and all club events have now been completed with a total of 32 club events held in North East District in 2021.

Tyneside Vagabonds – 7 events

Barnesbury CC – 11 events (1 cancelled)

Blaydon CC – 5 events (2 cancelled)

Derwentside CC – 9 events (3 cancelled)

4. Accidents

There have (thus far) been 6 accidents reported to National by the District this year, 2 of which involved third party claims. All accident reports were reviewed and any resultant updates to the Risk Assessment undertaken. Whilst there were no accidents in the Allen Valley Velo event on the M14B course held on Saturday 31st July 2021, near misses were considered and, as a result, recommendations made to improve the Risk Assessment for the M14B, M24.8 and M40 courses.

Rider error has been the cause of all of the NE accidents. Rider safety is ultimately the responsibility of the individual rider but clubs are requested at their own AGMs or future Club Committee Meetings to remind their club members of the importance of rider safety. Riders should also be reminded that when they are signing-on, this is not just to collect a number and confirm the rider will start the event, this is to confirm they have read, understood and comply with the rules and regulations of CTT. The rules and regulations are on the CTT Website and if riders are unfamiliar with these, they should spend time familiarising themselves with the content.

The District wishes to remind all clubs that are affiliated to the District that it is their and their riders' responsibility to ensure that when they are competing in CTT events (either Open or Club) that they are doing so in full compliance with the CTT Rules and Regulations but also with the Observance of the Law. This includes awareness of and compliance with any relevant Local Regulations that have been approved. In the case of North East District, Local Regulations have been approved with regard to Right Hand Turns on courses. Clear rider instructions are included in the Risk Assessment and on the relevant start sheets. It is the riders responsibility to read all aspects of the Start Sheet, in order to appreciate and understand specific instructions that are provided for the safety of all competitors. The District, therefore, reminds riders that a zero tolerance approach will be applied to evidence of non-compliance. Evidence is not only in the form of any photo or video evidence but in the observations of Event Marshals or Event Observers. It has been good to note feedback from some events this year where courses with Right Hand Turns have been used that rider behaviour has improved but we should not be complacent. Please continue to ride safely.

5. District Successes and Results in 2021 National Events and Competitions and some 2020 championships:-

a. National Youth Championship

Harris Hall (Velo Culture) was 11th; Joe Dixon (Velo Culture) was 13th; Arran Cairns (Derwentside) was 50th.

b. 10m

Men – Andy Delaney (NPCC) was 93rd.

Women – Miriam Jessett (Team Kirkley) was 13th

c. VTTA National 30m

Men – David Robinson (Tyneside Vagabonds) was 21st;

d. 25m

2020

Men – Phil Kennell (GS Metro) was 74th; Thomas Fletcher (Reifen Racing) was 78th;

Women – Joanne Rea (Blaydon CC) was 19th;

2021

Men – Lewis Timmins (Vector Racing) was 27th; Julian MacBride (Team Kirkley) was 34th; Nick Badcock (Team Kirkley) was 36th; Lewis Wake (Team Kirkley) was 40th; Phil Kennell (GS Metro) was 49th; Jay Pitt (Velo Culture) was 50th; Nev Martin (Velo Culture) was 77th; Roger Clarke (Tyneside Vagabonds) was 84th;

Women – Miriam Jessett (Team Kirkley) was 12th; Joanne Rea (Team Kirkley) was 16th; Lindsay Turnbull (Vector Racing) was 32nd

Junior Male – Daniel Holmes (Derwentside) was 3rd;

e. 50m

2020 – Hosted by NTR, supported by the District Committee, for North East District – because of the extent of the local representation, I've limited results to the top 50.

Men – Adam Wild (GS Metro) was 2nd; Carl Donaldson (GS Metro) was 7th; Tommy Murray (GS Metro) was 12th; Lewis Wake (Team Kirkley) was 14th; Andrew Scorey (GS Metro) was 16th; Shaun Brannan (Muckle CC) was 24th; Phil Kennell (GS Metro) was 26th; Adam Smith (Team Kirkley) was 30th; Jay Pitt (Derwentside) was 32nd; Thomas Fletcher (Reifen Racing) was 33rd; Phil Hall (Velo Culture) was 34th; Gavin Richardson (Sunderland Clarion) was 37th; Joe Lieserach (Blaydon CC) was 40th; Nev Martin (Velo Culture) was 44th; David Robinson (Tyneside Vagabonds) was 45th; Michael Sloanes (Blumilk) was 46th; Peter Stokoe (Reifen Racing) was 50th;

Women – Joanne Rea (Blaydon CC) was 8th; Gemma Hutchins (Blaydon CC) was 12th; Claire Harlow (Blaydon CC) was 13th; Claire Cook (South Shields Velo CC) was 14th; Justine Norman (Velo Culture) was 17th; Angela McGurk (Blaydon CC) was 18th;

2021

Men - Julian MacBride (Team Kirkley) was 18th; Phil Kennell (GS Metro) was 20th;

Women – Joanne Rea (Team Kirkley) was 6th;

f. 12 Hour

Men – Tommy Murray (GS Metro) was 12th; Phil Kennell (GS Metro) was 16th; Andy Hall (GS Metro) was 20th;

Team – GS Metro was 1st and National Team Champions.

g. National Team Time Trial

Men – GS Metro (Adam Wild; Tommy Murray; Ross Walton) was 9th

Women – Blaydon CC (Carrie Brookes; Angela McGurk; Gemma Hutchins) was 7th

h. National Hill Climb Championships 2020

Men – Marcus Cram (Blaydon CC) was 26th; Graham Wardale (South Shields Velo CC) was 90th; Noel Stoddard (Blaydon CC) was 124th;

At the time of report publication, the 2021 National Hill Climb Championships has yet to be held.

i. Best British All Rounder Competition

Tommy Murray (GS Metro) is currently 4th on BBAR

Phil Kennell (GS Metro) is currently 12th on BBAR

Joanne Rea (Blaydon CC) is currently 9th on BBAR

6. Timekeepers

During 2021 there have been no new accredited timekeepers. With the return to a full season of events, all events have been admirably supported by Sharon Dyson, Peter Schultz, Frances Schultz and Ray Lockett. Ewa Johnson continues to be an accredited timekeeper. Thanks are recorded here from the Committee and on behalf of all of the clubs for their support as without the timekeepers, there would simply be NO events. It is suggested that clubs continue to take steps to provide a Start Timekeeper at their Open and Club Events.

7. Traffic Counts

Traffic Counts are taken periodically to ensure that the volume of traffic on roads that we use for our courses meets CTT requirements. No new traffic counts have been taken during 2021, however the District Committee are reviewing any traffic count priorities ahead of 2022 events.

8. Road Conditions

Generally, in the District the road conditions are not always at their best and, therefore, the importance of the On The Day Risk Assessment cannot be emphasised enough to update with regard to road and weather conditions. This may also mitigate the situation arising whereby events are cancelled the day prior due to forecasted bad weather, but actually on-the-day, conditions are much improved. It is imperative that an On The Day Risk Assessment is completed on the day of the event (or as close to the event as possible) and any findings from that RA are highlighted to the riders at the Sign-On. The On The Day Risk Assessment must be completed and retained by the event organiser – this becomes even more of an imperative in the event of any accidents.

9. Items for Review by NE District Clubs and/or Committee at 2021 AGM

There is one item for review and consideration by the clubs:-

1. Course Records in Club Events

COURSE RECORDS IN CLUB (TYPE B) EVENTS

Proposal relates to the setting of course records during Type B (Club) Events. There are no specific rules or regulations with regard to this point and, therefore, the question was raised with the CTT Board. This was with the intention of understanding the approach across other Districts. The situation is that it is District discretion re whether course records are eligible from Type B (Club) Events.

Historically in North East District, any course records set in Type B (Club) Events had not been recognised as true course records – they had only been recognised in Type A (Open) Events, for a range of reasons:-

- Type A events have District recognised and accredited timekeepers
- Type A events are timed using Digital Stopwatches
- Type A events may have a “seeded” field which would typically ensure that faster riders are not riding with consecutive numbers *
- Type A events may have a field setting which would typically ensure as far as possible that riders from the same club are not allocated sequential numbers

*NB – there are exceptions to this, for example Hill Climbs, N&DCA Championship events where the field setting lends itself to the faster riders being seeded sequentially.

There is no guarantee that a Type B Event will satisfy the above criteria.

For the last couple of seasons, however, as a District we have adopted the policy that a Type B event may be considered for a Course Record if the times are recorded by a CTT approved and accredited timekeeper.

The proposal to be discussed is whether North East District agrees to continue that Type B Events can be eligible for Course Records in the future. If agreed, this will become the district protocol regardless as to how other districts manage course records, unless superseded by any National regulation changes.

The following points to be considered:-

- Do the clubs in the District agree with the proposal that NE District continues to have Type B (Club) Events as eligible for course records in the future ?
- This change would be adopted officially from 2022 events.
- The eligibility criteria would be that:-
 - Course record can only be regarded as valid if timed by a recognised and accredited timekeeper ?
 - Course record can only be regarded as valid if timed by a recognised Digital Stopwatch?
- Or, do the clubs in the District agree that ONLY Type A (Open) events should be eligible for course records ?

NB – if the District agrees that Type A (Open) events only qualify for Course Records, there will be no retrospective changes to course records where they may have previously been set in a Type B event.

10. Items for National Council 2021

There is one item for consideration by North East District with regard to Regulation 26. Separate Motion Proposal document has been prepared and distributed to all clubs.

This motion needs to be discussed within the NE District first and only if approved, can it be submitted to National for consideration at National Council AGM in December 2021.

Dawn Sherrin
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22nd September 2021