

Cycle Sport Events – Regional Events Officer

EVENTS

Developing Current Events

British Cycling Online Entry System

The opportunity now exists for event organisers to create their events and submit them to the RCA for approval online. The online entry system, which is free of charge for an organiser to use, can then receive entries from riders including processing payments and creating start sheets in a fraction of the time it takes by post.

TCDG, Tameside Circuit Series 2011

The Tameside League will conclude with a Summer Finale and incorporate presentations from the League on Saturday 17th September.

Midweek MTB Madness

Launched by British Cycling staff in 2010, the series has now concluded it's second year, having incorporated two new venues; at Boggart Hole Clough and Chorlton Water Park and attracting an average of 45 senior riders to each event. An organiser's handbook is being prepared to enable the events to expand to include Youth races and involve new promoters in 2012 with REO support and equipment.

Manchester Youth Track Competition

Following the success of the Manchester Youth Cup events, the National Cycling Centre have pledged to continue with the same format in the future to conclude their Inter-Schools track competition. The events provided a unique opportunity for school children and regional standard youth riders from across the North West to compete at the Velodrome.

North West Cyclo Cross League

I will be attending a number of the League events this season with a view to supporting organisers, developing new officials and helping to identify and access potential new venues.

Developing New Events

City Race Series

Following the successful delivery of 6 events this summer, I will be meeting with Phil Braybrooke next month to discuss development of events at the venue for 2012. Either an Interclub combined Track and Road event or National Series event are possible options at the venue.

North Region BMX event

The first event at the new Indoor Centre will be the North Region BMX round on August 28th. The Region are currently working to overcome the challenges faced by the hosting of an indoor BMX event.

Eastlands Velo MTB Race

Following his involvement with Tom Hodgkinson and the Go-Ride Racing League, and the completion of his MTB Commissaire training, Tim Ferguson has led on the delivery of a new Youth MTB race. The event will take place at Boggart Hole Clough on August 28th and is preceded by a series of Youth coaching sessions at the venue.

Introduction of events for new senior riders

The Women's Go-Race events in the North West this season have provided an opportunity for new riders to experience racing for the first time. The 30 min races have easily been incorporated in to an existing event schedule to utilise the event infrastructure and officials already in place. Events for new male riders could also be delivered in the same way which would provide a pathway in to the sport for adults.

VOLUNTEERS AND OFFICIALS

Training and Education

Recruitment of new Commissaires.

The region would benefit from an increased number of Commissaires across all disciplines.

Rather than waiting for volunteers to sign up for the Commissaire courses, I feel we need to take a more proactive year-round approach to the recruitment of new officials. This could be through a combination of advertising at events, or by word of mouth; speaking to parents and supporters. New volunteers could be offered the opportunity to shadow the Commissaire team at an event prior to attending a course to better understand what is involved.

I am happy to respond to demand for courses and arrange for their delivery around the region as and when required.