

Minutes

British Cycling Cyclo-Cross Commission Meeting



Date of Meeting: Wednesday 21 February 2018
Location: Room 1, National Cycling Centre, Manchester
Time: 10:30 am

Present: Graham Elliott (Chair); Andy Naylor, Keith Murray, Fran Whyte, Jon Mullineaux, Mandy Parker, Dave Garrett (Members); Brian Furness, Lisa Graham, Dan Smith (BC Staff); Matt Ellis (GBCT), Scott Dougal (Head of Communications – first part of meeting).

The meeting started at 10:28.

1/18 Apologies for Absence. None.

2/18 Minutes of previous meeting held on 20 September 2017. These were agreed as a true record.

3/18 Action Points/Matters Arising.

ITEM	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	Progress
3/17	Produce a quick guide on pit helper etiquette	Ongoing— being produced by Ian Poole
8/17 b)	Produce options for revised ranking points structure	BF/DS - discussed later in meeting
18/17 a)	Include National Trophy calendar strategy in the long-term discipline plan	Actioned
18/17 b)	Consider guidance on event risk assessment (including support on field size limit) to be incorporated into regional event organiser guide.	BF/DS – Compliments to risk manager on the new template (actioned)
18/17 c)	Circulate tender for the 2018-19 Cyclo-Cross National Trophy and National Championships	Actioned; see 6/18 a)
20/17 a)	Update technical regulations and submit to Technical Commission	Actioned

Action: add pit helper etiquette information to Regional Organiser Guide.

4/18 Declarations of Interest. JM announced that he was standing down from the LCCA committee. MP continued to serve on the YCCA committee.

5/18 Cycle Sport Update.

a) *General overview.* The results of the participation survey were presented to the commission by LG, and the members felt it gave a valuable insight into the discipline. LG mentioned the national commissaire conference that had taken place the previous weekend and had been well received by the commissaires in attendance.

b) *Discipline plan.* The CX discipline plan was presented to the commission by LG who explained the key elements of the future progression of the discipline. On another note concerns were again raised about the justification for the £1 application fee that is charged per entry, and AN asked SD if there could be some clarification published on the web site to offer people a better understanding of where this money is spent.

Action: publish rationale for £1 application fee on on-line entries.

c) *Communications strategy.* SD was present to discuss BC communications strategy with respect to cyclo-cross, and to address concerns that this was not as complete as some desired. He started by explaining that due to medal success on the world stage, cyclo-cross was experiencing a large growth in both participants and audience. He went on to discuss the coverage of the National Championships and said he was encouraged by the number of people watching the production.

The use of pre and post event features was also discussed by SD but the commission expressed concern that these were not inclusive and only offered content from the elite and junior categories. They thought that due to the number of riders in other categories it would be far more relevant to include them within the web coverage and offer exposure to up and coming riders

within the discipline. The commission asked if they could see the communications structure to get a better understanding of the coverage being given to cyclo-cross events. LG & SD agreed to sit down to discuss how the communications team can better support cyclo-cross going forward.

Action: SD & LG to discuss how communications can better support cyclo-cross going forward.

6/18 National Events

- a) **Confirmation of outcome of application process for 2018/19 national events.** DS & BF went through the calendar for the HSBC UK | Cyclo-cross National Trophy Series and Championships for the 2018/19 season, which had been agreed with organisers and supported by the commission at the end of the previous year, and the elite races placed on the UCI calendar. Dates were as follows:

Round 1: 6-7 October 2018	Moorways, Derby
Round 2: 27-28 October 2018	Beach Park, Irvine
Round 3: 10-11 November 2018	South of England Event Centre, Crawley
Round 4: 24-25 November 2018	York Cycle Sport, York
Round 5: 8-9 December 2018	Trinity Park, Ipswich
Round 6: 5-6 January 2019	Shrewsbury Sports Centre, Shrewsbury
National Championships: 12-13 January 2019	Cyclopark, Gravesend.

- b) **National Trophy timetable and categories 2018-19.** The commission were happy for each round to run to the two day format, replicating that used at Shrewsbury, viz:

Saturday 12:00	Veteran Women
Saturday 13:00	Veteran Men 50+
Saturday 14:00	Veteran Men 40-49
Sunday 10:15	Junior Men
Sunday 11:15	Youth Girls
Sunday 12:05	Youth Boys
Sunday 13:30	Elite Women
Sunday 14:45	Elite Men

Noting numerous requests received during the season to recognise or create races for new categories, in particular veteran men 60+ and junior women, BF suggested a more wide ranging approach which sought to establish identical ranking categories for both male and female competitors, which would translate across to National Trophy and National Championships too. A comparison of the old and proposed structures is as follows:

CURRENT

National Cyclo-Cross Ranking Categories

senior open (men)	senior open (women)
veteran men 40-49	
veteran men 50+	
junior men	
youth U14 boys	youth U14 girls
youth U16 boys	youth U16 girls

National Trophy Categories (jerseys awarded)

senior open (men)	senior open (women)
U23 men	
veteran men 40-49	veteran women
veteran men 50+	
junior men	
youth U14 boys	youth U14 girls
youth U16 boys	youth U16 girls

PROPOSED

National Cyclo-Cross Ranking Categories

senior open (men)	senior open (women)
veteran men 40-49	veteran women 40-49
veteran men 50-59	veteran women 50-59
veteran men 60+	veteran women 60+
junior men	junior women
youth U14 boys	youth U14 girls
youth U16 boys	youth U16 girls

National Trophy Categories (jerseys awarded)

senior open (men)	senior open (women)
veteran men 40-49	veteran women 40-49
veteran men 50-59	veteran women 50-59
veteran men 60+	veteran women 60+
junior men	junior women
youth U14 boys	youth U14 girls
youth U16 boys	youth U16 girls

The commission expressed some concern that splitting the veteran women's categories may lead to dilution of the series. However it was noted that the categories could still be run as one race until numbers expanded. The absence of under 23 as a separate category was raised, and it was reported that the men's competition had rarely been effective, with eligible riders infrequently challenging the top 10, while with the women the reverse was the case, with under 23s being extremely competitive, however it was agreed to re-examine this. It was also pointed out that a separate veteran men 60+ race could be accommodated in a second wave behind the veteran men 50-59. After some discussion it was agreed that the revised infrastructure should be implemented.

- c) **National Championship format 2019 and 2020.** BF noted the UCI's decision to create a Junior women's World Championship in 2020, although he also referred to a campaign to bring this forward to 2019. He recognised the desire of some commission members to move to a separate Junior Women's National Championship, however urged that a decision on this be delayed pending any news from the UCI on wider race times and points structure.

- d) **Eligibility for National Championships categories.** BF referred to UCI regulations which gave National Federations discretion to allow U23 riders to contest their elite national championship (and then revert to U23). The general view was that this situation could be avoided by merging both the men's and women's U23 championships into their elite equivalents. This would provide better races for all categories and also release time slots for the Junior Women's Championship.

Action: Implement proposed category changes

Action: Amend National Championship schedule.

7/18 International Competition. ME gave the commission a brief review of the season, saying that the discipline was in a really strong position in Britain after multiple successes at world level. His key objective at present was securing more budget for the development of young riders to ensure the future success of the discipline.

8/18 Participation 2017-18. A participation statistics document was passed to the commission which showed another year of growth within the discipline across the board. AN was happy to see another year of growth but called for a plan to manage the growth to prevent capacity issues which were already being noticed at many leagues throughout the country. He went on to explain that the key challenges were to do with parking at venues and also capacity in certain categories at the events. MP was surprised to see that the Youth U14/16 girl's categories were particularly low and asked how this could be developed going forward.

9/18 Regional Competition

a) Regional Championships

- i) **Restructuring review.** BF asked the commission for their view on whether giving the regions the opportunity to run individual or combined championships worked. MP preferred the championships to be combined as it created a bigger spectacle and gave riders the opportunity to race people from different leagues. This was seconded by KM and JM said the championships should be standalone with no other league events running on that weekend and no league points available. AN said that this would kill the East Midlands championships and wasn't an option. MP asked whether average points should be given to the championships. The majority of the commission agreed that they shouldn't be an option at the championships but could not come to a conclusive decision so it was decided that the format would remain for the following season. The regional championships cannot be a counting round of a league, there may not be any other league events on the same weekend as the Regional Championships, but average points would be permitted.
- ii) **Recognised categories and medal supply.** It was proposed and agreed that existing regulations 7.3.4 through to 7.3.9 be removed, leaving the organiser the option of which categories to recognise, and with the suggestion that these could be drawn from national championship categories. It would be up to the organiser to order medals, as a proportion of these would no longer be supplied free of charge.

Action: Revise regulation 7.3 to allow organisers to select categories as appropriate.

- iii) **Applications for 2018.** An invitation to apply to stage regional championships would be sent out by DS in due course with a return deadline of 1st May.

- b) **Regional event/race categorisation review and options for revised ranking points structure.** Nothing to discuss at this stage and one that will be picked up at a later date. LG asked for collection of data to help select the best outcome. It was agreed that a document showing the reviewed points structure would be presented at the next commission meeting.
- c) **Provision for "one bike cross".** No regulation change needed for the provision of a one bike cross but for U12 races a regulation is to be introduced to restrict such riders to only one bike with no pits.
- d) **Review of equipment pit provision.** DS was aware that there had been a challenge with finding a double pit at some Regional B events and asked the commission if this regulation should be revised. The commission thought the regulation should stand and didn't cause an issue at the majority of events.

Action: New look ranking points structure to be presented at next commission meeting.

Action: Add regulation to prevent the use of more than one bike by U12's.

10/18 Regulations

- a) **Gender equality.** Covered under 6/18 b) above.
- b) **Age categories.** Covered under 6/18 b) above.

- c) **Prize money.** A survey of league prize structures and the application of the 1 in 5 rule had been conducted, and was circulated to the commission. It was felt that the need for gender equality overrode the principles of this regulation, and it was therefore agreed that the regulation (14.1) be abolished and leagues be allowed to structure this as they saw fit. It was also agreed to revise 14.2 by removing the second sentence.
- d) **Matters arising from 6/18 b), c).** Nothing to add, covered.
- e) **T.R. 11.4 clarification regarding running starts.** The commission thought the current regulation was appropriate and should stand.
- f) **Revision of General Regulations and consequential restructuring of Cyclo-Cross Regulations.** BF circulated the regulation refresh to the commission and asked them to review it and feed back on any issues before the next commission meeting.

Action: Remove 14.1 & reword 14.2 in the cyclo-cross regulations.

11/18 Any Other Business. ME asked why the Junior categories were not on the UCI calendar for National Trophy events at present. BF explained the majority of riders were not there to obtain points to race at world level but asked if ME find out which top riders would enter the National Trophy events if the points were available.

The commission asked if there was to be a level 3 Cyclo-Cross coaching course going to be available. DS said he would ask the coaching department to see if they had any plans for this.

Action: Ask coaching if a level 3 CX coaching course is being produced.

12/18 Date of Next Meeting. Late May/early June.

The meeting finished at 15:00

Action Points

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3/17	Add pit helper etiquette information to Regional Organiser Guide	DS/Education
5/18 b)	Publish rationale for £1 application fee on on-line entries.	SD & LG
5/18 c)	Discuss how communications can better support cyclo-cross going forward	SD & LG
6/18 b)	Implement proposed category changes	DS & BF
6/18 c)	Amend National Championship schedule	DS
9/18 a)	Revise regulation 7.3 to allow organisers to select categories as appropriate.	BF
9/18 b)	New look ranking points structure to be presented at next commission meeting	BF
9/18 c)	Add regulation to prevent more than one bike used by U12's	BF
10/18 c)	Remove 14.1 & reword 14.2 in the cyclo-cross regulations.	BF
11/18	Ask coaching if a level 3 CX coaching course is being produced.	DS

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