



# CTT Newsletter – December 2017

## National Council

On Sunday, 2 December, delegates from the 22 district committees recently attended the CTT National Council and AGM at Hellidon.

William Cosh, Peter Rogers and Paul Thomson were due to retire by rotation as directors of CTT. All were re-elected to serve until 2020.

The following motions were passed:

### **Articles 5 and 27 – membership of the company and delegates to National Council meetings**

A change was made to CTT's Articles as regards the members of the company. Article 5 was changed so that each District Council now must nominate one representative only (who must be a member of the District Committee) to apply for membership of CTT. Election of delegates to the National Council AGM is now covered by Article 27.

**Article 11.5** was changed so as to provide for the National Council agenda papers to be sent to affiliated clubs by email, provided of course that the recipient club agrees to that.

**Article 31.1** was changed as a "tidying up" exercise to take into account that many clubs now affiliate via the CTT website. This now reads:

31.1 An eligible club that wishes to become an affiliated club must:

- (a) apply on the prescribed form and pay the annual subscription to the District Secretary of the District Council in which the eligible club's headquarters are located or in which it normally intends to promote events; or
- (b) apply via the Cycling Time Trials' website.

### **Rule 4(c)3 – Procedures at disciplinary hearings**

Should it be necessary to appoint an ad hoc committee, the number to sit on that ad hoc committee is now reduced from seven to five.

### **Regulation 7 – Who may compete**

In the first line, after the word "clubs" insert the words "or trade teams" and after the word "Body" insert the words "or Federation". In the next paragraph, first line, after the word "clubs" insert the words "or trade teams".

### **Regulation 8 – Club Membership**

Include the words trade teams as in bold below:

A rider may only be a first claim member of one club **or a member of a trade team** and must enter Open and Semi-open events in the name of that club or that trade team. A rider who changes their club **or trade team** after the closing date for entries must ride in the name of the new club **or new trade team** but is not eligible for any team award. A rider may only change his first claim club **or trade team** once in any calendar year.

### **Regulation 10 – Gender Categories**

Delete the first paragraph and all the text after the table.

### **Regulation 9 – Age Categories**

New definition for para-cyclist

**Para-cyclist:** any athlete who satisfies the minimum disability requirements specified by the Union Cycliste Internationale. Classes of disability shall be such categories as determined by British Cycling from time to time.

### **Regulation 14– Competitor’s Machine**

Paragraph 14(d)(ii) is deleted in its entirety.

Please note that the Board has added a new footnote to Regulation 14, as below:

N.B. The Board considers that use of the so called “tuck” and “superman” positions would be a breach of the opening paragraph of this Regulation and that such use is not in the best interests of the safety of riders or the welfare of the sport.

### **Regulation 17(b) Signing-on sheet and signing out sheet**

A new sentence is added as follows:

(b) In Type A events a competitor must return to the event HQ either during the event or within a reasonable time after the last rider has finished the event and must (i) return their race number(s) and (ii) sign the official signing-out sheet. **A rider who fails to so sign the official signing-out sheet shall be recorded as DNF.**

The Board has added a new footnote, as below:

N.B. Extenuating circumstances may be considered.

### **Regulation 26 – Limitation of entries**

#### **New sentence added, in bold below**

Unless otherwise declared in writing to the District Council, when applying for the event\*, selection of riders shall be on the fastest performance recorded during the current and past three years at the relevant distance. Selection by "first entries received" is not permissible. **If there is no performance at the relevant distance and the event is oversubscribed, selection shall be at the organiser’s absolute discretion after accepting all riders with a qualifying performance first.**

#### **Second paragraph deleted and replaced with:**

In cases of excess entries, a rider must be informed as soon as it is apparent their entry is not to be accepted.

#### **Change (b) and (d) 20% to 25% and new sub paragraph (e)**

(b) In events counting towards the RTTC Women's Best All Rounder Competition, **25%** of the places and **25%** of the reserve places must be reserved for women. Where there are more women entrants than allotted spaces, selection shall be on fastest performance as above.

(d) In all mixed events that do not have special conditions relating to entry levels, **25%** of all places and **25%** of reserve places must be reserved for women. Where there are more women entrants than allotted spaces, selection shall be on fastest performance as above. Where there are fewer women than this, men may fill the spaces.

(e) In all events (with the exception of RTTC National Championships) that do not have special conditions relating to entry levels **5%** of places must be reserved for para-cyclists.

**Regulation 27(h)** – the requirement that the starting order shall be arranged with the faster competitors spaced at not less than five minute intervals is no more. The regulation now reads: Only riders listed on the start sheet shall be allowed to compete. Save as otherwise provided, the Event Secretary shall have discretion to arrange the starting order as they wish bearing in mind the characteristics of their event and the need to avoid company riding as far as possible. It is not permissible to interpose in the starting order competitors in any other event except as provided for in the Regulation governing tandems.

**Regulation 27(j)(xi) – Duties of Event Secretaries**

Delete the following two lines:

- the National Competitions and Records Secretary together with a copy of the start sheets and timekeepers certificates for all BBAR Events \*

\* Events in the Handbook marked with a "B"

Insert **or via the CTT “organiser’s dashboard”** to final bullet point.

**Appeals Panel: to serve until 2021:**

Mick Phillips – Yorkshire DC

Mark Philipson – Yorkshire DC

Don Saunders – East DC

Dave Whitehead – Manchester DC

Colin Wakeman – Central DC

Martyn Heritage-Owen – South Wales DC

In addition, following the sad passing of John Stewart (Central DC), Mike Williams (Yorkshire DC) was elected onto the Appeals Panel to serve until 2020.

## National Ranking System

It is confirmed that the newly developed National Ranking System has been successfully running in the background on the CTT website throughout the 2017 season. In its current form, it is being subjected to a number of adjustments to reflect placings achieved in the national championships and the circuit series.

With the web based ranking system scheduled to "go live" at the end of February 2018 (in time for the new season), look out for the update in the proposed January Newsletter, together with a specific publication in February detailing all the information you need to know regarding accessing and the parameters of the developed system.

## Course measuring workshop

A positive response has been received after the announcement in the November newsletter that the first course measuring workshop will be held on Saturday 10 March 2018 at Hellidon Lakes Hotel, Hellidon near Daventry. Thank you to everyone who has responded so far, there are still places available at that event. We are aware that this is a fair distance for some districts to travel but we are hoping to hold more workshops at various venues around the country as, and when, we can ascertain where the interest is. If you would like to attend one of the courses, please can you email the Chairman, [sheilactt@sky.com](mailto:sheilactt@sky.com) Several districts are exploring the possibility of joining together, eg South West, South, West and South Wales, in order to get a good attendance at a central location to them. Perhaps that is something that your district might be interested in – liaising with neighbouring districts to hold a workshop at a central location.

## Gold badges



We're pleased to announce that during the weekend of the National Council, Chairman Sheila Hardy, presented CTT gold badges to four very worthy recipients. Mick Phillips (Yorkshire District) in recognition of the many years service he has given to his district; Mike Williams (Yorkshire District), who has also been a stalwart of Yorkshire district for many years and is known to many for promoting events on the V718; Val Ross (Liverpool District) who, amongst other roles has been District Treasurer for many years. And last, but by no means least, David Taylor, CTT's publicity officer, who has travelled the length and breadth of the country for longer than most people can remember, to report on national events and latterly has been working with Snowdon's to ensure that events are reported in a timely manner. Congratulations to all four! The four recipients are pictured here with Chairman, Sheila Hardy.



**Finally, the Chairman, Board of Directors and Officers of Cycling Time Trials wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.**