

## CTT Newsletter – July 2018

A slow start to the season due to prolonged winter weather and lost events due to roadworks are just two of the reasons the CTT coffers are suffering so we start this month with the bad news of a levy increase, but please read on as there is so much more happening as well!

### Rider levy increases from 2 January 2019

There has been no increase in the levy for open events since 2004 or for club events since 2012. Regretfully, due to an ever-increasing burden in regulatory, insurance and compliance requirements, coupled with a rise in overheads, it has been necessary to take the difficult decision to increase the levies with effect from 2 January 2019 as follows:

- Type A levies (Open) - £4
- Type B (Club) levies - £3
- RTTC National Championships - £15
- Classic Series - £10

CTT receives no external funding and levies are the main source of CTT's income. Combined with poor weather and road restrictions our income from events has been severely hit. With the benefit of the levies, CTT is able to provide:

- A full season of open (Type A) events;
- Internet entry which now accounts for over 95% of all entries;
- Support and a regulatory system for all club (Type B) events;
- National Championships – across all distances and for all categories;
- Third party insurance for both open (Type A) and club (Type B) events – £10,000,000;
- The drug testing programme;
- A modern and “user friendly” website – continually monitored and updated
- The newly introduced “ranking” system;
- Workshops for district officials, course measurers, event organisers and more;
- Generally, a comprehensive structure to ensure the future of time trialling on our roads.



The Board hope that the increase will be seen as a measure to protect our sport for the longer term.

## National Ranking System

Thank you for your continuing comments in relationship to the ranking system. Following on from emails received, their implications were discussed at the late June Board meeting. Foremost, were the comments that the rationale behind which events were included, or excluded, was not confirmed until after the publication of the 2018 handbook and listing of events on CTT website. It was therefore agreed by the Board that the 2018 events should be revisited, with changes made where considered appropriate to incorporate their results in the 2018 rankings.

Guidance will be provided to districts prior to the submission of the 2019 events to try and address the issues that have been experienced this season.

## Anti-doping

CTT continues to work with UK Anti-Doping with testing being carried out at a number of National and “grass roots” events this year. CTT is pleased to confirm that to date in 2018, there have been no anti-doping rule violations. In addition to testing, CTT also works together with UKAD to provide a “road show” at certain events at which national trainers from UKAD are in attendance to provide practical advice on all anti-doping matters. They’ll even hand out “freebies” if you’re interested to help raise awareness and to assist the promotion of doping free sport.



## Course measuring workshop

Three course measuring workshops have now taken place, the most recent being held in Scotland, and we are very pleased with the feedback they have received. Below are the details of the remaining workshops, any courses which have very little or no support will be cancelled and, if there is demand, a ‘sweep up’ day held centrally. **Everyone is welcome.**

1. Saturday 28 July. Hardwick Hall, County Durham. Convenient for Teesside/North East/North Midlands/Lincolnshire.
2. Saturday 11 August. Venue to be confirmed. Convenient for East/London South/ London East/South East/London West. **Applications are encouraged from all districts by no later than 30 July 2018 and a suitable venue will be confirmed when bookings are received.**
3. Sunday 23 September. Convenient for Yorkshire/North/ Liverpool/Manchester. **Applications are encouraged from all districts by no later than 24 August 2018 and a suitable venue will be confirmed when bookings are received.**

Whilst the course is provided free of charge, it is **essential** that delegates pre-book their place to ensure that sufficient resources are available for everyone. Anyone will be welcome to attend any of the courses – they are not restricted to the districts mentioned. If you would like to book a place, please email Alison Torode ([allytorode@gmail.com](mailto:allytorode@gmail.com)) letting her know the location and date you would like to attend.

## Organisers: front cover sheet

Can organisers please ensure the front cover sheet for their event is uploaded to the website. This can be done by going to 'Step 1 Enter Details' and clicking on the red button at the top 'Upload Document'. If you have any problems uploading the document, please email [support@cyclingt看metrials.org.uk](mailto:support@cyclingt看metrials.org.uk)



## Guidance notes

Following on from the course measuring workshops Guidance Note 1 (Course Measuring) has been updated to include a new section on mapping software. Guidance Note 7 (Timekeeping Practice) has also been updated to include the watch certification process. Both are now on the website.

## VTTA profiles

Some organisers of VTTA events are struggling to work out which VTTA groups the entrants to their events are members of. To make organisers lives that bit easier, if you are a member of a group please can you add it to your profile. To do this click on your name (top right of the screen when logged on), select 'Settings' from the drop-down menu, and then 'VTTA Details'.

## Scotland weekend festival

During a season of cancelled events, there is some good news as three new events have been announced for a weekend of cycling on the picturesque Isle of Bute and will include a hill climb, a 2-up team time trial over 20 miles and a solo 10 miles event. All events take place over 15 and 16 September, are on the CTT website and open to entry now.

## CTT scholarship blogs

This year's CTT scholarship riders are sending in blogs telling of the highs and lows of the season so far. The blogs are definitely worth a read so please take a look. (pictured right) George Elliott, Thomas Prentice, Adam Robertson and Hetty Niblett have each recently sent a blog in and they can be found on the website on the below link:



<https://www.cyclingt看metrials.org.uk/articles/index/news?name=blog&results=1>

**Finally – when entering events please double check your details, unfortunately some internet providers have an auto-fill option and sometimes it does just that but enters the wrong name!**