

CTT Newsletter - March 2021

Important – With events now starting again, please read the update below and also check the risk assessment for changes.

Also, announcement of a new sponsor for the Classic Time Trial Series; changes for the National 12 hour; plus how to order disposable numbers; and more!

Coronavirus

As most will be aware and as stated in the CTT release on 22 February 2021, the publication of the government "Roadmap" set out the way forward and gave details of the gradual relaxation of the Covid-19 restrictions in England. The Scottish and Welsh governments have set out their own respective timetables and the position continues to vary between England, Scotland and Wales.



England

No changes have been announced by the government to the "Roadmap" and accordingly, formally organised outdoor sports were allowed to resume in England from 29 March 2021. Cycling Time Trials is pleased to confirm that the current suspension of events will end and that in England CTT events (both type A and type B events) were able to resume from and including 29 March 2021.

When holding an event, whether that be a type A or type B event, it is essential that the requirements as set out in the CTT COVID-19 risk assessment are followed. If any club or organiser is in any doubt as to whether or not an event can proceed, please contact the National Secretary (Legal & Corporate) nick.sharpe@cyclingtimetrials.org.uk

The CTT Covid-19 risk assessment has been updated to reflect the changes made in the Covid-19 restrictions since 2020. The amended risk assessment is available on the CTT website: https://cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/documents/index/covid-19

A significant change from last year is that there are now no restrictions for those who compete on a tandem nor are there any restrictions to team trials, to include 2-up events.

Travel

The "Stay at Home" rule ended on 29 March. Please be aware that the government advice urges people to stay local. The shift is from a legal standpoint of "stay at home" unless you have a legal reason to travel, to [as from 29 March] one of guidance to stay local. Subject to CTT's rules and regulations, there is no restriction on who can compete in a CTT event. As is stated in the

risk assessment however, the onus is on the rider as to whether or not they travel to a specific event. It is not the responsibility of the organiser or promoting club to police this.

Please remember:

The threat of Covid-19 and the risk of infection does still remain. If you are not well or showing signs of Covid-19 then please do not attend any CTT event.

Scotland

The Scottish government has announced that competitive sport can resume from and including 17 May 2021. There is a possibility that competition may be able to resume from 26 April 2021 although we are still waiting for official guidance. A further update will be released once the situation has been made clear. Please note however that Scotland will remain in a tiered system. Competitive sport will be permitted at levels 3 and below.

Wales

It is anticipated that if conditions allow, "organised activities", to include competitive sport, should be able to resume from 22 April 2021. It would appear however that any such activities will be limited outdoors to a maximum of 30 persons. The Welsh government has stated that it will continue to monitor the situation weekly, and a further update will be released once this has been clarified.

Coronavirus control plan: revised alert levels in Wales (March 2021) | https://gov.wales/

Generally

Police notification forms – open and club events

Clubs and organisers are reminded that, if they have not already done so, they should send the PNF to the relevant police authority to ensure the necessary legal requirements will have been complied with. The PNF must be received by the relevant police authority at least 28 days before the day of the event.

Classic Series

The Board are pleased to announce Merlin Cycles as the new sponsor for the Classic Time Trial Series. The Series consists of six events which each include categories for men, women, juniors, veterans, paracyclists and a new category for road bikes. The criteria for the road bike category is below.

- No tri bars, clip on bars or Spinaci bars
- No disc wheels. Both front and rear wheels must each have a minimum of 12 spokes. The maximum rim depth on all wheels is 65mm
- No aero helmet or a helmet that covers the ears, or a helmet with a visor, is to be used
- Riders must not ride with their forearms resting on the handlebars at any time.

An updated list of all 2021 dates for the Merlin Cycles Classic Series is outlined below.



Event	Organising club	Course	District	Closing date
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02/04/21	Birkenhead North End CC	D22/1	Liverpool DC	16/03/21
25/04/21	Beacon RCC	K22/39	Midland DC	07/04/21
09/05/21	Dumfries CC	WS25/01	Scotland DC	27/04/21
23/05/21	Border City Wheelers CC	L143	North DC	11/05/2021
06/06/21	South East Midlands DC	NC16N	South East Midlands DC	11/05/2021
26/06/21	Team Sheffield	O14C	North Midlands DC	15/06/21

National 12 hour

Due to roadworks scheduled in London East this summer, the National 12 hour will now be hosted by CC Breckland in East district on 1 August.

Disposable numbers

Disposable and fully recyclable Tyvek numbers are again available to order in 2021. The numbers are available in any quantity, for example a set of 1-120 would cost £26 including postage. For all orders, please contact Stewart at stewart.smith@cyclingtimetrials.org.uk



Start sheets and results

Event start sheets can be downloaded by going to either the Event Details or Rider List pages on the website and clicking on the blue button 'Download Startsheet' (see below). Results can also be viewed in the same manner.



Club events levy

At a recent Board meeting it was agreed that the levy for Type B/Club events would not be increased as previously announced. For 2021, the club event levy will remain at £3.



Withdrawing entries

If you've entered an event and can no longer ride you can withdraw your own entry via the website before the closing date, entries cannot be withdrawn after the closing date. Ensure you are logged in, then click on your name in the top right... My Events > Completed Entries > Receipt > Withdraw. This will automate a refund to the card used to enter.

Changing clubs and updating profiles

If you have changed your first claim club you will need to update your website profile. To do this you will need to log on and then click on 'Discover' on the black tab at the top of the website and then 'Clubs'. From there, using the filter, you can search for your new club and make yourself a member of it. To delete the old club and make the new one first claim, click on your name on the top right of the website, then select 'My Clubs' from the dropdown menu, there you can make the changes and remove any clubs you are no longer a member of. While doing this please also check all your other details are correct, including address, email address, emergency contact, these can all be changed by clicking on 'Settings' which is also in the dropdown menu. A rider may only change their first claim club or trade team once only in any calendar year.

Finally – please check which category you are entering of an event, ie often road bikes have a separate event.