

## Review of the Track Championships Format Symposium

**Date:** Friday 27 November 2020

**Time:** 3:00pm

**Venue:** Avanti 2, Avantidrome, 15 Hanlin Road, Cambridge.

**Attending:** Janette Douglas (JD) CNZ, Erin Criglington (EC) CNZRT VP, Gemma Hay (GH) CNZ, Sarah Blake (SB) CNZ, Bryan Simmonds (BS) CNZ, Hughie Castle (HC) CNZ, Rene Wolff (RW) CNZ, Sid Cumming (SC) CNZ, Steve Rickerby (SR) CNZ, Garry Bell (GB), Jocelyn Walker (JW) CTC, Brendon Patterson (BP) Auckland, Mike Simpson (MS) WCNI, Olivia Spaans (OS) WBOP/CNZR&T, Julie Graddon (JG) WBOP, Dale Ertel (DE) DromeMasters, Don Buchanan (DB) WBOP.

**Attending by Zoom:** Kellie Ellis (WBOP), Nathan Shearing (STHL), Hamish Ferguson (Cant)

**Unable to attend:** Sam Dakin (AVC - Athletes Voice Committee), Graeme Hunn (HP Athlete Development Lead CNZ), Martin Barras (HP Director CNZ).

Item	Content
1.0	<p><b>Introduction &amp; housekeeping - Erin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the first of three planned symposium with regard to reviewing the current track championship format, the aim being to generate discussion in the wider community to be fed back to the CNZRT council. We will not leave here today with an answer.</li> <li>The other two symposium will take place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elite track nationals in Invercargill (24-27 February)</li> <li>Age group track nationals in Cambridge (10-13 March)</li> </ul> </li> <li>A final presentation of the main points from the previous 3 symposiums will then be made at the AGM workshop in May</li> <li>The slideshow has been updated and will be sent out next week, including notes from today's meeting.</li> <li>Speak to your CNZRT Regional Delegates or your Centre representatives if you have thoughts.</li> </ul>
2.0	<p><i>Action 1 – JD to send contact details for CNZRT Regional Delegates.</i></p> <p><b>Option considerations to date - Erin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spoke briefly to the slide 'how did we get here' and then explained the four options that have been considered to date.</li> <li>SB asked if the option of a combined programme with masters on their own had been suggested. EC responded, this has been looked at in the past, often the problem is getting enough masters athletes to compete.</li> <li>EC confirmed option B (the 'trimmed programme') refers to less athletes, not fewer events on the day as heats would be done ahead of time at a separate event.</li> <li>JD – option D is what being run in 2020/2021 season.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ JG asked if there would be more Masters events? EC replied that's events continued to be reviewed for all age groups, but that is getting into more detail than the purpose of this piece of work.</li> <li>○ GB also noted that the competition length as detailed in slide 6 is a guide only, could be more or less, don't take the specifics as final.</li> <li>○ MS asked if there was a likelihood that by splitting them they could grow from an estimated 4-days racing to 5/6? EC – the events included in the programme are always been considered and the number of participants would also dictate the length of the event.</li> <li>○ GB The last combined track event was held in Invercargill and was 11 days long (including travel). Prior to that, we tried it, it didn't work, so went back to separate event format.</li> <li>○ SC With Option B – have we considered how having a 'quota' system may cause a diminished quality of riders e.g. are there regional limits so some of the best national riders from strong regions will miss out whereas regions with not so strong riders could enter if there was a quota so there is a chance the best riders nationally aren't at the nationals. EC – again this is getting into the finer detail. Could be that they have a timed event – each centre is allowed three riders but if they don't meet the minimum time requirement they don't qualify.</li> <li>○ JD How much time would be 'saved' by having regional competitions, also need to consider how many 'less' athletes would attend nationals from an entry fee financial impact perspective.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• EC explained that slide 7 is the feedback they want to receive to enable constructive discussions at council level.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action 2 – JD to review length and financial viable of having masters as standalone.</i></p> <p><i>Action 3 – The CNZR&amp;T technical panel in conjunction with the events panel will provide more details on what Regional Qualification could look like including the likely maximum number of participates at nationals if this was implemented.</i></p>
3.0	<p><b>Financial impact - Janette</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JD explained, Cycling New Zealand administer and deliver events on behalf of R&amp;T. She has already done draft budgets for these scenarios and has been generous in the estimations. Trimmed programme does not include the cost of running regional events or the reduction in entry fees.</li> <li>• Also to consider are the additional costs/time for athletes/supporters/Commissaires.</li> </ul>
4.0	<p><b>Benefits vs challenges - Erin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RW with his HP hat on, the younger age groups (14-16 year olds) want to be taken seriously. They want to race to perform, not to ride with their families. This is the highest event achievable in NZ, and it needs to be honoured in those terms. We should not underestimate the performance development opportunities in a combined event for those kids. Really important to consider.</li> <li>• GB – acknowledged the sport is always evolving, might be time for that consideration. Doesn't think the age groups have suffered under the current format.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EC – has noticed during events in Cambridge (where the elites are based), the riders are often in their own bubble and don't mix with the others. However, they are more integrated into their centres when in Invercargill.</li> <li>• Learning and aspiration doesn't have to solely come from one-to-one interaction. Juniors watching elites from afar could also provide this.</li> <li>• GB suggested potentially split the programme up so people only need to attend for 5/10 days. JD countered that this removes the point of combining.</li> <li>• Question was asked 'what do other countries or sports do'? RW commented Netherlands and Germany have U15/U17/U19/Elite together but they do not have a strong masters scene.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action 4 – JD to contact other NSO and Cycling Federations to see what they do.</i></p>
<b>5.0</b>	<p><b>Rotation and Dates - Erin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If combined into one event we need to look at timing and how it all fits, rotation needs to keep happening. How will it fit with the international track programme? Would one date meet the objectives of all the riders? We don't know how that looks moving forwards. EC also noted that what works one year might not work the next. Asked that Centres gather any suggestions.</li> <li>• One of the biggest considerations needs to be UCI changes. Not looking to future proof, but need to keep evolving.</li> <li>• DE noted that running a combined event means you're removing a lot of the volunteer pool. JD sees this as an opportunity to go to a wider group in the community to continue to raise the profile of cycling. Noting however, that no volunteers from the Cambridge 3 day were master's riders (3 commissaires do ride and officiate). EC – individuals will have to make those decision; to ride or volunteer, or to Commissaire.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action 5 – Centres and HP to provide feedback on optimum timing for all age groups taking into consideration all factors including the revised UCI International calendar.</i></p>
<b>6.0</b>	<p><b>General discussion - open</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EC reiterated that the point of today is for everyone to go back and talk to their youth, masters, parents, commissaires, volunteers etc. and really get the discussion going. Where possible please get points in writing to better understand things.</li> <li>• SB requested, EC consider a time that athletes can also attend, when the next symposiums is scheduled. HP athletes want to be included and are passionate about the outcome.</li> <li>• Also outdoor tracks being impacted by the weather/season.</li> <li>• GB - National champs are the most important, want to give athletes opportunity to compete at their very best. Need to be sure decisions are made for the right reasons. EC agreed, we need to make decision for what is right at the moment.</li> <li>• JD (post meeting comment) what is the formal process for a decision to be made i.e. centres voting? CNZRT voting? Etc. EC to confirm,</li> </ul> <p><i>Action 6 – JD to confirm timing for next two symposiums</i></p> <p><i>Action 7 – EC to confirm formal process for a decision</i></p> <p><i>EC thanked everyone for attending – meeting closed at 3.41pm</i></p>

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<b>Update on action items</b>	<b>Status</b>
<p><i>Action 1 – JD to send contact details for CNZRT Regional Delegates.</i></p> <p>Contact details for CNZR&amp;T members are here  <a href="https://www.cyclingnewzealand.nz/road-and-track/cnzrt/">https://www.cyclingnewzealand.nz/road-and-track/cnzrt/</a></p>	Completed
<p><i>Action 2 – JD to review length and financial viable of having masters as standalone.</i></p>	Open
<p><i>Action 3 – The CNZR&amp;T technical panel in conjunction with the events panel will provide more details on what Regional Qualification could look like including the likely maximum number of participates at nationals if this was implemented.</i></p>	Open
<p><i>Action 4 – JD to contact relevant persons in other organisation and see what they do.</i></p> <p>Cycling Canada: U17/U19/Para (3 days) and Elite/Masters (3 days)</p> <p>Cycling Australia: Masters (4 days), U19/Elite/Para (5 days includes Omnium and Madison), U15/U17 –take place directly before or after Elite (4.5 days).</p> <p>Australia 2021: 24-28 March – Elite &amp; U19; 31 March – 3 April - Masters; 6-10 April – U15-U17; Plus separate Para Champs 16 Dec 2020</p> <p>Athletics New Zealand: U16-Senior 650 athletes (2.5 days), Masters 500 athletes (3 days)</p> <p>Swimming New Zealand: 17-18, Open (5.5 days), 13-16 (5 days)</p> <p>NZ Rowing: Masters (2 days), Novice/U19/Club/Senior/premium (5 days), Y9-13 (Maadi Cup) 8 days</p>	Completed
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<p><i>Action 6 – JD to confirm timing for next two symposiums</i></p> <p>Propose Tuesday afternoon after the Team Managers meeting for Elite Track (racing starts on the Wednesday) and review attendance after this.</p>	Completed
<p><i>Action 7 – EC to confirm formal process for a decision</i></p> <p>A summary of the main discussion points from the 3 symposiums will be presented to the AGM workshop in May 2021. Attendees will be given the opportunity to present their Centres feedback at the workshop. CNZR&amp;T Council will make the decision in council and advise the outcome.</p>	Completed