

Review of the Track Championships Format Symposium

Date: Tuesday 26th February 2021

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: ILT Stadium Southland, Invercargill.

Attending: Janette Douglas (JD) CNZ, Erin Criglington (EC) CNZRT VP, Steve Hurring (CNZRT), Terry Gyde TG (Canterbury), Rachelle Spencer (Canterbury), Richard Lawson (Canterbury), Lee Hatton (Canterbury), Jocelyn Walker (Canterbury), Andy Walker (Canterbury), Nicola McAra (Southland), Nathan Shearing (Southland), Fiona Carswell (CNZ HP), Colin Dixon (Waikato), Alex Cutler AG (Auckland), Guy Clouth (Auckland).

Attending by Zoom: Sarah Blake (SB) – for first part only

Unable to attend: Sam Dakin (AVC - Athletes Voice Committee) – sent letter in lieu of attendance.

Item	Content
1.0	<p>Introduction & housekeeping – EC</p> <p>All those attending introduced themselves. EC reiterated that this was still an open discussion and should still be at a higher level rather than details on potential programmes. The focus is for outcomes and solutions not ‘what is currently wrong’. EC then summarised the upcoming agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives of this symposium and process • Current options under discussion • Update on actions from Symposium 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial outcome with Masters as standalone - CNZ - What does ‘regional qualification’ could look like – CNZR&T - What do other federations and other sports do - CNZ - Summary of feedback received into CNZR&T delegates – CNZR&T - Feedback on options and timing for championships – Centres and CNZ HP • (Waikato) Masters riders feedback – CNZ via Masters Survey • General Discussions • Next Steps

Objectives of this symposium and outcome

The objectives of these Symposiums are to provide an open forum for all of our sport to contribute to the conversation with regards to the future of the track championships make-up.

The outcome is to establish a sustainable future for the track championships that supports the needs of riders through the age groups and performance levels using the guiding principles.

AG suggestion this needs to be more specific (i.e. what does sustainable mean and what is 'supporting the needs of riders' actually mean. This will help lead the discussion.

Guiding principles:

- *Provide an opportunity to connect our development pathway from the very first steps of performance, through our aspirational rangitahi to our international stars on the same stage.*
- *To provide each age group with a appropriate and meaningful competition opportunity*
- *To provide each age group with a platform to showcase their talent and achievements on a national stage.*
- *To provide a professionally organised event that respects all members participating at any level.*
- *To provide opportunities to retain more riders through the age groups.*
- *To respect the voluntary contribution made across the sport to support the delivery.*
- *To create event opportunities that will showcase the sport of track cycling to the community, sports fan and will attract national media coverage.*
- *To create event opportunities that supports the financial sustainability of the events through increase in participation, new sponsorship and increase spectator attendance.*

Current Options under discussion

EC Summarised the currently options under discussion:

Option	Details
A	3 Championships -Elite/U19/Para -U15/U17/Masters -Omnium/Madison
B	3 Championships - U15, U17, U19, Elite, Para - Masters - Omnium/Madison Champs
C	2 Championships: - U15, U17, U19, Masters, Para, Elite - Omnium/Madison Championships
D	1 Championships - With regional qualification
E	1 Championships: - U15, U17, U19, Masters, Para, Elite, Omnium/Madison Champs

Update on actions from Symposium 1

- Financial outcome with Masters as standalone – presented by JD. Current entries in the master's category (70) would make a stand-alone Masters championships unsustainable. This is taking into account the delivering level that is currently in place. This would want to be maintained to respect the championships and properly represent any sponsorships. Would need around 150.
- What does 'regional qualification' could look like – CNZR&T. No further details on what regional qualification could look like were presented as any details and rules get created after the concept has been agreed upon. TG said there was already regional qualification taking place at Centre Championship level. EC clarified the thought around regional qualification was to reduce the numbers at the championships to have finals only which could save some time. TG said this would potential leave top riders at home if there was a strong centre.
- What do other federations and other sports do – JD summarised feedback from other federations and NZ NSO's.
 - Cycling Canada: U17/U19/Para (3 days) and Elite/Masters (3 days)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cycling Australia: Consecutive championships with 2 days rest in between. Masters (4 days), U19/Elite/Para (5 days includes Omnium and Madison), U15/U17 (4.5 days). ➤ Athletics New Zealand: U16-Senior 650 athletes (2.5 days), Masters 500 athletes (3 days) ➤ Swimming New Zealand: 17-18, Open (5.5 days), 13-16 (5 days) ➤ NZ Rowing: Masters (2 days), Novice/U19/Club/Senior/premium (5 days), Y9-13 (Maadi Cup) 8 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of feedback received into CNZR&T delegates Only additional feedback outside of symposium is through a letter submitted by Sam Dakin on behalf of the Athletes Voice Committee. <p><i>Action: CNZRT to continue to reach out to centre for feedback, Centres to continue to reach out to CNZRT</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters riders' feedback – A survey was sent by a representative of Dromemasters to their database. Note that this is predominately a Waikato/Auckland centric database. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Survey sent to 163 riders on the "Dromemasters" database ➤ 64 responses (56 licenced) ➤ Preferred option would be to look at a stand-alone Masters Championships. ➤ Evidence to consider including more sprint and team events which could increase participation. <p>Discussion around is this feedback the same across the country in the masters categories.</p> <p>Action: JD to arrange the survey to go to all Masters riders.</p>
5.0	<p>Centre and CNZ HP Feedback on current options and timing</p> <p>Each centre and CNZ HP was asked to present which option was their preferred option at this stage in discussions. This is for indication only to help continued targeted discussions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Canterbury – current preferring Option B (standalone Masters) ➤ Southland – current preferring Option B (standalone Masters) ➤ Waikato – representative attending did not have the mandate to advise ➤ Auckland – representative attending did not have the mandate to advise ➤ Northland – no representative attended ➤ ECNI – no representative attended ➤ WCNI - no representative attended ➤ Wellington - no representative attended ➤ Tasman - no representative attended ➤ Mid-South Canterbury - no representative attended

	<p>➤ CNZ HP – current preferring Option B (standalone Masters)</p> <p>Timing was not discussed in detail. Reference was made by Canterbury with regards to access to outdoor tracks for training. General consensus that any track championships should happen prior to mid-March.</p> <p><i>Action: JD to send these minutes (and previous) back to centres for their feedback</i></p>
6.0	<p>General Discussion</p> <p>General discussion and agreement that there is a very high attrition from U19 to elite riders and was it time to look at a stepped transition for those riders not at elite level to enable them to have a competitive outlet to continue their development and involved in the sport. This could be a U23 or a Senior grade.</p> <p>Note post this meeting – a U23 grade would currently include a majority of the HP team so not necessarily fixing the problem. Perhaps a senior grade added to the Masters event to boost the sustainable of that event is the further discussion.</p> <p>A letter received from the AVC advocates for the U15, U17 riders to be included in their championships as a key driver for aspiration opportunities for junior riders. Suggested survey full membership. A few were still not sure this integration would work even if they were combined.</p> <p>Next symposium is to be confirmed. Was due to be held at AG Track but since this meeting have been cancelled.</p> <p><i>Action: JD to get feedback from Centres at this championship on the level of involvement from the HP riders.</i></p> <p><i>Action: CNZRT to undertake a full member survey (this would supersede a masters only).</i></p> <p><i>Action: CNZRT to confirm next symposium.</i></p>

	Actions	Status
1	CNZR&T delegate to continue to discuss with centres and centres to continue to reach out to CNZR&T	
2	JD to arrange the all rider survey to go country wide to support feedback from centre (supersedes a master only one)	
3	JD to send these minutes (and previous) back to clubs and centres and upload to the website to look for more feedback	
4	JD to send an email to centres at Elite Track to comment on the level of integration from CNZ HP riders.	
5	Next meeting: By ZOOM 7pm Tuesday 13 April 2021 RSVP to: events@cyclingnewzealand.nz for link.	Completed