



Review of the Track Championships Format

Agenda

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- Likely competition length
- Financial Impact
- Risk and proposed mitigations
- Proposed rotation and dates
- General Discussions
- Next Steps

Housekeeping....

- Will be recorded
- Present full presentation
- Then open up for questions
- Those on Zoom – please mute and then indicate if you wish to speak by using the ‘raised hand’ function.
- Discussion to focus on high level considerations and benefits (pros and cons). Not details such as what events will be included in each programme.
- Focus on outcomes and solutions.
- Additional actions will be noted to be re-presented at Elite Track.

How did we get here?

- In late 2019 the UCI indicated that they would be changing the international track calendar. Given this significant change in the international calendar, there is the opportunity to review the New Zealand domestic calendar.
- Cycling New Zealand recognises that recombining the track championships has been discussed informally over the past recent years. A group representing a number of centres and other persons of interest meet at the Age Group Track in Invercargill to discuss moving the conversation to a formal discussion with CNZRT
- On 8 April 2020, CNZRT agreed to further investigate the feasibility of a combined Track Championship.
- On 30 April and 14 May 2020 CNZ presented further proposals outlining possible risks and mitigations.
- On 24 May 2020, this proposal was discussed at the AGM with no clear mandate provided by centre and club representatives. Further country wide consultation and feedback required.

Option considerations to date

Four possible options have been considered at this stage:

- A – A full combined programme (i.e. A single championships)
- B – A trimmed combined programme, requiring pre-qualification at Regional Championships. A separate Omnium/Madison Championships (i.e. 2 Championships + regional qualification)*.
- C – Elite/U23/U19 Champs (including Omnium & Madison), Age Group Champs (including U17 Madison Champs). (i.e. Current Championship format - 2 championships)
- D – Elite/U23/U19 Champs, Age Group Champs, Omnium/Madison Champs (i.e. The events are separate – 3 Championships)

Likely competition length

- A – Full combined programme: 9 racing days minimum
- B – Trimmed combined programme: 6-7 racing days + regional qualification days
- C – Current 2 Championship format - 4 racing days each
- D – Elite/U23/U19 - 4 racing days, Age Group - 4 racing days, Omnium/Madison - 2-3 racing days

These are racing days and do not include travelling days, training day, briefings etc.

Regional Qualification

- What is the objective of Regional Qualification?
- How will this be achieved?
- Where and when will these be held?
- What does this mean for Centre Championships?
- What does this mean for the entry numbers at the championships?
- Who meets the cost of the regional qualification events?
- What additional resources will be needed?

Financial Impact

- Cycling New Zealand currently run the event budgets and take the financial risk. All events currently run at a loss.
- Taking into account the current financial model to deliver two separate events
 - A full combined programme is likely to have a net saving of \$10k to CNZ
 - A trimmed programme is likely to have a net saving of \$25k however consideration will need to be made to any reduction in entry fees due to any regional qualification reducing entry numbers and the cost to deliver the separate Omnium/Madison championships (net cost of \$15k), plus the additional costs of putting on an additional 2 regional qualification championships
- Consideration for extra costs, extra time commitment or any savings for riders, support staff attending one rather than two events.

Potential benefits of a Combined Championship

Drivers for change include:

- The opportunity for all the membership to celebrate success together
- Provides an aspiration aspect for the age group riders and masters racing with the elite.
- It continues to provide the opportunity for families to experience the championship together.
- Those supporting the teams may have possible reduced leave commitments.
- The domestic season would culminate at the same time

Challenges and possible mitigations

Challenge	Possible Mitigation
Event clashes with other key events in the region increasing pressure on local facilities (accommodation etc).	<p>Identified key events in region during proposed timeframes such as Maadi Cup and alternate hosting between Cambridge and Invercargill to avoid significant and known clashes.</p> <p>Invercargill have identified no significant events during this time that would create impact on facilities or amenities.</p>
Venues do not accept the booking for the extended period.	<p>Consultation with both Avantidrome and SIT Velodrome regarding acceptance of booking with both venues agreeing in principle to accept a booking of this length.</p>
Not able to attract the required number of volunteers	<p>Consulted with both organizers who agreed that they would be able to attract the required number of volunteers.</p> <p>It also offers an opportunity for both organisers to broaden their database by approaching new groups of people from the community.</p>

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Staff, officials and volunteer wellbeing during the event and their appetite to return for future years.	<p>Operate under a roster system where appropriate.</p> <p>Ensure that all have the opportunity to leave between sessions and that this is encouraged.</p> <p>Offer alternative roles and responsibilities to remove complacency, boredom or repetition.</p> <p>Provide appropriate food and water.</p> <p>Development of a manageable and cohesive programme that has realistic session times.</p> <p>Ensure any provided accommodation is suitable for a long stay with appropriate facilities (washing, kitchen etc)</p> <p>Relies on self-management.</p>
Would not be able to attract the required number of commissaires or the level of experience to fulfil the roles required at a championship level.	<p>We undertook a survey that asked if commissaires would make themselves available for up to 8 days of a combined championships.</p> <p>25/55 respondents would make themselves available if the championships were held in Cambridge.</p> <p>21/55 respondents would make themselves available if the championships were held in Invercargill.</p> <p>Another 13 indicated they would be willing to assist for a part (4 days) in both venues.</p> <p>The key feedback was to ensure a cohesive programme that enables, as much as possible, streamlining of events to support effective and efficient officiating (switching between U15 and elite as an example can be challenging).</p> <p>Role fatigue was also mentioned with the ability to undertake a varied number of roles across the championships as opposed to undertaking the same role for the full championship.</p> <p>It was also suggested that some roles could be supplemented by experienced volunteers (i.e. at</p>

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Reduced support from Cycling New Zealand HP programme limiting the number and / or performance of the key HP team.	HP support the proposal in principle to combine.
Increasing the time commitment and costs from riders and their support persons to attend up to an 8 day event V a 4 day commitment which may result in some not participating.	Ensure the programme supports a cohesive cross over of grades for the benefits as discussed but does not necessarily create an unreasonable commitment for a small amount of events.
Limiting the opportunities for developing commissaires to gain experience at championship level events if they are unable to commit to full programme.	Appointing identified developing commissaires for a 4 day period to ensure that developing commissaires still have the opportunity to gain experience.
Key commissaires roles would require more 'outside of competition' work which will potentially limit those wanting to take key roles.	CNZ have paid staff on hand to support any of this work prior and during the competition to minimise the requirement for this extra time.

Consideration of rotation and dates

- Current rotation of separate championships
 - Elite in Cambridge - 2 years prior to an Olympics
 - Elite in Invercargill – 2 years post an Olympics
 - Age Groups – annual rotation between Cambridge and Invercargill
- Consideration of an annual rotation between Cambridge and Invercargill for a combined track champs for at least the first two years (for example 2022 and 2023)
- A guideline document of the requirements to host a National Championships is created to be available for any future velodromes that are developed and an allocation process is development for 2024 onwards.
- Consider the date of any combined (or ongoing separation) championships to ensure this best supports all outcomes.

General Discussions

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Next Steps

- Collate feedback from this session
- Undertake any action items
- Present feedback at R&T council meeting
- Centres inform their members and seek as much feedback as possible
- Two further symposiums at Age Group Track and Elite Track
- Final presentation / outcomes to be made at the AGM
- Decision made at the AGM (May 2021)