

## NWCCA 2017 AGM - Suggested event format for 2017/18

### Proposed by the NWCCA Committee

The Vets race this year has increased by 11%, last year (Starting September 2015) by 17%. We can expect a similar increase for next year. Vets average race numbers are now 160, with maximum of 191. Just under 2/3<sup>rd</sup> are Vet40/45 and just over 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Vet50+, this ratio is fairly stable over a number of years.

Average women per event increasing: 2014 – 15 riders, 2015 – 15 riders, 2016 – 19 riders per race.

Some courses feel crowded in the Vets race, where longer narrow sections cannot be avoided and the course is on the shorter side. This creates issues with allowing riders to have a fair race both at the front and further down the field.

In other regions where the women are started separately and in a smaller overall field, it is encouraging more to take part (no absolute data, this is reported by other national commissaires when we meet for national events). The women have a separate league table.

Women need time to deal with children at events, so timing of the women's race is crucial in allowing them time to get ready to ride, and then be available especially for the younger children.

### Suggested format for 2017

This format retains age categories together in line with BC ranking systems.

Time	Group	Length		Estimated Rider Numbers	Max (2016) *
10:30	Youth (U16/U14)	30m	As now	40	48
10:30	Novice	30m	As now	Few	6
11:20	U8	10m	As now, as this is around 4 years of age range including those barely able to ride.	28	43
11:45	U10/U12	15m	U12 then U10 1minute apart. Most of these are competitive and capable. An U12 course can be used. Larger numbers OK with no U8s in the way.	38 + 28	47 + 37
		20m	Course access for Vets and seniors		
12:30	V50m, Women (junior, Senior, Vet)	40m	Vet50 then women 1 minute apart, grid separately, result separately	50 + 19	65 + 30
13:30	V40 men	40m		91	136
14:30	Senior/Junior men	55m	As now	58	84

\* The maximum figures are male/female added, where these may be from different events.

### Organisation Impact

Race number sets, colours and sequences need updating to ensure in a combined race numbers do not overlap and ideally a separate colour is used. The number sets still need league and non-league allocations. Additional number sets may be required.

Results and league tables will need to be separated, with software development changes to transponder and sign on systems.