

Regional Update

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SCOTTISH CYCLING YOUTH TOUR OF SCOTLAND 2017

The Scottish Cycling Youth Tour of Scotland is back for 2017 and will be held 7th-10th April 2017. The popular format of teams competing over 4 stages of racing will remain. However, following the growth in popularity of the event and Scottish Cycling's desire to develop the event as one of the strongest youth racing events on the UK calendar, the entry process has been reviewed and Scottish Cycling will implement the following changes:

For 2017 all Scottish Cycling regions and British Cycling regions in England will be invited to enter a team of 4 boys and 4 girls. In addition, a number of national teams who have previously supported the event will be invited to enter a team. Boys will be Youth A age category and Girls Youth A or Youth B.

Want to Race for the Region?

If you are Youth A Male or a Youth A or Youth B Female and wish to apply for entry to the East and Central Regional Team please complete the [link](#) to the attached survey. Applications for the team close 13th February. Once we have a list of possible riders the team management will select the teams, the [ERC Youth Starter series](#) on the 4th March will be used as part of the selection process.

Rider for 2017 need to be riding with a club within the Region, or who are resident within the Region. The clubs and coaches within the North East are looking at developing local riders giving more coached opportunities. In future to encourage clubs, only riders from these clubs will be eligible. Rider line up will be confirmed on the 6th March.

An entry fee will be required for each entrant and team helpers. Although the region will subsidise this.

Volunteers

Without volunteers the event would not be able to run. If you are able to help on one, two or all three days could you please email volunteer@scottishcycling.org.uk

Welcome to 2017

Hard to believe almost into February already. There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes, information requests have been sent out to Coaches, Commissaires and Clubs. Some of this information will be used to direct my workload and focus throughout the year. It is very helpful to me to have information returned and your supported is valued and appreciated.

Education and Training

Event Organiser Training and Conference

Scottish Cycling is hosting the second Event Organiser Conference and Training Day on Sunday February 12th from 09:45 until 16:15.

The day will include updates from the events team, presentations and opportunities to talk to British Cycling's Neil Atkinson, Cycle Sport Education Manager, and Nigel Cowell-Clark Cycle Sport Risk Manager.

Mark Young (MyEventTiming) will also be talking to organisers about the chip timing system and the benefits this can bring to your events. Aswell as Marks services, Discovery JCC also have a kit that is available to hire. Look at for training opportunities shortly on this.

Scottish Cycling 2017 Coaching Courses Calendar

Are you looking to train as a L1 coach or move up to L2 or L3? The coaching courses are now available on line and details can be [found here](#). For any specific queries email coacheducation@scottishcycling.org.uk. If don't have your First Aid certificate in place before the course speak to us we can work around this to enable you to complete it after

Scottish Cycling Staffing Update

Due to a number of exciting opportunities that arose towards the end of 2016, Scottish Cycling went through some staff changes and we're pleased to be in a position to be able to give you an update.

Bob MacFarlane, the National Events Manager has moved on from Scottish Cycling and taken on the role of Cycling Competition Manager at the Glasgow 2018 European Championships. Bob was an integral part of the Events Team and we will miss him very much but we wish him all the best with his exciting new role!

Sarah Macintyre: National Events Manager

Sarah has taken over Bob's management role and will now lead the Events Team and look after the strategic direction of Scottish Cycling's event support, across all disciplines. She will also continue to provide the operational support to the Road, Time Trial and Track disciplines.

Morven Brown: National Events Officer

Morven Brown (currently Regional Development Officer for SC West) will take on this role from the 13th February and will take over Bob's off-road operational support and responsibilities.

Ashley Ryan: Cycling Legacy Development Officer (Glasgow 2018)

Ashley has joined the Events Team as a new addition, having previously worked with Scottish Cycling as Education and Training Coordinator. The role of Cycling Legacy Development Officer is a new role that has been created to support the recruitment, development and legacy of workforce and facilities for the Glasgow 2018 European Games primarily, however this role will also support the National Events Calendar coordinated by Scottish Cycling, supporting all disciplines with a key focus on the recruitment, training and support of commissaires and volunteers.

Lynsey Hamilton - Coaching Co-ordinator

Lynsey is now working part time in the Coaching team as the Coaching Coordinator. This is a key role that supports our Coach Education and Development programmes. Lynsey is the first point of contact for all things Coach Education.

I hope this update has provided some clarity around the changes in the team and I'd like to thank you in advance of your support through the transition of staff. If you have any questions on any of the above then please contact your RDO or Vicky Strange, Head of Development.

Commissaires 2017

The Commissaires that I have on my circulation list have all recently received a [google poll](#) for road events in the first half of the year. If you think you should have received it, please let me know.

Could all Commissaires please complete the poll linked above by this Friday 3rd February.

One of the key aspects of this, is to support Trainee Commissaires to complete their logbooks to add to the pool of volunteers.

I will work with organisers to confirm Commissaires. Anyone wishing to help in this task please let me know.

Time Trail Commissaires Course

While awaiting British Cycling to confirm the trial of the TT Comms course, I'm keen to draw up a list of those who wish to attend this course.

Please email me and I will pass your names onto Ashley.

Club Contacts

Most communications go directly to the club secretary or person affiliating your club team. If you or someone else should be the primary contact please let me know.

I recently issued [Club Development](#) survey, so far I have only had two responses. Have a quick look, if it refers to your club/team, please complete and send.

