

Newsletter of the West DC - January 2017

Chairman's Piece

I am delighted that here in the West DC we have a dynamic committee with a wide spread of experience and knowledge ensuring that we try to consider as many angles and views as possible whilst governing the sport here in the West District of CTT. I like to think that we are an approachable bunch and that local club and their members are able to contact us if they have concerns or thoughts regarding the development of time trialling here in the West. However, at the same time I acknowledge that everyone is a volunteer and that sometimes it's easy to forget this and expect instant decisions or responses to questions or queries. Many of the committee not only take part themselves in races but also have jobs and families to consider.

As a committee we are always trying to be proactive in order to try and identify new courses, new officials (time keepers etc). Within your own clubs it maybe that you have members who may be suitable for such positions or indeed have ideas regarding potential new courses etc.

As we move into 2017 the CTT West committee welcome input from all sources to help ensure the development and protection of time trialling here in the West DC.

Cheers

Andy Cook

Secretary's Piece

Going forward to next year, in the district we will have a similar number of open events as last year, so I'm grateful to clubs and individual organisers, for continuing to put events on. This keeps the sport going in the district. However the general trend over recent years has been for a slow decline in open events - this is mainly due to a slow erosion of our courses, the fast courses (such as on the A417/419) have been hit particularly hard, as increases traffic flow dictate when the courses can be used. Limitations such as this are in place on the A417/419 (U46/47), A303 (U30), A38 (U21) and events on these courses have seen a sharp decline. More rural courses also have their challenges, with traffic lights appearing, and roads round towns and village getting busier (e.g. out of town supermarkets). All these things are slowly eroding our viable courses, which in turn erodes the open events.

What is clear is two fold we need to follow the developments of our courses, and we need to look out options for new courses. On the former this is primarily through Risk Assessments, these are our living record of a course and how it interacts with the environment through which it passes and events hosted on that course. As so it is important to keep RAs up to date (and passed onto Steve

Barber, the Risk Assessment Secretary). If you don't have the RA for courses that you use, let us know - and we'll check if we have an old record, otherwise a new RA will be needed.

Note that for the first part of 2017 we expect the U21 and U7b/U17 to be out of action due to road works on various parts of the A38 south and north of Bristol. If this affects an event you are organising - please check early what other options for courses are available.

On new courses, where you can see courses threatened, do look around for possible new courses. Local knowledge is key, of suitable roads to use - with the crux being trying to find courses where there are no hold ups (e.g. traffic lights), and suitable junctions. If you find a route you would want to make into a course, do engage with us in the District - and we'll help you through the process.

Turning to club events, across the country this is the main area of growth, with the convenience of an evening mid week event, that doesn't need to be entered in advance, and a less formal atmosphere - and country wide this seems to be attracting riders. Certainly this is the case with many of the club time trials in the district, which are getting very popular. If this occurs with your club events, recall that you need all riders finished before sunset; so either limit the field, or consider asking the police if they will allow 30s starts. Its not too late to apply for club events in 2017 - just contact Paul Winchombe, and he will help.

The year just gone, we as a district managed to get a proposal through National Council to clarify the 3cm rule. This has rather drawn attention across the country on riders bikes and riding positions (Regulation 14). We don't know what effect this will have in events in the district, but in case complaints do occur in events, do recall to involve the district. Dean Robson has been good enough to put together a flow chart, so you can see the process through which complaints are handled - but of course we all hope it won't be needed, because riders are complying with the regulations.

Finally, CTT national is organising an Organisers' Workshop on 11/2/17. This is aimed at event organisers, both new and experienced. Organisers who have attended in the past have found it helpful. It has been held in the Midlands in recent years, and I expect this year to be no different. Usually expenses are paid. So do encourage your organisers to think of going to the workshop.

Anyone who is interested please let me know, so I can pass your names onto national.

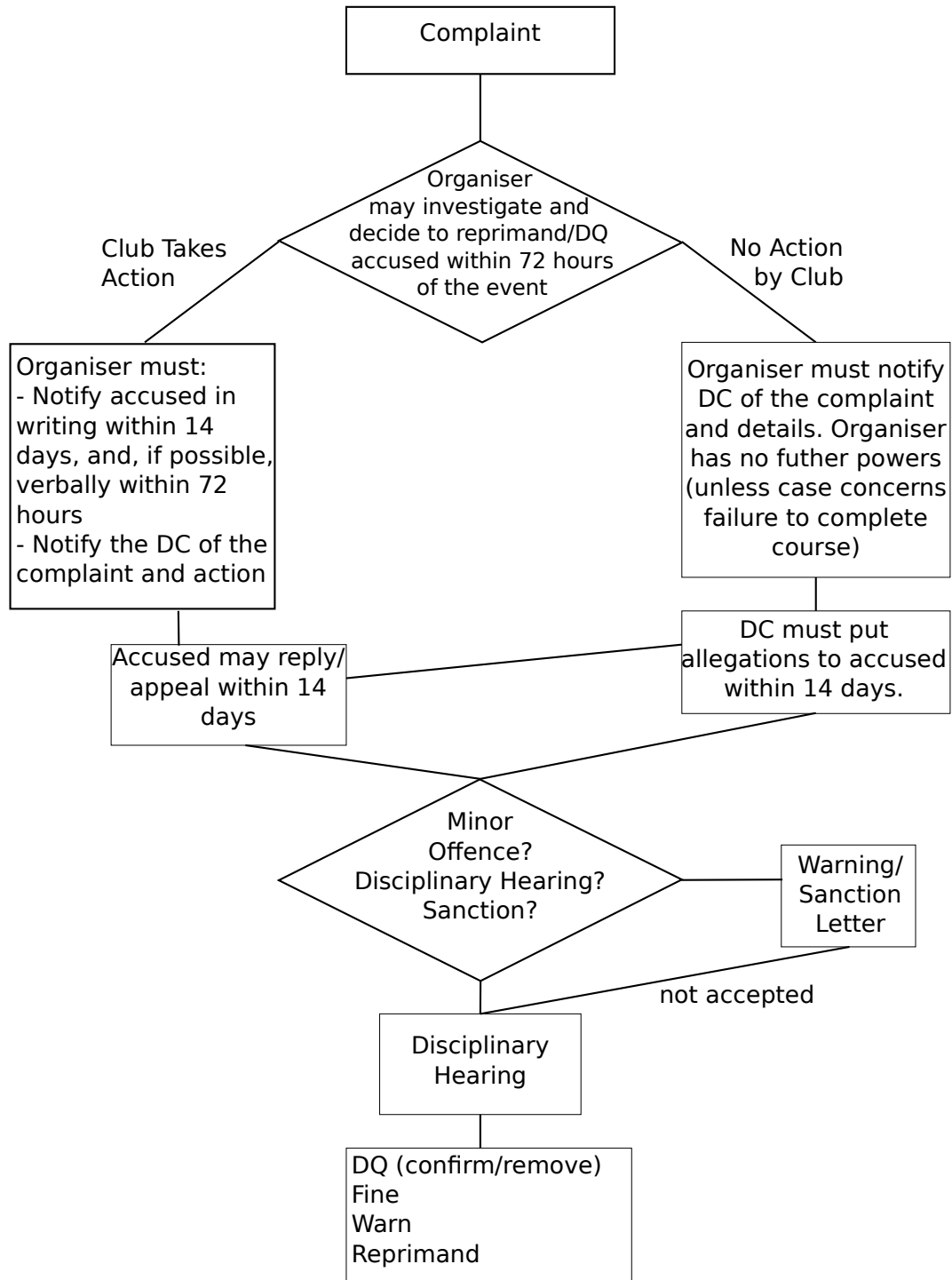
As ever, all of us on the District Committee, are here trying to take the sport forward. So do ask if you have questions or suggestions - we are here to help.

David Summers.

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Complaints Process



Open Events

Date	Day	Course	Dist	PromotingClub
19/02	Sun	U375	10	Frome & District Wheelers
26/02	Sun	U109	25	Tricycle Association (SW) (Tricycles Only)
26/02	Sun	U109	25	Severn RC (Including 2up TT)
05/03	Sun	U601	22	Chippenham & District Whs (WTTA Hardriders)
11/03	Sat	U303	19	Gillingham & Dist Whs (WTTA Hardriders)
12/03	Sun	U72	25	Glos City CC 50th Jubilee 2up (50% invited riders)
19/03	Sun	U32R	24	Bath CC (WTTA Hardriders)
25/03	Sat	U7b	10	The University of Bristol Cycling Club
26/03	Sun	U871	31	Western Time Trials Association (WTTA Hardriders)
22/04	Sat	U72	25	Gloucester City CC (WTTA Hardriders)
22/04	Sat	U375	10	Bath CC
23/04	Sun	U17	25	Bristol South CC
29/04	Sat	U21/10	10	Somerset Road Club (2-Up)
29/04	Sat	U601b	22	Bath University Cycling Club (3up TTT)
06/05	Sat	U85	10	Chippenham & District Wheelers
07/05	Sun	U102	10	VC Bristol
13/05	Sat	U7b	10	Bristol South CC
14/05	Sun	U75	22	Cheltenham and County CC (WTTA Hardriders)
20/05	Sat	U33	26	Westbury Wheelers (WTTA Hardriders)
20/05	Sat	U30/10	10	Northover Vets Team
21/05	Sun	U30/25	25	Northover Vets Team
04/06	Sun	U28	24	73 Degrees Bicycles/Clevedon & District RC (WTTA Hardriders)
10/06	Sat	U7b	10	Gloucester City Cycling Club
11/06	Sun	U86/50	50	Bristol South CC
18/06	Sun	U86/100	100	Western Time Trials Association (WTTA Hardriders)
21/06	Wed	U21/10	10	Somerset Road Club (2-Up)
25/06	Sun	U86	25	Chippenham & District Wheelers
01/07	Sat	U303	19	Somer Valley CC (WTTA Hardriders)
01/07	Sat	U7B	10	Severn RC
01/07	Sat	U7B	10	GHS DIST CHAMP (West DC)(Severn RC)
16/07	Sun	U30/25	25	Yeovil CC
05/08	Sat	U21/10	10	Somerset Road Club
13/08	Sun	U109	50	West Group VTTA (National Champs)
13/08	Sun	U30/10	10	Yeovil CC (90 riders only)
03/09	Sun	U7b	10	Tricycle Association (SW) (Tricycles Only)
03/09	Sun	U7b	10	Severn RC
10/09	Sun	U370	25	Bath CC (WTTA Hardriders)
10/09	Sun	UHC23	HC	Somerset Road Club
16/09	Sat	UH60A/B/C	HC	Cotswold Veldrijden (3 stage hill climb)
17/09	Sun	U86/50	50	Severn RC (WTTA Hardriders)
17/09	Sun	UH26	HC	T1 Diabetes.info
24/09	Sun	UH10	HC	Minehead Cycling Club
24/09	Sun	U72	25	Gloucester City Cycling Club (Including 3-up TTT)

01/10	Sun	UH35	HC	VC Walcot
07/10	Sat	HC80	HC	Chippenham & District Wheelers
07/10	Sat	UH90	HC	Severn RC
08/10	Sun	U59	24	Chippenham & District Wheelers (3-up TTT)
14/10	Sat	UH45	HC	The University of Bristol Cycling Club
15/10	Sun	UH40	HC	Bath CC
21/10	Sat	UH20	HC	Team Tor 2000
22/10	Sun	UH26	HC	Bristol South CC (WTTA Hardriders)

Club Events

Club Events come out in the new year, and can be updated during the coming year. The list should appear on the district web site: <http://westdc.co.uk/> which is the best place to look for details of events. Most events will accept riders from outside the host club (possibly for higher entry fee) - however it is best to check with the series organiser before turning up for an event.