

# Manchester District Cycling Time Trials

## Newsletter May 2017



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### 2017 Season – A Great Start

We are well into our season now and it is a pleasure to be able to report:

- 93 Clubs/Teams are affiliated to our District
- More New Clubs and Teams are affiliated for the first time
- An increase in the number of entries resulting in bigger fields of riders (a number of events reaching the maximum numbers of riders plus reserves)
- A growing number of women riders entering events
- To date no recorded accidents

Manchester District has clearly a vibrant, buzzing environment to compete in Time Trials.

### Time Trialling 2020

As you will be aware we held a conference at the Manchester Velodrome in November last year looking to the future .....**Time Trialling 2020**. The people who attended the conference were involved in identifying issues that we face in the short, medium and long term within our sport. A major area of concern raised by the organisers who attended the conference was the ongoing challenge of having enough marshals to run the event safely on the day. This of course becomes a bigger problem with the size of fields we are achieving this season. **More volunteers are needed to support events.**

During the past months the Sub-Group have been looking at ways to give more support to event organisers which are:

- 1) To pilot an **online marshalling register** which is designed to encourage people to volunteer by enrolling to help out at Manchester District Open Events. Please take a few moments to read the **Manchester District Marshalling Register** document attached at the end of this newsletter. If you are available to help out at one or more Open Events please use the process to register.
- 2) The **Guide for Open Event Promoters** has been updated on the Manchester CTT website and has been designed to help and support all promoters/organisers in running their events successfully.

**ONE PERSON  
CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE,  
AND EVERYONE  
SHOULD TRY**  
-JOHN F. KENNEDY-

### Other Initiatives from Time Trialling 2020

We are at the very early stages of planning a **Manchester District "Blue Riband"** Time Trial to be held in 2018. We are considering a closed road circuit on a Challenging course. Currently the proposed course is being risk assessed. We will inform you of further developments as soon as they are available.

The above is just the start of the journey to deliver Our Vision **to be a modern, vibrant and inclusive sport embracing challenging competition and encouraging all to be the best they can**. The conference generated many thoughts and ideas that underpin this vision and these will lead to other initiatives for development and implementation in coming months and years to deliver Time Trialling 2020.

## Cheshire East Council Initiative

Cheshire East are extremely positive in their attitude towards cycling and any initiatives that will further develop cycling in the area.

Last year the Tour of Britain passed through Cheshire and was very well received from people and businesses. Congleton in East Cheshire are particularly keen to build on this experience.



Early discussions are taking place to develop a “Bike Day” in Congleton for 2018 which would involve family activities and racing events e.g. Time Trial, Hill climb, Criterium.

Again, we will keep you up to date on developments.

## General Points

- 1) **Signing Off** at events is working successfully
- 2) **J2/1 Start**. There have been comments in recent events that supporters are parking their cars in the Start Layby. This is unhelpful for both waiting riders and the Time Keeper and Pusher Off. We are restricted in where we can start within the layby so please would you **inform your supporters not to use this area**.

## Finally

As we develop the various initiatives as described, and I am sure more will be taken up in due course, we do need more people to become involved as people resources are tight.

**Time Trialling 2020** is the journey we are on and trust that we have your support going forward in implementing change that will take our sport forward.

If you are interested in becoming more involved, for example being part of a working party, please do not hesitate to contact:

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We look forward to hearing from you.

On behalf of Manchester District Cycling Time Trials, we hope that you enjoy a safe and successful remainder of the season.

**Ian Middleton**

**Manchester DC Secretary**

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## *Time Trialling 2020....*

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### Manchester District Marshalling Register

The Marshalling Register process is to be piloted in the Manchester District 2017 CTT Time Trials season.

#### Background

Time trial event organisers are finding it increasingly more difficult to recruit enough marshals to run events safely. This issue was raised by many attendees at the Time Trialling 2020 Conference in November last year. Furthermore, event organisers are reporting that events have become more complicated to run and finding sufficient marshals to support time trials is a major concern. The growing success of time trialling in the Manchester District (event fields are much larger in recent years, many events are full and oversubscribed) is putting pressure on organisers to be more vigilant and organisers require more support to ensure event safety.

Both Manchester CTT and the M&DTTA have highlighted this increasing problem through communications to Clubs/Teams and riders raising awareness that more volunteers need to come forward to support events by committing themselves to marshalling duties.

Therefore, Manchester District will pilot an Event Marshals Register for 2017 CTT Time Trials season. The Marshalling Register is a system for recruiting marshals helping organisers to be confident that they will have sufficient volunteers to marshal their event on the day.

#### Overview

Riders and Club/Team members are encouraged to volunteer for marshalling duty by enrolling in an online register (<https://www.riderhq.com/register>) and nominating an event or events where they would be available to marshal. Event organisers will use the register to contact marshal volunteers and confirm arrangements for the time trial. Note, marshal in this context means event marshal or event supporter acting in an official capacity deemed suitable by the event organiser.

Figure 1 on page 3 shows a flow diagram of the process **MD CTT Marshalling Requirements**.

#### Procedure

1. Volunteers register for marshalling online through the web based registration system by following the link <https://www.riderhq.com/register>
  - 1.1. Click on Clubs and Leagues in the menu bar at the top of the page
  - 1.2. Type Manchester District in the Find a club or group box and click SEARCH
  - 1.3. Click JOIN
  - 1.4. Highlight Myself then click JOIN (do not tick box "I have already paid for current membership")
  - 1.5. Follow instructions on screen entering your data and selecting the events you wish to marshal
  - 1.6. Complete registration by clicking JOIN

2. Volunteers are asked to nominate up to three events for marshalling (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice) as prompted by the online registration system. Use the “no choice” option if you wish to choose less than three events.
3. Volunteers can remind themselves of the events they have selected by signing into Rider HQ and clicking **Manchester District Marshalling** in the MEMBERSHIPS box.
4. The Online Registry Administrator will monitor the distribution of volunteers across events and contact individuals if changes to event preferences arise.
5. Event organisers will receive a Marshals Available report from the Online Registry Administrator the week before the event. The report will show all marshals available for the event including contact details. Organisers are free to contact the Administrator at any time leading up to the event to review the register.
6. Organisers will contact all marshals before the event to confirm meeting instructions and details for race day. Organisers will send marshals a Start Sheet and the Start Sheet will contain a list of marshals and officials committed to the event.
7. Prior to the start of the event the Organiser will brief marshals of their responsibilities and location on the course.
8. Following the event, organisers will confirm to the Online Registry Administrator the names of the people who marshalled at the event.

### **In Summary**

- ◆ The objectives of implementing this system are to support organisers running events.
- ◆ To ensure that all event courses are marshalled with an optimum number of people for riders to feel safe.
- ◆ To have an infrastructure in place that will support organisers, riders and everyone involved in the sport in the future

We do hope that you feel that this initiative is a positive move forward and hope that you will support its implementation.

**Ian Middleton**

**Manchester DC Secretary**

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**Figure 1: Flow Diagram – MD CTT Marshalling Requirements**

