

# **Track Commission Report**

## **2020 Overview**

Six weeks into our 2020 track training, Covid-19 brought a halt to all activity, but due to the controllable aspects surrounding training we were the first back in mid-June, adhering to agreed guidelines. We cancelled some competitions and rescheduled others as we tried to offer all categories at least one major target to work towards. Over time we were able to increase numbers in sessions, and also the number of sessions available at both Sundrive and Orangefield in response to increased demand. We progressed to a well supported 7 week track League with a very high proportion of youth riders, and 3 weeks of a Sprinters League where we are beginning to see the fruits of our labour.

All of the above was in preparation for National Championships which kicked off with a live streamed Senior Championship which accrued astonishing online viewing figures. On the same day Cycling Ulster hosted a well-attended Junior Championship, and two weeks later we saw the results of all the hard work from riders and coaches at all our tracks with a superbly high standard Youth Championships. At time of writing we hope to finish the remaining championships before end of season.

## **Strategic Objectives 2021**

Our strategic objective for 2021 is to firstly increase participation at youth level especially for those new to track. We were hampered by a shortened season in 2020 as we had limited time to accredit and progress newer riders to National Championship level. We also had plans to engage schools for track days and we hope to be able to progress this in time.

Our second objective is to continue improvement for all in the more technical aspects of track events and we feel that this is where the greatest gains can be made, as we find that many riders don't lack the fitness or speed.

We would also like to engage more clubs with a view to riding Team Events and in particular we would especially support and encourage women's teams for Team Pursuit and Team Sprint.

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