

## **BMX North Region AGM report**

On behalf of the North Region BMX Committee, I'd like to highlight the positive contribution we've made to cycling in 2019. The Committee and I are very proud of our achievements and we believe 2019 has seen more positive steps forward in terms of participation levels, progression of riders and feedback from parents.

We saw a total of 2,787 rider entries across the ten regional rounds throughout the year. Within these ten rounds, we also made a return to the Isle of Man. The team there were delighted to host their first major BMX event after a break of over thirty years.

The financials of the above numbers resulted in over £5,000 being paid to British Cycling in Levy fees.

We were also delighted that one of the leading Clubs in the region, Mid Lancs were able to host two rounds following a change of circumstances at Leeds BMX Club who were unable to host Round 3 as planned. Mid Lancs BMX Club also recently received the 'Best Regional' accolade at the British Championships last weekend. They received the award in front of over 250 North Region riders who participated at 'The Brits'. Those riders and supporters then went on to receive the 'Best supported Region' as this year's competition.

As a result of Novice level riders being encouraged to step up into Expert classes once they'd completed five rounds, we saw a growth in Expert level entries exceeding that of 2018. A combination of both the new policy and a higher participation level in 2019.

It hasn't all been good news though with the loss of Gold Coast BMX Club in Lytham St Annes. Due to a lack of volunteers and members, the decision was taken to close the Club. I also understand that Leeds BMX Club and Roch Valley Raiders are currently considering their future and the viability of their respective Clubs moving forwards.

Overall though, another fantastic year of BMX competition in The North and I'm sure I speak for everyone on the Committee that we're looking forward to another growth year in 2020.

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