

We aim to maintain cyclocross' reputation for inclusivity and ease of participation. To that end, all that is required to participate is a suitable bike, helmet and BC day licence. We are committed to continue our policy of allowing entry on the day, as well as low prices for children's races. We are pleased to report that The North West Cyclo Cross Association events are family affairs, with youngsters encouraging their parents or guardians to have a go, and vice versa. Over recent years, we have seen a large increase in participants – particularly pleasing is the number of youngsters and women racing.

This family-orientated approach is carried over to the highest level of competition, the National Championships and National Trophy events. Not only riders attend, but also pit crew and helpers, supporting all participants. The number of competitors at these events has been far higher than for many years. To increase this further, we ran a training day to encourage riders to step up to the higher level of racing

The three big developments for the imminent new season are a new, active transponder system and the first National Trophy in the North West for many years, led by Dave Haygarth and the North of England Championships, led by Martin Woffinfdin.

The substantial investment in a new transponder system has been planned for a number of years, the passive system having proved problematic in certain circumstances. The new active system should make life easier for our (very) dedicated results team.

Westmorland Showground is the venue for our round of the National Trophy series. We have held events there for a number of years and have built up a good relationship with the venue's managers. It is pleasing to report that the showground welcome our return with a more prestigious event, especially as we are meeting their desire to encourage participation by running a series of Go ride events in parallel with the National Trophy

The North of England Championships return to the the North West for the 19/20 season, and we have been welcomed back to Townley Park, Burnley, for the event

At present, we have 11 events on the 19/20 calendar, expecting more events to be added. The 18/19 season consisted of 14 events, running into February for the first time in many years. We had a number of new venues and organisers last season and it is pleasing to report that we have been welcomed back to venues

We believe that the NWCCA provides a good service to its members and intend to build on this, as the higher standard of events and improved transponder system demonstrates