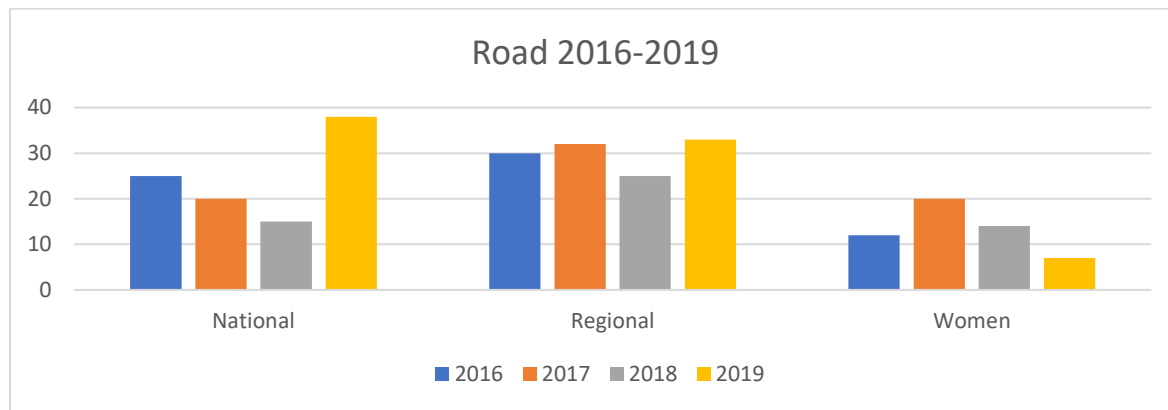


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Progression of Disciplines 2019

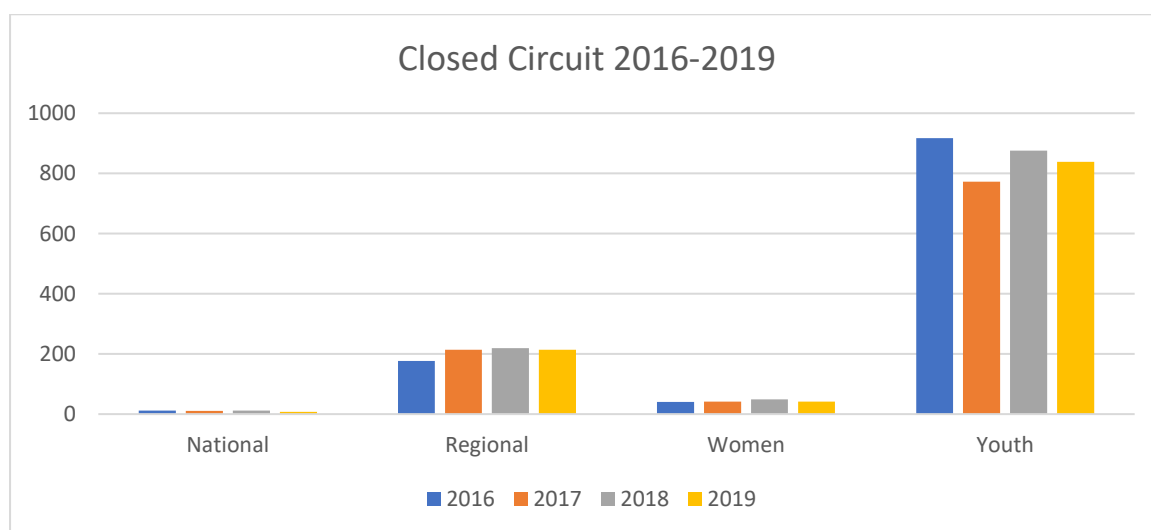
Road



There have been some significant changes during the 2019 road season. Many events have had multiple races on the same day. This has led to long days of racing which has meant that many volunteers who have supported the races have faced long hours in their role. We have had a lot of accredited marshals make themselves unavailable for numerous different reasons throughout the year which led to the Westmorland Tankard and the North West Regional Road Race championships to be cancelled. However, after these two races being cancelled there was a positive response while recruiting for more marshals as 22 new accredited marshals were trained which has helped with the volunteer marshal numbers for the rest of the road season.

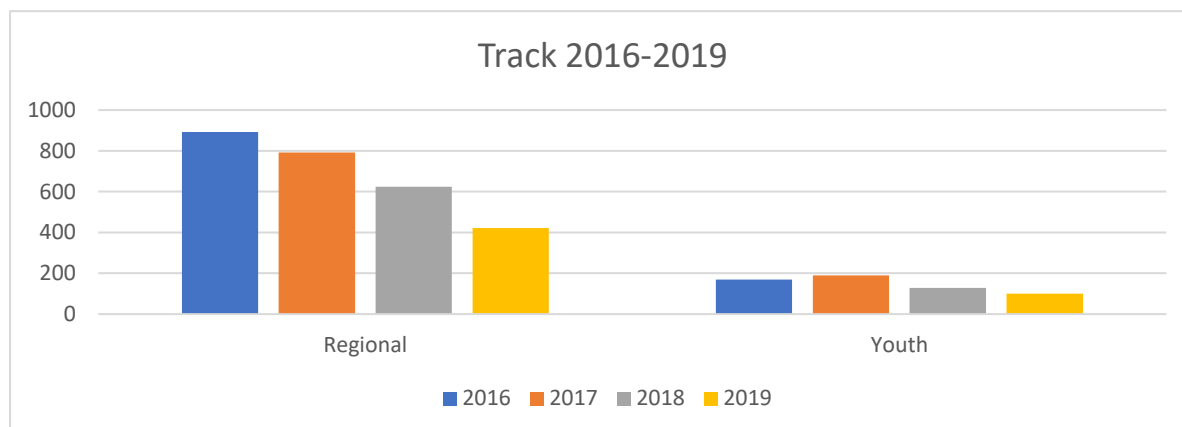
Regional Competition Administrator Dave Cockram stood down part way through the season which put some strain on official coordinating over the past few months. With the recent appointment of Philip Braybrooke as the new RCA we will see some more consistency going forward.

Closed Circuit



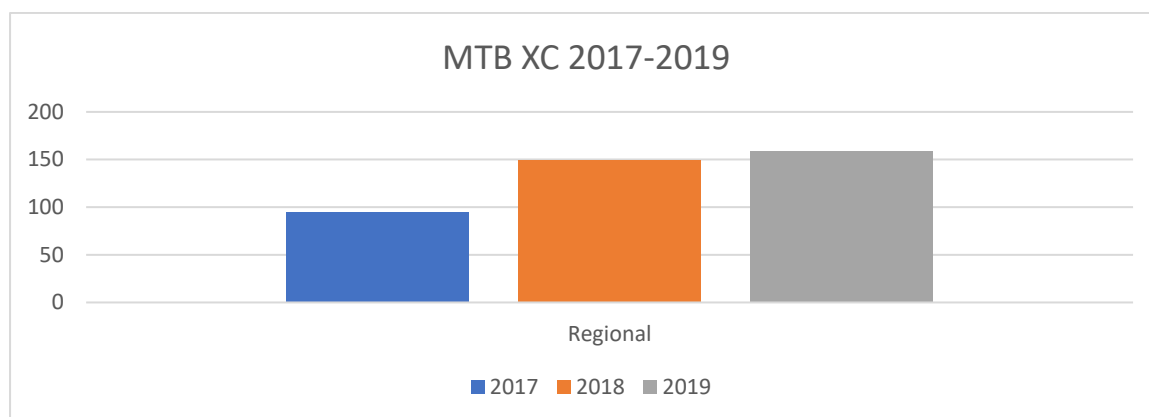
Circuit racing numbers have held steady from last season in terms of events and races. Some closed-circuit leagues have had issues with the number of officials they have had available. A closed-circuit trainee commissaire course is planned to take place in February 2020 to increase commissaire numbers especially for the Preston Arena and Salt Ayre circuits.

Track



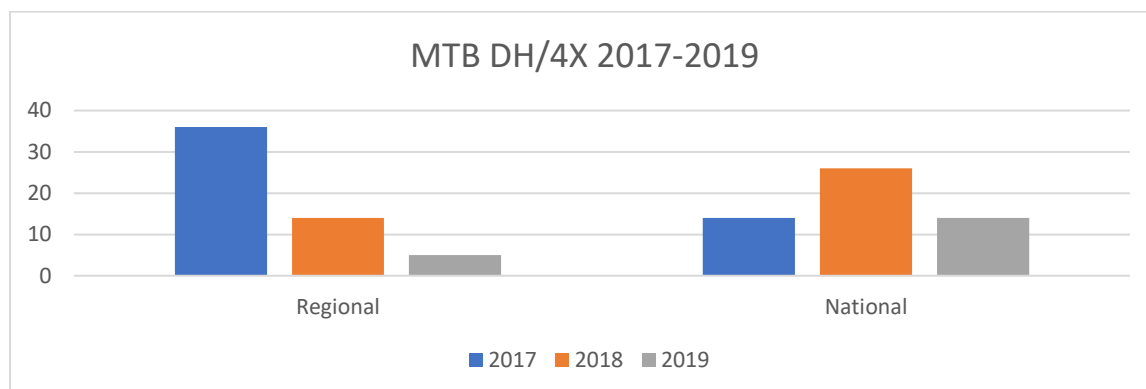
Track continues to decline in racing opportunities. No new organiser was found to run the Knowsley track league after the league was abandoned last year. The youth Omnium which was meant to take place at Knowsley was cancelled due to low race entry which made it financially unviable. The number of races at Manchester velodrome has held on previous years as interest in winter track racing stays steady.

MTB XC



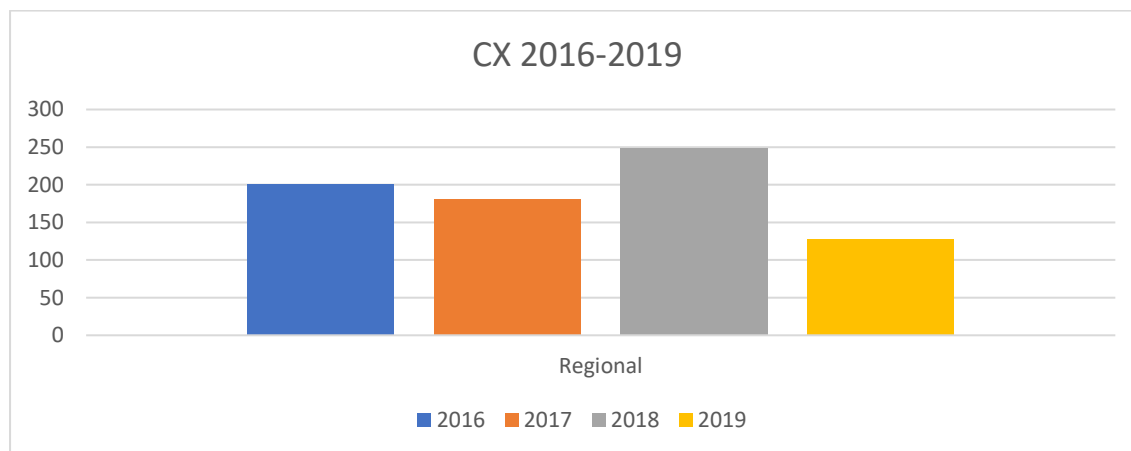
There has been small growth in MTBXC during 2019. This is especially evident in ranked races as more weekend races are available to riders. The success of Midweek MTB Madness series continues to grow as we develop more commissaires to support racing in the future. A Workgroup was established for MTBXC at the start of 2019 with a view to develop opportunities in the region and close the gap between coaching and racing especially for youth riders.

MTB DH & 4X



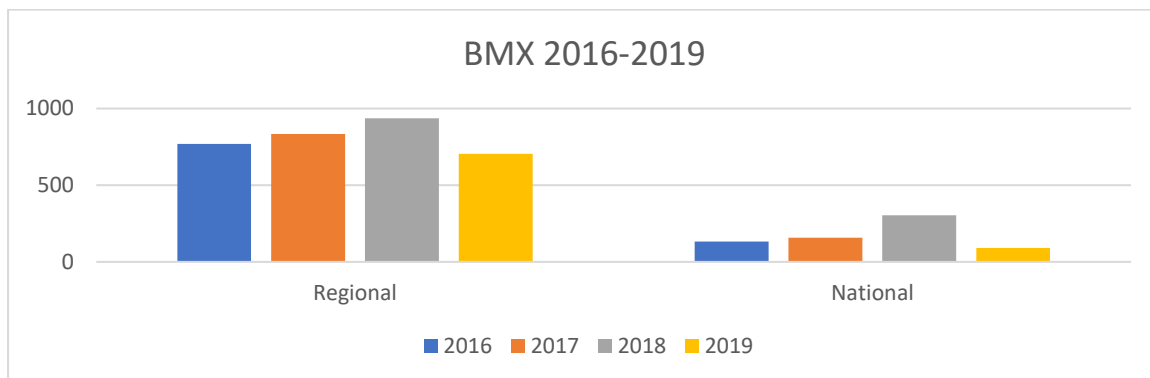
There has been a further dip in MTB downhill and 4X events in the North West. Regional events are on the steady decline largely down to many organisers moving over to enduro and away from downhill. This could be down to the larger numbers that are possible to enter and the accessibility to the sport along with the higher entry fees. The Isle of Man winter downhill leagues haven't run this season which has also led to a drop in regional races.

Cyclo-cross



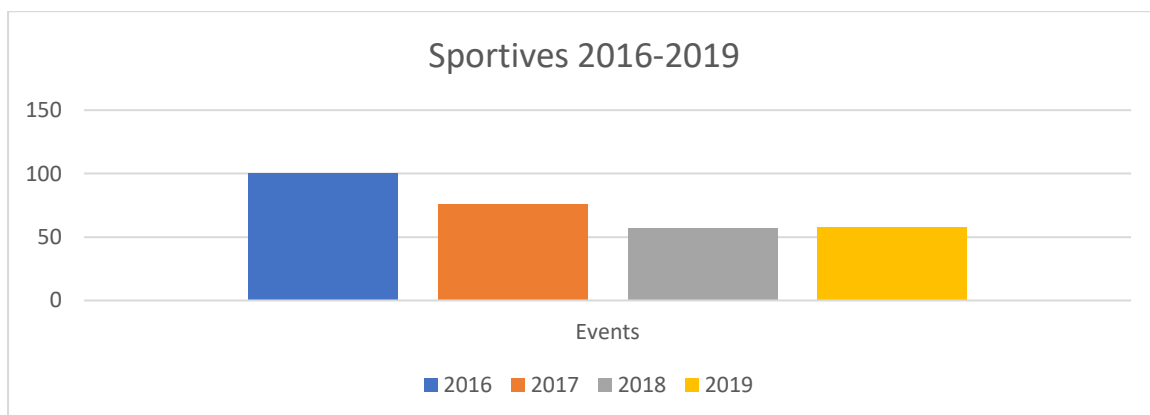
Cyclo-cross has seen numbers of participants grow in 2018 once again. It seems the accessibility of the sport for all age categories and genders has helped with this growth. The NWCCA do an exceptional job each year to support organisers and develop the discipline with new venues and race support at each round. The 2019-20 season includes a national trophy at Milnthorpe which is the first since 2005 and North of England's Championship at Townley near Burnley.

BMX



The number of events is slightly lower than last year. We have not had the winter series registered on the calendar which may be the reason for this at the moment. Less national events have been organised in the region this year as the series has been spread across the country more.

Cycle Sportives



There has been a sharp decline in the number of sportives running in the region over the past few years. This year we have plateaued in the event numbers. More new organisers have run events this year which have been successful on a much smaller scale. Rider numbers in general have reduced for many sportives apart from the high level events.