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Update to Members on Youth Tour of Scotland.

Following the NW Regional Board meeting on 21st Jan 2019 at which the Board had been asked by members for more information regarding the Regions decision not to send a team to the above event below are the reasons on which this decision was reached.

- The purpose of the Youth Regional Team is to compete in Inter Regional Competitions in Road, Track, MTB and CX
- Although this event is open to BC Regions it is not exclusively an Inter Regional Competition as clubs and teams can also enter.
- A rider's selection to represent the NW has always been based on results and merit and not on financial standing with team members and staff not incurring any costs for events. The Board felt funding a single event to the level required (3 x any other competition) would not have been the best use of the Teams finances and asking riders to pay would have gone against the ethos of the NW Team.
- Due to the early season closing date for entries devising and publishing a fair and equitable selection criterion is not practical.
- The Isle of Man is part of the NW Region and as such would be included in any selection process as they are for all other Inter Regional Events.
- By not entering a NW Team it is hoped more riders would be able to compete in the event through their clubs or teams. The Organisers criteria states that a Club/team from a region not fielding a Regional team would be given priority.
- By not entering a NW Team, riders will not be conflicted and must choose Region over club or vice versa.
- By not entering a NW Team Regional Clubs and teams who have previously entered the event will not have to field younger/less experienced riders due to some of their peers being selected for the Region.
- The above information was communicated at the recent Coaches Forum meetings.
- There are numerous other races for competitive youth riders during the season and missing one will not be detriment to their future career.
- There are planned Inter Regional Competitions in Road and Track which will be open to riders from the Region in 2019.

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