



## **Regional Academy Workgroup Report for AGM 24 August 2021**

### Racing Opportunities

We entered a Junior Men's and Junior Women's team into the Junior Tour of Yorkshire ("JTOY") on 12 & 13 June 2021. We were able to have two separate team cars in each race, and the races provided us with the opportunity to look at the junior riders' ability as a whole and where we need to have some focus from a training perspective over the next winter (see below).

Whilst the JTOY was helpful as it gave us an opportunity to see whether our model works from a resource perspective, it did highlight that in order to continue to provide the different racing opportunities needed, we need to develop our volunteer base.

We would encourage riders and parents to get in touch with us if they become aware of any appropriate racing opportunities, especially if they are interested in taking a team to an event.

### Training Opportunities

We have delivered the following sessions over the past year:

- A number of online webinars, in conjunction with a variety of different people, including the BC Compliance Team, who provided training on anti-doping.
- A strength & conditioning session plus an afternoon of drills – delivered in conjunction with John Wych (BC) and Burnley College
- A number of road rides around the Region

Once the racing season started, it was felt appropriate to pause the training until the end of the road season.

We continue to build on our existing partnership with Burnley College whilst also starting to engage with UCLAN to identify how they can fit in to our longer term plan.

### Volunteers

We are aware of the need to continue to engage, and re-engage with the various stakeholders in our Region, including, but not limited to, teams and clubs.

One focus for us as a workgroup will be to deliver a further engagement session with clubs/teams and new riders in the next couple of months. The content will be around explaining the role of the Regional Academy and asking the teams/clubs how best we can help them with their riders' development.

### Engagement with BC & GBCT

The Regional Academy has been launched in the North West with the involvement of the BC Talent Development team and GBCT and the project has been well-received by BC. The Regional Academy was included in the Road Discipline "Everyone Wins" campaign, which attracted great coverage on social media.



We have also highlighted with BC that there needs to be additional support at Youth A level to assist with the transition from facility-based, controlled environments to the dynamic, fast-changing environment of the open road. We are proposing that this is done through “club cluster” group rides (so that the riders can ride with their peers locally) and this is something that we will look to introduce in the coming months, subject to volunteers being available.

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