

Cycling Ulster AGM 2020 Off-road report

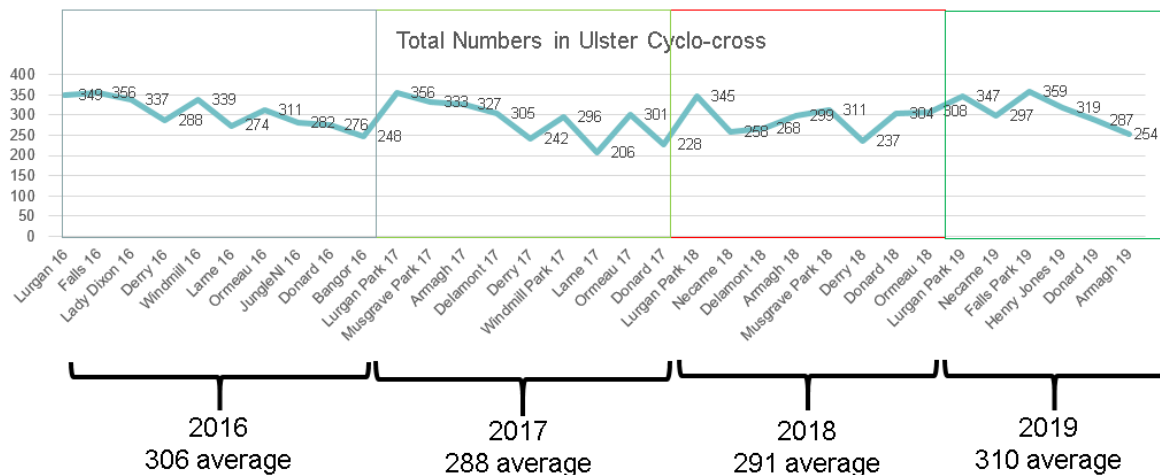
The following report is for the activities of the Cycling Ulster Off-road Commission (CUORC) and off-road racing from the period of October 2019 to October 2020. The commission members are elected at their annual AGM. Details can be found on the commission's website www.offroadcyclingulster.com.

The biggest challenge this year was, of course, COVID-19 and the lockdowns. Lots of off-road events in Ulster were cancelled.

Cyclo-cross (CX)

2019/2020 season

The 2019-2020 cyclo-cross season saw 6 rounds of the Ulster series plus 3 other CX events (GP Brian Kinning, McConvey Cross Cup and Mallusk). A breakdown of the attendance figures for the Ulster series is shown below. Race reports and results can be found on www.ulstercyclocross.com.



Ulster CX Championships

Omagh Wheelers had originally scheduled to host the 2019 Ulster Cyclo-cross Championships on Sunday 8 December 2019 as per the other Irish provinces. However, in the lead up to the event one of the founding members of the club, Leo McKenna, passed away. The event was postponed until Sunday 5 January 2020 but did take place at the scheduled venue of Ecclesville Equestrian Centre in Fintona, County Tyrone.

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Category	Fintona	Windmill	Mallusk	Mallusk	Maghera	Drum Manor
Senior men	12	23	31	33	27	25
Women	10	15	11	15	12	5
Junior men	4	6	8	6	9	7
M40	28	38	42	38	31	23
M50/60	15	19	24	18	17	8
Under 16	7	11	14	16	9	9
Under 14	17	14	9	11	13	11

TOTAL	93	126	139	137	118	88
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2020/2021 season

The 2020/21 season kicked off with the GP Brian Kinning Cyclocross race which was held on 20 September 2020 at Orangefield. In the week lead up to the event riders from County Dublin were not allowed to travel due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The first round of the Ulster series took place on Sunday 4 October 2020. For this event all riders from the Republic of Ireland were not allowed to travel. The event went well with riders looking forward to the season. However, with further restrictions in Ulster the season has been halted. We are hoping that the Ulster Championships run on 6 December 2020.

Cross-country (XC)

No cross-country events took place in Ulster in 2020.

Enduro
First Track / Vitus Series

Only two rounds of the series took place this year, over the same weekend at Big Wood with Round 1 on Saturday 22 August and Round 2 on Sunday 23 August 2020.

2020						
Round	Location	Enduro	Challenger	TOTAL	Female	Ebike
1	Big Wood	192	4	196	5%	2
2	Big Wood	186	3	189	4%	2

Lakeland Gravel Grinder

The Lakeland Gravel Grinder took place on Saturday 10 October 2020. This was the second year for this event. Due to COVID-19 lockdown measures riders from the Republic of Ireland could not attend. The attendance figures are shown below.

2020	Female	Male	TOTAL
Big Dog 100 km	9	147	156
Little Dog 50 km	14	68	82
Non-comp	1	1	2
Retired	2	5	7
TOTAL	26	221	247

Report compiled by Cycling Ulster Off-road Commission
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