

Manchester Velodrome

Fact file

NATIONAL CYCLING CENTRE
HOME OF BRITISH CYCLING



- Busiest Velodrome in the world
- Open from 8.00am to 10.00pm every day, excluding Bank Holidays
- Home of British Cycling, the national governing body for the sport
- GB cycling team base including all support staff and athlete management
- Operated by The Velodrome Trust, a not for profit organization. The Board of Directors of the Trust has representatives from Manchester City Council, Sport England and British Cycling
- Comprehensive track programme catering for all riders; novice to elite, schoolchildren to senior citizens from 9 years to 80 years, producing 45,000 rides per year, using 90 Velodrome hire bikes
- Jason Queally, Olympic Kilometre Champion in Sydney 2000, started his career as a track cyclist on one of the Velodrome's taster sessions in 1996
- Home to the Eastlands Velo Cycling Club, created for local children and organized by local volunteers. The Club is oversubscribed and has three sessions per week on the track. Jason Kenny, Team Sprint gold medalist and Silver medalist in the Individual Sprint at Beijing, hails from Bolton and started track cycling on the Eastlands track sessions
- Hosts of three World Track Championships (1996, 2000 and 2008). GB track team won an unprecedented nine gold medals at the Championships in March 2008, a foretaste of the success enjoyed at the Beijing Olympics
- Venue for the UCI World Cup (qualifying rounds for the World Track Championships) every year since its inception
- Four commercial track events held each winter under the brand name, Revolution Series. Featuring top GB riders pitted against their continental rivals, the Series regularly attracts full houses and has substantially raised the profile of the sport and the athletes involved.
- Also the venue for non-cycling events (see separate list)
- The construction of a unique indoor BMX Centre adjoining the Velodrome is now complete. There is only one other indoor BMX Centre on this scale in the world and it will add another cycling discipline to the appeal of the site, and the development of a multi discipline VeloPark. There is a separate fact sheet for the BMX Centre.



Velodrome Track Specifications

Gauge line length 250 metres	Total roof weight 600 tonnes
Track width 7 metres	Roof height 20 metres
Banking max 42.5°	Seating capacity 3150
Banking min 12.5°	Site footprint 55,600 sq m
Total lath length 60 kilometres	Building footprint 9600 sq m
Lath dimension 40mm x 40mm x 6 metres	Floor area 3000 sq m
Track surface Siberian Pine	Centre floor 38m x 40m
Roof arch length 122 metres	Car parking 440
Roof arch weight 200 tonnes	OB TV trucks 10

Track designer – Ron Webb OAM

Ron was born in Penshurst, Sydney. At the age of 21 he travelled to Europe to further his cycling career. He lived in Holland and competed in events throughout Europe as an amateur and later as a professional. When he retired from racing, he moved to England, and became the promoter of the Skol London 6 day race, held at Wembley between 1968-80 and was also a Race Director in Denmark and Germany. He also became a prolific track designer and track builder. His website illustrates many examples.

Manchester Velodrome was built in 1993, and opened in 1994. The track has constant use, and is the busiest cycling track in the world. Due to discolourisation the surface was renewed in 2007 with UK Sport funding.

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Although purpose built for track cycling, the National Cycling Centre has hosted many major non-cycling sports events over the years including:

World Sports Acrobatic Championships	National Badminton Championships
International professional boxing and wrestling shows	National Taekwondo Championships
International netball Test matches	National Cheerleading Championships
National Basketball League matches	National Indoor Rowing Championships
World Paralympic Cycling Championships	Charity abseils
National Squash Championships	

The National Cycling Centre can also boast superb facilities capable of meeting the needs of a variety of business related events and activities and has previously been used for

Business conferences and exhibitions	Team building days featuring track sessions and use of meeting rooms
Product launches and fashion shoots	Scenes for major TV and film productions

For the community, we have hosted:

Open days	Mass participation cycling and running events
Events celebrating Pakistani, Thai and Chinese culture	

