

Derby Arena confirmed for opening round of 2015-16 Revolution Series

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Six rounds of elite track cycling will begin in Derby this summer with the opening round of the 2015-16 Revolution Series confirmed to take place in the Derby Arena between 14-16 August.

It will be the first major event to be hosted in the newly developed multi-purpose arena and will be an important opportunity for Team GB riders to gain UCI qualification points ahead of Rio 2016.

Face Partnership CEO and Revolution Series promoter, James Pope said: "We're excited to start the 2015-16 Revolution Series in Derby and host the first major event in this fantastic new facility. The event will have an extended programme across three days that has been developed in conjunction with British Cycling as they begin the qualification process towards Rio 2016."

With riders needing 90 UCI track ranking points by 15th September to qualify to race the World Cups British Cycling endurance Head Coach Heiko Salzwedel confirmed the importance of the Derby event, "We'll be using Derby as an important opportunity to score qualification points ahead of the UCI deadline so we are pleased to be able to do this in the UK."

The event will be UCI class 1 and will feature a male and female Omnium, elite sprinting (Sprint and Keirin) as well as Team and Individual Pursuit. These races will take place across four sessions between Friday and Sunday and will be complemented by the Revolution Elite Championship races.

Leader of Derby City Council, Councillor Ranjit Banwait, said: "I'm extremely pleased Derby's new world class venue will host the premier round of the 2015-16 Revolution Series, bringing competitive elite track cycling to the Midlands for the very first time.

Spectators at the UK's first Olympic Legacy project will be able to see Britain's leading cyclists battle it out as they try and secure points in the first step to qualifying on the road to Rio. It is great news that the Arena is already starting to attract high profile events such as this to Derby."

Following the opening round in Derby the Revolution Series will continue at the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome in Glasgow on 24th October, Lee Valley VeloPark in London on 14th November leading to the final three rounds at the National Cycling Centre in Manchester on 28th November, 2nd and 23rd January 2016.

Tickets are on sale for all events in the Revolution Series. For more information and to purchase tickets go to www.cyclingrevolution.com.