



Here's how the races are run. The skid-kids are seen taking a bend, with two team colleagues well placed. Four supporters have a grandstand seat.

# NCU to see skid-kids' circus tent ride

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BRITAIN'S "skid-kids," the thousands of eager youngsters who in crash helmets and old leather jerkins career on second-hand cycles around bombed sites and open spaces in mimic speedway races have won the first round in the battle to establish their new sport craze.

Cycle speedway is to have provisional recognition by the 63,000 strong National Cyclists' Union.

Official observers will attend the first event run by the Speedway Cyclists' Association of Wood Green, at Hackney on November 25, under arc lighting in a circus marquee.

The near future may see proper rules framed for this type of racing in N.C.U. activities.

No official figures exist, but

estimates put the number of teenage enthusiasts of this post-war craze at anything between 30,000 and 100,000.

The kids invented the races themselves in a desire to emulate the speedway stars.

Says Mr. Jim Sinclair, an official of the new Wood Green company: "Our aim is to form a national body governing cycle speedway with a view, first, to making riders into first-class cyclists."



Minor adjustments are being made outside the "pits," with two "spare mechanics" watching from a tree which is one of the race "dangers."