

Gerick Sports Wasa Triathlon

Bike course rules and officiating

The roles of the Motorcycle Officials (MCO) are:

-To penalize any offenders of the rules on the bike course:

drafting blocking crossing centre line accepting an escort vehicle

-To encourage cyclists to “stay right” in the lane and when possible to the right of the white line.

-To address a situation that may lead to an accident.

The RED paddle (automatic time penalty) and YELLOW (warning) paddle are to be used by the MCO for any one cyclist caught:

Drafting and Blocking

1 YELLOW reported to race director: warning only

2 YELLOW's reported by any 2 MCO: 5 min time penalty added to bike time

(a red may be displayed by the MCO who catches the same cyclist twice, but not necessary)

1 RED reported: automatic 5 min time penalty added to bike time

2 RED's reported: automatic disqualification

Accepting the escort of a vehicle

1 RED reported: 5 min time penalty added to bike time

2 RED's reported: automatic disqualification

Crossing the centre line

1 RED reported: automatic disqualification

Drafting

Drafting off another cyclist or motor vehicle is forbidden. The draft zone of a cyclist is a rectangle 7 metres long (equivalent to 3 bike lengths behind the back wheel of the leading cyclist to the front wheel of the approaching cyclist) by 3 metres wide (this means no side by side riding). An approaching cyclist may enter the draft zone of leading cyclist, but must be seen to be progressing through that zone. A maximum of 15 seconds will be allowed for an approaching cyclist to pass the front wheel of the leading cyclist. The 15 sec begins when the approaching cyclist is within the 3 bike lengths to the leading cyclist. If a cyclist is unable to pass within the allotted time, they must immediately move out of the draft zone. They may then attempt another pass if they wish. Draft zones may not overlap. The vehicle draft zone is 35 metres long by 5 metres wide.

Escorting

No cyclist shall have an "escort" vehicle along beside, in front or behind the cyclist, for which the vehicle is not making forward progress away from the cyclist and is within 35 m of a cyclist for more than 15 sec. MC Officials will instruct the vehicle to clear the race course, as it creates a safety hazard.

Blocking

A cyclist may not intentionally "block" another cyclist and impede their forward progress.

Centre line violation

Cyclists may not, at any time, cross the centre line of the road. An automatic disqualification of the cyclist will be issued.