

Tour of the Battenkill Event Rules

1. Registration

- 1.1. A participant may not register in an event or field for which they do not meet the age or other qualifications as stipulated in the official race announcement or registration site.
- 1.2. Registrants are required to present photo identification before they are allowed to participate.

2. Rules on the Road

- 2.1. Center Line. If a course is not closed to traffic, all riders must keep to the right of the center line or enforcement line.
- 2.2. Rules of the Road. Riders shall, of their own responsibility, conform to all traffic regulations in effect in the area where the race is held.
- 2.3. Road Closure. It is forbidden to cross a closed railroad crossing or any other road closure. The following rules apply to railroad crossings and other closures:
 - 2.3.1. If one or more riders have broken away from the field and are held up at a railroad crossing and the gates open before the field catches up, then no action shall be taken and the closed crossing shall be considered a mere race incident.
 - 2.3.2. If one or more riders with more than a 30-second lead on the field are held up at a railroad crossing and the rest of the field catches up while the gates are still closed, the race shall be neutralized and restarted with the same gaps once the official vehicles preceding the race have passed. If the lead is less than 30 seconds, the closed crossing shall be considered a mere race incident.
 - 2.3.3. If one or more leading riders make it over the crossing before the gates shut and the remainder of the riders are held up, no action shall be taken and the closed crossing shall be considered a race incident.
 - 2.3.4. Any other situation (e.g., prolonged closure, etc.) shall be resolved by the officials.
- 2.4. The responsibility of keeping on the prescribed course rests with the rider. A rider may not leave the prescribed course unless ordered to do so by public authorities or a race official.
- 2.5. Taking pace or assistance from any outside means is forbidden, including holding on to a motor vehicle or taking pace from riders in a different race that is concurrently on the same course.
- 2.6. Riders who suffer a mishap may be assisted in remounting and may be pushed up to 10 meters.
- 2.7. Riders are permitted to start with feeding bottles or such refreshments as they wish to carry, but glass containers are strictly prohibited.
- 2.8. Support. When not otherwise prohibited, competitors may exchange food and drink among themselves. Tires, tools, pumps, wheels, and bicycles may be exchanged only among members of the same team and a rider may not sacrifice himself for another rider unless on the same team. Such items may also be handed from a person on foot, but not directly from a moving vehicle, except in those circumstances designated by the Chief Referee.
- 2.9. Feeding. The passing of food or refreshments to competitors shall be at the discretion of the Chief Referee. Riders may not discard materials that are not biodegradable; they may pass or throw such material to support personnel in places far from any bystanders in the feed zone only.
- 2.10. An approved helmet must be worn at all times.
- 2.11. The rider must wear an event-provided bib number or numbers during the event.
- 2.12. Riders may use radios or other communication devices during the race, but earpieces must only be placed in one ear if utilized.

3. Rider Conduct

- 3.1. No rider shall benefit from his or her misconduct. Misconduct on the part of a team member or support person may result in penalties to any member of the team.
- 3.2. General Misconduct. The following offenses may be punished by suspension or lesser penalties:
 - 3.2.1. Acts of theft, fraud, dishonesty, or grossly unsportsmanlike conduct in conjunction with a sporting event;
 - 3.2.2. Offering, conspiring, or attempting to cause any race to result otherwise than on its merits.
 - 3.2.3. Identity Fraud. No licensee may enter a race under an assumed name nor conspire to allow another rider to enter a race under an assumed name. This includes fraudulent use of another rider's license, racing numbers, or timing/scoring chip.
 - 3.2.4. Rules and Course. It is the rider's responsibility to familiarize themselves with the rules of the event and the race course before the start of the race. Riders may not take any other route or short cut. The fact that tape or barriers may have moved or fallen shall not stay the responsibility of the rider to stay on the designated route.
- 3.3. Withdrawal. Riders must immediately follow a Referee's order to withdraw from the race.
- 3.4. Abuse.
 - 3.4.1. No rider or other licensee may be disrespectful toward anyone at a race.
 - 3.4.2. No rider or other licensee may use foul or abusive language or conduct during a race event.
 - 3.4.3. No licensee may assault (an unlawful attempt, coupled with the present ability, to commit a violent injury on the person of another) or do battery (any willful and unlawful use of force or violence upon the person of another) to anyone connected with any event.
 - 3.4.4. Violent assault and/or battery committed by a licensee against a race official at the event shall be subject to additional penalties, not limited to criminal prosecution.
- 3.5. No rider may make an abrupt motion so as to interfere with the forward progress of another rider, either intentionally or by accident.
- 3.6. Dangerous Rider. Any rider who appears to present a danger to the other competitors may be disqualified by the Chief Referee, either before, during, or after a race.
- 3.7. Pushing or pulling among riders is prohibited. No rider may hold back or pull an opponent by any part of his or her clothing, equipment or body.
- 3.8. Competitors may make no progress unaccompanied by a bicycle. In the case of a crash, they may run with their bicycles to the finish line, staying on the course.
- 3.9. A rider may be penalized for causing a crash or spill through inadequate tightening or adjustment of a bicycle component, including gluing of tires.
- 3.10. Non-Competitor on Course. A rider may not be on course during an event for which he has not entered and registered, or from which he has withdrawn or been directed to withdraw.
- 3.11. No person with official responsibilities at a race (including, but not limited to, race officials, marshals, race directors, timing or results companies, and race announcers) shall consume alcoholic beverages or other intoxicants while races are in progress and any such person who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances shall be promptly relieved of responsibilities.
- 3.12. No person with official responsibilities at a race (including, but not limited to, race officials, race announcers, marshals, timing or results companies, or Race Directors) may lay a wager on the outcome of the race they are participating in.

4. Protests

- 4.1. All protests concerning the order of finish shall be examined and resolved by the Chief Judge.
- 4.2. All protests regarding the qualification of riders or bicycles or the regularity of entries or classifications should be lodged with the Chief Referee before the race.
- 4.3. Procedure. The above protests may be made verbally and no deposit is needed. All other protests must be in writing, signed by the protestor, and accompanied by a deposit as specified in the Schedule of Fees on the event website. Protests in single events must be made within the following time limits:
 - 4.3.1. A protest of foul riding or any other irregularity taking place during the race must be made within 15 minutes after the protestor's finish time.
 - 4.3.2. A protest regarding the final results must be made within 15 minutes after the announcement of results in order for riders to be eligible for prizes.
 - 4.3.3. For any protests made after the awards ceremony, any rider's right to prizes is waived.
 - 4.3.4. Once the results have been finalized onsite and the awards have been given out, any further results protests may be submitted directly to Tour of the Battenkill officials, who will consider them at their discretion. Any such results protests must be submitted no later than 30 days after the results are posted on the event website.
- 4.4. All protests, other than those regarding results and placings, shall be heard and decided either by the Chief Referee or by a jury composed of an odd number of race officials that includes the Chief Referee.

5. Bicycles

- 5.1. Bicycles used in competition must be propelled solely by the rider's legs and shall have the following characteristics:
 - 5.1.1. Dimensions. Bicycles may be no more than 2 meters long and 75 cm wide.
 - 5.1.2. There may be no protective shield, fairing, or other device on any part of the bicycle, which has the effect of reducing air resistance except that spoke covers may be used.
 - 5.1.3. Wheels may be made with spokes or solid construction. No wheel may contain special mechanisms to store and release energy
 - 5.1.4. The handlebar ends shall be solidly plugged and attachments thereto shall be fashioned in such a way as to minimize danger without impairing steering. No handlebars with ends, features, or attachments that extend forward or upward or that provide support for other than the rider's hands are permitted; however, attachments that point upward on the brakehoods of road bicycles are allowed if the distance between them is greater than 25 cm (9.8 inches).
 - 5.1.5. Bicycles commonly known as recumbent may not be used unless there is a separate race for this category of bicycle, and then may be used only in that category.
 - 5.1.6. A mass-start bicycle is a road or track bicycle that is legal in all events within the road discipline, rather than a bicycle that is restricted to particular events. Handlebars for massed-start bicycles may not have forearm supports nor handlebar extensions or attachments that point forward.
 - 5.1.7. Time trial events may restrict the competitors to mass start bicycles in one or more classes, provided that the restriction is stated in the race announcement and technical guide.
 - 5.1.8. A Single Speed is any type of bicycle possessing only one rear cog and only one front chainring and with no means of altering the gear ratio in any way during the race.
- 5.2. Riders are responsible for their selection of equipment and for taking reasonable precautions to ensure that its condition is adequate and safe for use.

5.2.1. The event organizers and any Race Director or sponsor, and their respective agents, officials, employees and volunteers, shall not be liable for any damages or injuries arising from or connected in any way with the condition or adequacy of any rider's competition equipment or uniform, regardless of whether or not such competition equipment or uniform was examined or was not determined to be in violation of the rules.

5.3. Bicycle Types. Only a bicycle with a freewheel and one working brake on each wheel shall be used, except as allowed elsewhere in these rules.

6. Participant Release and Medical Coverage.

6.1 All participants must sign an event release prior to participation in the event. Participants are expected to carry individual medical coverage.

7. Additional Rules and Regulations

7.1. Additional rules and regulations may be specified in the official race announcement or racer guide.