



NRS Rider Towing Regulations

Background

The National Road Series is the premier domestic cycling series in the Oceania Region. This has been achieved through consistent and innovative delivery of the sport. The series provides the highest standards of safety and racing for the best road riders in Australia. NRS events are designed to engage with communities across the country to deliver community, commercial and economic outcomes for all stakeholders.

The purpose of this document is to provide Commissaires, Race Organisers and Teams with details in relation to the practice of “Towing Riders” which might include:

- Rider holding on to their team vehicle or object (e.g. Taking a “sticky bottle”)
- Rider holding on to another motor vehicle
- Sheltering behind or falling into the slip stream of a vehicle

The Penalties for “Towing Rider”

Penalties can be imposed to:

- Rider
- Team manager
- Team
- Other licence holder in charge of vehicle

Penalties imposed can be any of the following:

- Monetary Fine
- Disqualification
- Suspension
- Warning
- Time Penalty

NRS Standard

The practice in all forms of “Towing Rider” as above and conducted by the above is in breach of UCI Regulations and AusCycling Regulations. In the case of: Rider holding on to their team vehicle or object (e.g. Taking a “sticky bottle”) or Rider holding on to another is always unacceptable.

Recognised Mishap Exemption

In the case of a recognised mechanical incident or crash the following exemptions may be granted by the Chief Commissaire for the team vehicle of the affected rider to “pace” the effected rider back to the tail of convoy vehicles while being inside “race envelope”

Conditions

- Permission will and can only be given by Chief Commissaire via race radio to the team manager upon confirmation from race official.
- Parameters
 - Maximum speed is 60km/h
 - Distance behind vehicle is 5m
 - Maximum distance a rider can be paced by a vehicle is 2km
 - Only riders who were impacted by the incident are permitted assistance from team vehicles
- Noncompliance with the conditions will automatically result in the highest level of penalties being imposed without exception to offending rider/s and team manager/licence holder of vehicle.
- Any rider “dropped” and found to have breached the “intent” of the exception will along with team manager/vehicle licence holder will have penalties imposed without exception to offending rider/s and team manager/licence holder of vehicle.