

VETERAN OFFICIALS' SESSION

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Agenda

1. Significant Rule Changes
2. First View: Code of Ethics
3. First View: Penalty Matrix
4. Scenarios
5. Question & Answer Period

Significant Rule Changes

- ▣ Note: All rule changes in the last 3 years can be found in Appendix A of the print materials

- ▣ 2009
 1. Align cyclocross age changes with USA Cycling

Significant Rule Changes

- ▣ 2008
 1. Mixing of classes and categories
 2. No hand drawn numbers
 3. Set protest time for internet result posts
 4. Restrict crossing the finish-line
 5. TT riders must ride on the right

Significant Rule Changes

▣ 2007

1. Last 3 KM rule in stage races
2. Racer radio restrictions
3. Removed short sleeve jersey restriction

First View: Code of Ethics

unofficial draft

- Cycling officials will maintain the utmost respect for the sport of competitive cycling.
- Cycling officials will conduct themselves honorably at all times and maintain the dignity of their position.
- Cycling officials must maintain impartial and fair judging of sports competitions. Without equivocation, race decisions which are slanted by personal bias are dishonest and unacceptable.
- Cycling officials have a responsibility to continuously seek self-improvement through study of the game, rules, mechanics and the techniques of race management. They have a responsibility to accurately represent their qualifications and abilities when requesting or accepting officiating assignments.
- Cycling officials will honor assignments or any other contractual obligation.
- Cycling officials will strive to achieve maximum teamwork with fellow officials.
- Cycling officials have an obligation to treat other officials with professional dignity and courtesy and recognize that it is inappropriate to criticize other officials publicly.
- Cycling officials shall protect the public (fans, administrators, coaches, athletes, et al.) from inappropriate conduct and shall attempt to eliminate from the officiating avocation/profession all practices which bring discredit to it

Event Scenarios

Scenario 1

While working as the Comm2 official for the Pro 1/2 field at the Willamette stage race on the Wolf Creek stage, you notice several riders from the same team drop back to assist their GC leader with a flat, presumably to tow him back. You also notice their Team car stops, but you lose sight of them as you continue down the road around all the curves and corners. A few minutes later, the team van appears, but you cannot see behind it. You see all the riders from that team appear on the left side of the lane, then proceed over the centerline (double yellow in this case). As they pass you, your window is down and you hear them yelling "Go to the front". They proceed to pass everyone in the peloton and then they pull in at the front.

Event Scenarios

Scenario 2

You are working as Comm1 driving in front of the chase group on the 3 Summits stage for the Cat 3 Men at the Mt. Hood Stage Race. You notice in your rear view mirror that one of the riders is clearly over the centerline in the middle of the oncoming lane. This rider was on the front of the group before they changed lanes. They appear to be sitting up and trying to remove clothes. It's windy, but the road is straight for a mile or two, and the pavement is smooth and they are going slightly uphill...not very fast. Once they're done adjusting themselves, they move back over and continue riding without incident. No riders file protests and they gained no advantage with this maneuver.

Event Scenarios

Scenario 3

You are the CR at the Harrisburg Criterium and the Pro 1/2 men are racing. The pit is wheels in/wheels out...not neutral. A rider with a flat pulls into the pit. He mentions he does not have wheels in the pit, then proceeds to grab a wheel, install it and keep racing. The wheel's owner, who is a former team mate of the first rider (with no love lost between them, I might add) files a written protest immediately after the race.

Event Scenarios

Scenario 4

You are working the Banana Belt #2 Pro 1/2 field when you get a report from several of the riders that one of the top riders took a feed from someone standing on the centerline. The rider never left their lane, but the feed was from the left side of the road. What do you do?

(Alternate: Your lead driver sees this exchange. How might this affect your ruling?)

Event Scenarios

Scenario 5

The same rider in question from scenarios 3 and 4 is up to his old tricks again, and manages to sign up and get into a race without paying for it. One of those, "check's in the mail". The promoter allows him to enter the event taking him at his word. The promoter comes to you later that week after pulling the rider from the results and giving them a big fat "DQ" after not receiving the entry fee, and not receiving any sort of explanation from the rider. What to do?

Question & Answer

What's on your mind?