

Katherine Ultra Challenge 2010 Drafting, Protests and Appeals

Drafting

Drafting off another bicycle or motor vehicle or motor cycle is forbidden. A competitor is deemed to have been passed once the leading edge of the front wheel of the passing bicycle has moved in front of the leading edge of the front wheel of the bicycle being passed.

Bicycle Draft Zone

- The bicycle draft zone is a rectangle 7 meters long and 3 meters wide that surrounds every bicycle competitor on the bicycle course. The front edge of the front bicycle wheel defines the centre of the leading 3 meters edge of the rectangle.
- The draft zone of a competitor may not overlap the draft zone of another competitor unless the rear competitor is in the process of passing the forward competitor.
- When passing, once the rear competitor's draft zone overlaps the forward competitor's draft zone, the rear competitor is allowed a maximum of 15 seconds to pass the forward competitor.
- At every instant during the overlapping of draft zones, the rear competitor must be seen to be gaining on the forward competitor.
- A competitor's draft zone may overlap the bicycle draft zone of another competitor in the following circumstances:
 - a. In passing the forward competitor and at all times progressing through it but for a period of no longer than 15 seconds;
 - b. For safety reasons;
 - c. For an aid station;
 - d. For entrance to or departure from a transition area; and
 - e. In making an acute turn.
- Once passed a competitor must within 15 seconds drop back out of the draft zone of the passing competitor before attempting to re-pass.

For public road safety, support vehicles are not to follow bicycles, a 10 minute time penalty will be added if this occurs.

Protests

- If a competitor has a concern regarding a violation and/or disqualification (DQ) they must contact the Race Co-Coordinator. If they wish to lodge a Protest they must do this with the Race Co-Coordinator within the time limit explained in the coming paragraphs.
- A competitor may file a protest with the Race Co-Coordinator provided that the action protested has not previously been reported by a Marshall and ruled upon by the Co-Coordinator.

Protest Concerning Eligibility.

A protest concerning eligibility of a competitor must be made in writing to the Race Co-Coordinator. The affected competitor may compete.

Protest Concerning Equipment.

A protest concerning a competitor's equipment being in violation of the conditions set out in these race competition rules must be made in writing to the Race Co-Coordinator no later than 30 minutes after the protesting competitor's finish time.

Protest Against Another Competitor or an Official.

A protest against the actions of another competitor or official carried out before, during or after the race must be made in writing to the Race Co-Coordinator within 30 minutes of the protesting competitor's finish time. Such a protest may be submitted only if the protesting competitor claims that the action of the alleged offender was detrimental to the performance of the protester.

Protest Concerning Timekeeping.

A protest concerning an error in timing must be made in writing to the Race Co-Coordinator within 30 minutes after the posting of the unofficial results.

Consideration of a Protest.

A protest will not be considered unless:

- a. The protest is submitted to the Race Co-Coordinator within the time laid down in the foregoing paragraph;
- b. The protest is submitted in writing.

Appeals.

- A competitor may file an appeal with the Ultra Challenge committee against a ruling of the Race Co-Coordinator provided the decision appealed against has not previously been the subject of an appeal and ruled upon by the Ultra Challenge committee.
- An appeal cannot be made on a judgement call.

Consideration of an Appeal (to the Ultra Challenge committee)

An appeal against a decision will not be considered unless:

- a. The appeal is submitted to the Race Co-Coordinator within 30 minutes of the Race Co-Coordinator's decision being formally advised;
- b. The appeal is submitted in writing.

(Drafting, protests and appeals, an excerpt from Triathlon Australia website, 2009.)