



## **British Masters Cycle Racing Guidance for Cycle Race Marshals**

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- You should wear a Hi-Viz at all times.
- Please use the guidance below to determine the most effective positions to take up at a junction, or follow the instructions of the race organiser or chief marshal.
- You have no powers to stop traffic and should not do so unless you judge there to be a potentially dangerous situation and that by stopping the traffic you will prevent an accident.
- Exercise caution. If you have to stand in the roadway do not force vehicles to change course in order to avoid you. Your presence should never cause a vehicle to deviate or move into the path of another road user.
- Motorists who do not comply with your warnings or instructions will commit no offence. However, if they are involved in a collision after ignoring your warnings, your evidence and actions may be used against them in a court of law. If a motorist ignores your warnings, is abusive or drives dangerously, try to record the vehicle's registration, colour and make, and the time.
- Use your marshal's flag to warn cars that a race is approaching in such a manner as to give drivers the option to slow down and to stop if they are willing to do so.
- Verbally warn competitors of any hazard which you can see, e.g. an approaching car or other obstruction, which may be out of sight of the front riders.
- Alert any pedestrians, horse riders, dog walkers or leisure cyclists to the race.
- A whistle may be useful to alert pedestrians and other marshals of approaching riders.
- Do not cause traffic to slow or stop in order to allow pedestrians or others to cross the road; you have no powers to do this.
- Competitors have been briefed to obey all the rules of the road, not to ride dangerously and to keep to the left.
- Any rider who you observe to be repeatedly and / or wilfully crossing a continuous white line, or using the right-hand side of the road without a clear line of sight, or riding dangerously or verbally abusing another road user or member of the public, must be reported to the organiser, or other designated official, who has the power to disqualify them.
- Make sure that you know how many laps each race is completing and do not leave your marshalling position until the following car behind the last race has passed for the last time.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE WITH THIS RACE, WHICH IS GREATLY  
APPRECIATED BY BMCR AND THE RIDERS**