

Course Marshal

(Road Race)

Job Description

Safety of the riders is the utmost importance during an event. The riders are relying on us to make sure that they have a safe route to ride on during the event. Overall, it isn't that difficult. Before the event, Course Marshals will be assigned to a specific location, usually at an intersection where the course makes a change in direction. Typically, there will be two Course Marshals assigned to each location.

Pre-Event Responsibilities

Since the Course Marshals will be assigned to a specific part of the course, it will be their responsibility to ensure that the course direction signs are in place and where they can be easily seen by the riders. They will also need to make sure that the road is clear of any debris, especially while going through a turn.

During The Event

While the event is in progress, the Course Marshalls will need to make sure that all riders stay on course. At times, this may require traffic to be "controlled" so that the riders may pass through without delay. At high traffic intersections, local law enforcement may be hired to assist with traffic control.

Since corners have a higher probability for accidents, the Course Marshal may need to assist any rider(s) who have gone down. If there is a serious accident, then the Course Marshal will need to notify the Promoter immediately for medical assistance. It will also be important to ensure that the upcoming riders are aware of any downed riders that may still be on the course.

Occasionally, a rider may approach with a mechanical issue or other reason and need to abandon to race. If so, and the rider is unable to continue to the finish, the Promoter will need to be notified to arrange for transportation to the finish.

Post-Event Responsibilities

Once it is confirmed that the last riders has travelled through a Course Marshals assigned area, the Course Marshals will need to collect the course direction signs and clean up any debris that may have been left by the riders or other event personnel. After clean up, the Course Marshals should return to the registration area to turn in any equipment assigned to them for the event.