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## ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

### Cycle Racing on Roads Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986

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*Coming into operation* . . . *1st January 1987*

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 211(2) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf makes the following regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

**1.** These regulations may be cited as the Cycle Racing on Roads Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1987.

*Interpretation*

**2.** In these regulations—

"appropriate officer of police" means a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary not below the rank of inspector stationed in the police sub-division in which the time trial or race is to start;

"cycle race" means a race or trial of speed between pedal cycles, which is not a time trial;

"the standard conditions" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 5;

"time trial" means a race or trial of speed between pedal cycles so arranged and conducted—

(*a*) where the competitors are not divided into groups, that each competitor starts at a time which is separated by an interval of not less than one minute from the starting time of every other competitor, or, where the competitors are divided into groups, that—

(i) no group comprises more than four competitors,

(ii) no member of a group competes against any other member of that group,

(iii) each member of a group starts at the same time as every other member of that group, and

(iv) each group starts at a time which is separated by an interval of not less than one minute from the starting time of any other group; and

(*b*) that the result of the race or trial depends not upon the order in which the competitors or any of them reach a particular point but upon—

(i) the time each competitor or, if the competitors are divided into groups as aforesaid, any member of a group takes to get from his starting point to his finishing point, or

(ii) the distance which each competitor or, as the case may be, any member of a group of competitors covers in a fixed time reckoned from the time when he starts.

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(a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)

*Authorisation of time trials*

**3.** The holding of a time trial on a public road is hereby authorised if—

(*a*) the promoter of the trial, not less than 28 days before the day on which the trial is to be held, or if it is to be held on more than one day, the day on which the trial is to begin, gives to the appropriate officer of police in writing notice of the proposal to hold the trial and the following particulars—

(i) the day or days on which and the times during which the trial is to be held,

(ii) a description of the route to be followed by the competitors and the name of, or a description sufficient to identify, any public road on which the trial or any part thereof is to take place,

(iii) particulars of any place or places where the trial is to start or where it is to finish,

(iv) the maximum number of competitors who will be permitted to take part in the trial,

(v) sufficient particulars to show what arrangements will be made for marshalling, assisting or supervising the competitors, and

(vi) such particulars of the rules or arrangements governing the trial as may be sufficient to show that the proposed trial is a time trial, and

(*b*) no part of the trial takes place during the hours of darkness.

**4.** Subject to the provisions of regulation 8, if—

(*a*) notice of a proposal to hold a time trial has not been given in accordance with regulation 3(*a*), or

(*b*) particulars with respect to the trial have not been given in accordance with regulation 3(*a*)(i) to (vi), or

(*c*) changes are proposed in the circumstances affecting the trial which affect the particulars which have been given in accordance with regulation 3(*a*)(i) to (vi),

but the promoter, before the holding of the trial—

(i) in the case mentioned in paragraph (*a*), gives to the appropriate officer of police notice in writing of the proposal to hold the trial together with such particulars with respect to the trial as are mentioned in regulation 3(*a*)(i) to (vi) and applies to the appropriate officer of police for the holding of the trial to be authorised,

(ii) in the case mentioned in paragraph (*b*), gives to the appropriate officer of police any particulars which should have been previously given, or

(iii) in the case mentioned in paragraph (*c*), gives to the appropriate officer of police particulars of the changes referred to in paragraph (*c*),

the appropriate officer of police may, in the cases mentioned in paragraph (*a*) or (*b*), authorise the trial to be held or, in the case mentioned in paragraph (*c*), authorise the trial to be held with the changes or such of them as he may approve.

*Authorisation of cycle races in accordance with standard conditions*

**5.** The holding of a cycle race on a public road is hereby authorised if—

(*a*) the race is held and conducted in accordance with the following conditions (in these regulations referred to as "the standard conditions"):—

(i) the number of competitors must not exceed—

(A) in 2 but not more than 2 races selected in any one year by the Northern Ireland Cycling Federation and the National Cycling Association of Ireland (Ulster Council), 84;

(B) in the case of any race not so selected, 60;

(ii) no part of the race must take place during the hours of darkness;

(iii) where the route to be followed by a competitor is such that he must while on the road pass a point on that road at least twice (whether in the same or a different direction), the length of the route which he has to follow after passing that point at any time until he next passes it again, must not be less than 10 miles; and

(iv) where any length of the route is comprised of any public road on which a speed limit of 40 miles per hour or less is imposed by or under any enactment, that length must not exceed one mile and a half and no part of it must lie within 3 miles, measured along the route, of any part of any other such length, and

(*b*) the promoter of the race, not less than 28 days before the day on which the race is to be held, or if it is to be held on more than one day, the day on which the race is to begin, gives to the appropriate officer of police, in writing, notice of the proposal to hold the race and the particulars with respect to the race as are required by regulation 3(*a*)(i) to (vi) to be given with respect to a proposed time trial and also such further particulars relating to the race as may be sufficient to show that it is proposed to be held and conducted in accordance with the standard conditions.

**6.** Subject to the provisions of regulation 8, if—

(*a*) notice of a proposal to hold a cycle race has not been given in accordance with regulation 5(*b*), or

(*b*) particulars with respect to the race have not been given in accordance with regulation 5(*b*), or

(*c*) changes are proposed in the circumstances affecting the race which affect the particulars which have been given in accordance with regulation 5(*b*),

but the promoter, before the holding of the race—

(i) in the case mentioned in paragraph (*a*), gives to the appropriate officer of police notice in writing of the proposal to hold the race together with such particulars with respect to the race as are referred to in regulation 5(*b*) and applies to the appropriate officer of police for the holding of the race to be authorised,

(ii) in the case mentioned in paragraph (*b*), gives to the appropriate officer of police any particulars which should have been previously given, or

(iii) in the case mentioned in paragraph (*c*), gives to the appropriate officer of police particulars of the changes referred to in paragraph (*c*),

the appropriate officer of police may, in the cases mentioned in paragraph (*a*) or (*b*), authorise the race to be held or, in the case mentioned in paragraph (*c*), authorise the race to be held with the changes or such of them as he may approve.

*Authorisation of cycle races not in accordance with standard conditions*

**7.** Subject to the provisions of regulation 8, the appropriate officer of police may authorise the holding of a cycle race on a public road which is not a race proposed to be held and conducted in accordance with the standard conditions if before the holding of the race the promoter applies to the appropriate officer of police for the race to be authorised and gives in writing particulars with respect to the race as are required by regulation 3(*a*)(i) to (vi) to be given for a proposed time trial.

*Conditions imposed by the appropriate officer of police*

**8.** The appropriate officer of police may when authorising a time trial or cycle race under regulation 4, 6 or 7, impose conditions relating to all or any of the following matters:—

(*a*) the day or days on which and the times during which the trial or race will be held,

(*b*) the places on a road where the trial or race is or is not to start or finish,

(*c*) any road, or any part of a road, on which the trial or race is not to be held,

(*d*) the number of competitors who may take part,

(*e*) the arrangements to be made by the promoter for marshalling, assisting or supervising the competitors.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 14th October 1986.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations provide for the authorisation of the holding of races or trials of speed between pedal cycles on public roads. The regulations distinguish between a race or trial of speed being a "time trial" as defined by regulation 2 and any other kind of race or trial described by regulation 2 as a "cycle race" and provide—

(1) that the holding of a time trial or a cycle race is authorised if it is held and conducted in accordance with the specified conditions and notice is given to the appropriate officer of police (regulations 3 and 5);

(2) that in the case of a time trial or a cycle race where the required notice has not been given or where the necessary particulars with respect to the trial or race have not been given, or where changes are proposed in the circumstances affecting the trial or race which affect the particulars which have been given, the appropriate officer of police, if given notice of the particulars or, as the case may be, of particulars of the changes, may authorise the trial or race to be held (regulations 4 and 6);

(3) that in the case of a cycle race which is not a race proposed to be held and conducted in circumstances which comply with the conditions specified in regulation 5, the appropriate officer of police if application is made to him and the particulars with respect to the race are given to him, may authorise the race to be held (regulation 7);

(4) that in authorising trials or races under regulations 4, 6 or 7 the appropriate officer of police may impose certain conditions subject to which it may be held and conducted (regulation 8).