

CC Weymouth Time Trial Course Risk Assessment

Risk assessment for:	P451/18C
Event type:	Club
Distance:	18 miles
Description:	START on unclassified road from Dorchester to Middlemarsh (known as the Old Sherborne Road) at the forward end of a small lay-by 0.5 miles north of the boundary of Charminster.
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1	Whole course	Traffic count	Low	<p>The average traffic count for this course, at the times when events are held is less than 400 units per hour (North bound at start).</p> <p>This is well below the recognised maximum traffic count of 600 units per hour.</p>	<p>Repeat annually.</p> <p>Perform spot counts in the event of high traffic - if the count exceeds 100 units in 6 minutes, event to be abandoned.</p>

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2	Whole course	Sunset / low sun / darkness	Medium	Riders riding at or around sunset in low sun and/or reduced visibility may not see hazards and/or be at risk from drivers not seeing them.	<p>1. Timekeeper to ensure that last rider leaves the start at least 30 minutes before sunset.</p> <p>If the field is very large early or late season the time keeper will limit the size of field to comply.</p> <p>2. Timekeeper to assess visibility and cancel if s/he considers light levels are too low.</p> <p>Note: Early season sunset times: April 19:40-20:17 May 20:30-21:00 Late season sunset times: August 20:53-19:55.</p>
3	Whole course	Ad hoc hazards (broken down cars, potholes, dead animals etc.)	Low	Course on an B&A road, with low traffic count.	Riders advised to proceed with due care and attention, especially on descents.

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4	Whole course	Standing water and/or poor visibility due to spray caused by very heavy and/or persistent rain.	Moderate	<p>Standing water may cause riders to use parts of the carriageway that drivers may not expect.</p> <p>Spray inhibits riders view of the road and other hazards, and driver's view of the riders, increasing risk of collision.</p>	In the event of heavy and/or persistent rain before the event, and/or expectation of heavy rain during the event, the timekeeper will cancel the race.
5	Start / whole course	Drivers unaware of event	Medium	<p>The risk is not high because: Traffic volumes are not high.</p> <p>At the start of the course drivers have good visibility of riders, which will alert them to the event, and plenty of room to avoid riders.</p> <p>From the turn, southbound, the traffic volumes are low.</p> <p>All other entrances onto the course are very low traffic volume, and require drivers to stop.</p>	Cycle event warning signs at the start, and at the turn.
6	Sign on area	Riders parking, and signing on	Low	Sign on area is on a wide grass verge and layby on the outskirts of the village of Charminster. There is ample residential street parking nearby.	No additional measures.

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7	Start	Stationary riders waiting to start	Low	<p>Time keeper (and his/her vehicle) are on the layby, well off the carriageway.</p> <p>The layby is large and there is adequate room for a large number of riders waiting to start to be well off the main carriageway.</p>	<p>If necessary, timekeeper to remind riders to remain in the layby while waiting to start.</p> <p>No warming up on the Northbound section of the course once the race has started.</p> <p>No U turns in sight of timekeeper.</p> <p>Risk assessment available online and at the start reminding riders of potential risks and conduct required.</p>
8	1.1 miles: Herrison Road	Minor road on left	Low	Very low traffic volume entering the course. Vehicles must stop. Good visibility. Local traffic only.	No additional measures
9	1.5 miles: Rectory road	Minor road on right	Low	As above	No additional measures
10	2 miles: Fairmile farm	Farm entrance on left	Low	low traffic volume entering the course. Vehicles must stop. Very good visibility. Farm traffic only.	No additional measures

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11	4.4 miles: Piddle lane to Piddletrenthide	Staggered crossroads.	Low	Very low traffic volume entering/leaving the course. Vehicles entering the course must stop. Good visibility. Local traffic only.	No additional measures
12	4.7 miles: Higher Southcombe farm	Farm entrance on right	Low	low traffic volume entering the course. Vehicles must stop. Very good visibility. Farm traffic only.	No additional measures
13	5.4 miles: Alton lane to Cerne Abbas	Minor road on left	Low	Very low traffic volume entering/leaving the course. Vehicles entering the course must stop. Good visibility. Local traffic only.	No additional measures
14	7 miles: Giant's view campsite	Campsite entrance on right	Low	Very low traffic volume entering the course. Vehicles must stop. Very good visibility. Campsite traffic only.	
15	7.3 miles: Factory lane to Buckland Newton	Minor road forks right	Low	As above	No additional measures
16	7.3 to 7.9 miles: Revels Hill	Steep descent	Medium	Steep descent, riders travelling at high speed. Road is a full width carriageway. No junctions	All riders advised to descend with care. This risk assessment available online, and at the start.

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17	7.8 miles: Revels Fishery	Fishery entrance on right	Low	low traffic volume entering the course. Vehicles must stop. Very good visibility. Farm traffic only (fishery closes at 4pm)	No additional measures
18	8.7 miles: Tiley Knap	Left turn	Low	Left turn onto minor road. Good visibility on approach. Low traffic volume.	No additional measures
19	8.7 miles: Tiley Knap / A352	Left turn onto A352	Low	Low traffic volume. Fair visibility. Traffic on A352 restricted to 30mph.	No additional measures
20	9.7 miles: Lyons gate	Minor road on left	Low	Very low traffic volume entering/leaving the course. Vehicles entering the course must stop. Good visibility. Local traffic only.	No additional measures
21	9.9 miles: Lyons gate	Minor road on left	Low	As above	No additional measures
22	10.3 miles: Sandy lane	Minor road on right	Low	As above	No additional measures
23	10.5 miles: Minor road	Minor road on right	Low	As above	No additional measures
24	11.7 miles: Access to Minterne Parva	Minor road on right	Low	As above	No additional measures
25	11.8 miles: Access to Upcerne	Minor road on right	Low	As above	No additional measures
26	12.6 miles: Access to Upcerne	Minor road on right	Low	As above	No additional measures

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27	12.7 miles: Duck Street / Cerne Giant Car Park	Minor road on left	Low	As above	No additional measures
28	13 miles: Sydling road/Cerne Abbas	Crossroads	Low	As above	No additional measures
29	14.7 miles: Nether Cerne	Minor road on left	Low	As above	No additional measures
30	15.7 miles: Fry's lane	Minor road on right	Low	As above	No additional measures
31	17.7 miles: Herrison lane	Minor road on left	Low	As above	No additional measures
32	18 miles: Finish	Timekeeper and riders at the finish	Low	<p>Road is a carriageway, with very good visibility. Traffic approaching is speed limited to 30mph.</p> <p>Timekeepers can park vehicle completely off the roadway in Drakes lane or Higher Charminster.</p> <p>Timekeeper is visible to all riders so they know they've finished.</p> <p>The course is well established, and all riders are aware of the no stopping / no U-turns / at the line policy.</p>	Risk assessment including this notice that riders are not allowed to slow, U-turn at the finish to be posted on website, and available at the start.