



# RISK ASSESSMENT

<p>Courses and roads assessed. <b><u>L827 The Struggle HC</u></b></p>	<p>Course local to: Ambleside/Kirkstone Pass</p>
<p>Date of assessment/review: Adapted Aug 2019 from Club Event RA originally approved 16 Jan 2019 - Approved 11 September 2019; Feb 2020 Modified to take account of closed road status. Approved 4 April 2020 following email endorsement in lieu of committee meeting. Revised Sept 2022 to add motorcycle camera.</p>	<p>Name of assessor: Kevin Hesketh</p>

## **Course description**

Hill Climb from Ambleside to Kirkstone Pass up The Struggle (Kirkstone Road). START on Kirkstone road at north end of small lay by (disabled) just before junction with Kirkstone close on the outskirts of Ambleside. Proceed along Kirkstone road up 'The Struggle' hill (care on short descent) to finish at start of painted give way sign on road approximately 20 yards before the junction with A592. (2.67miles, 1175ft ascent)

## **Traffic flows**

Unclassified road with closed road status for the event.

## **Course event/history**

This is a Type A (Open) events course that may later be adapted for use as an open event course.



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## Key identified risks

	Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
1		General requirements	Time of event meets CTT standards. Course clear on day.		<b>Organiser</b> to ensure course checked on day.
2		Before start	Competitors parking. Competitors riding from HQ and warming up.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to ensure all the road closure measures agreed with the Local Authority are enacted on the day.
3		Start area	Competitors waiting	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to display head up sign and ensure officials wear high visibility jackets/bibs.
4		START on Kirkstone road at north end of small lay by (disabled) just before junction with Kirkstone Close on the outskirts of Ambleside.	Local. Residential road junction immediately left at start.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to brief start marshal to warn riders to beware of possible traffic encroaching on the course.
5		Kirkstone Road	After the start Kirkstone Road has no junctions and just three intersections with farm tracks on the right.	LOW	No additional measures required
6		Short descent approaching Pets Bridge	Riders negotiating Pets Bridge traffic at speed.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to notify riders start sheet to take care on the descent.

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7		Left hairpin at start of final climb.	Very steep on inside of bend.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to position <b>1 marshal</b> for safety and if necessary control spectators.
8		FINISH at start of painted give way sign on road approximately 20 yards before the junction with A592.		LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to notify in start sheet that no times will be given to competitors or supporters at finish. <b>Organiser</b> to provide catchers to help riders dismount in a safe location.
9		Return to Ambleside	Riders returning to Ambleside down Kirkstone Road.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to notify riders in start sheet to use marked alternative route to return to Ambleside.
10		Special provision for motorcycle camera to record riders.	Risk of the motorcycle interfering with the event by baulking riders or providing pacing or drafting. Risk of motorcycle colliding with spectators.	LOW	<b>Organiser</b> to ensure only suitably experienced and qualified motorcycle riders to be authorised to be on the course. <b>Organiser</b> to ensure the motorcycle riders are briefed beforehand that the motorbike to stay behind the riders at all times and if overtaking a rider they should wait for a clear road before passing. <b>Organiser</b> to brief motorcycle riders to keep a good margin between their motorcycle and riders and to ensure they do not provide opportunities for pacing or drafting. <b>Organiser</b> to brief the motorcycle riders to be aware of spectators and to ensure their safety.

**NOTES:**

1. The use of a vehicle for the timekeeper(s) at start and finish is where appropriate and is only identified as an example for the action to be taken.
2. The small junctions or entrances to farms/facilities (garage, eatery, etc) that are not identified in this risk assessment have been considered,

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however are not considered significant to pose a risk and therefore have not been noted.

3. All rules of the road must be followed as to 'the Highway Code'.
4. This risk assessment shall be made available at the event signing on. By the riders signing on to event sheet they accept all hazards identified on this course and are aware that this is an open road event and that they have a duty of care and courtesy to other road users.

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