


Risk Assessment proforma*

Course	M47
Area	North East District
Description	Rural
HQ	Belsay First School
Measured	Yes
Measured by	
Risk assessed	Yes
Assessed by	Terry Wilkinson
Date approved	03/05/2024
Type A	Yes
Type B	No
Police Authority	Northumbria Police
Additional information	See Below
Notes for riders	See Below



Belsay - Rothbury - Elsdon - Belsay

47 Miles (Mountain)

START at Belsay on unclassified road 200 yds north of junction with the A696 and B6524. Proceed north on unclassified road via Bolam Lake to junction with B6343 (6.4 miles). Turn left to Scots Gap then first right * (Riders take CARE) onto unclassified road to Rothley Crossroads (9.0 miles), and straight ahead to Ewesley Station, Coldrife, Forestburn Gate, Garleigh Summit (15.2m) and descend to Rothbury (17.6m). Bear left immediately after the bridge, past Rothbury church, and left again to Thropton. Bear left down bank to Flotterton at the end of village and bear left to Hepple (23.2m). Continue straight ahead to Bilsmoor timed climb. Proceed to Elsdon (29.2m) and turn left at the end of the village to climb the Gibbet (1:6 or 1:7). Proceed to Harwood Gate House (35.4m) and turn right * onto B6342 for 1.5m where turn right * and proceed to Knowesgate (38.5m). Turn left onto the A696 towards Belsay. Half a mile north of Belsay take the slip road onto a minor road to the left and **FINISH** (47miles).



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General Safety Notes and Requirements

- Vehicles of competitors/officials/marshals/helpers to be parked safely and without hindrance to other road users.
- All officials/marshals/helpers to wear fluorescent jackets or high visibility clothing.
- Marshals are to be briefed as to the extent of their roles/duties prior to the event.
- A marshal's sole duty is to clearly indicate the route the rider is to follow before the rider reaches the marshal point (the rider may be unfamiliar with the course). This is done by either pointing out the direction of travel or holding a directional arrow/marker – marshals should not shout instruction or attempt to control the traffic in any way or interfere with its movement on the highway (Guidance Note 11).
- Whenever possible, marshals should be able to communicate with the organiser by mobile phone in case of accident/emergency


Rider Safety Notes


- No U-turns to be made in the vicinity of the timekeeper(s).
- Road surface conditions may change depending on the season, weather, or condition of the road. It is the rider's responsibility to ride in such a manner that allows them to ride safely and with consideration to other road users at all times.
- Head down riding is prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- It is the responsibility of the rider to check the On-The-Day Risk Assessment to be aware of any extra hazards or changes they should be aware of.
- Riders:
 - Take extra care at T-junctions, right hand turns, on several steep descents with bends, and through built-up areas.
 - Every competitor **MUST** have, fixed to their machine, both a front and rear-facing, working light (either constant or flashing). These must be clearly visible (Regulation 14).
 - Every rider **MUST** wear a helmet that conforms to current Safety Standards (Regulation 15), and it is their responsibility to ensure it fits correctly and is in good condition/undamaged.


Note: NE District Regulation re. Right Hand Turns (marked * in Course Details). Riders shall not cut corners at right-hand turn junctions on courses i.e. they must observe road markings and not move to the right-hand side of the road being turned out of or in to. Any rider reported not following this District Regulation shall automatically be disqualified from the event. Organisers of events on courses with righthand turns shall instruct marshals on any corner affected by this local regulation to record the race number(s) of rider(s) in breach of the regulation.



NOTE TO THE ORGANISER: All of the above information should be included in the Start Sheet Information.



OS Grid #	Course description	Distance	Risk (L/M/H)	Risk description	Minimum management <i>(Without prejudice)</i>
///skewing.gravy.solicitor	M47 START – layby on unclassified road 200yds north of junction with A696/B6524	0	M	Start Position with on coming and passing traffic	1. Cycle event sign positioned before the start at "Bolam Lake Country Park" sign. 2. Cycle event sign positioned approx. 100 metres after the start in the direction of Bolam Lake near double steel gates. 3. Marshal to assist the Timekeeper.


						
///spark.sparkles.competing	Minor Belsay to Scots Gap road - Minor road on left from the A696.		L	Traffic approaching from left and turning onto road	None	
///super.materials.teardrop	Minor Belsay to Scots Gap road - Minor road on left from Newhouses.		L	Traffic approaching from left and turning onto road	None	
///noises.spices.mural	Minor Belsay to Scots Gap road – T junction with the B6343 (left turn).	6.1 Miles	M	On coming traffic from left and right	1.Marshall. 2.Direction arrow (LEFT) positioned on the minor road at an appropriate distance before the junction. 3.Cycle event sign positioned on the B6343 approx. 60 metres to the right of the junction to alert traffic approaching from the direction of Hartburn/Morpeth.	
///will.fictional.auctioned	B6343 at Scots Gap - Minor road on right leading to Rothley	6.5 Miles	M	On coming traffic	1.Marshall. 2.Cycle event sign positioned on the minor road from Rothley at an appropriate distance BEFORE the junction to warn motorists approaching Scots Gap. 3.Direction arrow (RIGHT) positioned on the B6343 at appropriate distances BEFORE the junction. 4. Cycle event sign positioned on the B6343 approx. 100 metres beyond the junction to alert traffic approaching from the direction of Cambo.	



	Crossroads (right turn).				5. See Safety Notes to Riders. Event organiser must apply the District Regulation. 
///over.choppy.aboard	Minor Scots Gap to Rothley Crossroads road - Minor road on left from Hartington Hall.		L	Traffic from left	None
///ambitions.microchip.twinge	Rothley Crossroads - junction with B6342 (straight on) - course route has priority.	8.6 Miles	L	Traffic from left and right	None
///adventure.harmless.playful	B6342 - Minor road on left near Rothley Lakes		L	Traffic from left	None


///flitting.distilled.goes	B6342 - Several steep descents with sharp bends are situated on this stretch of road from Rothley Lakes to Rothbury		M		See safety notes to riders
///estate.ladders.seeing	B6342 - Ewesley - road narrows at former railway bridge. There is sufficient room for a car and a cyclist to pass one another.	11.5 Miles	L	On coming traffic in middle of road	None. 
///faced.factually.scooped ///rushed.worthy.harps ///rules.turkey.stumble	B6342 - Three further minor roads on left before Rothbury.		L	Traffic from left and right at junctions	None
///clockwork.stumble.flags	B6342 - Minor road on left immediately before bridge in Rothbury - course route	17.4 Miles	L	Traffic bearing round from right, sharp descent to bridge	1. Marshal.



	bears right onto bridge.				
///march.youths.bugs	B6342 - Minor road on left immediately after crossing bridge (turn left onto Haw Hill) - very narrow road with cars parked either side at the time of the assessment, leaving little width for a further car and a cyclist to pass one another.	17.5 Miles	M	Traffic bearing round from right, sharp descent to bridge	<p>1. Marshal. 2. See Safety Notes to Riders.</p> 
///bottled.winemaker.retrain	Minor road in Rothbury - T-	17.6 Miles	M	Traffic from right	1. Marshal.

	junction with B6341 at end of narrow road (turn left)				
///swimsuits.pushes.recoup	B6341 Thropton - Narrow bridge but priority is given to traffic travelling in course route direction.	19.4 Miles	L	Traffic in middle of road	<p>None.</p> 
///ranking.pheasants.tailed	B6341 - Minor road on left after Hepple		L	Traffic joining from left	None


///wildfires.voice.rests	B6341 - Sharp right hand bend and narrow bridge after Hepple - bend negotiable with care, and there is sufficient width for a car and a cyclist to pass one another on the bridge	24.6 Miles	M	Traffic in middle of road.	See Safety Notes to Riders. 
///unheated.rinses.digesting	B6341 - Bilsmoor descent - steep descent with bend, and after descent a sharp right hand bend immediately before bridge into Elsdon	28 Miles	M		See Safety Notes to Riders.
///beginning.subjects.banquets	B6341 - Minor road on left on entering Elsdon (turn left)	29.2 Miles	L		1. Marshal.

					
///prance.massaging.ideal	Minor road in Elsdon - Minor road on right from Raylees (bear left over hump-back bridge).	29.5 Miles	L		<p>1. Marshal.</p> 
///flute.fatigued.pranced	Minor road from summit of the Gibbet - T-	35.4 Miles	M		<p>1. Marshal.</p> <p>2. Cycle event sign positioned at approx. 75 metres to the left of the junction on the B6342.</p> <p>3. Cycle event sign positioned at approx. 100 metres to the right of the junction on the B6342.</p>

	junction with B6342 at Harwood Gate (turn right).				<p>4. See Safety Notes to Riders. Event organiser must apply the District Regulation.</p> 
///careless.never.giants	B6342 - Minor road on left from Hartington Hall.		L		None
///decorator.roofed.quickly	B6342 - Minor road on right to Knowesgate (turn right)	36.8 Miles	M		<p>1. Marshal. 2. Cycle event sign positioned on the B6342 at approx. 100 metres before the right-hand turn. 3. Cycle event sign positioned on the B6342 at approx. 100 metres beyond the right-hand turn. 4. See safety notes to riders. Event organiser must apply the District Regulation.</p>

					
///gifts.zaps.cringe	Minor road to Knowesgate - T-junction with A696 at Knowesgate (turn left).	39.6 Miles	M	<p>1. Marshal. 2. Cycle event sign positioned at approx. 100 metres to the right of the junction on the A696. 3. See safety notes to riders.</p> 	

///note.doubt.live	A696 - Minor road on left at Kirkwhelpington		L	Traffic from left	None
///upholding.vineyard.foam	A696 - Minor road on left at south end of Kirkwhelpington.		L	Traffic from left	None
///volume.letters.saved	A696 - B6342 Kirkharle Crossroads - light traffic. Course route has priority.		L	Traffic from left and right	None
///trio.warms.worms	A696 - Minor road on left linking B6342 road.		L	Traffic from left and right	None
///green.throwaway.bookings	A696 - Minor road on left linking minor Bolam Lake road (turn LEFT).	46.9 Miles	L	This is a single track road and the surface is poor in places. Often used by farm machinery.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Marshal. Directional arrow (LEFT) positioned an appropriate distance before the left turn.

					
///flipping.voltages.outbursts	Minor road linking A696 with Bolam Lake road - M47 FINISH.	47 Miles	L	This is a single track road and the surface is poor in places. Often used by farm machinery.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marshal to assist Timekeeper. 2. Cycle Event sign approximately 100m beyond the finish line to warn oncoming traffic of cycle event finish location. 2. See Safety Notes to Riders. (the finish line is at the second farm gate on the left)

Requirements	
Marshals	13 (Minimum)
Event Signs	11
RH Directional Arrow	1
LH Directional Arrow	2



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References:

CTT GN22 – Risk Assessment