

## **Chapter 4**

# **Stage Racing**

## 4. Stage Racing

### 4A. Composition

**4A1.** A **stage race** is an event with a common entry, run on consecutive days, comprising a sequence of road races (i.e. individual road races, time trials, criteriums), in which the overall results are determined by cumulative time or points. Riders must successfully complete each stage in order to be eligible for the next one. In stage races by time, the sum of the riders' times for each stage determines the final results. In stage races by points, the sum of the riders' points for each stage determines the final results. Stage races shall be conducted in accordance with General Racing and Road Racing rules as modified by specific exceptions given below. The Race Directors, under the supervision of the Chief Referee, shall prepare a technical guide - a complete set of race regulations that specify how each stage will be conducted.

**4A2.** The race regulations shall specify the **maximum number of riders** per team and may specify a minimum number of riders in order for the team to start. Only one team may be entered in a stage race by any given club.

### 4B. Duration and Distance

**4B1.** The **maximum duration** is ten days of racing, except that National Tours may have up to twenty days of racing. At least one rest day is required if there are ten or more days of racing. Rest days are not included in the count of competition days and may not be used for transportation of riders.

**4B2.** A **prologue individual time trial** may be conducted and is included in the count of competition days. The results are used in determining individual general classification.

**4B3. Double Stages.** There may be at most two stages on any day. Races lasting four days or less may include no more than one day involving such a double stage. Races lasting five days or more may include no more than two days with double

stages and there must be at least two full days between them.

## **4C. Placings**

**4C1. Competitions in stage races by time.** The following placings are normally determined for stage races by time:

- (a)** Individual general classification
- (b)** Individual points classification
- (c)** Individual climbing classification
- (d)** Team general classification.

There also may be other special placings, such as most aggressive rider or best young rider or a combination of the two. Other forms of placing may be substituted for the various placing criteria cited above. Prizes are normally offered for both stage placings and for overall placings at the end of the stage race.

**4C2. Timing procedures.** Each stage shall be timed in the same manner as a single-day event, with stage results in seconds for massed-start events and seconds and fractions for time trials.

**(a)** In mass-start events, all riders of a group reaching the finish together shall be credited with the same time unless the group is drawn out, in which case a new time shall be recorded at each break in the group. The Chief Judge shall determine when such a break has occurred.

**(b)** A new time is assigned when there is a difference of one second or more between the back of the rear wheel of the last rider in a group and the front of the front wheel of the first rider of the following group.

**(c)** The fractions of a second from time trial stages are discarded before calculating team or individual general classification, so that general classification is calculated in whole seconds.

**(d)** If there is a team time trial, the race technical guide shall specify how the times for teams are determined. If the stage is included in individual general classification, the

technical guide shall specify how individual stage times are determined as well.

#### **4C3. Individual General Classification.**

**(a)** Each rider's general classification shall be calculated by summing that rider's time in all individual stages, taking into account any time bonuses and penalties. In case two or more riders are tied in their final general classifications, their order shall be determined by adding the fractions of a second from the individual time trial stages (including the prologue) back into the total time. If this does not resolve the tie, the next method is adding their places obtained in each stage. Should this not suffice to break the tie, their places in the final stage shall decide the order. Other methods for breaking ties may be used if specified in the race regulations.

**(b)** Time bonuses may only be awarded for massed-start stages. If bonuses are awarded they shall be (for first, second and third place):

finish:

stage:  $10'' - 6'' - 4''$

half-stage:  $6'' - 4'' - 2''$

intermediate sprints:  $3'' - 2'' - 1''$

These bonuses are doubled for stage races with a duration of more than 14 days.

No bonuses for intermediate sprints may be awarded during stages or half-stages unless a bonus is also awarded at the finish.

#### **4C4. Individual Points Classification.**

**(a)** Placings in the points classification shall be determined by adding the points awarded at each stage. If the race regulations do not specify a different scale of points, the following shall apply to the 1st to 15th places respectively in all except time trial stages: 25, 20, 16, 14, 12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 point. In time trial stages, the following

points scale shall apply to the 1st to 10th places respectively: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 point.

**(b)** In order to qualify for a points classification prize, a rider must have completed the race.

**(c)** In the event of a tie in the general individual classification by points, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the riders are separated: 1. number of stage wins; 2. number of wins in intermediate sprints counting for the general classification on points; 3. general individual classification by time.

#### **4C5. Individual Climbing Classification.**

**(a)** The best climber shall be determined by adding the points awarded at the top of hill-climbs specified in the race regulations. If the regulations do not mention any specific scale of points, those given below shall apply.

**Category 1** (over 1000 meters): 15, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 point for the first 10 riders to reach the top.

**Category 2** (600 to 1000 meters): 10, 8, 6, 4, 3, 2 and 1 point to the first 7 riders to reach the top.

**Category 3** (300 to 599 meters): 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 point to the first five riders to reach the top.

**(b)** To be eligible for the prize for best climber, the winner must have completed the race.

**(c)** If two or more riders have an equal number of climbing points, the rider having obtained the highest number of first places at the top of Category 1 climbs shall be declared the winner. Should the riders still be equal, their order shall be determined by the number of first places obtained at the top of Category 2 climbs. If necessary, reference may even be made to the number of first places obtained at the top of Category 3 climbs. If still tied, the rider with the better placing in the individual general classification by time will be the winner.

**4C6. Team General Classifications** are obtained by adding the three best times made by members of a given team during each stage, omitting time bonuses and penalties,

except that the Chief Referee may choose to apply some penalties and shall announce them in the results.

**(a)** If two or more teams make the same time in any given stage, their order in the team daily classification shall be determined by the total number of places obtained by the three best riders of each team in the placings for that stage. If the teams are still tied, they shall be separated by the placing of their best rider on the stage finish.

**(b)** If two or more teams have equal general classifications, their order shall be determined by the number of first places in the daily team classification obtained by each team, then by the number of second places in the daily team classification and so forth until such time as the number of places obtained by one or other of the teams permits their final placings to be determined. If there is still a draw, the teams shall be separated by the placing of their best rider in the general individual classification.

**(c)** Any team depleted to less than three riders shall be excluded from team general classifications.

#### **4C7. Competitions in stage races on points.**

**(a)** The primary competition is individual general classification. It is calculated by summing points won in stage finishes and in intermediate sprints and subtracting any point penalties. Prizes are generally offered for individual stage finishes and final individual general classification.

**(b)** Different stages may have different schedules of points. There may also be points awarded for mid-race sprints. The race technical guide should specify the schedule of points to be used, and the method of breaking ties. If no schedule is specified, the default is points to the top 15 places: 25, 20, 16, 14, 12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 point. The default method of breaking ties is the finish order in the most recent stage.

**(c)** Point penalties may be imposed. Specific penalties may be specified in the race technical guide, or the race jury may adapt the penalties for stage races on time by converting them to points.

**(d)** There may be other competitions, such as sprints, climbing or team classification. The format of the competition should be specified in the technical guide.

## **4D. Equipment**

**4D1.** All riders of a given team shall wear **identical jerseys** in all stages; however, the race leader and each leader in other categories shall wear special jerseys provided by the Race Director, provided that one is supplied that fits the rider concerned. Leadership jerseys may bear only the name of the race and the special classification and may be worn only for the duration of the race and as long as the leadership lasts.

**4D2. Rider and Frame Numbers.** All entrants shall use the rider and frame numbers provided by the Race Director. All riders shall, unless physically impossible, fit to the front of their bicycle frames the plate bearing the same number as appears on their back number.

## **4E. Special Procedures**

### **4E1. Start.**

**(a)** For individual events, unless stated otherwise in the race regulations, riders and support vehicles shall be present at the signature checkpoint at least 15 minutes before the announced time of the start and sign-in shall close ten minutes before the announced starting time. Any rider appearing after this shall incur a penalty. Each rider shall sign in personally; if anyone else signs in for a given rider, that rider shall be penalized.

**(b)** The line-up at the start will usually be in the order of the rider numbers or, for time trial stages, in the inverted order of the individual or team general classification.

### **4E2. Road Course.**

**(a)** Any change in route shall be decided jointly by the Chief Referee, the technical director and the Race Director. Once adopted, such a decision shall be immediately transmitted to all Team Managers and they, in turn, shall be obliged to

append their signatures to the notice informing them of the change of route.

**(b)** Should some or all riders head off in the wrong direction, the Race Director's staff shall do all in their power to redirect such riders back to the correct route at the point at which they left it, but they shall not be held responsible for routing errors by riders. Should such riders be in the lead, but the redirecting back to the correct route cancels that lead, no account may be taken of that loss as all riders are expected to know the route to be followed and shall bear full responsibility for any such incidents.

**(c)** Signs marking the distance to go shall be placed at 10, 5, 3, and 1 Km from the finish line or timer's post, and the 1 Km sign shall be marked with a red flare or red flag.

#### **4E3. Finish.**

**(a)** In the case of a **group finish**, the Chief Judge shall attempt to place as many riders as possible and those who follow shall be placed equal up to the point where individual riders can again be identified. Photo-finish results should be used as much as possible to obtain an accurate order of finish.

**(b)** A rider who suffers a mishap in the last three kilometers of a road race stage or after free laps have ended in a criterium stage shall be given the same finish time as the riders he was with at the time of the mishap, provided that the mishap was observed by a race official. The rider shall be given his actual place across the finish line, or last in the stage if he is unable to cross the line.

This rule shall not apply in cases of a hill climb finish, except if the mishap occurred before the climb. The race commission shall determine the applicability of the rule to particular stages and circumstances.

**(c)** Whenever a road race **finishes on a circuit** of 10 km or less, no more than one circuit should be ridden. On a circuit of 2 to 5 km, only technical support vehicles are permitted on the circuit. On a circuit of 2 km or less, the riders' times shall be taken at the entrance to the circuit and no vehicles will be

permitted on the circuit except those of the referees. Inasmuch as riders who finish in a group and are out of contention for prizes are considered equal, they need only take a lap of honor to be considered finished.

**(d) Riders must finish each stage within a time limit** equal to the winners time plus a percentage, as specified in the race regulations; if no percentage has been specified, 20% shall be used. However, if the number of riders beyond this time cut exceeds 20% of those who started the stage, then the time cut may be extended if so decided by the Chief Referee after consultation with the Race Director. Naturally, all riders finishing within the revised deadline shall qualify for the following stages without this setting a precedent for subsequent stages. Under no circumstances may the officials reinstate a rider who finishes after the time cut.

**4E4. Neutralizations.** Should an incident or accident occur that interferes with the proper conduct of the race, the officials may decide to take any of the following actions:

- (1)** Temporarily neutralize the race;
- (2)** Restart the race, beginning with sign-in; or,
- (3)** Cancel the stage and any results of that stage.

#### **4E5. Individual Time Trial Stages.**

**(a)** Individual time trial rules given above in Road Racing rules will generally be used.

**(b)** The **starting order** shall be the inverse of general classification on the previous day, with the last rider starting first. However, the officials may change the starting order in order to avoid having two riders from the same team following one another. When a time trial stage is held on the first day, possibly as a prologue, the starting order shall be determined by a drawing of lots by the teams and the order of riders within each team shall be determined by the team manager.

**(c)** If a rider has a **mishap** observed by an official during a prologue time trial and cannot finish the race, he or she may nonetheless participate in the race the following day and will be given the time of the slowest rider to finish the prologue.

**4E6. Team Time Trial Stages.** Team time trial rules given in Road Racing Rules will generally be used. No time cut shall be imposed in this event and placings shall count only for the team general classification and the awarding of prizes for team placings, except that any riders with finish times more than 20% slower than their team shall be penalized in their individual general classifications by the amount of time by which they exceeded the 20% deadline.

**4E7.** Time adjustments in **criterium stages** shall be computed as follows, except that further adjustments may be made at the discretion of the Chief Referee in unusual circumstances.

**(a)** In a criterium stage where lapped riders are permitted to finish, they should be assigned a time penalty that is the rider's average lap time multiplied by the number of laps the rider is down at the finish.

This adjusted time may be computed as follows:

- A =  $F \times L / (L - D)$ , where:  
A = adjusted finish time of the lapped rider  
F = actual finish time of the lapped rider  
L = total number of laps in race  
D = number of laps this rider was behind the leaders at the finish.

**(b)** In a criterium stage where riders who are about to be lapped are required to withdraw, they should be assigned estimated finish times assuming that they would have continued to lose laps at the same rate.

The following formula may be used to compute the estimated finish time:

- A =  $W + W / (L - R)$ , where:  
A = adjusted finish time of the withdrawn rider  
W = finish time of the winner of the race  
L = total number of laps in race  
R = number of laps to go in the race at the time the rider was about to be lapped.

## **4F. Conduct of Participants**

**4F1. Race regulations.** Every participant in a stage race shall be expected to read the race regulations before the start. By registering in the race, participants acknowledge the regulations and accept the provisions thereof.

### **4F2. Registration.**

**(a)** The licenses of category 1 and 2 riders shall be submitted to the officials at registration, usually by the Team Manager. These licenses will be held until the race ends or an individual is released from the race.

**(b)** In Category A races, every Team Manager must hold a valid license, which shall be submitted at registration.

**4F3. Managers Meeting.** The race commission and a representative of the Race Director shall meet the Team Managers and, if possible, the assistant officials, to comment on the regulations of the event and, if necessary, to draw lots to determine the order of cars for the first stage. Should the assistant officials not attend the meeting, they shall meet the referees separately before the race and be given all necessary instructions.

**4F4.** The **Team Manager** shall:

**(a)** Promptly respond to any summons issued by the race commission and represent the team in negotiations with the Race Directors and officials;

**(b)** Ensure that team members arrive promptly for the start of each stage;

**(c)** Ensure that team members adhere to the race regulations;

**(d)** File protests regarding incidents affecting team placings, doing so in accordance with the procedures and deadlines set forth in the regulations.

### **4F5. Assistance.**

**(a)** Riders may assist each other with minor services such as lending or exchanging food, drink, tools, glasses and accessories. The loan or exchange of tires, wheels, or bicycles is permitted only between members of the same team.

Assistance provided or accepted by riders from different teams shall be subject to disciplinary action [disqualification and 15 days suspension].

**(b)** Only members of a rider's team may drop back to assist or pace a rider who has suffered a mishap.

#### **4F6. Withdrawal.**

**(a)** Any rider dropping out of the race shall immediately remove his or her racing numbers and shall board the sag wagon unless seriously injured or gravely sick. The sag wagon is the only vehicle authorized to pick up riders unable to continue the race.

**(b)** If a rider drops out of a stage race he or she may not, before the end of that race, ride in any other event unless specifically authorized to do so by the race officials and the Race Director of the original event.

**4F7. Protest.** Any protest must be submitted in writing, accompanied by a deposit as specified in the Schedule of Fees, and be filed with the race commission within the following deadlines:

**(a)** Concerning placings: no later than the close of sign-in for the next stage;

**(b)** Concerning an incident during the race: no later than one hour after the finish;

**(c)** Concerning the final general placings: up to 15 minutes after the official announcement;

**(d)** Concerning prizes owed to riders: up to one month after the official announcement.

#### **4G. Race Commission**

**4G1. Functions.** Competitive aspects of stage races shall be directed by a race commission, which will be composed of three or five officials, including the Chief Referee. The Chief Referee chairs the race commission and supervises the Chief Judge and other supporting officials.

**(a)** The race commission shall hear and decide on all protests received and shall also decide on all matters of a

competitive nature that are not covered by the regulations. They may issue any additional instructions that may be required.

**(b)** The race commission shall, in performing its functions, discuss in private and impose such penalties as they deem proper in accordance with the regulations. The assistant officials may be consulted for their opinion but shall not participate in discussion of the race commission. If a unanimous decision is not reached, the decision shall be made by a majority vote.

**(c)** All decisions adopted by the race commission shall be transmitted to the Race Directors, who shall be responsible for informing Team Managers and members of the press.

**(d)** The referees shall authorize or forbid the progress of support vehicles that wish to move up to the front of the race. Where necessary, they shall prevent support vehicles from providing pace for lagging riders.

**4G2. The Chief Judge** shall determine the racing time of each rider in each stage. At least one judge shall continue timing finishes until the sag wagon arrives.

**4G3.** The **Starter** shall call all the riders to the start, or have them called by an assistant but under the starter's responsibility, and shall sign the start checklist. Any participant not noted by the starter shall be deemed not to have ridden and shall not be included in the placings.

**4G4. Assistant officials** are responsible for noting irregularities or offenses and for reporting to the race commission thereon. They may follow the race, either in the support vehicles or on motorcycles provided by the Race Director. They may not take any disciplinary measure against riders for incidents relating to the race but, on completion of each stage, they shall submit a signed report to the referees.

## **4H. Penalties**

**4H1. Disqualification.** Penalties for offenses identified elsewhere in USA Cycling regulations generally apply to stage

aces, but certain penalties are modified as specified below. Nevertheless, the following offenses, among others, will normally result in disqualification from the race and are subject to any other penalties specified elsewhere:

- (a)** Behavior dangerous to the rider or other competitors;
- (b)** Holding on to a motor vehicle;
- (c)** Failing to ride the entire course, by taking a short cut, riding in a motor vehicle, or by other means;
- (d)** Pulling or pushing another rider or another rider's equipment during a sprint;
- (e)** Willfully removing helmet during the race;
- (f)** Fraud or attempted fraud during the race;
- (g)** Passing through a road closure;
- (h)** Assaulting a competitor, an official or a third party;
- (i)** Conspiracy to cause any race to result other than on its merits;
- (j)** Engaging in grossly unsportsmanlike conduct;
- (k)** Using prohibited drugs.

#### **4H2. Scale of Penalties.**

**(a)** The race commission shall take disciplinary measures in accordance with the scale of penalties, given below, which indicates the minimum penalty applicable [except for 1C5]. The race commission may increase and extend such fines or time penalties according to the gravity of the offenses committed. Disciplinary measures may also be taken by the race commission with respect to offenses which do not appear on the scale of penalties.

- (b)** Fines and penalties shall be progressively applied to riders committing more than one offense, even in a single stage;
- (c)** Relegations affect stage placings but all other disciplinary measures and time penalties affect only general classification. However, the race commission may choose to apply some time penalties to team G.C.
- (d)** The fines listed below in 4H3-18 may be replaced by warnings and time penalties; this may be appropriate at events of category C or lower.

**4H3.** Failure to respect instructions by the Race Administration or the commissaires  
Rider: \$20 to \$70; other license-holder: \$35 to \$150

**4H4. Start**

- (a) Failure to report at starting time [warning];
- (b) Failure to sign the starting or finishing sheet: \$20 fine

**4H5. Bicycle.**

- (a) Arriving at the start with an illegal bicycle  
Start refused
- (b) Use of an illegal bicycle during a race  
Disqualification

**4H6. Clothing**

- (a) Wearing non-essential clothing  
Start refused
- (b) Arriving at the start without a regulation helmet  
Start refused
- (c) Removal or improper wearing of a helmet during a race  
Disqualification and \$35 fine
- (d) Putting on or removing clothing contrary to the regulations
  - Rider \$20 fine
  - Manager \$70 fine
- (e) Using a mobile phone during a race  
\$35 fine

**4H7. Numbers and Frameplates**

- (a) Number or frameplate altered, mutilated, badly positioned, or covered at the finish:
  - First offense: \$20 fine
  - Second offense: \$35 fine
  - Third offense: disqualification
- (b) Rider abandoning the race without returning the race number and informing the officials  
\$35 fine

**4H8 Illegal assistance**

- (a) Exchange of bicycles or wheels between riders of different teams

First offense:	\$70 fine and 2 minute penalty to each
Second offense:	\$70 fine and 5 minute penalty to each
Third offense:	\$70 fine and 10 minute penalty to each
Fourth offense:	Disqualification

**(b)** Handslings and pushing between teammates  
 \$70 fine and 10 seconds per offense. If during the final Km of a stage, \$70 fine, 30 seconds, and relegation to last place in the group.

**(c)** Handslings and pushing between riders on different teams

First Offense:	\$70 fine and 1 minute penalty.
Second Offense:	Disqualification
During last stage:	Disqualification

**(d)** Being pushed by a spectator  
 Warning

**(e)** Illegal assistance to another rider during a circuit finish

First offense:	\$70 fine and relegation to back of group
Second offense:	\$70 fine and disqualification
During final stage:	\$70 fine and disqualification

**(f)** Pushing off of a vehicle  
 \$20 fine and 10 seconds per offense.

**(g)** Non-regulation mechanical or medical assistance  
 Rider

First offense:	Warning
Second offense:	\$20 fine
Following offenses:	\$70 fine
During last 20 Km	\$35 fine, one minute penalty, and relegation to back of group
Other licensee:	\$70 fine

**(h)** Follower leaning or holding supplies out of a vehicle

First offense: \$140 fine

Second offense: \$350 fine

**(i)** Motorcycle carrying equipment other than wheels

\$70 fine and disqualification to driver

#### **4H9 Sprints**

**(a)** Failure to maintain line during a sprint or other irregularities

First offense: \$35 fine and relegated to back of group

Second offense: \$70 fine, relegated to back of group, and 1 minute penalty

Third offense: \$140 fine and disqualification

**(b)** Extremely dangerous behavior in a sprint

\$140 fine and disqualification

#### **4H10 Illegal contact between riders and obstruction**

**(a)** Pulling on the jersey of a competitor

\$35 fine and 10 seconds per offense

**(b)** Pulling on the jersey of a competitor during the last Km of a stage

First offense: \$70 fine and 20 second penalty

Second offense: \$70 fine and disqualification

During final stage: \$70 fine and disqualification

**(c)** Obstruction of a rider or team car

Rider

First offense: \$35 fine and 10 second penalty

Second offense: \$50 fine and disqualification

During last Km: \$70 fine, 30 second penalty and relegation to back of group

During last stage or against a rider in the top ten:  
\$70 fine and disqualification

#### **4H11 Course deviations and road closures**

**(a)** Willful deviation of the course, attempting to be placed without covering the entire course, or resuming the race after being transported by a vehicle

\$70 fine and disqualification

**(b)** Unintentional course detour that constituted an advantage

Disqualification

**(c)** Passing a railroad crossing that is already closed or another official road closure

Disqualification

**(d)** Failure to obey traffic laws when the course is not closed to traffic, such as the crossing of a centerline without advancing position or being a hazard to traffic [waiver of warning, more severe penalty if position improved or hazardous];

1st offense: warning

2nd offense: 30 seconds penalty

subsequent offenses: 1 minute

#### **4H12 Fraud or attempted fraud**

Rider

First offense: \$70 fine and 10 minute penalty

Second offense or during last stage:  
\$70 fine and disqualification

Other licensee: \$70 fine and disqualification

#### **4H13 Towing and Drafting**

**(a)** Rider holding onto his team's vehicle

Rider: \$70 fine and disqualification

- Manager: \$70 fine, disqualification, and team vehicle eliminated from the event
- (b) Rider holding onto other vehicle  
 Rider: \$70 fine and disqualification  
 Other licensee: \$70 fine, disqualification, and elimination of the vehicle if it was another team's vehicle
- (c) Brief drafting off of a vehicle  
 Warning
- (d) Prolonged drafting off of a vehicle  
 Rider: \$35 fine and 20 second penalty. Disqualification in extreme cases  
 Other licensee: \$70 fine
- 4H14 Feeding**
- (a) Unauthorized feeding (outside zone or distance specified)  
 Rider  
 In first 50 Km: \$35 fine  
 In last 20 Km: \$35 fine and 20 seconds per offense  
 Third offense: \$100 fine  
 Other licensee: \$100 fine
- (b) Irregular feeding  
 Rider: \$15 fine  
 Other licensee: \$35 fine
- (c) Theft of food or drink  
 \$200 fine
- (d) Carrying glass containers  
 \$20 fine
- (e) Illegal or dangerous tossing of an object  
 First offense: \$20 fine  
 Subsequent offenses: \$20 to \$80 (can be applied to team if rider cannot be identified)

- (f) Discarding a glass object  
\$35 fine and disqualification

#### **4H15 Caravan Violations**

- (a) Breach of regulations concerning vehicle movements  
\$70 fine to driver
- (b) Obstructing an official vehicle
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| Rider:          | \$15 fine |
| Other licensee: | \$35 fine |
- (c) Abandoning a commissaire riding in a team car  
\$150 fine
- (d) Failure to respect instructions of commissaires or race administration
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| Rider:          | \$20 to \$70 fine   |
| Other Licensee: | \$35 to \$150 fine and<br>vehicle sent to the back of<br>the caravan for the<br>duration of the stage and<br>possibly for 1 to 3 stages<br>depending on the severity. |

#### **4H16 Threats and Violence**

- (a) Insults, threats and rude behavior  
\$35 to \$150 fine
- (b) Acts of violence among riders  
\$70 fine per offence, 1 minute penalty, or  
disqualification for serious offenses
- (c) Acts of violence towards other people
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| Rider:          | \$70 fine and<br>disqualification |
| Other licensee: | \$700 fine                        |

#### **4H17 Finish Procedures**

- (a) Recrossing the finish line while still wearing a number  
Warning
- (b) Failure to attend official ceremonies when required  
\$70 fine and forfeit of prizes
- (c) Demonstration or collusion to avoid being eliminated  
\$35 to \$150

#### **4H18 Time Trial Stages**

(a) Rider failing to maintain required distance behind or to the side, drafting:

\$20 fine and time penalty according to table

(b) Vehicle failing to maintain 10 meter gap behind rider

Rider: 20 second penalty

Driver: \$70 fine

(c) Breach of regulations concerning warm up circuits

Rider: \$20 fine

Other licensee: \$70 fine

Race Director: \$120 fine

#### **4H19 Team Time Trial Stages**

(a) Team starting before all members are present

10 minute penalty

(b) Riders failing to maintain required distance behind or to the side, drafting:

\$20 fine to each rider and time penalty according to Table 2

(c) Vehicle failing to maintain 10 meter gap behind rider

Riders: 20 second penalty to each

Driver: \$70 fine

(d) Breach of regulations concerning warm up circuits

Rider: \$20 fine

Other licensee: \$70 fine

Race Director: \$120 fine

(e) Pushing among members of the same team

1 minute penalty to stage placing of each rider and \$35 fine to each