



INTERNATIONAL CYCLING UNION

For the attention of UCI Organisers

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Dear Organiser,

As we reminded you in our letter of 21 January, communication between riders and sports directors using two-way radio (earpieces) has been prohibited for HC and Class 1 events in 2011.

Apparently the widespread use of two-way radio in recent years has made many people forget, or at least reduce the importance of, the role of the organiser with regards to communication and information as well as the provision of information resources to the riders and teams (Technical Guide, etc.).

These resources are vital tools and as a result the information that they contain must be accurate.

We would thus like to ask you to pay particular attention to the following points:

- The communication of time gaps,
- Signalling obstacles,
- The description of the route.

Communication of time gaps

You must ensure the correct use of the **blackboard motorbike** so that riders can rapidly receive information on the different time gaps between the various groups.

When the gap between the break and the peloton is less than 3 minutes, the blackboard motorbike keeps both the break and peloton informed.

When gap rises above 3 minutes, the blackboard motorbike stays in front of the peloton and provides information on the gap to the break. The riders in the break are informed either by the commissaires, sports directors or motorbike escort accompanying the breakaway.

Signalling obstacles

Particular attention must be paid to the **quality of your mobile escort** to signal obstacles (reconnaissance vehicle; number of motorbike escort riders with yellow flags and whistles; experience of motorbike escort riders). Please also refer to Chapter 4, Part C.1 to C.4 of the Organiser's Guide to Road Events.

The description of the route – Technical Guide

The Technical Guide plays an essential role in the riders' preparation for a race. It is the resource which provides them with all the essential information that they need: they have to familiarise themselves with the route before the start of the race.

Consequently, we request you to consider this information resource as a priority matter. Many riders have informed us that all too often Technical Guides are incomplete, inaccurate or even contain errors.

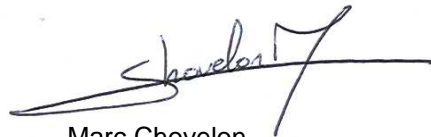
The information provided by the Guide must be specific and very accurate. The following points deserve special attention:

- the profile and exact distance of the event or stage,
- detailed map and profile of the last 3 kilometres,
- an accurate list of the obstacles on the route,
- a list of the strategic points of the route (feed stations, sprints, climbs counting towards the mountains competition, etc.) and their exact distances in kilometres

An example Technical Guide is provided in the Organiser's Guide to Road Events, Chapter 4, I-1.

A greater importance will be allocated to these points in the evaluation of events in 2011.

Please accept our kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chovelon', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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