

Race Rules

This race series is to help develop riders' fitness and racing skills. Races will be carried out in a safe manner with respect for others safety.

Full details about the Waterloo Cycling Clubs general risk management plan can be found on the clubs website [here](#). What follows below is a basic description of the race series and the rules it will follow to help ensure the activity is safe for everyone.

Requirements - Riders entering the series either need race experience, attend a "qualifier ride" and be approved by experienced racers/ride leaders.

Learn to Crit will be starting in June or July and will act as a qualifier.

The WCC Tuesday Bamberg and the Thursday Threshold rides can also act as qualifiers if you talk to one of the ride leaders, express your interest in attending the club race series and have them watch and give you advice if needed during the ride. We can then talk to those ride leaders and get their approval.

Races - Number of categories will depend on interest, we'll have to strongly encourage people to sign up in advance. We'll run three races, "Learn to Race" and C will start at 9 am. The C category is for riders at an intermediate or recreational ride pace. The A and B will start at 9:45 am, with the A's going first followed by the B's a minute later. A is for group 1 or 2 riders and B is for group 3 or below.

Riders for different categories are not to mix or draft off each other while on course racing.

Finish Line - We'll have a start/finish volunteer to display a lap counter and take a slow motion video of the finish for each category. We'll capture the top three of each race to start with the potential to expand results and maybe tracking points in future years.

Corners - Where the riders don't have the right-of-way we will have a volunteer watching for traffic. If the road is clear the volunteer waves riders through. Course marshals will be using either flags (green and red) or a red flashing light to signal.

If there's traffic the group or individual riders must neutralize until they are 200m past the corner. The 200m point will be marked on the road with spray paint. This will be strictly enforced, three warnings across the year and you're no longer allowed to enter the series. The same with the yellow rule line and any dangerous riding. This series is all about getting a workout, learning and being respectful of others. Safety comes first.

Traffic - Any traffic encountered at a corner will be dealt with as explained above. The yellow line rule will be strictly enforced, so traffic passing a racing group and a racing group passing a vehicle are the primary concerns. If a car is approaching from behind the group or individuals will have to neutralize, ride tight to the right and help the vehicle pass. Racing may resume once the vehicle has fully and safely passed all the riders in a group.

If a racing group or individual is passing a vehicle, most likely a horse and buggy, they should neutralize 50 m before the pass, move over as much as possible so as not to risk any collision or startle a horse, and only resume racing a minimum of 50 m later or when the group is back together as it was before.

Rules Enforcement/Penalties - The above rules will be strictly enforced, three warnings across the year and you're no longer allowed to enter the series. The same with the yellow rule line and any dangerous riding. This series is all about getting a workout, learning and being respectful of others. Safety comes first.