

	Masters and Ladies Cycling Club Lead Car Duty	Document Date: August 2007
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Report to the Race Organiser at the Trailer at the race venue 30 minutes before the start. You must have your cellphone with you, charged and on. Please make sure you have enough time to complete your duty properly and that you have sufficient petrol in your car.

Equipment to be used from the trailer

- Orange safety bib
- Red flag
- Revolving light
- Notice Boards for car

Remember to return these items to the trailer before you go home

The lead car is one of the most important safety functions that take place at every race. The purpose of the lead car is NOT to indicate the route to the leading bunch of riders, but is there to control traffic and warn oncoming traffic of potential dangerous situations.

Which group of riders does the lead car travel in front of?

- In Mass Starts the mass group will be lead.
- Normally A group should be lead, but because of the size of the C group, the C group may be lead in some races. If A group is larger than C group, A group will be lead. The decision of which group must be lead will be taken on the morning of the race by the race organiser and depends on the size of the groups. Please consult with the race organiser at the start and be clear on which group you will lead.

What are my responsibilities?

- Flashing orange light to put on the roof / outside window
- Driver must have a red marshal flag
- Vehicle must have its headlights on
- Vehicle must have its emergency flashing lights on
- You need to be very familiar with the race route. You need to identify possible dangerous or blind corners and rises before the race starts.
- Formulate possible actions that you will be taking for each possible danger that may arise.
- You need to warn oncoming vehicles of the bunch of cyclists that are approaching.
- You need to travel \pm 300 meters in front of the leading cyclist.

- You need to sum up each section on the road according to the possible dangers.
- Example: on a blind rise be far enough in front of the bunch so that you can stop in the road and pull off oncoming vehicles. When you see the bunch coming over the rise you must have sufficient time to pull away again without slowing the bunch down.. On a blind corner you need to be far enough around the corner to warn oncoming vehicles but move on as soon as you see the bunch coming.
- As the lead car **you have authority** to flag down oncoming vehicles so that they either stop completely or slow down significantly.
- Flag down oncoming vehicles by waving the red marshal flag out of the driver's window to attract attention.
- Drive slightly over the white line. Do not encroach that far so that you put yourself or others in danger but do it with caution

What do I do if there is a crash in the bunch?

- Immediately stop. Stop or slow down oncoming traffic and prevent the oncoming vehicles from crashing into the accident scene.
- Depending on the accident situation you need to notify the race organiser and continue with the lead car function as soon as possible.

What do I do at the finish line?

- After you have crossed the finish line, stop about 100 meters beyond the finish line past the cards chute. At the Cows Corner finish on top of the Third Sister, park across the road to block oncoming traffic; this will ensure no oncoming vehicle will interfere with a sprint finish if the cyclists spread across the road. Finishes at Seaview Road, Fairview and Wyndomayne are "less dangerous" than at Cows Corner and should not require the same actions.
- The decision what you do and not do after the finish, must be summed up and decided upon at the finish. Remember safety first. Your safety, the cyclist's safety and any other road users' safety.

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