






West DC: Risk Assessment


Cycling Time Trials – West DC Course Risk Assessment Document. The measures to reduce risk identified in the right hand column must be included on the start sheet or implemented for the duration of the event as applicable. Failure to comply with the requirements of this document may result in approval being withheld with respect to subsequent race promotions by the promoting club.

(CTT Guidance Note 22 – Appendix 2 – Issue 2 September 2011 provides additional advice)

Course/Road(s) Assessed: A38 Woodford – A38 Slimbridge - Stone	Course: U7 x Distance (in miles): 12.2 Miles
Date of Assessment/Review: 22 March 2023	Name of Assessor: Paul Winchcombe
<p>Course Description: Incorporates the U7B '10' course and U17 course without the Berkeley loop. Starts and finishes as per the U17 course. Start at splay at northern end of bus stop at Woodford (GR 690958). North on A38 to Slimbridge RAB where turn and retrace past start to Stone. Finish at 2nd drain cover past Catherine Villa (white house next to garage) (GR684949) (25 miles).</p> <p>Link: https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/race-details/25536</p> <p>All images are hyperlinked to Google Street View</p>	
<p>Traffic Flows: Traffic flows are low and no issues have been encountered.</p>	
<p>Course / Event History: Course first used in February 2023 but is based on courses in use since 2010 with no significant issues.</p>	

No.	Distance / Location	Risk/Hazard	Level of Risk (Low/ Med/ High)	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
1	General Requirements	Time/Traffic Volume meets CTT Standards	Low	Traffic Counts undertaken: well within limits.
a) Falfield or Stone village hall to start of U17				
2	Village hall	Riders turning left to join A38 north	Medium	Cycle Event Warning signs on A38 approaching village hall in both directions

3	A38 – Start at Woodford	<p>Riders at start point.</p> 	Low	<p>Start Observer. Warning on start sheet – no U-turns. Cycle Event Warning signs on A38 approaching start</p>
b) Start to turn off A38 onto minor road to Wanswell				
4	Junction with Berkeley Road B4066	<p>Riders continue on A38; traffic and riders completing circuits joining A38</p> 	Medium	<p>Cycle Event Warning sign on A38 south of junction (No observer required as riders no longer turn left back on to A38)</p>
5	A38 through Newport	<p>Vehicles exiting/entering numerous laybys, residential driveways and public house access in Newport village</p>	Low	<p>Warning on start sheet</p>
c) Turn off A38 onto minor road to Wanswell, B4066 Berkeley bypass				
6	Junction with B4066 from Berkeley	<p>Riders carry straight on A38</p> 	Low	<p>Cycle Event Warning signs on A38 on south and north approaches to the junction and on minor road approach to junction. (Optional observer not required as riders no longer turn left back on to B4066)</p>

d) A38 Berkeley Junction to Slimbridge Roundabout				
7	Car Auctions road layout	Road narrows; traffic may turn right across riders into car auctions premises	Medium	Warning on Start Sheet; Cycle Event Warning Sign on northbound approach
8	Slimbridge roundabout – turn	2 Lane approach (north bound), Riders changing lanes. Traffic joining roundabout. Riders in centre of carriageway so as to turn 	Medium	Observer on joining road from East; Turn sign; Cycle Event Warning Signs on all approaches
e) A38 Slimbridge Roundabout to Finish				
9	Car Auctions road layout	Road narrows; traffic may turn right into car auctions premises	Medium	As 7
10	Finish past Stone	Riders sprinting to finish	Medium	See 11
11	Finish	Road Users – riders performing U turns after the finish	Medium	Warning on start sheet not to perform 'U' turns at the finish. Also a note to be aware of surroundings and other road users at the finish. Cycle Event Warning sign on northbound side south of the finish area.

Notes

1. The use of a vehicle for the timekeeper(s) at start and finish is where appropriate and is only identified as an example for the action to be taken
2. The small junctions or entrances to farms/ facilities (garage, eatery, etc) that are not identified in this risk assessment have been considered, however are not considered significant to pose a risk and therefore have not been noted.
3. The course should not be used on public bank holiday weekends or when there are major local events or traffic may be diverted of the M5 unless an early start is used. E.g. Womad, Badminton, Polo Competition, Air Show, etc

This document remains live and any changes to the items listed above or new hazards/risk that arise should be notified to the district committee at the earliest opportunity. This document was last updated in February 2006.

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