

Statutory Document No 154/97

ROAD RACES ACT 1982

SOUTHERN BICYCLE ROAD RACE ORDER 1997

Coming into Operation: 21st May 1997

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Transport by Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Races Act 1982 (a), and of all other enabling powers, on the application of the Manx Viking Wheelers Cycling Club, the following Order is hereby made:-

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Southern Bicycle Road Races Order 1997, and shall come into operation on the 21st May 1997.

Interpretation

2. In this Order:-

"the Clerk of the Course" means the official so designated by the promoter in the Official Programme of the Manx Cycling Week and includes (in the absence of the Clerk of the Course) any Deputy Clerk of the Course so designated;

"the Course" means the roads and portions of roads set out and described in the Schedule and includes parts of the Course;

"the Department" means the Department of Transport;

"marshal" means a marshal appointed by the Chief Constable under section 3 of the Road Races Act 1982;

"promoter" means the Manx Viking Wheelers Cycling Club;

"race day" means the day specified in Article 4;

"race period" means the period of time specified in Article 4 when the Course (subject to Article 3) is closed to traffic in order to permit racing and purposes incidental thereto.

Closure of Course to traffic and suspension of right of way

3. During the race period on the race day the Course shall, subject to sub-paragraphs (a) to (g) and to Article 5 be closed to, and the right of way thereover suspended, for all traffic other than:-

- (a) persons appointed as officials for the practices or races and vehicles approved for their conveyance by the Clerk of the Course;
- (b) constables, special constables and marshals and vehicles approved for their conveyance by the Clerk of the Course;
- (c) bicycles and cyclists engaged in the races and their attendants;
- (d) His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and persons and vehicles forming part of the official race party and persons in attendance upon His Excellency and vehicles for their conveyance;
- (e) press representatives, photographers and observers approved by the promoter, who are wearing the appropriate official armband or permit issued by or on behalf of the promoter;
- (f) such other persons as the Department or Chief Constable may authorise in writing;
- (g) such other vehicles as are approved by the Clerk of the Course.

Use of Course for bicycle races

4. The Course may be used for bicycle races on 18th June 1997, from the hour of 1.00 p.m. until the races are officially notified as completed in accordance with Article 7 or until the hour of 3.30 p.m., whichever shall be the earlier.

Provision for traffic movement

5. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Article 3:

- (a) pedestrian traffic shall be permitted to cross or proceed along the Course for short distances during the race period at such points as may be sanctioned by the Chief Constable with the approval of the Clerk of the Course, but only at such time and place and in such direction as may be permitted by a constable, special constable or marshal and not otherwise or elsewhere;
- (b) vehicular traffic shall be permitted to cross the Course during the race period at such points as may be sanctioned by the Chief Constable with the approval of the Clerk of the Course, but only at such time and place as may be permitted by a constable or special constable and not otherwise or elsewhere;
- (c) in emergencies, vehicles shall be permitted to proceed along the Course for short distances during the race period at such points as may be sanctioned by the Chief Constable with the approval of the Clerk of the Course, but only at such time and place and such direction as may be permitted by a constable or special constable and not otherwise or elsewhere.

Duty of promoter to erect barriers and diversion signs

6. (1) It shall be the duty of the promoter to ensure that the barriers and diversion signs referred to in paragraph 2 of the Schedule are placed in position on the race day as soon as possible after the time specified at which the Course shall be closed to traffic and before the Course is used for races.

(2) In a case where a barrier consists of a rope stretched across the road, the promoter shall cause a suitable red flag to be attached to the barrier to give adequate warning of the position of the barrier to persons using the road.

Duty of the Clerk of the Course to notify completion of racing

7. On completion of racing earlier than the race period specified in Article 4 or in any event, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Course (or the senior police officer present in consultation with the Clerk of the Course) to ensure that such completion is officially notified to the public with all reasonable expedition and for such purpose an official motor vehicle displaying in a prominent position a notice with the words "Roads Open" thereon shall proceed around the Course. The passing of any part of the Course by such vehicle shall be the official notification of the completion of the races as regards such portion so passed which shall thereupon be open again for traffic.

Prohibited areas

8. On the day and hours specified in Article 4 or until the Southern Bicycle Races are officially notified as completed in accordance with Article 7 whichever shall be the earlier no traffic or pedestrians shall be permitted on such areas of land as will clearly be marked as "prohibited areas" by the promoter.

Promoter to secure insurances and indemnities

9. The promoter shall secure adequate insurances and indemnities against injury or damage to persons or property arising out of the conduct of the races and the arrangements incidental thereto.

Restriction on breaking up the Course for road works

10. Paragraph 9 (1) of Schedule 4 (the Road Works Code) to the Highways Act 1986 shall apply to the Course from the 21st May 1997 to the 18th June 1997.

Notice of the making of the Order

11. Public notice of the Order shall be given by advertisement in two Isle of Man newspapers.

SCHEDULE

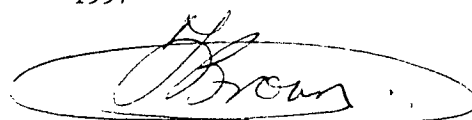
1. Castletown By-Pass Road from its junction with Malew Street and Alexandra Road, Castletown, to its junction with Arbory Road. Arbory Road to Ballakeighan Corner, thence the road leading to Ballabeg as far as its junction with the Ballabeg/Ballasalla Road, thence along the latter road to Cross Four Ways, Malew, and thence along the Castletown Road, past Malew Church to the Castletown By-Pass Road.

2. Those portions of all roads leading into the foregoing roads from such points thereon as may be fixed by or on behalf of the Department and indicated by barriers and diversion signs.

MADE

16th April.

1997



Minister of Transport

