

## South Australian Masters Cycling Association Racing Rules and Penalties

These Racing Rules supplement Australian Veteran Cycling Association Racing Rules and Regulations.

**1. Open** A race available for any rider holding a current AVCC Licence.

**2- INVITATION:** A club race available for a licensed rider resident in South Australia OR a guest rider invited by the host club.

**3- GUEST RIDER:** A rider licensed and registered with an interstate club affiliated with the AVCC. A Guest Rider is entitled to receive prize money but is not entitled to receive SAMCA Consistency Award points. Points earned shall be allocated to the next placed SAMCA rider.

**4- ELIGIBILITY for a SAMCA OPEN:** A newly licensed rider is required to complete two club races before being eligible to compete in a SAMCA Open.

A rider returning to racing after a three month absence due to injury or illness is required to complete one club race before being eligible to compete in a SAMCA Open.

A medical certificate is required when a member returns to competition after serious illness or injury. A serious injury includes concussion or any incident requiring a rider to be removed from an event by ambulance.

A rider who renews his/her licence after 1 April is required to complete one club race before being eligible to compete in a SAMCA Open.

**5- TRIAL RIDE PROCEDURES:** Riders seeking a trial ride are required to sign the AVCC Trial Ride Form before reporting to the Race Referee at least 30 minutes before the commencement of racing. The Race Referee is required to carry out an apparel and equipment check and brief the trial rider on race procedures.

A Trial Ride may be granted in an Invitation Event at the discretion of the Race Referee, taking into consideration the number of competitors, the difficulty of the course, and the experience and expertise of the trial rider.

### **6- RIGHT HAND TURNS**

A Right Hand Turn on any course used for Club or Open Events is

1. required to be supervised by a Police Accredited marshal,
2. marked with appropriate traffic control signs in each direction approaching the junction or intersection,
3. to have a minimum of 3 (three) safety cones at two metre intervals on the centre line of the road leading to the turn.

Where the right turn takes place at an intersection (four way junction) it is strongly recommended that the controlling marshal is accompanied by an observer who can advise the marshal of approaching traffic while the marshal is attending to the approaching riders. (Through the Race Referee SAMCA has a duty of care to provide officials with the appropriate equipment AND safe working conditions.)

**7- RED LIGHTS:.** Competitors in a race conducted on an open road may elect to use a static red light. Multiple lights or flashing lights are prohibited. The light should be securely attached to the seat post or right hand side rear stay.

### **8- JUDGING :**

The finish of a race shall be judged by the first part of a bike that reaches an 'imaginary' line approximately 343 mm above a finish line.

The finish line is to be marked with a white line – chalked, painted or by a suitable tape fastened to the tarmac.

Judging of the first three placegetters shall be made by an official finish judge or judges assisted by a multiple exposure camera or video camera.

### **9 .FLAGS:**

A black and white chequered flag shall denote a race finish.

A red flag denotes danger on the course and cyclists must stop if directed by the official displaying the flag. If a red flag is displayed from an official vehicle in a controlled race, no cyclist may pass the vehicle until the flag has been withdrawn .



A red flag displayed during a criterium indicates danger on the circuit and that the race is neutralised. Riders are required to exercise caution and proceed to the Start/Finish line and await resumption of the race under direction of the Race Referee.

A yellow flag displayed during a criterium indicates that a group or division are on a finishing lap. The group or division receiving the yellow flag may not overtake the finishing group ahead.

## 10. GENERAL RACING RULES

- a) All competitors must abide by the State traffic laws, 'which include keeping to the left of the carriageway on open roads and not crossing any white lines, Competitors should avoid unnecessarily obstructing other traffic.
- b) Dangerous riding, including the practice of saluting by removing one or both hands off the bars at a finish, will not be tolerated and the referee shall discipline any rider whom he/she deems to be guilty of this practice, or any other act that endangers other riders or road users.
- c) At any time during a race. Anyone suddenly veering, pushing or pulling, or in any other way causing dangerous obstruction shall be penalized.
- d) A competitor who is lapped or caught by another grade other than his/her own in a scratch race must not interfere with, or assist any other competitor nor participate in any sprints, The lapped rider must give 'way to the passing rider or group, It is a serious offence to sit in a bunch or share pace once lapped.
- e) Riders are required to be in their start position five-minutes before their allocated start time. A rider not present for the Referee's briefing may receive a time penalty or be refused a start in the event.

## 11. PENALTIES

Any riders breaching the above general racing rules shall be liable for a fine, disqualification, suspension or any combination of the three at the discretion of the referee.

Any competitor suspended and/or fined by any club or the State body (SAMCA) shall not be permitted to compete in any race under any body affiliated to the AVCC until such time as the penalty or suspension has been finalized. Under a reciprocal cross body arrangement SAMCA is obliged to inform Cycling SA of the details of any suspension order issued by the state body.

### SAMCA Penalties list

Failing to obey police or officials directive	1 month disqualification + Fine up to \$100
Urinating in public	1 month disqualification + Fine up to \$100
Disrespect and or abuse of officials	3 months disqualification + Fine up to \$200
Failing to wear an Australian approved helmet	Race start refused + Fine up to \$100
Failing to obey traffic signs or signals	Race disqualification or suspension + Fine up to \$100
Failing to keep left of centre of unmarked roads	Race disqualification or suspension + Fine up to \$100
Failing to keep left of centre white lines.	Race disqualification or suspension + Fine up to \$100.
Failing to keep left of double white lines	Race disqualification + 2 weeks suspension + Fine to \$100
Dangerous riding	Race disqualification or suspension + Fine up to \$100
Unseemly behavior at venue	Race disqualification or suspension + Fine up to \$100
Riding with hand/hands off handlebars in sprint	Race disqualification or suspension + Fine up to \$100
Riding without hands on hoods or handlebars	Race disqualification or suspension + Fine up to \$100
Failure to return race number or hire transponder	\$50 Fine