Marshal handbook

Thank you for being a marshal!

You are the eyes and ears of this event and THE most important people here; without you the event simply could not happen.

You will have had a marshal briefing where a UCI commissaire, the UCI technical delegate & your marshal coordinator gave you some information and these important points are in this handbook.

If there is anything you didn’t understand or are still not sure about please ask either your marshal coordinator or any UCI Commissaire & they will help you.

Thank you again and enjoy the event!
You should have been given
- a radio,
- a whistle,
- a red flag,
- & a yellow flag if you are a marshal during training.
Radio

If you need to use your radio, speak slowly, clearly, & keep your message short.

- **DO NOT** use your radio to speak to your friends!

- **DO NOT** keep your finger on the ‘call’ button if you are not speaking, it blocks all other radios!
Whistle

Blow the whistle once every time a rider goes past you.

One short, loud, blast for each rider.
Flags

At all times, leave the flags on the ground next to you. You only need to pick them up & use them if there is an incident.

It is important not to create confusion with the flags, so:

- **DO NOT** wave them at flies or insects that are bothering you!

- **DO NOT** leave them sticking out of your backpack!

- **DO NOT** hang them on a tree or on a course post or anywhere a rider might see them!
For **training sessions**, you will need both yellow & red flags.

- **Yellow flags**
  - show the rider that they need to slow down & be cautious.

- **Red flags**
  - show the rider there is an accident & the course is blocked or closed.

For the **race runs** you will only need the **red flag**.
Crashes

If a rider crashes in your area:

1. **WAIT** a few moments. Do not rush to help them. Usually they are OK & will move themselves.
2. If after a few moments they are not moving or appear hurt, then either:

a. If the rider is not blocking the course & not in a dangerous place & it’s a training session wave your yellow flag to advise the next riders.
OR

b. If the rider is blocking the course or has crashed in a dangerous place (like the landing off a jump) **AND the next rider is coming**

- then wave your **red flag** & also radio your marshal coordinator to get medical assistance (remember your marshal point number).
If you have to wave a flag,

- Extend your arm so the riders see it!
- Hold the stick with one hand and the flag with the other hand so the most colour is visible to the rider.

If you are having a problem in your area with a lot of crashes & you can’t manage, radio your marshal coordinator for extra help.
B-zones
You are responsible for the B-zones in your area.

☒ No spectators are allowed in B-zones at any time. If you ask them to leave & they don’t, or there are too many to ask, radio your marshal coordinator for help.

✓ Anybody wearing a UCI bib IS allowed in the B-zone. These are usually official photographers or videographers, but might also be a team manager

✓ During training it’s OK if riders stop in B-zones to watch other riders. If any riders stop on the course to watch (A-zone) please ask them to move into the B-zone. If they don’t follow your instructions, please make a note of their plate number & let the marshal coordinator know.

Also during training some team staff & riders from a different training group might need to watch from the B-zone, this is OK but if you think there are too many in your section or they are at risk, please tell the marshal coordinator.

During competition (qualification, finals) ONLY people wearing a bib are allowed in the B-zone. These are usually official photographers or videographers, but might also be a team manager.
Rider off-course

Sometimes during a race run a rider won’t crash but they might go off the course (go through or over the course tape).

If they do then they have to get back onto the course in the same place that they left it.

- Watch the rider, & if they go back onto the course in a different place
  - make a note of the riders number & inform your marshal coordinator & the commissaire.
Need a break?

If you need to leave your marshal point at any time, radio your marshal coordinator & ask them to send a replacement: **do not leave your position unattended during training or race runs.**

When the event is over do not leave your position until you receive confirmation from your coordinator, there can sometimes be reruns or riders still on course.
Course repairs

If the course marking tape is broken in your area, please try to fix it.

Do this from the outside so you are not on the course.

It’s a good idea to take some spare tape with you.
If a course post comes out of the ground it is important that you put it back in exactly the same place.
If any big rocks or anything else moves on the course and you consider it to be dangerous, radio your marshal coordinator for help.

If you have a problem or are not comfortable making any repairs then radio for help! The UCI technical delegates will come & take care of it.