ARDS CYCLING CLUB RISK ASSESSMENT

ORLOCK / STOCKBRIDGE ROAD RACE

EVENT SUMMARY

The Orlock / Stockbridge Road Race circuit starts on the main A2 coast road (Warren Road) between Bangor and Donaghadee, at the top of the hill before the road drops to the coast (this hill is known locally as Orlock after the small community of houses at the top of the hill). The circuit heads west on Warren Road towards Groomsport, then turns left up Springwell Road. At the end it turns left on to the High Bangor Road (B21) towards Donaghadee. After one mile it turns left onto Stockbridge Road. At the end, it turns left back on to Warren Road (A2) and continues to the finish which this year is at the crest of the hill. This circuit is approximately 5.7 miles and club road races are 5 laps. Club road races are handicapped.

ELIGIBILITY

Event open to cyclists with Cycling Ireland, Full or limited competition licence only. Participants must show CI Licence at sign on.

MARSHAL / OFFICIAL LOCATIONS

Start line / Finish line x2 Timekeepers Groomsport Corner x 3 Stockbridge Road / High Bangor Road Corner x 2 High Bangor Road / Stockbridge corner x 2 Stockbridge Road / Warren Road corner x 3

HAZARDS/RISKS - The following hazards have been identified

- The event will take place on open roads, thus there will be other traffic using the course.
- Part of the course is on an A road, it can therefore be expected that other vehicles may be travelling at speeds up to 60 mph.

CONTROL MEASURES - To mitigate against the above hazards / risks the following control measures will be adopted.

- The race will be capped at 60 riders maximum, all of whom
 may be expected to have significant experience of this type
 event, on similar roads. Riders will be warned at the start to
 remain on the LHS of road at all times and reminded that
 marshals are not empowered to stop traffic.
- Race entry is handicapped and split into 3 groups to make smaller bunches on the road.
- 3. The event is scheduled to start on a Tuesday evening, when it is expected that traffic levels are low.
- Signs indicating that a cycle event is in progress will be posted along the course at various points.
- Marshals will be present at the corners and at the start / finish area. A time-keeper will be posted at the start-finish area.
- All marshals associated with the event will wear high visibility vests.
- The event will be run under Cycling Irelands rules.
- In the event of severe weather conditions the event will be shortened, postponed or cancelled.



ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Riders sign on on the grass verge alongside the start line at Orlock.

TIMES

Sign on open 6:15pm

Race starts 7pm approx. and finishes 8:15pm approx.