

## SCOTT MOTU 160 – Cycle Challenge

### RACE RULES & PENALTIES

1. The Motu Road will be officially closed at both ends on the morning of the race to all vehicular traffic apart from a few authorised safety and media vehicles. **Competitors please note that standard road rules apply at all times even during road closures.** All supporters and spectators must use the Waioeka Gorge route (State Highway 2) to Motu School. Please note that the State Highway 35 from the start line in Elliot Street to the Motu Road is not closed and all standard road rules apply.
2. Drafting is permitted with other Multisport competitors on stage one (MTB section). Drafting on all road bike sections is permitted, including with Multisport competitors. **NO outside drafting** will be permitted with vehicles e.g. cars, trucks and busses etc on **all** bike stages.  
*PENALTY: an immediate 2 minutes stand down*
3. Only **two crew supporters per individual** competitor and **one crew supporter per team** permitted in transition areas. All crew supporters must be wearing identification race bracelet, which are transferable.
4. All number's and bibs supplied must be visible at all times while competing.
5. **No riding of bikes in transition areas.**
6. **TRANSITION - MOTU**  
All mountain biker's must dismount before entry into the transition area. To avoid congestion mountain biker's should clear their bikes from the transition area A.S.A.P or get their support crew to.
  - Team mountain biker must run/walk to the designated change over area and can assist in the electronic transponder change over.
  - Team road cyclist must stay in designated area.
  - Team cyclist must leave bike racked until electronic timing transponder transfer has been made.
  - **No** support crew members may assist their cyclist in un-racking his/her bike
  - **No** competitors may mount bike until out of the transition area.
  - Support crew can assist in the mounting process
7. Road cyclists must not ride more that two abreast while riding through the Waioeka Gorge (top of Traffords Hill to the mouth of the gorge [Transition Four – Motu Challenge])
8. **RIDING THROUGH MOTU CHALLENGE BIKE/KAYAK AND KAYAK/BIKE TRANSITION AREAS**
  - **SAFETY IS ESSENTIAL!** While riding through the kayak stage transition at Oponae and the mouth of the gorge transition, all SCOTT MOTU 160 riders **MUST** drop to a speed no faster than 20kph and ride in single file.
  - Entry and exit to both transition areas are outlined by the road cones.
  - If the marshals feel you have breached the 20kph speed barrier you will be asked to stop for an immediate 1 minute stand down which starts as soon as the competitor is quiet.

*ANY BREACH OF RULES 4 TO 7 WILL RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE PENALTY OF A 1 (ONE) MINUTE STAND DOWN.*

IMMEDIATE PENALTIES will be made by the Race Director, Stage Director, or the traffic control marshals at the two Motu Challenge transition areas in the Waioeka Gorge. Their decision is final.

#### **RACE NUMBERS**

Mountain biker –

- The supplied bike plate must be attached so that it is visible from the front of the bike. It may either cable tied or attached to the handle bar or brake/gear cables.
- Helmet sticker must be attached to the front of the helmet.

Road cyclist –

- The supplied numbered bib is to be attached to the rear of your cycle jersey/outerwear, near the bottom. It must be visible from the rear at all times. It is important that there is no drinking system or bag hindering the visibility of the numbered bibs. Attach numbers with the safety pins supplied.
- Helmet sticker must be attached to the front of the helmet.
- Seat post label to be attached as directed.

For example: An individual will be wearing the supplied numbered bib on the back of his/her cycle jersey plus have attached the MTB bike plate to the front of their mountain bike along with a helmet number sticker on the front of the helmet at the beginning of the race. His/her road bike will have the seat post numbered sticker already attached and if they choose to change helmets at the bike transition they will have the second numbered helmet sticker on that.

**ANY COMPETITOR WHO PROTESTS MUST DO SO IN WRITING TO THE RACE REFEREE WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF THEIR FINISHING. PLEASE REFER TO THE PROTEST PROCEDURES RULES. Rules in race pack**

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## PROTEST PROCEDURE 2009

### PROTEST

A protest is a formal complaint against the conduct of a competitor or race official.

A competitor, a race official or a member of the New Zealand Police may file a protest with the Race Referee provided that the action protested has not been previously protested and ruled upon by the Race Referee.

Protests: A competitor who protests another competitor or race official must do so in writing to the Race Referee within 30 minutes of the protesting competitor's finish time.

Protests Concerning Timekeeping: Protests concerning an error in timing must be delivered to the Race Referee within minutes of the posting of the Provisional Race Results.

Protests concerning a competitor's equipment which infringes on the conditions set out in the race rules must be delivered in writing to the Race Referee within 30 minutes of the protester's finish time.

### PROTEST CONTENT

#### Any protest must contain the following information:-

- a) The alleged violation
- b) The location and approximate time of the alleged violation
- c) Persons involved in the alleged violation
- d) A statement, including a diagram of the alleged violation, if possible.
- e) The names of witnesses who observed the alleged violation

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- a) Protests by a competitor shall be filed in writing to the Race Referee, signed by the protester within 30 minutes of the protester's finish time
- b) A protest by a race official or member of the Police may be filed up to 30 minutes after the last competitors finishing time.
- c) The content of any protest shall be made immediately available to the competitors and/or officials involved, prior to the hearing.
- d) The protester and the competitors of officials protested must be present. The hearing will take place as soon as all parties are available. If one or both cannot attend, the protest hearing may be postponed or cancelled at the discretion of the Race Referee. The Race Referee shall determine if the absence from the hearing of any party is valid
- e) A representative of the protester, the competitors or officials protested may be designated to appear if approved prior to the commencement of the hearing, by the Race Referee.
- f) The hearing will not be open to the public, or the press
- g) At the hearing the Race Referee shall read the protest
- h) The protester and the competitors of officials protested will be allowed three (3) minutes each to give their account of the incident.
- i) Witnesses (two each) may speak for (3) minutes each
- j) The Race Referee will hear the evidence and render a decision.
- k) The decision will be posted immediately and delivered in writing to the parties.
- l) Failure of any party to attend the hearing may justify the Race Referee making a decision without them.

### PENALTIES

If the Race Referee upholds a protest the may impose the following penalties:-

1. Disqualification
2. Impose a time penalty the length of which shall be at the sole discretion of the Race Referee.
3. Impose no penalty.

### APPEALS

The Race Referees decision is final. There is no appeal from their decision.