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### **Compulsory Use of Front and Rear Lights**

At the 2019 CTT National Council Annual General Meeting, a motion was proposed for the compulsory use of a rear red light in all CTT events. That proposal was carried and is now included in CTT Regulations as a new regulation 14(i), as set out below:

*14(i) No competitor shall be permitted to start either a Type A or Type B event unless such competitor has affixed to the rear of their machine a working rear red light, either flashing or constant, that is illuminated and in a position that is clearly visible to other road users.*

At the 2020 CTT National Council AGM, a motion was carried for the compulsory use of a front light, either flashing or constant, that is illuminated and in a position that is clearly visible to other road users. (CTT Regulation 14 (j))

#### **NO WORKING FRONT OR REAR LIGHTS – NO START.**

If the competitor's lights should fail during the course of the event, that is not a breach of the Regulation and the time or distance recorded by that competitor is good and shall be valid for all purposes. The purpose of this guidance note is to provide assistance to event organisers, for both Type A and Type B events, as to how the new Regulations should be dealt with in practice.

#### **Type A (Open) Events:**

All start sheets for CTT events should contain a note to say (or similar): ***All competitors – please be aware of CTT Regulations 14(i) and 14(j): No competitor shall be permitted to start either a Type A or Type B event unless such competitor has affixed to their machine a working front and rear red light, either flashing or constant, that is illuminated and in a position that is clearly visible to other road users.***

At the event itself, an official should be present at the start to ensure that all competitors do have affixed to their machine working lights and that all competitors are compliant with the Regulation. This could be an official whose role is purely for this purpose or alternatively it could be the official whose role it is to represent the club at the start of the event (as recommended in the Duties of Promoting Secretaries- A General Guide to the Promotion of an Event), as published in the CTT handbook.

**The timekeepers should not undertake this role.**

#### **Type B (Club) Events:**

The requirement for all competitors to comply with Regulation 14(i) and 14(j) applies equally to club events as it does to open events. It is recognised however that at many club events, especially those designated as "Come & Try It" events, there could be newcomers or inexperienced riders who are unaware of the requirement for lights and turn up in the hope of competing. It would be unfortunate if any such rider was turned away and not allowed to start. With this in mind, it is recommended that a club that promotes club events holds a stock of modestly priced lights of a type that are easily affixed to the rider's machine. Such lights are relatively inexpensive. Sophisticated lights aren't really a necessity bearing in mind most club events are held over a short distance. If this is done, lights could be loaned to the rider, thus allowing such rider the opportunity of starting the event.



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