

IMPORTANT – FOR INCLUSION IN RACE INFORMATION

With bike technology ever changing, it's important that TOs and EOs are abreast of these, and following on from my presentation at the TO/EO meeting back in February about certain types of bikes being illegal due to their design, Clare and I came across such a bike at Sevenoaks Tri on 7th May.

This particular bike – a Falco V beam bike - has not been approved by the ITU for use in non-drafting races . As the BTF use the same rule for UK events, this can pose a dilemma for TOs and event transition staff if such a bike appears at a race. Regional TOs have been made aware of this matter and we have suggested a proposal to manage this situation, but frankly, we'd rather owners of such bikes didn't bring them to BTF permitted events, especially those that are either BTF/TE Championship races, or GB age group qualifiers.

We have attached a document that was sent out to Regional TOs to make them aware and should help you understand the matter more fully.

In order to make athletes aware of this issue, can we suggest you include this information in your pre-race information:

“Bikes:

Please be aware of BTF Rule 5.2.b.ii *“Non-traditional or unusual bikes or equipment shall be illegal unless details have been submitted to the ITU Technical Committee for approval at least 30 days before the event.”*. This means that if your bike is of a “beam bike” design that is not a traditional triangle or diamond shape, then it may be illegal to race on one in this event. Such bikes include Cervelo P5X, Ventum One, Reap, Dimond, Falco V and TriRig Omni. Of these only the first 3 are currently approved by the ITU.

If you bring a non-approved bike to this event, you may be allowed to race at the discretion of the Technical Official and Race Director. If you are allowed to race, then your result will at best be nullified (no podium place), or at worst, you will be disqualified. Under no circumstance will your result be accepted for a Championship place or any GB age group qualification.”

For transition managers and volunteers doing bike check in, please make them aware of this matter and that they should consult with the RD and TO before allowing such a bike entry into transition and the race.

If any EO or athlete has any questions, please let me or Clare know.

Thanks

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