

Selected Extracts from CTT Guidance Note 17 re Signs

CYCLE EVENT SIGNAGE

Warning signs are an integral part of ensuring the safety of competitors in an event. Other road users are warned that an event is taking place and are put on notice to expect cyclists on the road.

750 mm Triangle – suitable for roads with a speed limit up to and including 40 mph

Size of sign: 1060mm high x 850mm wide

Cost of sign: £11.50 + carriage

900 mm Triangle – suitable for roads with a speed limit greater than 40 mph

Size of sign: 1270mm high x 1018mm wide

Cost of sign: £17.50 + carriage

The siting of cycle event signage

In undertaking the initial course design and risk assessment, due diligence must be given to the safe placing and erection of signage. To be effective, signage must be visible and secure. The placement of signage should provide sufficient time for a driver of a motorised vehicle or a competitor to read, absorb and react to its message.

Warning and direction signage should:

1. Be placed in accordance with the approved course risk assessment.
2. Be clearly visible to approaching vehicles, competitors and other road users, from all appropriate directions.
3. Not be obscured by long grass, bushes, tree branches, etc,
4. Not obscure other highway signage.
5. At Start/Finish areas adopt the “Gateway” philosophy of erecting cycle event signage directly opposite each other on each side of the road.
6. *Be placed well in advance of a junction or roundabout. (Appropriate distance for placement is 30 to 100 metres for a low speed road (up to 40 mph), and 100 to 200 metres for a high speed road (40 – 70 mph).*
7. Not pose a danger to others. It is vital that signage is securely attached/placed so as not to be effected by turbulence from passing vehicles.
8. Not inconvenience the general public, for example by blocking driveways or the pavement with signage, or a vehicle.