



Guidance Note No. 24

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CTT Regulation 14(i) – Compulsory Use of Red Rear Light

At the 2019 CTT National Council Annual General Meeting, a motion was proposed by South East DC 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.

As such, the requirement for a rear red light to be used in CTT events is now **compulsory**. Organisers should be aware however that the requirement is that a competitor **must not start the event** unless such competitor is compliant with this regulation. It is not a matter of disqualification.

NO WORKING REAR RED LIGHT – NO START.

If the competitor's light 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 this new regulation should be dealt with in practice.

Type A (Open) Events

For many years all start sheets for CTT events have contained a note to say (or similar):

It is recommended that a working rear light, either flashing or constant, is fitted to the machine in a position visible to following road users and is active whilst the machine is in use.

This note should no longer be used. It is suggested that as this is a new regulation and so as to make competitors aware of this, that a note is included on the start sheet to say:

All competitors – please be aware of [CTT Regulation 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.

NO LIGHT – NO RIDE.

At the event itself, an official should be present at the start to ensure that all competitors do have affixed to their machine a working rear red light 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) 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 a rear red light 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 rear red 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, a light could be loaned to the rider, thus allowing such rider the opportunity of starting the event.