

## **CHASE VEHICLE RULES**

### **General rules**

1. Only 1 chase vehicle allowed per bike.
2. In case of emergency, there must be enough people in the chase vehicle to catch the bike on the road (minimum 2 people). It is the duty of the team to provide chase vehicle personnel.
3. Chase vehicles will have a chase official onboard with radio and flare. The chase official will communicate any problems with the bike to race control and other chase vehicles. Chase officials will keep their radios throughout the session.
4. Moving bikes in the right lane and chase vehicles in the left lane
5. Mechanical problems and accidents Non-moving bikes and chase vehicles on the left, as close to the fence as possible
6. If a downed bike is on the right, park chase vehicle to far left and assist in moving bike and rider to far right.
7. Chase vehicles must never pass normally moving bikes. Stay behind a minimum of 100 meters. One hundred meters is approximately the distance between two roadside markers. Failure to stay this distance behind your bike will result in a disqualification of that run, even though it was the chase vehicle driver's fault. The observers along the course and onboard chase official will be watching for this.
8. It is critical that both riders and chase vehicles maintain sufficient distance between bikes to avoid overtaking those ahead. Passing is extremely dangerous. Chase vehicles should be aware of the bikes following them, particularly if the chase vehicle is moving slowly and is at risk of being overtaken. If this situation occurs, both the leading bike and chase vehicle "are having a problem" and should have moved to the left lane, and off of the road.
9. If there is any problem turn on your flashers to warn oncoming bikes and chase vehicles.
10. If a following chase vehicle sees that their rider is going to overtake a chase vehicle, the chase vehicle should communicate this so the leading chase vehicle holds its line. Bikes may pass on the right or stay behind and follow depending on where they are on course. Chase vehicles are never allowed to pass moving bikes.

### **Course rules**

1. Start - Turn on your car/truck headlights.
2. On course – The chase official should continually check his mirrors and communicate on the radio to be aware of the position of the following bike and chase vehicle.
3. Timing area - When you approach the timing area, slow down to 45 mph. Stay at least 200m behind the bike.
4. Bridge - At the bridge turn off your headlights. This helps the catch team see the bikes.
5. Catch area - Slow down! Do not pass your bike before it is caught. Pull directly into the parking area inside the gate. Bikes can arrive within seconds of one another. The catch team will handle the bike. Catch vehicle helpers will have time to get back and assist the rider out of the bike. Use caution, the catch area is very busy; there are bikes, riders, team members, media and spectators who may not be paying close attention.

Chase Officials are for observation and communication only. They should not be used as team assistant except during emergencies.

Information to be communicated during an emergency or mechanical:

Immediately

- Location - (mile marker, ranch road)
- Type - (bike down, mechanical problem)
- Condition of rider - is ambulance necessary?
- Status/ location of bike and chase vehicle. - (bike off road, chase vehicle location)