

SAFETY BRIEFING - DEBUTANTE

1	Welcome to the 2015 Dartmoor Classic Sportive
2	This start group is for the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEBUTANTE route <u>ONLY</u> (08:40 - 09:10)
3	<p>START PROCEEDURE</p> <p>After this Safety Briefing you will be escorted to the Start Line.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You MUST stay on the correct side of the road • DO NOT overtake the lead vehicle that is escorting you. • Stay together as one group <p>The Escort Vehicle will pull off at the Start Line, allowing you to continue at your own pace.</p>
4	<p>TIMING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your official time will count from crossing the Start Line to crossing the finish line. • The clock does not stop when you enter the feed zone.
5	<p>NOT A RACE:</p> <p>This is not a race. You will be sharing the road with other road users and must comply with the law & highway code at all times.</p>
6	<p>ROUTE SIGNS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The route is clearly marked with Black Arrows on a Yellow background (show example). • Signs have large DC Logo to prevent tampering - Logo should always be correct way up! • Not all of the minor junctions are marked, especially where going through built up areas. However, where there is a requirement to change roads, those junctions will be clearly signed and in most cases they will also be marshalled.
7	<p>MARSHALS:</p> <p>There are marshals at key locations to assist you but the onus remains with you to ensure it is safe before you proceed at any junction.</p>
	<p>RIDE ASSISTANTS:</p> <p>There are Breeze Ride Leaders cycling with you to offer support. They will have 'Ride Assistant' on their Body Numbers to identify them.</p>
8	<p>STEEP DESCENTS:</p> <p>There are some steep descents on the course. CAUTION Signs have been put out to remind you. Take Care! Think about your ability to stop should a car come up the hill towards you.</p>
9	<p>CATTLE GRIDS:</p> <p>There are a number of cattle grids on the route.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep your bike upright and cycle in a straight line. • Do your braking before you reach the cattle grid. • Do not brake whilst on them.
10	<p>HORSES:</p> <p>If you see horses, slow down and talk (not shout) so both horse and rider know you are there.</p>

11	<p>ANIMALS:</p> <p>There will see animals in the road on Dartmoor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are quite likely to run in front of you. • Slow down and give them plenty of room.
12	<p>POT HOLES:</p> <p>There are pot-holes around the routes. Pay attention to the road and if you see any road damage or debris point it out to others.</p>
13	<p>LOCAL COMMUNITIES:</p> <p>You will be cycling through small rural communities where local residents adopt a quiet, tranquil way of life. Some moorland residents find the volume and speed of this event intimidating.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please show your respect, slow down and single out when passing through these areas. • Always be courteous and polite to residents • DO NOT get drawn into arguments or incidents of Road Rage • One short outburst of bad behaviour can have lasting consequences for this event
14	<p>LITTER:</p> <p>DO NOT drop litter. Put it in your pockets or leave it with one of our marshals.</p> <p>LITTER on the route remains our biggest source of complaints from both participants & residents - Lets make a special effort this year to change that!</p>
15	<p>TOILETS:</p> <p>Answer calls of nature away from public view.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are toilets at all feed zones • There are also plenty of other public toilets available around the route.
16	<p>MECHANICAL SUPPORT:</p> <p>There will be a mechanic at Manaton (12 miles) should you need assistance.</p>
17	<p>FEED ZONE:</p> <p>There will be a Feed Zone for you at Moretonhampstead (16 miles).</p>
18	<p>MEDICAL SUPPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it is clear that a person requires hospital treatment - call 999 first - Then call Event Support. • In all other cases call the Event Support Team and we will get someone out to assist.
19	<p>RETIRING RIDERS:</p> <p>If, for any reason, you decide not to finish the ride, please call or Text Event Support to let us know.</p>
20	<p>EVENT SUPPORT NUMBER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is on the rear of your Bike Number and on your route map. • Use this at any time to contact us for assistance. • We have mechanics, medics and support crews out on the course should you require them.