

# VMCC Dorset Section 'Social Run' Risk Assessment



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Event..... Date.....

Organiser Name.....Organiser Signature.....Tick Items Complete ↴

Safety issue	Measures needed	Action By Run Organiser	✓
1. Excessive speed – risk of accident or collision	When planning the route make a note of places where riders may unexpectedly need to slow down, for example a more difficult section, hill or blind corner.	Make a note on the route sheet to advise riders in advance of that section	
2. Narrow lanes – risk of accident or collision	Riders to be made aware if the route contains narrow lanes where oncoming traffic, farm vehicles, animals or horses may be an issue.	*Insert a clear statement to that effect at the top of your route sheet. *Advice re horses on the signing on sheet	
3. Rough unsealed roads – risk of rider losing control	Advise riders if your route contains sections of unmade, very muddy, gravel or 'green' lanes, so that they can decide for themselves whether the machine they have brought is suitable and/or their riding experience with it is adequate.	*Where possible ensure that published details of the event to contain this information. *Include this information at the top of your route sheet. *Where possible provide an alternative 'tarmac road' way round that section.	
4. Distraction looking for signs	Select route to maximise the use of visible signs to avoid U-turns	Only ask riders to follow easily visible signs, otherwise rely on other directions, for example 'take second left by cottage'	
5. Stopping – collision danger to riders or other road users	Safe places to be selected.	Ensure sufficient space at any planned stops, including start and end points and also locations between route sheets where riders need to change them.	
6. Hazardous junctions – risk of accident	Care and attention	Advice to riders on the route card, eg 'CAUTION' at major roads, blind turns or other potentially dangerous junctions.	
7. Fatigue – risk of accident	The need to avoid tiredness due to long distance riding fatigue.	*Limit distance before breaks depending on road types, for example 60 miles on narrow lanes or longer on major roads. *State route distance in event details	
8. Fords – slippery or deep water, risk of accident	Warn riders that there is a ford and its nature. EG, some fords will always be short and shallow, others may be slippery or deep after rain.	Warn riders and offer an alternative way round so that riders have a choice, depending on their confidence and bike.	
9. Adverse weather	Event to be cancelled or course to be altered in the event of severe weather, for example floods, ice or severe fog.	Run organiser to check weather forecast and make a decision as soon as possible but on the day if necessary.	
10. Group riding, bunching, a moving hazard	Riders to avoid proceeding in over large groups that may inconvenience other road users of cause danger from them risking overtaking.	Advice to riders at the top of the signing on sheet	✓
11. Poor machine condition or machine unsuitable for the route.	Advice to riders	*Riders confirm their own responsibility for machine condition and legality on the signing on sheet. *Tick box section on the ride fact sheet about the types of road being used.	✓