

Cycling BC – Road Commissaire Driver Briefing Checklist

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- Introduce yourself
- Find out if the driver has ever driven in a race before, or if he/she has experience as a rider
- Let the driver know that they can ask you questions at any time
- Explain in general the role of the Commissaire position you are performing (e.g. comm. 1 or comm. 2)
 - Explain the correct distance to maintain from the riders (flat / climbs / descents)
 - Explain the usual vehicle movements for the position (e.g. comm. 1: follow the bunch, drop individual riders / groups of riders no longer in contention)
 - Pass on the left hand side of riders (riders to the right of the car)
 - Tap the horn lightly when passing riders or other cars
 - Help call numbers if requested (e.g. get the numbers of the riders in a group that are about to be dropped)
 - Pay attention at all times!
- Before starting the race:
 - Go to the bathroom
 - Ensure that there is enough gas
 - Set trip odometer to zero
 - Turn on headlights
- If you are the PCP, brief the neutral service drivers. Same basic information as above, but also:
 - Explain the “wheel-in” / “wheel-out” system (only riders who provide a set of wheels can take a set of wheels)
 - If any neutral wheels are provided by the organizer, point out that anyone can benefit from those
 - Only provide service on the right hand side of the road
 - Report anything “unusual” (e.g. riders departing from the course, injuries, etc.). Note the numbers of the riders involved, as well as the odometer reading into the race.