

DRAFTING/BLOCKING RULING

For both the Busselton Half Ironman Triathlon and Sprint Triathlon, no drafting or blocking is permitted.

Drafting is when you get too close to the person in front on the bike. You must stay 7 metres (4 bike lengths) behind the competitor in front of you. If you want to overtake someone, you have 15 seconds to do so and you must be GAINING on the person in front at all times during that 15 seconds. The correct way to pass is to stay to the left, ride up behind the person in front, then when you are close enough, go around them (checking behind you first) and once you have passed them immediately move back to the left of the road. If you get passed, you must IMMEDIATELY drop back 7 metres so you are out of the draft zone. You MAY NOT speed up once someone's wheel has gone past yours to catch up to them again. You must drop out of the draft zone first before you attempt to overtake them. Remember - **DRAFTING IS CHEATING**.

Blocking is where you position yourself to the right of the roadway (lane) and fail to make forward progress on those either beside you, in front or behind. You must ensure keeping left where not overtaking.

The event will include the Penalty Box, which will act as a penalty for those found offending. The penalty will be 5 minutes. If you are observed (judged) to be drafting or blocking by a technical official, you will be informed by the technical official sounding a whistle or a horn, calling out your competitor number and showing a yellow card. The technical official will inform you of the nature of the violation (drafting or blocking) and tell you to proceed to the Penalty Box to serve a time penalty. It is then your responsibility to report to the Penalty Box at the first instance you reach it. There you will dismount your bicycle, report to the technical official running the penalty box and stand with your equipment for the 5 minute penalty.

Failing to report to the Penalty Box will result in a disqualification, as will failing to report on the correct lap of the event (ie. you cannot report in at the end of lap 3 if identified on lap 1).

If you are caught twice either for drafting, or blocking, or one of each, you will **automatically be disqualified**.

The Race Referee will advise competitors during the event briefing of the process involved.