

TOPICS FOR INCLUSION IN RULES AND ROUTES BREAKOUT TMB 14 OCT 17

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Please keep notes for quick discussion before Plenary and to help updating of these notes before publication on the website

TRAINING FOR TT18.

RBNA. Some reduced and others amended. New sites at Manga and Cocks Tor. Oke Tor removed. Revised maps will shortly be available on DNPA Website with maps scaled to 25K & .GPX files. Likely routes between SC/CP reduce risk of transgression and negotiated changes to RBNA will help. NB Military map RBNA out of date.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. In conjunction with DNPA, agreed that Water Hill out of bounds during training but in use for Challenge. Hope to create new path north of Fernworthy to rest existing muddy trail. Bridges over leat at Lane End will be varied depending on ground conditions to avoid damage and to have all bridges open for Event. As per Rules, continue to avoid using SC/CP locations as checkpoints during training.

RULES INFRINGEMENTS. Need to avoid as we risk continuation of the Event through upsetting landowners, Statutory Bodies, commoners and/or local communities because of damage to Dartmoor or serious accident/death.

TRAINING. Covered in main session. Amplification or discuss as reqd.

ESTABLISHMENT COMPETENCE CERTIFICATE. At Registration, Team Managers on behalf of their Heads assure Director Ten Tors that all participants are eligible to participate, agree to support the Ten Tors Charter and ethos, and abide by the Ten Tors Rules, have trained together and are sufficiently trained, physically (& mentally?) prepared and suitably equipped to complete the Challenge unaided even in adverse conditions. 32.8% of teams infringed the Ten Tors Rules, too many on multiple occasions. Most prevalent, with over 80 TMs blaming their teams' navigational incompetence, the number of infringements beg the question of whether the training was sufficient or the TMs didn't recognise the standard required for safe completion of the Challenge.

RIVER CROSSINGS. The second most prevalent infringement (59 teams) and the most likely to cause injury or death. Some TMs responded that they were not aware of the River State, although it was included early in the Safety Briefing. Others admitted not checking the team's route planning and several blamed the team's navigation.

Solutions: We will relaunch the 'River State' concept clarifying four broad categories linked to maximising event resilience:

- **GREEN** – only following a period of prolonged drought coupled with a Challenge weather forecast of high pressure and no risk of rain.
- **AMBER** – normal for Dartmoor and the Challenge subject to the usual element of weather uncertainty across the Moor.

- **RED** – elevated risk of higher than usual river levels perhaps related prolonged wet weather prior to the Challenge and/or a wet forecast for the Challenge.
- **BLACK** – river levels already high and heavy rain forecast for the Challenge; event vulnerable to cancellation and necessitating hour by hour monitoring.

The announcement of the River State and Fire State at the Safety Briefing will be reinforced by notices in Registration and Scrutineering. The TT Rules will be amended to highlight River Crossing rules.

Means of informing TMs and teams. Probably map reinforced with list. Experienced group to discuss.

Checking Route Plans. The team plans and the TM's is responsible for checking.

Navigation. Better training!!!! Whole team not just one navigator.

WILD CAMPING. 24 x 45/55m teams camped within 1 km of a SC/CP. Our agreement with DNPA is to spread wild camping in exchange for allowing 35m teams to camp close & under the supervision of the SC/CP staff.

No TM or team claimed that they were unaware of the requirement. Rather the excuses spanned [1] the team's belief that they had walked further than 1000m from their last SC/CP [no teams were cited which were at least 800m from a SC or CP], [2] a lack of appreciation that the Rule applies to any SC/CP not just those on the team's route and [3] claims that the team had been advised by SC/CP staff to just 'camp out of sight of the SC/CP'.

Solutions: 45/55m teams be advised to put a minimum of 1.5 to 2.0km between their campsite and any SC/CP thereby ensuring that they're never less than 1km away as per the TT Rule. Teams have all of the SC/CPs marked on their maps.

Wild camping during training must also be spread to avoid environmental damage. Campsites must be at least 100m from a road, building or water course and out of sight of roads or habitation. E.g. not behind Four Winds, Merrivale or Two Bridges at Lane Head or Peat Cot.

RARE BIRD NESTING AREAS. Dunlin are increasing, Ring Ouzels holding on and Golden Plover being encouraged to nest, thanks to RBNA. TT is the only large event permitted in the Spring and then only because we have agreed to avoid the RBNA.

Farmers also sensitive of risk to stock of calving and lambing.

ROAD USE. 6 transgressions either walking on out of bounds roads, walking within 200m of them or crossing at unauthorised places.

Solutions. Note the limitations and permissions on Annex B to the TT Rules and observe for team's safety.

PAPERWORK. Important that you respond accurately and before deadlines. 41% of Estbs had a query raised against their entries. Outline Trg Prog and then Dartmoor Trg Progs important that Emergency Services know for your safety.

Entries. Disappointed at 41% of entries requiring querying due to inaccuracies and missing information, caused Selectors excessive unnecessary work. Qualified TMs +GLs must be equal or exceed number of teams applied for.

Payments. Hopefully do better with payments. PayPal is so much less effort. If Estb won't use PayPal, consider paying and then claiming reimbursement.

COMMUNICATIONS. Ten Tors Website Notices are principle means. Friend Facebook to receive notification of new Notices. Please use MAILBOX and subject format; 1110 ST TRINIANS – RAILWAY TRAIN INCIDENT to help filing and response to communications.

TRAINING. Your teams' safety on Dartmoor greatly enhanced by providing training information, so much so that it is compulsory. By Wed prior to training date please. Don't change the Excel spreadsheet layout.

PRE-CHALLENGE BRIEFING. Evident that some TMs and their teams aren't paying sufficient attention during the Team Briefing e.g. almost 60 TMs/Teams were unaware of the AMBER River state

TEAM MANAGERS AND STAFF. You are the vital cog in the Ten Tors wheel, without all your efforts in recruiting, training and organising there would be no Ten Tors.

BROADENING PARTICIPATION. For Experienced groups only. Please support other Estbs and encourage new ones. Offer mentoring to new Establishments. Consortia training is safer.