

## Handicap Competition

Beacon RCC runs a season-long handicap competition for members competing in time trials. Handicapping involves giving each rider in an event a time allowance, which is deducted from the actual time it takes him or her to complete the course. The idea of the handicap competition is to give everyone a chance of winning and to reward the rider who improves the most. The rules of the competition are set out below. A handsome trophy is awarded to the winner of the series.

### Beacon RCC Time Trial Handicap Competition Rules

1. The competition is open to all Beacon 1<sup>st</sup> claim members.
2. There will be fifteen qualifying events. These will be the Beacon's club solo time trials the Beacon's open time trials (Little Mountain TT and Open 10) and the non-Beacon open time trials designated as club 25-mile and 50-mile championships. [See the club TT calendar](#) for dates and course details. The Roadbike Series Events will not be included in the Handicap Competition. The Hillclimb Championship Event has been removed from the Handicap Competition and will now be part of the Roadbike Series
3. The Handicaps given will reflect the riders PB times achieved on the courses and distances used during the championships
4. Each qualifying event will be handicapped and points awarded on the basis of the handicap finishing order. There will be 40 points awarded to the fastest rider on handicap 39 to the second and so on down to the fortieth rider, or down to the slowest rider on handicap if there are fewer than forty.
5. The competition will be won by the rider with the highest aggregate points score from his or her ten best-scoring events.
6. It is not necessary to compete in ten events. However, if a rider competes in fewer than ten events, his/her points score in each missed event will be treated as zero.
7. Where Beacon club and Beacon open events are concerned, each rider's handicap will be a time allowance relative to a base time for the course in question (see the [List B](#).) The handicap will reflect the rider's best time on the course in the current and last three seasons. If a rider has not ridden a course in the current and last three seasons, his or her handicap may reflect earlier performances and/or times on other courses, if the handicapper considers them relevant.
8. Where non-Beacon opens (25-mile and 50-mile championships) are concerned, each rider's handicap will be a time allowance relative to a base time for the distance (see [List B](#)). The handicap will reflect the rider's PB for the distance on the course used in the current and last three seasons. If a rider has not ridden at a distance or on the course in question in the current and last three seasons, his or her handicap may reflect earlier performances and/or times at other distances, if the handicapper considers them relevant.
9. A rider with no previous experience on a course or at a distance will be given a NOVICE HANDICAP for his/her first 4 events which cannot exceed the maximum stated in [List C](#). When a rider has competed in 4 races (excluding the Club Hillclimb as times recorded here are not relative to any other events in this competition ) during the current or previous season the rider will then be given a handicap based on these first 4 performances for the remainder of the current and future seasons
10. If a rider has no previous experience on a course or at a distance, his or her time on

handicap, as used to decide his/her finishing position on handicap, can never be less than the base time for the course or distance in question if the rider has completed less than 4 events during the current and previous season. After a rider has completed 4 events during the current and previous season an estimated time will be given based on the riders 1<sup>st</sup> 4 previous performances. So, for example during the riders 1<sup>st</sup> 4 performances , if a male vet with no previous experience records an actual time of 25.45 on the K33/10S, his handicap time is 20.00 (the course base time), not 19.45 (his actual time minus the novice's handicap of 6.00). This rule is designed to prevent the system being unreasonably generous to a talented rider with no relevant experience.

11. The handicap awarded to a rider aged sixty or more will be adjusted to allow for the difficulty older riders often have in matching previous performances. The adjustment will take the form of an additional allowance of 1 per cent of the rider's PB for the current and last three seasons.

12. The Current Handicapper will be Brian Botfield the Time Trial Secretary.

13. The Time Trial Secretary will decide any matters not provided for in these rules, in consultation with the club committee where appropriate.

#### **List B: base times**

##### ***Beacon events:***

<b>Course code</b>	<b>Base time (h.mm.ss)</b>
KH/12	0.03.00
K36/10	0.23.00
K35/7	0.18.00
K35/14	0.36.00
K33/10D	0.21.00
K33/10S	0.20.00
K32/20	0.47.00
K22/39	1.40.00
K34/10D	0.21.00

##### ***Championship events:***

<b>Distance</b>	<b>Base time (h.mm.ss)</b>
25 miles	0.54.00
50 miles	1.50.00

#### **List C: maximum handicaps for new riders**

##### ***Beacon events:***

<b>Course</b>	<b>Senior</b>	<b>Jun/Vet</b>	<b>Lady</b>
KH/12	1.30	2.00	3.00
K36/10	4.30	5.00	6.00
K35/7	3.00	3.30	4.30

K35/14	6.30	7.30	9.00
K33/10D	5.30	6.00	7.00
K33/10S	5.30	6.00	7.00
K34/10D	5.30	6.00	7.00
K32/20	8.30	10.00	12.30
K22/39	40.00	45.00	50.00

***Championship events:***

<b>Distance</b>	<b>Senior</b>	<b>Jun/Vet</b>	<b>Lady</b>
25 miles	12.30	15.00	17.30
50 miles	30.00	35.00	40.00