

TECHNICAL OFFICIAL GUIDELINES

Penalty Box

It needs to be recognised that Technical Officials are at an event to ensure that the technical and safety requirements of the event are observed, Technical Officials are not there to undertake activities that are responsibilities of the Race Director (RD), or the event organisation.

Supported by: Technical Delegate, Race Referee & other Senior Technical Team members

Overview

Record all penalties given to athletes for infractions committed during the bike leg of the event.

Responsibilities

- Be aware of the different penalties that can be issued during the event and the amount of time that must be served in the penalty box for each penalty.
- Understand the AusTriathlon Race Competition Rules relating to the operation of the penalty box.
- Confirm with the athlete the colour of the card shown and/or reason for the penalty on their arrival at the penalty box.
- Start the stopwatch/timer
- Write the athlete number and any other required details on the Penalty Box Register.
- Have the athlete sign in the appropriate area of the Penalty Box Register. Note: this signature is required to confirm the athletes attendance at the Penalty Box.
- If the Race Referee requires it, the TO must take a photograph of the athlete and their bike, with the race number clearly visible. The TO must delete these photographs at the end of the event, after confirming with the Race Referee that they are no longer needed. The photographs must not be used for any purpose other than to confirm the athlete's attendance at the penalty box.
- Once the penalty time has expired, inform the athlete that they may resume the event.
- Stop and reset the timer.
- Pass all paperwork to the Technical Delegate/Race Referee at the end of the event.

During the event, TOs will pass chits to the Penalty Box. The chits may contain additional information about the penalties that have been issued, including the athlete's number, the violation, the name of the athlete (if known), the location of the violation, the time the penalty was issued, and any other relevant information.

The chits will allow the TO in the Penalty Box to verify that all athletes who have been issued penalties have served the correct amount of time in the Penalty Box.

If an athlete who has been served with a penalty does not attend the Penalty Box, the TO must:

- Advise the Race Referee as soon as possible of the athlete's number, violation, and any other information available.
- Complete a Violation Report for each athlete that did not serve their penalty.
- Pass on the completed Violation Report(s) to the Race Referee at the end of the event.

Note:

Some athletes may wish to defend their actions or otherwise argue the penalty. It is not the responsibility of the TO in the Penalty Box to engage in such discussions.

The timer should not be started if the athlete is arguing with the TO. If the athlete starts arguing with the TO, the timer should be stopped.

The TO should inform the athlete that the timer will be stopped or not started during any time spent arguing the penalty.

The athlete must remain in contact with their bike for the duration of the penalty. The timer will be paused if the athlete uses the facilities at the penalty box.

While in the bike penalty box, athletes may consume only the food and/or water that is on the athlete's bike or person

Athletes while in the penalty box are prohibited from making adjustments to equipment or performing any type of bike maintenance.

Equipment required:

Penalty Box Register

Violation reports

Stopwatches or Timers

Pens

Reference: [AusTriathlon Race Competition Rules](#)