

Team Handicap Road Race Concept

- Teams of 5 made up from the same grade where possible. Where two or more teams are from the same grade they will be composed by the handicapper to have certain types of riders (eg sprinters, climbers, roleurs).
- Prizes are awarded to individual placings as in a normal handicap but winners are expected to share a prize with their team.
- A team would aim to get one or more of their riders in the placings (1st to 3rd)
- It is expected that teams will develop tactics similar to those used by professional road racing teams (eg by using nominated domestiques to work for designated sprinters, climbers etc). They may choose to use some members to force a high earlier pace, to get into breakaways, lead chases, lead out sprinters or any other team road racing tactics.
- Teams are given handicaps relevant to their grade rather than individuals having handicaps. For example an F grade team might start all together at 9:00, two E grade teams both start at 9:10, a D grade team at 9:15, two stronger D grade teams both at 9:17, etc.
- Where two teams start at the same time they may or may not choose to cooperate to catch those in front and to stay away from those behind.
- There is no penalty (as far as overall placings are concerned) to a team if a rider does not finish or finishes near the end of the field.