

## **College of Commissaires Motion for the 2020 Cycling Ireland AGM**

**Motion:** Chapter T.4, Article 3.10: In all youth events riders must not at any time ride with either of their forearms on the top of their handlebars.

**To amend Appendix AT4 Scale of Penalties**

**Remove existing 37.1**

**Renumber existing 37.2 as 37.1**

Having a Technical Regulation which carries a penalty but can not be effectively policed or enforced is not worth having and the Regulation regarding riding with your forearms on top of the bars is such a Regulation.

Hard to police

Commissaire behind the peloton cannot see it as it normally happens at the front.

Moto comm is the best person to witness this but he is not always at the front of the peloton

Not aware of any accidents caused by this practice.

Can still take action, if necessary, under AT.4 12 "Creating a Dangerous Situation

Visiting riders in CI events found it strange as this is now generally accepted as a "normal" practice when riding at the front particularly into a headwind.

Considered keeping this in A4 races but such events rarely, if ever, have a moto comm.

As regards keeping it in Youth Racing it was felt it could be highlighted by the coaches or at the start of a Youth race as an unsafe and forbidden practice.

It is preferable not to put in a penalty for Youth Riders who contravene this as it is better trying to educate Youth riders rather than hitting them with a penalty for doing something which is regularly seen in televised cycle racing, which may drive them away from the sport.