

DRAFTING RULES EXPLAINED

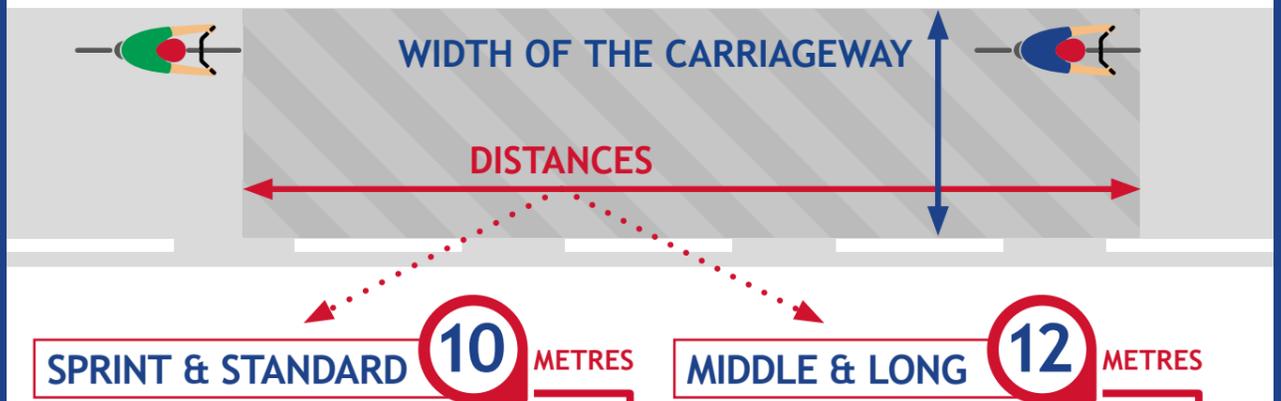
All the below are taken from the British Triathlon Competition Rules, available to download from the British Triathlon website.

WHAT IS DRAFTING?

IT'S AGAINST THE RULES

Taking shelter behind another competitor or motor vehicle during the bike phase to gain a competitive advantage.

THE DRAFTING ZONE



DRAFTING & NOT DRAFTING

✓ NOT DRAFTING

⚠ DRAFTING BIKE

LEAD BIKE



⚠ BLOCKING

You must keep to the left hand side of the course and not block another competitor trying to pass you.

MAKING A PASS

You may enter the draft zone to make a pass within the time allowed.

SPRINT & STANDARD

20
SECONDS

MIDDLE & LONG

25
SECONDS

If the pass cannot be made you must drop back.
Any overtaken cyclist must drop back once passed.



OTHER VEHICLES

You must remain **12 metres** behind motorcycles and **35 metres** behind other vehicles to prevent drafting.

PENALTIES

	1st Offence	2nd Offence	3rd Offence
SPRINT	1 MIN PENALTY	DISQUALIFICATION	N/A
STANDARD	2 MINS PENALTY	DISQUALIFICATION	N/A
MIDDLE / LONG	5 MINS PENALTY	5 MINS PENALTY	DISQUALIFICATION



Motorcycle Officials do not have to provide a warning about drafting for safety reasons.