

Vehicles Following Road Races

Just a friendly reminder that if you choose to follow a road race in your car, please follow the guidelines below - this is not only for your safety but the safety of all riders, marshals and event management.

- 🚦 Vehicles should have a flashing light which can be found in the Cycling Southland Van to show other vehicle drivers they are a part of the race.
- 🚦 If no lights are available please turn your head lights on low beam, do not use your hazards as this can confuse other vehicle drivers when you go to turn a corner.
- 🚦 If you are a lead vehicle for a bunch you must be at least 100m in front of them to prevent motor pacing.
- 🚦 If you are following behind a bunch please keep at least 10m behind them in case of a puncture or crash.
- 🚦 Keep an eye on your rear vision mirror for groups of cyclists approaching. Pull over and stop as far to the left as possible to allow them to pass.
- 🚦 Please be courteous to other vehicles on the road as most of them will be eager to get past the race to get to their destination.
- 🚦 If for some reason you need to pass a bunch, please allow at least 1.5m between the rider and your vehicle. Be wary of gravel or debris on the road as this could potentially flick up at the riders when passing.
- 🚦 Under no circumstance can the driver of a vehicle take photos of the cyclists while operating their vehicle. You must obey NZ road rules. Please pull over to take your pictures or preferably get your passenger to take the picture.

As part of our traffic management plan we do require tail and lead vehicles to be on the road as this helps create visual awareness to the public. We appreciate those who volunteer with this role on a weekly basis, just keep the above points in mind for the weeks ahead.