

R&G RACE OF THE SOUTH - THRUXTON – 14.15.16 AUGUST 2026 - Bulletin 3**Race Direction Information regarding Slow Riding**

Slow riding, waiting and disturbing other riders is dangerous, unprofessional and wastes valuable track time. At Oulton Park across various classes slow sector times on occasion, for no apparent reason, degraded to over 180% off of the best sector time, and a speed trap pass where 140mph would be considered 'normal' degraded to just 36 mph by two riders circulating together. We are now at the fastest track of the calendar where the consequences of a collision resulting from a speed differential are even greater.

Slow Riding (Touring)

Slow riding that disrupts or disadvantages another rider, particularly on the racing line, will almost always result in a penalty in qualifying sessions, unless there are clear extenuating circumstances.

Any slow riding that creates a safety risk, regardless of the session, will be investigated and if proven, will be penalised.

In earlier practice sessions (FP1/FP2 etc), slow riding incidents are assessed on a case-by-case basis, with warnings issued for first offences and escalating penalties for repeat infractions.

Excessive Slow Sectors

Sectors data from timekeeping will be analysed by the Race Direction for excessive slow sectors and rider behaviour confirmed with video evidence before penalties are issued.

Allowances can be made for technical problems, crashes, yellow flag zones and changing weather conditions.

The criteria is that each sector time should not be 135% or more of the rider's personal best time for that sector. Allowances will be made for the first lap of a session, first sector of an out lap and last sector of an in lap.

Penalties Process

Slow riding for any reason, that is considered to be dangerous or disturbing other riders, may be penalised with or without sector data and with or without a hearing.

Sector data will be used to assist in the evaluation process, penalties are not based on data only.

The full range of penalties is available to the Race Direction, including: official warnings, drop of grid positions, long lap and penalty points.

The Race Direction will be the sole judge of disruptive or dangerous behaviour.

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