

# MIAMI UNIVERSITY STUDENT FOUNDATION 20/20 BIKE RACE MANUAL

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# **SECTION ONE: INTRODUCTION**

## **Welcome Statement**

Thank you for joining us for the Miami University Student Foundation's 20/20 Bike Race! This event is near and dear to our hearts, as well as the hearts of our Alumni. We are excited to be bringing this race back to Miami University's campus for the third time in almost two decades. The 20/20 Bike Race was the second-largest collegiate bike race in the nation at its peak, raising thousands of dollars for student scholarships and bringing the greater Oxford community together in support.

We appreciate your support at this year's 20/20 Bike Race as we once again rally the Miami and Oxford communities together. The MUSF Bike Race Committee has made every effort to fine tune the details of this race. It is our hope that you enjoy your racing experience, and become an advocate for future races and MUSF sponsored events. The Miami University Student Foundation's motto since 1972 is "helping students past, present, & future". Staying connected with Miami University alumni and keeping our universities traditions alive is at the heart of our organization. We also aim to assist future Miamians achieve their goal of an outstanding education through MUSF's student scholarship endowment. Through your participation, you are championing our foundation's mission and purpose.

Cheers.

Miami University Student Foundation

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# **The Miami University Student Foundation**

The Miami University Student Foundation (MUSF) sponsors major campus programs, recruits top caliber students, and raises thousands of dollars annually for undergraduate scholarships – all while strengthening the link between students and alumni. Founded in 1972, MUSF is proudly sponsored and supported by the Miami University Alumni Association.

MUSF is dedicated to developing and providing scholarships to our Miami students. Our foundation aids the student leader, fulfills campus needs, and strengthens the Miami community through high standards of leadership, devotion to the unity of the community, and a strong passion and love for Miami.

Although the idea for a student foundation is not unique to Miami University, MUSF is different from other student alumni associations/foundations throughout the country. This uniqueness results from the philosophy and goals of the organization which cater to the atmosphere of Miami. MUSF has taken many shapes since its inception in 1972. Its current focus is to continue to contribute and develop their student scholarships in order to retain and promote the best students on campus. In addition, MUSF programming and efforts strive to exemplify the dedication that most students have to make Miami the best it can be. MUSF exists to provide students with fundamental feelings of excitement and passion for Miami. Involvement in MUSF allows members to grow in their leadership style and become better prepared for the professional world.

# **MUSF Goals**

- MUSF will strive to be the campus leader in developing projects that involve all facets of campus life to promote the Miamian ideal of Love and Honor.
- As leaders, MUSF members will learn to be aware of themselves as well as their surroundings in order to better serve the Miami community
- Educating MUSF members is crucial to fostering love and commitment to the Miami Community. MUSF members will strive to understand and learn the history of MUSF and the history of Miami, through an active program potential.
- The alumni board is an integral part of MUSF development. With the guidance and knowledge of former Miamians, MUSF will continue to lead the Miami community. The MUSF advisor plays an important role in connecting the alumni body's ideas with the students of MUSF and provides support for the Foundation's efforts
- Strategically important, communication is imperative within and outside of MUSF.
   Open lines of communication will allow MUSF to flourish as a catalyst for unification among all campus organizations
- As our most important asset, our members will be informed and ready to lead MUSF into the next level. Recruiting the best members who have a strong vision and the will to achieve great things is essential for the Foundation
- Through the implementation of the MUSF Philosophy, Foundation Members and those affected by the Foundation will dedicate themselves to promoting the welfare and excellence that surrounds Miami University
- Continue to provide support of Miami students through student scholarships, with a hope to increase the number of scholarships given each year

# 20/20 Bike Race Goals

- Provide a fun, worthwhile activity for the Miami student community
- Provide an environment where eligible teams have an equal opportunity and realistic chance for success
- Provide riders with leadership opportunities
- Promote the event in a way that encourages team support by spectators
- Create an opportunity for 20/20 bike race alumni to return and enjoy the event
- Generate various income streams to fund student scholarships

# History of the 20/20 10/10 Bike Race

MUSF's 10/10 and 20/20 bike racing event, formally held during Lil' Sibs Weekend for many years, was the second largest of its kind in the country, second only to Indiana University's Little 500, according to the 1990 *Recensio*.

## **This Manual**

This Manual is applicable to all 20/20 riders, coaches, team representatives, and other race volunteers. It contains important policies, rules, and practices that help to support a safe and fun racing environment during our iconic event. At certain points throughout the Manual, specific penalties may be noted for failure to comply with a rule or policy. In addition, the Miami University Student Foundation and Miami University retain the right to assess additional penalties, including but limited to disqualification from the race to any team (or team representative) that fails to adhere to any rule outlined in this Manual.

Please also note that, although MUSF will make every effort not to change policies or rules after the Fall Semester begins, our foundation reserves the right to make any amendment to the policies or rules in this Manual when necessary or prudent. Any amendment, adjustment, revision or change to the eligibility rules will only be made after a reasonable notice period.

# **SECTION 2: GENERAL INFORMATION**

# **Teams of the Race**

The Fall 2023 Race will feature up to 20 teams of 5 student riders (*Please refer to the "Rules of Eligibility" section for a more detailed explanation on the student requirements*). The winning team will be determined by who holds the overall best time out of all teams competing in the race.

Teams entering the 20/20 bike race may do so under one of the following categories of teams: Independent, Organization, Residence Hall, Fraternity or Sorority. Once a rider becomes "Actively Affiliated" with a team (in lay terms, "joins the team"), the rider will be required to continue with that team unless otherwise provided under these rules. A rider will be deemed Actively Affiliated with a team upon completion of both 20/20 team and rider registration which closes on September 30th, 2023.

# **Day of Event Schedule**

Saturday, September 30, 2023

MUSF/Volunteers Arrive: 7:00 AM

**Event Start Time: 11:00 AM** 

Crawford Calendar Block: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Race Rules Read Aloud to Participants: 10:20 AM

National Anthem: The Cheezies: 10:50 AM

Race Start: 11:00 AM

End Time: 2:00 PM

# **SECTION 3: POLICIES OF THE RACE**

## **Medical Rules and Policies**

## Evaluation of a 20/20 Bike Race-Related Injury

MUSF recommends that all participants undergo a physical examination from a qualified physician before participating in either practice or the 20/20 bike race event. All participants injured during a 20/20 event are required to see the EMS, EMT or First Aider on duty for an evaluation of the injury. The EMS, EMT or First Aider on site will suggest treatment and determine next steps. Students and visitors that sustain injuries on campus should fill out the Non-Occupational Injury Form found at <a href="https://www.miamioh.edu/pfd/\_files/documents/non-occupational-accident-injury-508.pdfl">https://www.miamioh.edu/pfd/\_files/documents/non-occupational-accident-injury-508.pdfl</a> and submit it through the injury listserv at <a href="mailto:injuryreport@listserv.miamioh.edu">injuryreport@listserv.miamioh.edu</a>.

#### Insurance

All participants must be covered by a personal health insurance policy or Miami University student provided health insurance. They are not required to provide proof of insurance during the time of race participation, but when signing their rider waiver, are confirming that they do hold either type of insurance coverage.

#### Rider Waiver

Every rider and volunteer planning to participate in any 20/20 activity or the race is required to sign a waiver provided by MUSF. This waiver is available online through the MUSF website as well as sent via email to each participant of the race. These must be signed and returned to MUSF prior to race participation, and will be confirmed on the day of the race.

# **Team Name Policy**

Miami University student organizations in good standing with the University may be used as team names. Business and for-profit commercial entities are not permitted as a team name. Use of any student organization name no longer recognized by Miami University is prohibited. Additionally, any reference (including but not limited to symbols, colors, initials) to said organization is prohibited.

20/20 team names may not be used in connection with, or in reference to: the former "Redskin" mascot name or symbol, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, sexual innuendo or in other contexts that in the sole opinion of MUSF would reflect negatively on MUSF, the Miami University Alumni Association, or Miami University.

# **Branding Policy**

MUSF is responsible for ensuring that all items, including apparel bearing the 20/20 brand adhere to the standards of Miami University guidelines. If a team intends to have 20/20 appear on any team apparel, it must submit the artwork for approval to MUSF via email at musf@miamioh.edu. In addition, the 20/20 name may not be used in connection with, or in reference to: the former "Redskin" mascot name or symbol, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, sexual innuendo or in other contexts that in the sole opinion of MUSF would reflect negatively on MUSF, the Miami University Alumni Association or Miami University. MUSF does not support the use of parody logos. Further, since the 20/20 bike race is an official MUSF event, all apparel must also include the MUSF logo. Placement of the MUSF logo is at the organization's discretion, but it must be visible. This approved logo will be provided to those who have submitted approved apparel artwork.

# **Substance Abuse Policy**

Any rider suspected of using controlled substances or appearing to be under the influence of alcohol will be required to submit to medical testing. No rider may refuse or fail to complete testing or attempt to subvert or falsify test results. The term "subvert" shall include, but not be limited to, the use of a substance or process that has the effect of masking the detection of a prohibited substance. The expenses of the testing shall be borne by the rider suspected of using, and the physician to perform the medical procedures shall be selected by MUSF. If test results are positive, the rider in question may be subject to state and federal legal action, Miami University Disciplinary Procedures, and lifetime loss of eligibility to participate in the 20/20 Bike Race. Furthermore, the team of the applicable rider or coach will forfeit their placing in that year's event.

# SECTION 4: ELIGIBILITY RULES AND PROTEST PROCEDURES

# 20/20 Rules of Eligibility

### **Student Riders**

- 1. *Age:* All Miami University students desiring to participate as a rider in any 20/20 bike race-related event must be at least 18 years old. This includes, but is not limited to, the race itself as well as all practice session participations.
- Enrollment: Any student desiring to participate as a rider in the 20/20 Bike Race must be a full-time undergraduate student enrolled at the Oxford campus of Miami University during both the fall semester of the year of participation. A full-time student is defined as carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours during a single semester.
- 3. Conduct: All student riders are required to follow all Miami University policies, including the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct, as well as the Miami University Sexual Misconduct Policy. Any student rider who is not in good standing with the University will not be eligible to participate in the 20/20 Bike Race. MUSF works closely with the Office of Student Activities on all issues regarding participants' conduct.
- 4. Exception for Graduating Seniors: Graduating seniors (which means those students who will graduate in December of the calendar year of the forthcoming 20/20 Bike Race) must also meet the requirements above, except that they may take as few as six credits during the fall semester directly preceding their graduation. This only applies to graduating seniors with less than 24 credits remaining before graduation. Such students must take at least half of their remaining credits in that final fall semester and at least six of these credits must be for a grade and not Pass/Fail. Any graduating senior who wishes to retain eligibility while carrying between six and twelve hours must submit a transcript reflecting their credit hours via the protest and appeals process.

# **Sportsmanship**

MUSF strives to create an environment of positive, safe competition and good sportsmanship. 20/20 bike teams will be held accountable for the actions of their riders and any other supporters. Consequences for poor behavior may include pre-race penalties or rider/team expulsion. The following are elements of good 20/20 sportsmanship:

- Rules Violations: Teams must read and understand all information in the Manual and abide by the rules and regulations contained herein. If a student rider becomes aware that he/she or any individual affiliated with another team has committed a rules violation, that individual should immediately report those violations to MUSF.
- 2. Event Philosophy: Teams should understand the goals and philosophy of the 20/20 Bike Race, as listed in this Manual, and do their best to live up to them.
- 3. Officials: Riders, coaches, and volunteers must respect the decisions of MUSF, as well as supervisory students, the head advisor, and other event staff. Participants who engage in demonstrations or other behaviors on the track that are designed to belittle race officials, students, or volunteers may subject themselves or their teams to disciplinary action.

# **Protest Procedure and Appeals**

In the event that a rider or team is ineligible to participate in 20/20 events due to noncompliance with the eligibility rules set forth in this manual, such ineligible student may submit an electronic protest and supporting documents via email to MUSF at musf@miamioh.edu. The 20/20 Race Director will review the protest and documentation and conduct any necessary investigation and/or interviews. The Race Director will then decide to pass or deny the protest. If the Race Director rules favorably, then the protest is passed. If the Race Director rules against the protest, then the student can file an appeal with the MUSF Appeals Board. If the student does not choose to file an appeal, then the protest is considered to be denied and cannot be submitted again. Students may also protest the actions, conduct, or eligibility of other individuals or teams that are participating in the 20/20 Bike Race.

IF A PROTEST IS NOT FILED AT LEAST A WEEK PRIOR TO THE RACE, MUSF DETERMINES AUTOMATICALLY THAT SAID TEAM IS INELIGIBLE AFTER THAT DATE, THE PROTEST WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

# SECTION 5: PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS AND RACE RULES

## **Practice Rules**

Cook Field: 140 S. Patterson Ave, Oxford Ohio 45056

Cook Field is located on the northeast corner of State Route 73 and Patterson Avenue. The outer track around the field will be utilized for the race, and all riders are able and encouraged to utilize this space prior to the race in order to gain an understanding of the race course. We also encourage all riders to wear the same safety gear they will wear on the day of the race to ensure they are prepared and safe during practice. This reference to open practice is not associated with MUSF, and will be an unsupervised occurrence and the rider and any further spectators involved are liable.

Riders will however, be signing their waiver of liability with the understanding that they will have needed to conduct their own practice session with their team and that they are responsible for having the full capabilities required to ride a bike. If a team is in need of borrowing a bicycle in order to do this, they will need to contact MUSF at musf@miamioh.edu to request one.

# Race Rules and Regulations

Note: It is required that all riders' have Miami University student identification cards with them on race day. Any team in violation of 20/20 bike race rules regarding ineligible personnel is subject to an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty at the discretion of MUSF.

### Course

The Race shall be 40 laps/20.235 miles in length. The race surface is the half mile pavement track at Cook on the campus of Miami University.

### **Entrants**

Entrants in the race shall be the teams that are registered and approved by the MUSF Bike Race. Each team may consist of a maximum of five properly registered and eligible riders. All riders are required to ride at some point during the race. Each team will be identified by the number attached to their bicycle during the time of the race and the unique penny assigned and worn by each team.

## **Bicycles**

MUSF will provide bicycles to all teams who are participating. All of these bicycles will be in compliance with the specs required of the race, and checked by our mechanics prior to the race. Bicycles that are not provided by MUSF will not be permitted in the race. No alterations of the provided bicycle are allowed except by permission of the MUSF Bike Race Committee. After the race is completed, all timing chips must be returned to MUSF and Race Penguin before leaving Cook Field.

## **Helmets and Safety Equipment**

Helmets are required for all participants to wear. MUSF will have a very limited number of helmets to provide to participants, so the expectation is that you will ensure sourcing one of your own. Knee and elbow pads, wrist guards, and other forms of safety are optional equipment that each rider is responsible for sourcing on his/her own and are highly encouraged.

## **Additional Safety**

Please note that MUSF will take the following precautions in order to keep participants safe. The track will be surrounded by a barrier to keep riders safe from outside onlookers, and contained on the course. Additionally, there will be hay bales placed and secured next to all safety concerns (light poles, sharp turns, etc.) around the track.

Water will be provided by MUSF the day of the race, and will be stationed at the pit area for all who participate. Additionally, safety staff will have bottles on hand at various points around the track, and ensure that it is provided to any rider at any point in the race if they request it. You will not be permitted to take a water bottle from a safety officer and continue to race while consuming. You must come to a stop in order to request this option.

### **Pits**

Each team will be assigned an area within the pit along the marked area near the race hub. The pit will be approximately ten feet long. No exchanges will be allowed outside of this area. Each team is allowed to have a maximum of 5 people in their pit on race day—the registered five riders who will ride in the race. MUSF will have a race affiliated mechanic on the infield. One rider will be allowed in the infield with the "B" bicycle. All other visitors associated with the bike team must be situated behind the snow fence. It shall be the responsibility of the pit crew to supply all needs of the team and to aid in the servicing of the team's bicycle. Pit crew is defined as all other racers who are members of your respective team, who are not actively racing.

## **Exchanges**

Each team shall be required to complete exchanges during the course of the race. It will be the team's responsibility to check with their track judge to determine if they have fulfilled the requirement. During an exchange, the outgoing rider cannot touch the incoming bike until it has reached the front line of his/her designated pit area. The exchange must be completed within an area of the pit and the racing track, called the exchange area. In case of a full-bike exchange (2 bikes involved), the outgoing rider can place the rear wheel of his or her bike against the back line of the preceding pit. The rider must stay stationary until a "tag" is executed by the incoming rider. The incoming rider will have until the end of their team's pit to stop the incoming bike. Failure to complete the exchange in the designated area will result in the continuation of the lap by the incoming rider. A retaining line will be used as a guide to making exchanges. *Exception:* When adjacent teams are exchanging simultaneously, one team may step out beyond the restraining line to complete the exchange as long as they do not impede the progress of any other team in the race. The teams involved will decide which rider

out beyond the restraining line to complete the exchange as long as they do not impede the progress of any other team in the race. The teams involved will decide which rider uses the exchange area and which rider steps out. Proper exchange etiquette designates that the lead exchange should be completed in the position nearest the infield. Incoming riders must stop within the pit area. Another team or pit crew member may not stop these riders.

## Pace Lap

One warmup lap will immediately precede the actual pace lap and start the race. Teams will follow the pace setter around the track for one lap in the order of the starting line-up. On the pace lap, the pace setter will maintain a steady speed until it reaches turn two at which time it will gradually increase its speed. Riders will also speed up, but they must maintain their position. Failure to comply with this will be deemed as failure to observe flags of the race. As the first row of riders crosses the start line, the official starter will wave the green flag. The race starts for each team as its row crosses the starting line. If a wreck should occur on the pace lap, the rider should inform one of the judges stationed around the track, in which case the green flag will be delayed.

## **Flags**

The race will be controlled by the use of official flags, and it is the responsibility of every rider and pit crew to understand the meaning of each flag. Failure to observe flags will result in penalties.

The flags and their meanings are as follows:

Green	Starting signal, clears course
Black	Ride on the outside of the track
Red	Stop: race is halted
Yellow	Ride with caution and maintain position
Blue with Orange Stripe	Bicycle attempting to pass
White	You are starting your last lap
Checkered Black and White	You have completed the race

### Conduct

Student riders and coaches will be expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner when riding and in the pit areas. When riding, team members will be expected to compete fairly without hindering other riders in any way or improving their position in an unsportsmanlike manner. When not riding, team members should remain in the designated pit area. Walking to other pits must be avoided because such actions jeopardize the safety or position of another team. One rider may carefully cross the track only when there has been a team accident. No permission is needed from the judge. However, impeding the progress of another rider shall subject the offending team to a penalty as judged by the MUSF Bike Race Committee.

Radios, cell phones, and other electronic communication devices are allowed within the pit to be used by the pit crew. The use of these devices by any rider on the bicycle is strictly forbidden. The use of headphones/earbuds by any rider is strictly forbidden. Any rider and team found violating this policy will be subject to a 20-second penalty.

#### **Penalties**

If in the opinion of the officials, teams are guilty of violation of these rules, they shall be penalized for no less than 10 (10) seconds. This time will be spent in the penalty box

located near the start line. Penalties issued during the race must be served within 10 laps of it being announced. Penalty times shall be as follows:

- 1. Impeding another team (including the team rider and pit crew) 10-20 seconds.
- 2. Failure to observe flags, 10 seconds.
- 3. Creeping will not be tolerated. Track position and relative distance to the leader must be maintained during caution conditions signified by the yellow flag. The team leading the race at the time that the yellow flag is displayed shall be responsible for setting a safe pace. No team shall be penalized for creeping, if in the opinion of the judges, the team is making a sincere attempt to keep pace with the leading team.
- 4. Illegal exchange from bicycle "A" to bicycle "B", 10 seconds.
- 5. Illegal exchange and unnecessary riding through more than three pits for an exchange, 10 seconds.
- 6. Unsportsmanlike conduct, 10-20 seconds, depending on severity.
- 7. Failure to complete five exchanges as required will result in a one lap penalty for each of the exchanges NOT completed.
- 8. Other infractions not covered will be left to the discretion of the MUSF Bike Race Committee, with the consultation of the judge involved.

The penalty box is located immediately after the start/finish line. Teams will have 3 laps to serve their penalty after it is announced. To serve a penalty, the rider must completely dismount from the bicycle once in the penalty box and wait until the judge determines the penalty is over. Once the judge indicates, the rider will be allowed to mount the bicycle and continue the race.

### **Safety Procedures**

MUSF Staff Safety Officials and first aid personnel clearing the track after an accident will remove all damaged bicycles from the track. The Safety Officials have the authority to give the team members permission to assist with the clearing of the track.

Should any accident occur during the race that hinders the normal progress of the race or endangers the safety of the riders (as decided by the MUSF Bike Committee), the safety officials stationed around the track will display the red flag. At this signal, the riders must slow their pace and come to a stop, until a green flag is displayed, indicating that the race is resumed. When an accident occurs and the red flag is displayed, the safety officials near the accident will clear the track and check to see if all the riders involved in the accident are able to continue in the race. Riders that are not seriously injured will be allowed by the safety officials to continue in the race provided that their bicycles are still operable. The decision concerning the condition of the bicycles or riders will be left to the riders/teams themselves. If the medical tent deems it unsafe for a rider to continue to race, that rider must cease to continue to race. Failure to comply

with this directive will lead to the team's disqualification. As soon as the pit knows that its team has been involved in an accident, one rider from that team may carefully cross the track and proceed to the accident. An impending penalty will be imposed if the rider crossing the track interferes with the normal progress of another team. If both the rider and the bicycle involved in the accident are back in the race, the substitute rider must return to the pit. If the rider is injured and the bicycle is not functional, the new rider and/or the new bike must re-enter the race in the area of the accident and at the direction of the safety officials or judge. A member of the team or undergraduate coach will take any damaged bicycle to the MUSF Mechanic. If the bike cannot be repaired promptly, the MUSF Mechanic will give the team a new bike. The exchange of the bicycle will consist of a tag between the incoming rider and the outgoing rider, with the incoming rider completely stopping the incoming bicycle before the end of the team's pit. When the tag is made, the outgoing rider may enter the race. In no event shall the student coach or any other member of the exchanging team touch the incoming bicycle or rider in an effort to stop the said rider or bicycle during the course of the bike exchange. These rules should cover all types of accidents.

## **Entering the Infield**

With the exception of the team's designated pit, the grass area around the inside of the track is not to be ridden on. This is considered part of the infield. If a team is forced onto the grass and into the infield it may enter back onto the track at the direction of the safety officials. Any team attempting to improve its position by riding through the infield will be given a penalty.

### **Termination of the Race**

The MUSF Bike Race Committee has the authority to delay the start or stop of the race temporarily once in progress if safety requires such action. Moreover, the Bike Race Committee shall have the authority to terminate the race before its scheduled finish if an emergency demands it. They may call the race completed after three or more bicycles have finished the race. Bicycles flagged down as a result of such decision will earn finishing position according to the number of racing laps completed by each team at the time the race is considered completed. When the winning team receives the checkered flag, each team will finish their current lap and then return to their pit. The finishing order will be determined by when each team crosses the finish line subsequent to the winner. After the final lap, riders should circle the track and report back to their pits.

In the event of a photo finish or a finish in which there is a ruling by the MUSF Bike Race Committee affecting the winning team, the Steward/Stewardess will make a call on the field. The finish will then be reviewed by the MUSF Bike Race Committee and the Steward/Stewardess. All teams in contention for the victory will be informed of the Steward/Stewardess' and Bike Race Committee's final decision and the team's finishing

order before leaving the race track. It is the authority of the MUSF Bike Race Committee to decide if the finish needs to be reviewed. All decisions of the race are final.

# Officers of the 20/20 Bike Race

**20/20 Bike Race Committee:** It shall be the duty of the Bike Race Committee to inspect the race facilities, secure the designated officials, check rider eligibility, and uphold rules necessary in order to conduct the race in the safest, quickest, and simplest manner.

**MUSF Bike Race Committee:** The Bike Race Committee is responsible for overseeing all administrative duties and general management of the race.

**Steward/Stewardess of the Race:** The Steward/Stewardess shall decide all questions relating to the actual conduct of the race for which resolution is not otherwise provided in these rules. He/she shall have the power to disqualify any rider from further competition in the race for unsportsmanlike conduct. He/she will have the power to assess penalties. The Steward/Stewardesses' decision shall be final and no appeals shall be considered.

**Judges:** Judges shall be stationed at regular intervals around the track and will report all irregularities to the Steward/Stewardess. The duties are as follows:

- 1. To report riders who impede others in any way
- 2. To report riders who improve their position in an unsportsmanlike manner
- 3. To report riders who enter or leave the track illegally
- 4. To report teams who do not change riders within the prescribed zone
- 5. To report any unsportsmanlike practices of non-riders

**Chief Observers:** The observers will be stationed around Cook Field, one each on the front and back straights. Their main duty is to aid the MUSF Bike Race Committee in the enforcement of the race rules. The observers' duties parallel those of the judges and because of their high vantage point their observations will be used to clarify and support those of the judges. The Bike Race Committee may also rely on the observers to determine if the severity of an accident warrants display of the yellow or red flags.

**Starter:** The starter is responsible for giving the following flag signals:

- 1. Start the race
- 2. Stop for consultation
- 3. Race is halted
- 4. Ride with caution and maintain position

- 5. Bicycle attempting to pass
- 6. Starting your last lap
- 7. Finish of the race

Safety Officials: The duties of the safety officials are as follows:

- 1. Clear the track of accidents
- 2. Control re-entry to the track
- 3. Point out to the judges any infractions that occur
- 4. Responsible for the immediate safety of the riders
- 5. Escort injured riders to the Medical Tent
- 6. Observation of the safety officials shall not be sufficient grounds for the imposition of penalties unless cleared by the judge