

TBC 2018 RR Communique part 2 - Cat 3 Women

The race jury has decided that for today's stage, all women in the main pack will receive first place, same time, and no time bonuses will be awarded.

This decision was reached because:

1. There were no lead motos or referees with the Cat 3 women's field because they were pulled off to cover the second wave fields and the Cat 3 women took longer than expected to finish.
2. There was clear miscommunication between the Cat 3 men's moto and the two riders off the front of the pack, who thought they were being neutralized. The moto told them just stay right and keep racing.
3. The officials had protests from both sides - the women who believed that they lost the break due to the supposed neutralization, and the women who believed that they were closing in on the women who were in the break.
4. After the race jury deliberated both sides of the protests, it decided that the only equitable solution to this issue was to in effect declare an 11 way tie for first place with everyone receiving the same time.