Readable Numbers

Bib number placement for track events will vary depending upon the type of event you are in [timed events vs. massed start]. For road events, it will depend which side of the road the finish camera/officials is located.

Remember, you want your number to be READABLE BY THE OFFICIALS & PHOTO FINISH CAMERAS, so take the time to make sure that bib numbers are placed properly. This is in your on-the-bike position, not "standing up next to the car, having your team-mate pin it on as if you are doing a running race" type of position. Ladies - be careful of long hair being in the way.
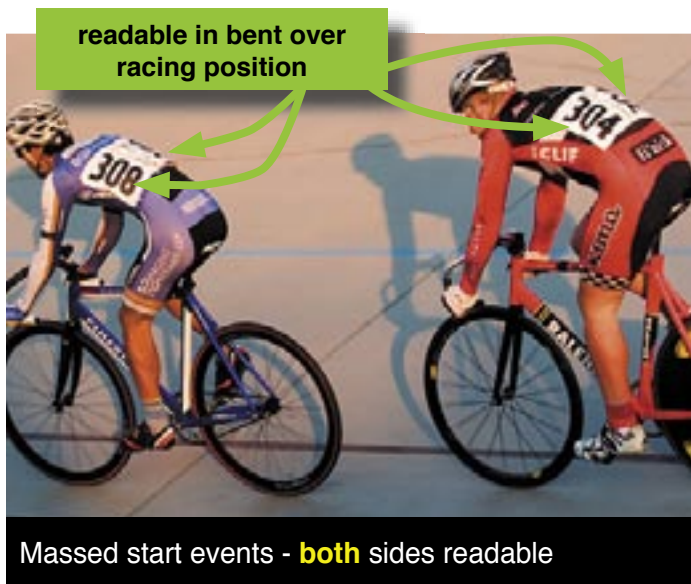
By the USA Cycling Racing Rule Book:
1K4. RACING NUMBERS.
(a) Racing numbers are provided by the organizer [**Bib Numbers - one for officials and other for spectators**], who may require a deposit that shall be refunded on return of the numbers in good order.
The figures should be black, and be 12 to 14 cm high on a light colored background 20 cm or less in height and 20 cm wide. The figures shall not be handwritten, but printed in block letters, using waterproof ink.

Numbers shall be constructed from materials sufficiently durable to last the race without tearing or disintegrating, even in adverse weather. The name of the race or race sponsor may appear on a competitor's number.

(b) Riders shall place their numbers as prescribed by the officials and in such a way that they are visible when the rider is in a racing position. Hip numbers shall be attached securely at least at the four corners and no accessory may cover them. If shoulder or frame numbers are provided, they too shall be placed as prescribed.

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Numbers may not be folded, trimmed, crumpled, or otherwise defaced. [Replacement of the numbers at riders' expense if noted before the start, otherwise warning or relegation.]

If your number is unreadable, there is a chance your position in the finish will not be awarded to you.

ALSO - This means attentively checking the posted results, after a finish. Check the results - no matter your placing - ALWAYS.

readable in bent over racing position

Massed start events - **both** sides readable

Timed events - bib# placement may be on the back