Core Skills
Attack position • Braking • Cornering • Pedaling • Pumping

Practice the basics. Focus on one thing at a time.

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Practice your attack position

Almost every move (braking, turning, pumping, etc.) starts and finishes in this position.

Focus on one thing at a time.

Soon this position will be automatic!

1. Weight on pedals.
2. Knees bent
3. Shoulders low, back level
4. Head up, eyes forward
5. Elbows out

Light hands!

Lower your seat for better handling.

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Slow down safely

1. Start in attack position.

2. As you gradually squeeze both brakes, rotate your body down and back.
   
   *Press into your feet, not your hands!*

3. Gradually release the brakes and resume attack position.

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Turn on a dime (or a rock)

1. Start in attack position. Low shoulders!

2. Look through the turn to where you want to go.

3. Lean your bike beneath you. The more you lean, the tighter and faster you can turn.

*Stay loose. Let your bars turn on their own.*
Spin easy, climb fast

Save energy and have more fun with these tips.

- Keep your hands light!
- Extend leg and push hip forward
- Balance on your feet.
- Back straight. In line with tailbone.
- Hips rocked forward.
- Spin an easy gear.
- Push across the top.

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“Pump” bumps on the track and trail

1. Push down before the bump.
2. Pull over the front of the bump.
3. Get low on top of the bump.
4. Push down the back of the bump.

Push hard with your legs!

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