

Brant Cycling Club Risk Management Plan / 2019



The Brant Cycling Club (BCC or Club) has developed this Risk Management Plan to document how Club rides or events are to be managed. Our goal is to reduce the possibility of risks associated with cycling activities. These policies are to be practiced by all riders participating in Club rides. It is our expectation all riders (including riders as permitted by the Ontario Cycling Association rules) act in a safe manner at all times.

Definitions

BCC Rides means rides or events formally organized by the BCC and as described on the BCC website. Rides or events not listed on the BCC website are not BCC rides.

BCC Members, herein after referred to as “members” or “a member”.

BCC Board of Directors, herein after referred to as “the Board” or “Board members”.

Incorporation

The Club was incorporated on January 29, 2015.

Insurance

The BCC purchases General Liability Insurance coverage through the Ontario Cycling Association (OCA) on an annual basis. General Liability Insurance is designed to protect a person (member) or entity (local club, Provincial and National Cycling Association) against legal responsibility arising out of a negligent act or failure to act as a prudent person would have acted, which results in bodily injury or property damage to another party. The coverage details may be accessed through the OCA website.

Membership in the Club is conditional upon all members purchasing additional insurance through the OCA in the form of “OCA membership fees”. Members pay this fee and agreement waivers at time of registration through the Cycling Component Network platform.

Standards of Care

All riders are ultimately responsible for their own safety. To augment this responsibility Members are reminded they must:

- Adhere to the rules outlined in the Ontario Highway Traffic Act,
- Observe the OCA rules and regulations as they pertain to Club Rides, and,
- Be familiar with group riding etiquette/conduct, as per the BCC Ride Guide.

General Rules

- Club rides are limited to members in good standing,
- Members from visiting clubs are permitted on Club rides provided they are able to show the OCA membership card (proof of insurance),
- Recognizing that the Club shares the road with other riders, non-members requesting to join our rides will be discouraged from doing so, reminded we cannot and will not be responsible for their safety, that the safety of the member riders is paramount to the club, and encourage the non-member to return on a scheduled "Try Ride" events.
- Riders are expected to bring all observed unsafe practices, actions or situations the attention of the Ride Leaders.
- Any Rider acting in an unsafe manner that is thought to be compromising the safety of the group will be warned and/or asked to leave the ride, and may be subject to further recourse, as per the Disciplinary and Complaints Policy.

Ride Leaders

- The Club will make reasonable effort to provide Ride Leaders for each BCC ride. Depending on Ride Leader availability and group size, there may not always be a Ride Leader with each group. But there will be a Ride Leader who coordinates the plan for each ride, as per below.
- Each Ride will begin with a verbal reminder by the Ride Leaders regarding safety, the planned route, rules and expectations of each member during the ride,
- Ride Leaders are the final authority during the event: their actions should hold paramount the safe completion of the Ride for all members,
- Ride Leaders are expected to carry a cell phone for emergency purposes.
- Ride Leaders are volunteers from the Club who have expressed their willingness to be trained and act as a Ride Leader for Club rides,
- Ride Leader Training dates are held in the Spring prior to the beginning of the season. Interested Ride Leaders as asked to attend 1 "in-class" session to review the Ride Guide and the Ride Leader Guide, as well as to attend a minimum of 1 on-bike session. During the on-bike session Ride Leaders have the opportunity to practice communicating to a group of riders.
- When possible the Club tries to send Ride Leaders for additional training opportunities (ie. NCCP)

Rides

- Rides are completed in accordance to our Ride Guide.
- All Club rides are designated as No Drop events unless otherwise communicated,
- A description of each ride level (ie. Novice, Intermediate, etc) is provided on our website. The description includes general pace, distance and level of experience with group riding. Members are expected to read these descriptions and place themselves in the groups accordingly,

- All riders are expected to be sufficiently fit for the particular ride (length, speed, course difficulty etc.) they are taking on.
- Members are expected to read and adhere to the etiquette/conduct outlined in the Club Ride Guide, as well as the Code of Conduct Policy.
- Group sizes are expected to vary depending on the number of riders for each event. Ride Leaders will break the groups into manageable sizes of 6-12 riders,
- Any rider wishing to leave the group during the ride is required to notify the Ride Leader or at least another rider who is with the group to pass the message to the Ride Leader. It is acknowledged that leaving the Ride absolves the club of any responsibility for that rider once they have disengaged,
- Riders are expected to provide their own bicycle in good operating order, bring proper tools, a spare tube, and be wearing a helmet at all times during the ride,
- Other protective clothing (gloves, eyewear, etc.) and lights for rides conducted within 30 minutes of sunrise and sunset is strongly encouraged,
- Any rider thought to be impaired or otherwise unable to safely participate in the ride will be asked to not participate in that event,
- Through the year the Club will host Try Rides for non-members. During these events riders will be asked to sign an OCA waiver before participating in the ride. During the Ride, these participants will be treated, and are expected to behave in a manner similar to all Club members and in line with all Club rules and policies.
- Any and every accident on a BCC Ride shall be immediately reported to a Ride Leader to then be reported to a Board member. Using the proper reporting procedures and forms provided by CC the Board member will then report the accident to the Provincial Cycling Association.

Rider Development

The Club encourages all riders to be comfortable and proficient with group riding before joining a Club ride. However, the Club recognizes the need to provide opportunities for new riders to develop these skills.

- By offering the range of Novice, Intermediate I, Intermediate II, Advanced I, and Advanced II the Club aims to provide opportunities for progression.
- When possible, the Club may offer opportunities through coaching and feedback to allow members to improve their skills before moving to the next group.
- When possible, the Club may offer dedicated events or rides that are aimed at skill development for the different levels. Riders new to the Club may be asked to participate in one of these rides before trying to join the more advanced groups.