

“Organization” refers to: **Collingwood Cycling Club**

**Purpose:**

To document the conditions under which a member may participate in Organization events using an e-bike.

**Definitions:**

E-bikes are defined within the Organization as motorized bicycles that generally have the appearance of conventional road bicycles, meet Government of Ontario e-bike requirements, have steerable drop handlebars, working pedals and an electric motor enabling speeds that assist to 32 kilometers per hour (kph).

Electric or gas-powered scooters, which generally are of a step-through frame, and generally do not have pedals, are not allowed on Club rides.

**Conditions for Participation:**

1. Members riding e-bikes must conform to all regulations applying to regular bike riders.
2. All e-bikes must comply with the definition outlined above including governing not to exceed 32 kph and drop handlebars.
3. An e-bike will only be allowed when it is used in the pedal assist mode. No other type of speed control such as handlebar throttles will be allowed. E-bikes with throttle controls on their handlebar should have them disconnected.
4. Those choosing to ride e-bikes are expected to ensure they are fully self-sufficient with particular attention paid to the range of their battery and should not participate in long rides unless their battery power will allow them to complete the ride. The Club will not “rescue” riders whose batteries die out and they will have to make their own arrangements to be picked up. If possible, e-bike riders may wish to carry a second battery with them.
5. E-bike riders must demonstrate a level of proficiency on their e-bike that is deemed adequate for group riding by their Ride Leader.
6. E-bike riders are encouraged to participate in special ‘learning to ride in group rides’ offered by the Club.

**Rules while Riding:**

1. All e-bike riders must inform the Ride Leader that they are riding an e-bike before the start of every ride.
2. E-bike riders must observe the riding rules and etiquette required of all other members of the group.
3. In general, e-bike riders should be aware that their speed may be faster than the speed of non-powered bicycles and must be aware of their positioning and speed control at all times.
4. E-bikes are to ride within their group riding skill level and at the pace of the group they are in. E-bike riders may not push the pace of the group by riding faster or riding off the front or being at the front of the group a disproportionate amount of time.
5. E-riders may ride at a pace faster than other members of their group during free climbing on hills.
6. As with any other rider, Ride Leaders may ask the 3-bike rider to leave the group for ongoing disruptive behavior.
7. Ride Leaders have the discretion to temporarily modify these rules to address specific ride situations. For example, allowing e-bike riders to lead the group into the wind for longer than would normally be expected.