

Collingwood Cycling Club

2017 Risk Management Plan

Preamble

Cycling can be a dangerous activity. The Collingwood Cycling Club (CCC) has developed this Risk Management Plan to document how CCC rides are to be managed to reduce risks associated with cycling activities. These policies are to be practiced by CCC members, and any permitted visiting riders as permitted by Ontario Cycling Association rules, during every CCC ride. All CCC members, and any permitted visiting riders, share the responsibility for making CCC rides as safe as possible.

Each CCC member shall receive a copy, electronic or otherwise of this Risk Management Plan and a copy shall be available on the CCC website at:

<http://www.collingwoodcyclingclub.com> Additional information regarding CCC rules and programs can also be found on the CCC website (see Ride Participant Guidelines for the CCC)

Definitions

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

CCC Incorporation

- The CCC was incorporated on December 18, 1988.

CCC Insurance

- Through the member registration process, each member purchases General Liability Insurance coverage through the Ontario Cycling Association (OCA). General Liability Insurance is designed to protect a person (member) or any entity (Province, Club, Canadian Cycling Association) against any 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. CCC members should familiarize themselves with the terms of the insurance coverage. The coverage details may be accessed at <http://www.cyclinginsurance.ca/>

The CCC must receive signed insurance waivers from each CCC member; membership is not assigned or granted until a signed waiver is received by the CCC. This is part of the online member registration process.

Standards of Care

This Risk Management Plan and all CCC programs and rides shall adhere to the following, as applicable:

- UCI, CCA, OCA rules and regulations as they pertain to Club Rides.
- Ontario Highway Traffic Act
While on CCC Rides, all CCC members must adhere to and obey all rules of the road as per the Ontario Highway Traffic Act. The Ontario Highway Traffic Act is available here: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90h08_e.htm

Risk Management

General:

- All members of the CCC are responsible for bringing forward to the CCC Board any safety issues related to CCC Rides which present themselves throughout the riding season.
- While on CCC Rides, all CCC members must adhere to and obey all rules of the road as per the Ontario Highway Traffic Act.
- Any CCC member on a CCC Ride should immediately advise the ride marshal(s) and other members of the ride should the member feel the group or individuals in the group are riding in an unsafe manner. The member should withdraw from the ride if they feel unsafe.
- All participants of the CCC Rides must provide proof of membership in good standing prior to each ride, if requested by the ride marshal.
- Each CCC Ride participant will conduct themselves in a responsible manner and retains liability for their own actions.

Ride Marshals/Coordinators

- A ride leader(s) may be appointed by the CCC Board for each CCC Ride. The ride leader will identify himself/herself to the group so that everyone is aware of who is coordinating the ride. The ride coordinator may describe the general ride route, and may provide a brief safety tip at the commencement of the ride. Each individual group on a CCC Ride may or may not have a leader/coordinator.
- The ride leader (s) has the final decision on all matters pertaining to the CCC Ride and his/her decisions must be respected by all participants
- Ride leader (s) will carry a cell phone for emergency use on all CCC Rides. CCC members are encouraged to carry their own cell phones on CCC Rides. Riders should immediately call 911 in the event of an emergency.
- If no ride leader is present, members should continue to follow the Risk Management Plan and Ride Policies accordingly.

Rides

CCC Rides on roads will be planned to use lesser- traveled roads where possible and practical.

- CCC Rides will not run if lightning is present and will be cancelled if lightning is sighted.
- When a large number of riders come out for any given CCC Ride, the riders will be encouraged by the ride coordinator to break into smaller groups. A size of 6-16 is a reasonable group. Groups should be at least 100 meters apart on the road to allow other vehicles to pass safely in two maneuvers.
- Riders must not be left behind during a CCC Ride unless they first confirm with the ride marshal(s) that they are detaching from the group; all members of the CCC Ride are responsible for ensuring they properly notify the ride marshal(s) if they are detaching from the group.
- CCC members are responsible for ensuring that their bicycle is in good working order before attending each CCC Ride.
- Bicycle helmets must be worn at all times while participating in any CCC ride and other protective equipment is strongly encouraged (e.g., gloves, eye wear).
- While trail riding all riders must be courteous and considerate of other trail users and the trail system.
- CCC members are responsible for ensuring they are sufficiently fit for their desired activity.
- CCC members are responsible for bringing sufficient liquids and food, as required, for each CCC Ride, as well as appropriate tools/ spare tubes, etc.
- CCC members are not to be under the influence of any drug or beverage product that could impair their riding judgment while on a CCC Ride.
- Any and every accident on a CCC Ride shall be immediately reported to a CCC Board member to be reported to the Ontario Cycling Association (OCA) through the proper reporting procedures and forms provided by the OCA. The list of Board members can be found on the CCC website.

Skills Development

- The CCC encourages all riders to be comfortable and proficient with group riding before joining a CCC ride.
- To support rider skills development, the CCC will periodically hold skills development programs for road riding and/ or mountain biking and encourages all CCC members to attend these programs and / or other cycling skills courses.
- Riders may be requested to complete a skills development program before attending or continuing to attend regular scheduled CCC rides. This applies for both road and off-road CCC rides.
- New or novice member are encouraged to participate in the Learn to Ride programs offered by the CCC before participating in more challenging or technically advanced rides.

Interclub (Group Pursuits)

- Interclub activities that are hosted by CCC will be conducted in accordance with the Risk Management Plan, and specifically as follows:
- At least one CCC board member (the "Organizer") will be present to oversee and manage the ride.
- The Organizer will handicap riders into ability based groups to avoid the likelihood of large groups until the final kilometers of the ride.
- The Organizer has final say as to the group participants are assigned to.
- The Organizer will take reasonable steps to ensure safe road conditions (i.e. sweeping corners prior to event).
- Open to all CCC members and those members from Newmarket Eagles Cycling Club and Barrie Cycling Club (for 2016);
- Participants will be advised that they are responsible for their own safety in accordance with the Waiver signed when joining their respective club.
- Participants will be advised to ride in a rotating pace line.
- Participants will be advised that they must stop at all stop signs and abide by the Highway Traffic Act at all times.
- Participants will be advised to ride competitively, but not aggressively.
- Every accident or traffic related incident shall be immediately reported to the Organizer.
- The Organizer will carry a cell phone for emergency use.