

Newworld Club Risk Management Policy

Non-competitive Rides

The following is a guide to planning a ride so that it can be conducted with the maximum degree of safety for all. All participants share the responsibility for making our rides as safe as possible.

- The ride master has the final decision on all matters pertaining to the ride and his/her decisions must be respected by all participants.
- Each individual will conduct themselves in a responsible manner and retains liability for their own actions.
- All road traffic laws must be obeyed.
- Newworld TEAM rides will not ride if rain or lightning is present and will be cancelled if lightning is sighted.
- All Newworld TEAM members are responsible for ensuring they are sufficiently fit for their desired activity.
- The chosen route will avoid busy roads and highways when possible.
- All participants must be members of the Newworld TEAM and have paid any club fees and OCA membership dues for the current season including the mandatory CCN insurance.
- All riders must wear a CSA approved crash helmet at all times during the club rides.

- The ride master will identify himself/herself to the group so that everyone is aware of who is leading.
- Riders wishing to leave the group during the ride must first inform the ride master that they are detaching from the group.
- If a rider is in some difficulty and requires escorting back to the start point the ride master will designate a person for the task should no-one volunteer. This does not apply if the rider is turning back early due to a personal time restriction.
- A headcount will be conducted just prior to departure and thereafter periodically during the ride to ensure that all participants are present.
- If the group size is too large for safety on the intended route, the group will be split into 2 groups, each having 10-15 riders in size and the ride master will designate an experienced rider as leader for each separate group. The two groups should be at least 5-7 minutes apart on the road to allow other vehicles to pass safely.
- Any Newworld TEAM member on a Newworld TEAM ride should immediately advise the ride coordinator(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 Newworld TEAM must provide proof of membership in good standing prior to each ride, if requested by the ride coordinator. If an ineligible rider insists on participating even after being asked not to, then the Newworld TEAM ride may proceed, however, the ride coordinator shall advise the ineligible rider, with a witness present, that he or she is ineligible and is not covered by any Newworld TEAM insurance and is responsible for all his/ her actions.

- Ride coordinators will carry cell phones for emergency use on all Newworld TEAM rides and, from time to time, will remind riders to carry their own cell phones on Newworld TEAM rides. Riders should immediately call 911 in the event of an emergency.
- Newworld TEAM members are not to be under the influence of any drug or beverage product that could impair their riding judgment while on a Newworld TEAM rides.
- Any and every accident on a Newworld TEAM ride shall be immediately reported to a Newworld TEAM Board member to be reported to the Ontario Cycling Association through the proper reporting procedures and forms.