

Ride Leader's Responsibilities

1. Scout the route and any stops before the actual ride. Designate rest stops appropriate to the level of the ride. Carry a map of the area (or use a smartphone or GPS).
2. Bring the pre-populated booking sheet from the website that includes emergency contact details and make sure that all participants have signed in. If the emergency contact information has not been provided, have the rider give that information to you before they ride.
3. Give some thought as to any emergency situation that may arise. Know the location of train stations, shopping centres etc. on or near the route. You can also use your Garmin or GPS system and if you don't have one, you can ask one of your participants.
4. Announce what riders should expect if they fall behind. If you do not intend to drop riders, enlist the assistance of backmarkers and leaders of second or third groups.
5. Turn back riders who are unqualified or show up with poorly maintained bikes at the start or before you get too far along on the ride. As a leader you have the final say on the ride, including that of removing uncooperative participants as a last resort.
6. Ride at the advertised pace. Riders should be able to rely on the speed advertised in the ride description. Make allowances for hills.
7. Place yourself in the correct position for each type of road:. Do not bunch up at lights or while riding, but maintain the line.
8. Maintain control of your ride. "Pace Busters" break the ride tempo, compromise group safety, and may get separated from the group.
9. Be predictable, use signals, and alert other riders to dangerous obstacles and situations. Maintain a safe distance between riders commensurate with the level of the ride.
10. A pre-ride talk emphasising some of these guidelines and encouraging safe and predictable riding must always be given.