

Ride Leader Responsibilities

DAY BEFORE THE RIDE

*Cyclists are requested to RSVP their intent to ride. Identify which distances/speeds these cyclists plan to ride. Be prepared for additional cyclists to show up.

*Verify that you have someone who is comfortable leading each group. As ride leader, you can only lead one group!

DAY OF THE RIDE

*Arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the ride start.

*Introduce yourself to the group as ride leader. It is a good idea to share your phone number with all cyclists. Let the riders know you appreciate their participation. Have the group introduce themselves, paying particular attention to new riders.

*Make sure non-riders sign the waiver agreement.

*Count the number of riders in each group. Ideally there should be a minimum of 3 persons in each group to help with potential mechanical issues and emergencies.

*Make sure all riders are wearing helmets.

*Identify the leaders for each group and when possible, circulate cue sheets.

*Announce any potential road hazards. Announce rest stop locations.

*Announce post-ride meal (if any).

*The ride leader is responsible for ensuring that all cyclists return safely.

DURING THE RIDE

*Set the example regarding safety. Use hand singles and call out hazards. Do not block the roadway when motor vehicles are present. The group should ride single file on busy roads. Observe all traffic control signs. Set a pace that is comfortable for the group. Do not let any riders become stranded.

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