

These guidelines describe the way the Club expects its organised rides to be arranged and carried out. There is an expectation that any person joining a ride agrees to comply with the guidance.

1. The Club arranges Public Liability Insurance for its events which include any scheduled rides. The insurance does not cover losses incurred by the organiser or any attendees; it is specifically there to indemnify the participants from liability for losses incurred by any third party.
2. Rides may be organised by any member and must be scheduled via the Events Coordinator.
3. Non-members may participate in rides provided they are seeking possible membership of the Club and wish to sample the riding style and social aspects of the Club. They are required to provide contact details to the run leader prior to the run setting off.
4. The 'Drop-Off System' is used for organising and ensuring riders are able to follow the route and arrive safely at the destination. The ride organiser should ensure all participants are aware of how the system works and that they understand their role in it. Full details of the Drop-Off System are available on the Club website.
5. Whilst there is no upper limit on the number of participants, organisers are asked to consider the difficulties a large group may pose and to be prepared to split into smaller groups to aid manageability.
6. The ride organiser may decide not to use the Drop-Off System for very small groups but should always ensure all riders know what is expected of them.
7. Before setting off, riders should be alerted to any special conditions, hazards, route changes etc that may have arisen since the original planning.
8. The leader should set a pace that is consistent with the abilities of the following riders and make periodic checks for anyone riding above their comfort level.
9. Individual riders should not feel pressurised to keep up or ride beyond their competence. If so, they should adopt a comfortable pace and indicate their concerns to the leader at the next stop.
10. All riders should expect to have an enjoyable and safe ride; this is best achieved by 'riding your own ride' with consideration for others.

Additional considerations during Covid-19 (or other pandemic)

- A. National rules may be different for England, Wales, Scotland or NI.
- B. All riders should make themselves aware of the current rules in place and act accordingly.
- C. Should the Club's guidance be at odds with the prevailing National Rules then the National Rules should be followed.
- D. Track & Trace is an essential component of reducing the spread of a virus. The ride organiser should gather the contact details for all participants. These details may be discarded after 3 weeks have elapsed.
- E. Any ride member who subsequently detects Covid symptoms within two weeks of the ride must (in addition to following up treatment and testing) alert the ride organiser to pass on the contact details to the relevant authority.
- F. Should a group exceed the maximum number permitted by National Rules then smaller groups must be formed each with its own leader. Co-mixing of the groups at rest points should not take place.
- G. Everyone to observe the mantra 'Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air' where and when appropriate.