

BARTALI CYCLING CLUB

2019 Risk Management Plan

Preamble

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

Each BCC member shall view an online copy of this Risk Management Plan at <http://www.BCCride.com>. Additional information regarding BCC rules and programs can also be found on the BCC website (see Ride Etiquette Guidelines for the BCC)

Definitions

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

BCC Creation

- The BCC was created in March of 2016.

BCC 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. BCC members should familiarize themselves with the terms of the insurance coverage. The coverage details may be accessed at <http://www.cyclinginsurance.ca>.

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

Standards of Care

This Risk Management Plan and all BCC 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 BCC Rides, all BCC 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 at: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90h08_e.htm.

Risk Management

General:

- All members of the BCC are responsible for bringing forward to the BCC coordinator any safety issues related to BCC Rides which present themselves throughout the riding season.
- While on BCC Rides, all BCC members must adhere to and obey all rules of the road as per the *Ontario Highway Traffic Act*.
- Any BCC member on a BCC 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 he/she feels unsafe.
- All participants of the BCC Rides must provide proof of membership in good standing prior to each ride, if requested by the ride marshal.
- Each BCC Ride participant will conduct themselves in a responsible manner and retains liability for their own actions.

Ride Marshals/Coordinators

- A ride marshal(s) may be appointed by the BCC coordinator for each BCC Ride. The ride marshal 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 BCC Ride may or may not have a marshal/coordinator.
- The ride marshal(s) has the final decision on all matters pertaining to the BCC Ride and his/her decisions must be respected by all participants.
- Ride marshal(s) will carry a cell phone for emergency use on all BCC Rides. BCC members are encouraged to carry their own cell phones on BCC Rides. Riders should immediately call 911 in the event of an emergency.
- If no ride Marshal is present, members should continue to follow the Risk Management Plan and Ride Policies accordingly.

Rides

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

- BCC 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 BCC Ride ride, the riders will be encouraged by the ride coordinator to break into smaller groups of no less than five (5) riders. Groups should be at least one hundred (100) metres apart on the road to allow other vehicles to pass safely in two manoeuvres.
- Riders must not be left behind during a BCC Ride unless they first confirm with the ride marshal(s) that they are detaching from the group; all members of the BCC Ride are responsible for ensuring they properly notify the ride marshal(s) if they are detaching from the group.
- BCC members are responsible for ensuring that their bicycle is in good working order before attending each BCC Ride.
- Bicycle helmets must be worn at all times while participating in any BCC 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.
- BCC members are responsible for ensuring they are sufficiently fit for their desired activity.
- BCC members are responsible for bringing sufficient liquids and food, as required, for each BCC Ride, as well as appropriate tools/ spare tubes, etc.
- BCC members are not to be under the influence of any drug or beverage product that could impair their riding judgment while on a BCC Ride.
- Any and every accident on a BCC Ride shall be immediately reported to a BCC representative to be reported to the Ontario Cycling Association (OCA) through the proper reporting procedures and forms provided by the OCA. The list of BCC representatives can be found on the BCC website.

Skills Development

- The BCC encourages all riders to be comfortable and proficient with group riding before joining a BCC ride.
- To support rider skills development, the BCC will periodically hold skills development programs for road riding and encourages all BCC 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 BCC rides. This applies for both road and off- road BCC rides.