



Effective: July 1, 2021

Risk Management Policy

1. All rides will be ridden with safe practices and in accordance with the Highway Traffic Act
2. Helmets are mandatory for every ride- No Helmet - No Ride-No Exceptions
3. All members must accept the OCA Waiver and this Risk Management Policy when completing their online annual membership registration. Try-Out –Riders must sign paper copies of the OCA Waiver and this Risk Management Policy.
4. The Ride Leader will indicate when and how structured pace line(s) are to commence. Cyclists will maintain pace lines throughout the entire route as advised by Ride leader. Single file pace lines may be required on in-town roads or where traffic conditions make this necessary. The structure of pace lines will be reviewed by the Ride Leader with any cyclist who is participating in a ride with the Club for the first time.
5. A route map will be created and sent out in advance of all rides. The sunset time will be included in the notice of all evening rides. All evening ride participants are to have working lights attached to their bicycles. Lights are required to be in good working condition and to be switched on 30 minutes prior to Sunset. In the case of overcast and low light conditions, for added safety, lights are to be switched on earlier than the law requirement and as deemed necessary by the ride leader.
6. Routes will use roads with light automobile traffic and use controlled intersections when crossing roads with heavy traffic when possible and practical.
7. Members are required to keep their bikes well maintained and mechanically sound.
8. Ride Leaders may deny participation in a ride if in their opinion the cyclist's bike is in an unsafe condition.
9. Every attempt will be made to have an **experienced** Ride Leader appointed for each club ride. Please familiarize yourself with the ride guide in the documents section of the club website so someone can, at minimum, contact the executive if there is an accident/incident on the ride and defer to individuals for all other responsibilities.
10. Negative screening of participants is required prior to attendance at a ride. This is accomplished by pre-registering. Riders who have not registered may not ride. A 2-meter distance should be maintained and a mask should be worn when this when not participating in the ride or when entering an establishment.
11. When a large number of riders come out for any given ride, the Ride Leader **will** break the ride into smaller groups designating a leader for each group. The maximum allowed participants for a club activity will be based on the most recent Ontario Cycling Association Return to Sport Update and the local Public Health Unit Guidelines for max gathering sizes. The actual restriction will be communicated to members via the club's website and/or social media channels, as well as through the sign-up process for the activity.
12. Ride Leaders will advise cyclists of any known hazards on the route and the plan to mitigate such hazards. Ride Leaders may also review a brief safety tip before the commencement of the ride.
13. All members of the club will be responsible for bringing forward any safety issues to the Ride Leader before or during the rides.
14. Ride Leaders will address safety issues with riders before or during rides. Any rider who fails to abide by direction of the Ride Leader may be asked to leave the ride.
15. Any and every accident on a Ancaster Velo Club ride shall be immediately reported to an Ancaster Velo executive member to be reported to the Ontario Cycling Association through the proper reporting procedures and forms provided by the OCA. The list of current executive members can be found at www.ancastervelo.ca
16. Ancaster Velo Club is affiliated with the Ontario Cycling Association (OCA) and as such, we are registered as a non competitive club. This means we do not organise or take part in any race or timed event. This includes STRAVA and other similar online or downloadable ride or ride segments competitions. Members who wish to take part in competitions can do so only with other clubs that organize and allow competitive events.
17. The President may deny participation in club rides to any member if in the President's opinion the rider presents a safety hazard to other members and /or other road users or is found to be participating and /or competing in such events as STRAVA. Repeated unsafe actions or actions detrimental to the clubs status and well being will result in said rider's membership being revoked.

Reviewed July 21, 2021 Turlough O'Hare

President
Ancaster Velo Club