



Andover Wheelers Cycling Club

Membership Rules

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Document

When taking part in a Club related activity, whether this activity involves cycling or not, the conduct of members will reflect directly on the Club itself. Consequently, the purpose of this document is to define the expected standards of behaviour and conduct of Club Members when taking part in Club related activities.

1.2 Related Documents

- Club Constitution
- Club Welfare Policy
- Club Grievance Procedure
- AW Clubrun Risk Assessment

These documents are available on the Andover Wheelers website.

2 Code of Conduct

Every member is an ambassador for the Club. Members must never bring the Club into disrepute through their behaviour, speech, or actions. They should always be polite and courteous to fellow club members and the public and should promote the benefits of being part of the Club whenever they can.

When cycling on the road, all members must adhere strictly to the 'rules of the road' and must not put themselves or others, whether Club members or not, in danger. Safety is of the utmost importance, and members must not only look out for themselves, but also for their fellow cyclists and other road users.

3 Club Kit

The wearing Club kit whenever participating in Club, and other cycling activities is encouraged.

Note that the use of OFFICIAL* club kit, as registered with British Cycling, is mandatory in their competitive events. Failure to adhere to this rule has the potential to bring the Club into disrepute. Any member doing so will be subject to the Grievance Procedure and hence risks having their Andover Wheelers membership revoked.

*Currently the white design. **(Use of the black kit is not permitted in British Cycling racing events).**

4 Club Rides

4.1 Safety and Risk Management

All riders take part in the club rides at their own risk. A clubrun risk assessment is available to view on the Club Website. The risks can never be totally eliminated but can be reduced by following the advice given in the Risk Assessment and the 'rules' described in section 4.3 below.

Riders who do not meet standards expected by the Club will have their deviations politely pointed out to them. If the ride leader believes that a rider's conduct is putting others at risk, they have the authority to exclude the offender from the group ride and will subsequently report the circumstances to the Club Committee who may wish to take further action.

4.2 Insurance

Consider your own insurance needs. Ensure that you have Third Party (Public Liability) insurance that covers you whilst cycling. Andover Wheelers recommend club members join either Cycling UK or British Cycling (Silver or Gold) – membership of these organisations includes both Third Party insurance and legal assistance.

4.3 Rules on a Clubrun

The Club's reputation is judged by those we share the roads with. Whether the entire group are wearing Club kit or not it is still an Andover Wheelers clubrun. We must obey all laws of the road. Should you see anyone in the group break laws or damage the Club's reputation please report it to the Ride Leader, Club Captain, or any member of the committee.

As a minimum, the 'rules' of riding are:

- Your bike must be in a roadworthy condition, with mudguards in wet/winter conditions. An extended mud flap is an added courtesy to other riders.
- Tri-bars must not be used in normal group riding, the only exception being during racing and practice for team time trials.
- Riders should carry at least one spare tube that fit your tyres and appropriate tools including tyre levers, pump, and multi-tool.
- Riders should dress appropriately for the weather conditions, it's better to be too hot than too cold on a bike.
- Riders should follow the Highway Code - remember we share the road with others.
- Treat other road users with respect, regardless of provocation.
- Stay reasonably close to the wheel in front, but at a safe distance and avoid braking sharply.
- Point to or call out potholes or other obstructions, communicate with the other riders in the group.
- When turning left or right those at the front should alert the group in advance so that the riders at the rear can make the hand signal for traffic behind.
- Ride together as a group. Do not leave anyone behind unless they have requested it.
- Advise the Ride Leader if a rider is off the back or has a puncture. Always look after the riders behind you.
- Do not weave, keep a constant, parallel (do not half-wheel) and reasonably close distance to the adjacent rider.
- Should you, or should you notice, a puncture or mechanical you should call 'puncture/mechanical' loud enough for the group to hear. The call should be passed up the group if needs be. **THE WHOLE GROUP SHOULD FIND A SAFE PLACE TO PULL OVER AND STOP.** Always wait and keep the group together.
- When coming out of a side road or junction think of the group as one big vehicle. Wait until there is a gap for the whole group to move off together. Again, having cars between the group is dangerous. Should this happen **DO NOT** overtake cars to re-join the group in front.
- Follow and pass on instructions from the Ride Leader, communicate within the group.

Remember if you have an accident then you will have to cover the cost of repair yourself (you cannot blame another rider and claim it from them), so if you don't want the risk of damaging your super-duper machine then it may not be the best bike for the ride - accidents do happen (although rare).

5 Children, Young and Vulnerable Adults.

All Club members must read and abide by the Andover Wheelers Welfare Policy.