

2012 Dark Horse Flyers Club Risk Management Plan

Basic Principles

- We recognize that cycling is an inherently dangerous sport.
- We will wear our helmet whenever on our bikes
- We will ensure that our bikes are in good running condition prior to participating in any club events.
- We will carry basic repair tools/supplies during group rides.
- We will abide by all traffic laws and ride defensively on group rides
- We will not permit riders who are not affiliated with a club or are not licenced to join us on rides
 - Affiliated clubs may be recognized by the OCA, other provincial or national bodies
 - Licenced refers to OCA, other provincial or national licencing bodies
- We will carry a cell phone on all group rides.
- This risk management plan will be reviewed annually by at least one Executive member and updated as necessary. Updated plans will be filed with the Ontario Cycling Association (OCA).

Identified Risks

- Definitions
 - Ride leaders are anyone who plan a route and/or volunteers to lead a ride
 - New riders are riders that are not affiliated with the Darkhorse Flyers and may or may not be affiliated with another club
 - Executive are the President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary of the Darkhorse Flyers
 - Club members are those affiliated with the Dark Horse Flyers

Risk	Mitigation	Owner
Club member does not understand risks and obligations under this plan.	All members will receive a copy of this plan prior to the first scheduled group ride. By signing the OCA waiver, they are also adopting this risk management plan.	Club leadership and members
New rider joins a ride without providing a waiver or evidence of membership with another club.	Ride leader will bring extra waiver on all rides to address this situation. Rider will be considered part of the club as soon as the waiver is signed. New member is responsible for submitting payment in a timely manner and Executive for providing an update to the OCA.	New rider, ride leader
New rider joins group during a ride	Request that rider identify which club they are affiliated with, if not affiliated request rider to drop out of group.	Ride leader, club members
Member skills are low and present a safety risk to themselves and others while on course	Focus first 2 months of the season on skills development Continue to develop rider skills throughout the season If deficiency is identified, the club will hold a separate skills session to develop riders. Riders may be requested to complete the course before continuing to attend regular scheduled recreation or training rides. This applies for both road and offroad.	Club leadership and ride leaders

Routes are dangerous	Riding is inherently dangerous. The group will develop maps prior to each group ride, pick routes that provide the safest possible conditions and ride within the limits of traffic, weather and group abilities. This applies for both road and offroad.	Ride leaders
Rider may be left behind due to ability	Group will wait for slower riders and adjust pace accordingly. If necessary, group will split into fast and slower groups. This applies for both road and offroad.	Ride leaders, club members
Rider may be left behind due to mechanical or health issues	If a rider drops off due to mechanical or health issues, at least 2 riders will drop back and stay with them to assist if necessary. The group will continue enroute and stop at the next safest spot to wait for them to catch up. Riders will make sure that their bikes are in sound mechanical condition and will not use unfit or questionable equipment.	Club members
Rider may experience nutrition issues and can not continue on ride.	Each rider will start the day with adequate food and drink. Each rider will bring enough money for additional food and drink. Riders will watch out for each other and make sure that no one goes without or runs out.	Club members

While riding alone, a club member meets up with another rider or group enroute and may decide to ride with them. The rider or group is unfamiliar to the club member.	The other rider may not be licenced or insured and presents an unknown risk. Members will not ride with unlicenced or uninsured riders. If an echelon forms due to the natural flow of traffic, the club member will keep a safe distance away, as determined by current road and weather conditions.	Club members
While riding alone, a club member meets up with another rider or group enroute and may decide to ride with them. The rider is familiar with them and knows that they are affiliated/licenced	The club member may elect to ride with them and will follow the mitigation strategies and rules of this risk management plan. Riding with another group or group member may require the club member to understand and abide by additional rules.	Club members
A planned event requires travel to a location prior to the beginning of that event.	This is recognized as a club activity and club members agree to refrain from any activity that may present an undue risk.	Club members