

Club Rules

Our 'terms and conditions' which members agree to when joining:

1. Annual subscription renewals for existing members will be due on 1 April each year. New members joining at any time between 1 April and 31 December will pay the full subscription for the year in question (ie there will be no pro rata reduction). New members joining between 1 January and 31 March will pay a full year's subscription at the rate in effect at the date of joining, but will be deemed to have paid up until the end of the following membership year (ie they will benefit from an effective free membership period from date of joining until 31 March).
2. Existing members who fail to renew their membership by the 1 April renewal date will be deemed to have resigned their membership.
3. When riding on Club rides, members must: abide by applicable road traffic law; be courteous to other road users; and keep the safety of other riders in mind.
4. Members should make every effort to wear Club clothing on Club rides.
5. Members on Club rides should endeavour to stay together and not leave anyone behind.
6. Every adult member is expected to assist with Club events at least once in each year.
7. Horsham Cycling encourages junior members (under 16s), but junior members may only participate in Club activities of any sort if accompanied and supervised by a parent or other responsible adult.
8. For any ride to be deemed to be a Club ride, it must be led by a ride leader from the Club's list of approved ride leaders.
9. Bad weather and/or road conditions:
 - i. In the event that the weather is forecast to be at or below zero at any time over night and due to remain below +2°C at 08:00 hrs then club road rides for that day will be cancelled. In addition, when other adverse road conditions are likely, any two from the Club Rides Secretary, Club Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary may decide by 20.00 hrs the day before the ride that all regular Club road rides on the following day shall be cancelled. We shall be using the Meteorological Office forecast for the Horsham area (available at: <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/forecast/gcpf2xeu5> for the purpose of this policy.
 - ii. In the event that a decision to cancel Club rides is made, it will be notified by a general email and on the Club's Facebook group the evening before by a member of the committee. Informal WhatsApp notifications can also be used by groups where it is widely used as a means of communication. Such a general cancellation will not apply to off-road rides nor to rides taking place as part of a Club excursion.

- iii. In the event that a ride leader deems weather and/or road conditions not to be sufficiently safe for a Club ride to take place or continue, he or she shall cancel the ride (e.g. in event of a deterioration in conditions on the morning of the ride or during the ride itself).
 - iv. In the absence of the designated ride leader or any approved replacement nominated by him or her, members should ordinarily assume the ride has been cancelled. However, if there are no obvious adverse weather and/or road conditions, and no general cancellation under (i) above applies, another approved ride leader may run the ride. Designated ride leaders who are unable to attend their ride and who are not seeking to cancel the ride due to adverse conditions should endeavour to find a replacement ride leader before the ride is due to commence.
 - v. For the avoidance of doubt, ride leaders may not overturn a general decision to cancel rides made under (i) above.
10. It is the duty of each member taking part in a Club ride to ensure that his or her bicycle is in good mechanical condition and that he or she is adequately equipped to deal with punctures.
 11. Members are strongly advised to wear approved cycle helmets at all times when cycling.
 12. The Club takes the welfare of its younger members seriously, so if any member has cause for concern over the welfare of a fellow member under the age of 18 they should report it to the Club Welfare Officer or a Club Official straightaway.
 13. If you are given personal data (eg name, address, phone no., email address, age) about other members or anyone else for the purposes of or connected with running a Club event or assisting the Club in any way, you must protect that data by taking all reasonable measures to keep it secure. As soon as you no longer need that personal data for the reason for which it was supplied to you, you must delete or destroy it. You may only use the personal data for the purposes for which it was given to you. You must report any loss of such data or other breaches of security (eg loss of a device on which it is stored) to the Club Secretary within 24 hours of the loss or breach being discovered.