

# BCCClub Policies

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## 1. Club Ride Definition

- a. It is conducted and supervised by the club and shall have a ride leader
- b. It is open to all club members in good standing (dues current, liability waiver signed) at no cost.
- c. First time guests are permitted with a signed liability waiver; one ride only.
- d. It is posted in advance on at least one of the following locations: the Club ride calendar, the Club website, the Club newsletter, or information is sent out by email to all club members.
- e. The ride leader can change the posted ride route for any reason, but normally it would be because of safety concerns due to traffic conditions, weather and/or air quality.
- f. The ride leader can switch the person leading the ride for any reason, but normally it would be because of unavailability due to illness, injury, bike problem or time conflict.
- g. If riders leave the group ride, to take a different route home for example, those persons shall be deemed to be no longer on the club ride; from the point they depart the club ride they are outside the coverage of the club's insurance policy.

## 2. E-Bike Policy

The Beach Cities Cycling Club supports and allows the use of pedal-assist Class 1 & pedal assist with throttle Class 2 electric bikes, which meet the specifications provided below and are consistent with California and Federal Law.

Class 1 e-bikes, that are pedal assisted (i.e. that can only be operated by being pedaled by the rider with pedaling assisted by a small electric motor), are permitted to be ridden on Club rides.

Class 2 e-bikes, that are pedal assisted with throttle (i.e. operated by being pedaled by the rider and have a throttle), are permitted to be ridden on Club rides with the proviso that the rider not use the throttle.

Riders of e-bikes must follow the rules established for e-bikes within the California Vehicle Code. (See [CVC 312.5](#) and [CVC Article 4](#) commencing with Section 21200). This includes following the rules of the road that apply to standard bicycles and e-bikes.

On any Club ride, all riders shall adhere to riding guidelines and practices as described on the BCCC website.

BCCC does not allow Class 3 e-bikes due to their higher speed capability and are not legal to ride on Class I & IV bicycle paths that are often part of club routes.

This [page from the LA County Public Works](#) shows the county bikeways map with side bar providing bike route definitions and states the following for a bike path:

- Bike Path - off-street paved path, intended exclusively for non-motorized use.

Electric-assist and electric-powered mobility devices (e.g. electric bikes) allowed as per CA State Statute\*\*

\*\* Gas-powered bicycles and type 3 electric bicycles (with top assisted speeds of 28 mph) may not be used on County trails or bike paths.

Motorized bicycles are forbidden on the [Strand in Hermosa Beach](#) and on the [Beach Bike Path within Santa Monica](#) city limits.

VEHICLE		
Vehicle type	Pedal operated	Maximum assisted-speed (MPH)
Bicycle	YES	N/A
Type I e-bike	YES	20
Type II e-bike	NO	20
Type III e-bike	YES	28
Moped	NO	N/A

RIDER				
Vehicle type	Minimum age (years)	Driver's license	License plate	Helmet
Bicycle	N/A	NO	NO	17 and under
Type I e-bike	N/A	NO	NO	17 and under
Type II e-bike	N/A	NO	NO	17 and under
Type III e-bike	16	NO	NO	YES
Moped	16	YES	YES	YES

BIKEWAY ACCESS				
Vehicle type	Class I bike path	Class II bike lane	Class III bike route	Class IV protected lane
Bicycle	YES	YES	YES	YES
Type I e-bike	YES	YES	YES	YES
Type II e-bike	YES	YES	YES	YES
Type III e-bike	NO	YES	YES	YES
Moped	NO	YES	YES	NO

### 3. Use of Aero-bars

Aero-bars, typically used for time trial riding, are not to be used on BCCClub rides.

Bikes may be equipped with aero-bars, but due to reduced rider control, for safety reasons they are not to be used.

### 4. Ride Leader Requirements

Beach Cities Cycling Club Ride Leader Guidelines and Responsibilities.

The quality of BCCC rides depends on active participation of both riders and Ride Leaders.

Leading a ride is more than just setting the pace and following a cue sheet. It's about taking responsibility for the group of cyclists and doing your utmost to achieve a safe and pleasant ride experience.

Requirements to become a Ride Leader

1. Have ridden 5 or more rides with Beach Cities Cycling Club.
2. Have the recommendation of a BCCC Ride Leader
3. Make a commitment to lead four rides per year and ideally lead one ride per month
4. Agree to attend monthly Ride Leader meetings, second Wednesday of each month.
5. Complete BCCC's Ride Leader Training Class.

Suggested but not mandatory training:

- I. First Aid and CPR certifications.
- II. League of American Bicyclists "*Traffic Skills 101 Course*".  
(<https://www.bikeleague.org/ridesmart>)

## 5. Youth Policy

Per BCCC By Laws:

*Children 12 to 17 years old may become members and participate in non-voting club activities when: (a) accompanied by a parent or guardian; and (b) with a parent/guardian signed waiver on file with the club.*

*Children under the age of 12 years may become members only after review and approval by members of the Board and are subject to the requirements listed above for children 12 to 17 years old.*

Children participating in BCCC group rides require close supervision. The Friday “bun” ride and lower level Sunday ride are the only BCCC ride considered suitable for children. The transport used must be suitable for use on a group ride. Younger children are best suited to ride in a bicycle trailer or tag-along bike. The adult rider accompanying the child is responsible for ensuring safe group riding practices. Riders who cannot demonstrate safe group riding practices, as determined by the ride leader, will not be allowed to participate in BCCC club rides. BCCC members on club rides, whether children or adults, shall ride in a legal and safe manner at all times.