

# Oakville Cycling Club

## YOUTH PARTICIPATION POLICY

### Definitions

1. The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
  - a. "OCC" = Oakville Cycling Club

### Purpose

As a non-competitive, recreational club we have no formal program of rider development. However, we don't want to discourage young riders from joining the club and enjoying everything that the club has to offer. This policy is to protect participants under the age of 18.

### Scope

2. This Policy applies to all Oakville Cycling Club members under the age of 18

### Procedure

3. For riders under the age of 18, the following applies:
  - a. The youth must be accompanied in the group ride by a parent or designated guardian over the age of 18. Ie. if the youth rides in group 2, the parent or guardian must also ride in group 2.
  - b. If a parent cannot ride with a youth in a particular group on a particular day, but have a guardian (over the age of 18) designated for that day's ride, the parent must send a note to the club executive and the Ride Leader in advance indicating the person's name who is the designated guardian.
  - c. If neither a parent nor designated guardian can ride with the youth in a particular group on a particular day, then the youth cannot ride with the group on that day.
  - d. We understand that there may be some circumstances where parents or guardians cannot ride but the youth can. Unfortunately, it's come to the point that, in our increasingly litigious society, the club needs to implement policies like these in order to protect the club and the various ride leaders.
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### Review and Approval

5. This policy is reviewed annually.
6. This policy was approved by the Oakville Cycling Club Executive.
7. This policy went into effect on February 16, 2026.
8. This policy was reviewed and updated on February 16, 2026.