**YOUNG CYCLIST POLICY**

Adopted by BCC Board: February 2019; Last reviewed: February 2023

The Barrie Cycling Club (BCC) is committed to including members under the age of 16 on rides appropriate to their skill level. This policy is in place to ensure these riders are appropriately supervised.

In order to attend BCC rides and events riders under the age of 16 must:

* have the appropriate minimum level of ability and fitness for the ride; and,
* be accompanied by a parent/guardian, or by a chaperone designated by the parent/guardian prior to the ride.

During the ride, the parent/guardian/chaperone is responsible for all supervision, including:

* staying accessible to the youth member, such as riding nearby within the group; and,
* taking charge in the event of an emergency, mechanical, or the youth being dropped.

Please note:

* Parent/guardians are responsible for determining the suitability of chaperones.
* BCC Ride leaders must take responsibility for the Adult group and cannot also chaperone youth.
* Young riders must stay with their parent/guardian/chaperone, even if the adult is dropped.
* This signed form must be submitted to the BCC President, Carol Kay ([carolkbcc@gmail.com](mailto:carolkbcc@gmail.com) ) and Ride Leader Coordinator, Joe Fortnum ([joefortnum@gmail.com](mailto:joefortnum@gmail.com) ) prior to the youth’s first ride with the Club.
* Prior to each ride, the supervising adult needs to identify themselves and the youth to their group’s ride leader.

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**The Barrie Cycling Club’s Youth Policy is intended to ensure safety through brevity and plain language.**