

Bluewater International Gran Fondo 2017 Risk Management Plan

Preamble

Cycling can be a dangerous activity. The Bluewater International Gran Fondo Cycling Group (BIGF) has developed this Risk Management Plan to document how BIGF rides are to be managed to reduce risks associated with cycling activities. These policies are to be practised by BIGF riders and any permitted visiting riders as permitted by Ontario Cycling Association rules, during every BIGF ride. All BIGF riders, and any permitted visiting riders, share the responsibility for making BIGF rides as safe as possible. Each BIGF member shall receive a copy, electronic or otherwise of this Risk Management Plan and a copy shall be available on the BIGF website at: <http://www.bigf.ca> Additional information regarding BIGF rules and programs can also be found on the BIGF website (see Ride Participant Guidelines for the BIGF)

Definitions

BIGF Rides means rides formally organized by the BIGF and as described on the BIGF website. Rides not listed on the BIGF website are not BIGF rides.

BIGF Incorporation

- The CCC was incorporated on June 18, 2016.

BIGF Insurance

- Through the member registration process, each member purchases General Liability Insurance coverage through the Ontario Cycling Association (OCA). General Liability Insurance is designed to protect a person (member) or any entity (Province, Club, Canadian Cycling Association) against any legal responsibility arising out of a negligent act or failure to act as a prudent person would have acted, which results in bodily injury or property damage to another party. CCC members should familiarize themselves with the terms of the insurance coverage. The coverage details may be accessed at <http://www.cyclinginsurance.ca/>

The BIGF must receive signed insurance waivers from each BIGF member; membership is not assigned or granted until a signed waiver is received by the BIGF. This is part of the online member registration process.

Standards of Care

This Risk Management Plan and all BIGF programs and rides shall adhere to the following, as applicable:

- UCI, CCA, OCA rules and regulations as they pertain to Club Rides.
- Ontario Highway Traffic Act While on BIGF Rides, all BIGF members must adhere to and obey all rules of the road as per the Ontario Highway Traffic Act. The Ontario Highway Traffic Act is available here: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90h08_e.htm

Risk Management

General:

- All members of the BIGF are responsible for bringing forward to the BIGF Board any safety issues related to BIGF Rides which present themselves throughout the riding season.
- While on BIGF Rides, all BIGF riders must adhere to and obey all rules of the road as per the Ontario Highway Traffic Act.
- Any BIGF rider on a BIGF Ride should immediately advise the ride marshal(s) and other members of the ride should the rider feel the group or individuals in the group are riding in an unsafe manner. The member should withdraw from the ride if they feel unsafe.
- All participants of the BIGF Rides must provide proof of OCA membership in good standing prior to each ride, if requested by the ride marshal.
- Each BIGF Ride participant will conduct themselves in a responsible manner and retains liability for their own actions.

Ride Marshals/Coordinators

- A ride leader(s) may be appointed by the BIGF Board for each BIGF Ride. The ride leader will identify himself/herself to the group so that everyone is aware of who is coordinating the ride. The ride coordinator may describe the general ride route, and may provide a brief safety tip at the commencement of the ride. Each individual group on a BIGF Ride may or may not have a leader/coordinator.
- The ride leader (s) has the final decision on all matters pertaining to the BIGF Ride and his/her decisions must be respected by all participants
- Ride leader (s) will carry a cell phone for emergency use on all BIGF Rides. BIGF riders are encouraged to carry their own cell phones on BIGF Rides. Riders should immediately call 911 in the event of an emergency.
- If no ride leader is present, members should continue to follow the Risk Management Plan and Ride Policies accordingly.

Rides

BIGFRides on roads will be planned to use lesser- travelled roads where possible and practical.

- BIGF Rides will not run if lightning is present and will be cancelled if lightning is sighted.
- When a large number of riders come out for any given BIGF Ride, the riders will be encouraged by the ride coordinator to break into smaller groups. A size of 6-16 is a reasonable group. Groups should be at least 100 meters apart on the road to allow other vehicles to pass safely in two maneuvers.
- Riders must not be left behind during a BIGF Ride unless they first confirm with the ride marshal(s) that they are detaching from the group; all members of the BIGF Ride are responsible for ensuring they properly notify the ride marshal(s) if they are detaching from the group.
- BIGF riders are responsible for ensuring that their bicycle is in good working order before attending each BIGFRide.
- Bicycle helmets must be worn at all times while participating in any BIGF ride and other protective equipment is strongly encouraged (e.g., gloves, eye wear).
- While trail riding all riders must be courteous and considerate of other trail users and the trail system.
- BIGF riders are responsible for ensuring they are sufficiently fit for their desired activity.
- BIGF riders are responsible for bringing sufficient liquids and food, as required, for each BIGF Ride, as well as appropriate tools/ spare tubes, etc.
- BIGF riders are not to be under the influence of any drug or beverage product that could impair their riding judgment while on a BIGF Ride.
- Any and every accident on a BIGF Ride shall be immediately reported to a BIGF Board member to be reported to the Ontario Cycling Association (OCA) through the proper reporting procedures and forms provided by the OCA. The list of Board members can be found on the BIGF website.

Skills Development

- The BIGF encourages all riders to be comfortable and proficient with group riding before joining a BIGF ride.
- To support rider skills development, the BIGF will continually hold skills development programs for road riding via the slowest riding group. BIGF encourages all BIGF riders to ride in this slower group to develop proper skills and / or other cycling skills courses.
- Riders may be requested to complete at least one slower skills development ride before attending or continuing to attend regular scheduled faster BIGF rides. This applies for all BIGF rides.
- New or novice member are encouraged to participate in the Learn to Ride programs of the slower group offered by the BIGF before participating in more challenging or technically advanced rides.