



# Sunshine Coast Bicycle Club Inc.

## By-Laws

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### 1. Membership

- 1.1 Visitors are welcome to join up to two club rides before being asked to become a member.
  - 1.2 New members should have a basic level of fitness, able to ride at a consistent speed of 15–18 km/h for 2–3 hours with rest breaks.
  - 1.3 Annual membership fees are due on 1 January each year. Fees for new members joining mid-year are calculated on a pro-rata monthly basis. Fees are set at the Annual General Meeting and published on the Membership Application Form on the Club's website.
  - 1.4 Membership applications are completed online. Applicants agree to the Club's terms and conditions as part of the process and are encouraged to arrange personal injury insurance through Bicycle Queensland or a similar organisation.
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### 2. Safety

- 2.1 Members must obey all road rules at all times.
  - 2.2 Approved helmets are compulsory on all club rides.
  - 2.3 Bicycles must be roadworthy and properly maintained.
  - 2.4 Riders must carry a spare tube, repair kit, pump, and any tools required for basic roadside repairs.
  - 2.5 Lights and reflectors are required for any night rides.
  - 2.6 Adequate hydration is essential, particularly in hot weather — always carry sufficient water.
  - 2.7 Club rides are not suitable for children under 17 (see Addendum below).
  - 2.8 The Club cannot accept responsibility for children participating in rides.
  - 2.9 For safety reasons, the committee or ride leader may refuse participation if a rider is deemed unsafe to ride or continue.
  - 2.10 Ride groups should be limited to no more than 20 riders. If more than 20 attend, a second group should be formed.
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### 3. Ride Leaders

- 3.1 When ride numbers are likely to exceed 20, a reserve leader must be appointed.
- 3.2 Riders are expected to follow the instructions of the ride leader.
- 3.3 If a scheduled leader is unavailable, they must arrange a replacement familiar with the route.
- 3.4 Club rides will start promptly at the time listed on the ride calendar.

3.5 A Tail-End Charlie (sweep rider) familiar with the route should be appointed for each ride.

Riders should remain ahead of the Tail-End Charlie at all times.

3.6 Being a ride leader doesn't mean leading the entire way — members are encouraged to take turns at the front between regroup points. Riders should stay together in line(s) unless the leader advises otherwise.

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## **Addendum**

At the 2025 AGM, it was agreed that the 20 km Saturday group may include younger riders aged 10 and above, provided they:

- Have the skills and fitness to stay with the group, and
- Are accompanied by a parent or relative who is also riding.

Both the child and accompanying adult are required to become Club members after attending two rides.