Sunshine Coast Bicycle Club Inc.
By-Laws

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1. MEMBERSHIP

1.1 Membership Fees
Annual membership fees fall due on 1 January each year.

New members joining during the year will pay a pro-rata fee calculated monthly. Membership fees shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting and published on the Club's website and the membership application form.

1.2 Membership Application
Applications for membership shall be submitted through the Club's approved online process.
Applicants agree to comply with:
- The SCBClub Rules (Constitution);
- These By-Laws;
- Any Club policies and ride procedures in force from time to time.

1.3 Provisional Membership
New membership is provisional and subject to approval by the Management Committee.
The Committee reserves the right to refuse or terminate membership in accordance with the Club Rules.

1.4 Visitors
Visitors are welcome to participate in up to two (2) Club rides before being required to apply for membership.

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2. SAFETY ON CLUB RIDES

2.1 Compliance with Road Rules
All participants must comply with Queensland road rules and applicable legislation during Club activities.

2.2 Bicycle and equipment
Members and visitors participating in club rides are responsible for ensuring that their bicycle is safe and meets all legal requirements, related to brakes, bell or warning device, helmet, rear reflector and front and rear lights when riding at night or in conditions of reduced visibility.

2.3 Electrically Assisted Bicycles (E-Bikes)
E-bikes must comply with Queensland legislation and display either a manufacturer's EN 15194 compliance label or a valid Queensland EPAC Assurance Scheme label from 1 March 2027.

2.4 Minimum Age
Club rides are generally intended for riders aged 17 years and above. The Saturday 20 km ride may include riders aged ten (10) years and above provided that:
1. The child possesses the skills, fitness, and maturity necessary to safely complete the ride.
2. The child is accompanied throughout the ride by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult rider approved by the parent or guardian.
3. Both the child and accompanying adult become Club members after attending two visitor rides.

The Club accepts no responsibility for supervising minors participating in Club activities. Parents or guardians remain solely responsible for any rider under 18 years of age.

2.5 Incident Reporting
Any accident, injury, near miss, hazardous situation, or significant behavioural issue occurring during a Club activity should be reported to the Ride Leader and, where appropriate, the Management Committee as soon as practicable.

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3. MANAGING RIDES

3.1 Ride Leaders
A ride leader is normally appointed to coordinate a ride and may be assisted by a sweeper (Tail-end-Charlie). Riders need to follow the directions of the ride leader. The ride leader may split, alter, shorten, postpone or cancel a ride due to weather, road conditions, or safety concerns.

3.2 Safety-Based Refusal of Participation
The Ride Leader, Committee Member, or designated Club Official may refuse participation, or must direct a rider not to continue, where in their reasonable opinion any of the following conditions present a significant safety, legal, or operational risk:

1. The bicycle is unsafe, unroadworthy, or does not comply with applicable legal requirements;
2. The rider's conduct creates, or is likely to create, a safety risk to themselves or others;
3. The rider is unable to safely participate in or complete the ride;
4. The rider does not hold a licence or authorisation required by law for the operation of an e-bike.

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4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Respect
Members shall treat fellow riders, road users, pedestrians, event organisers, and members of the public with courtesy and respect.

4.2 Harassment and Bullying
Harassment, discrimination, abusive behaviour, intimidation, or bullying will not be tolerated.

4.3 Club Reputation
Members should conduct themselves in a manner that promotes the safety, reputation, and Club objectives.

4.4 Social Media
Members should ensure that any social media content relating to Club activities is respectful, lawful, and consistent with the Club's values.

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