

# Schaumburg Bicycle Club

## Bicycle Ride Policy



- Schaumburg Bicycle Club ride participants are responsible for their own bicycles. Participation on a ride may be denied to someone failing to have a bicycle in good working condition, or failing to have the proper safety equipment.
- All riders must wear a bike helmet on all club rides. Participation in a ride may be denied to someone failing to wear a helmet.
- The ride leader is not responsible for riders that leave the group or ride ahead of the leader.
- Any participant wishing to leave the ride group should inform the ride leader.
- Ride participants must their bicycle in a safe and orderly manner. Riders should maintain safe spacing and notify other participants of a maneuver that may result in a collision.
- The Schaumburg Bicycle Club does not allow the use of headphones during a Club ride.
- Riders should be familiar with the Illinois “Rules of the Road for Bicycling” and observe all regulations. Examples: Obey all traffic laws; stop for red lights and stop signs; use bicycle crossing signals where available, etc.
- Bicyclists may proceed, after yielding the right-of-way to oncoming traffic, through a red light that fails to turn green after waiting for at least 120 seconds.
- When riding on a roadway, do not ride more than 2 abreast. Persons riding 2 abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic on a roadway.
- When bicycling on a trail, follow the posted rules for that trail. (For example: Some trails have posted speed limits or may be one-way. Some trails may have special rules about bicycles yielding the right-of-way to people riding horses or walking on the trail.)
- Our policy is that rides are “no drop” rides, meaning that riders experiencing difficulties will not be abandoned or dropped. Riders should review the posted ride speeds before the ride and be relatively sure they can ride at that speed. Then if you have an issue and can’t keep up, an experienced rider will stay with you.
- Occasionally a ride leader may indicate that a ride will be at a faster pace, so for your own enjoyment and everyone else’s, be sure that you can ride at that pace.
- Our club has no minimum age for riders, although individuals under 18 need to be sponsored by a parent/guardian. All riders must be able to ride at the posted pace.
- Guests are welcome to ride with us one time, without becoming members. Our insurance coverage applies to “Invited guests while participating in their first covered ride.”