



## **Oshawa Cycling Club - Code of Conduct**

As an Oshawa Cycling Club (OCC) member I promise to practice good sportsmanship and conduct myself in a respectable manner at all cycling and non-cycling events where I am representing the OCC. (“Representing the Club” is anytime you are at an event where you are registered as an OCC member, and/or anytime you are wearing apparel that includes the name and/or logo of OCC.)

Inappropriate and unacceptable behaviour includes but is not limited to:

Physical abuse to any person or property while riding or at any club event. This to include guests.

Use of foul language, making obscene gestures towards any person while riding or at any club event.

Malicious actions at an OCC event that endangers the well-being of others.

Unlawful activity, including theft or fraud, intentional damage to property; and use, sale, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs.

Non-consensual physical contact, threatening or bullying behaviour, unwanted sexual advances, and any other inappropriate behavior.

Conduct which is hostile, abusive, harassing, or discriminatory toward others.

Excessive consumption of alcohol at OCC events or reporting to these events while inebriated or “under the influence of illegal drugs”.

Other inappropriate conduct that reflects poorly on OCC and/or upon cycling in general.

Failure of any member to report inappropriate activity or unacceptable activity as noted in the following:

Members who experience or witness inappropriate or unacceptable activity as outlined above are expected to promptly report the issue to the Ride Leader on that ride. If the member is not satisfied with the response of the ride leader, they should go online and complete a “Member Concern Request for Review Form”.

**As an OCC Member, I will:**

Abide by all relevant traffic regulations whether on individual or group rides; respecting rules of the road and maintaining safe riding habits.

Assist any rider having mechanical or physical difficulties on OCC rides when they are unable to continue to ride safely.

Select the appropriate ride pace for my ability on OCC rides and ride within the advertised pace or relinquish this responsibility by informing the ride leader that I intend to ride at a faster or slower pace. I understand this will separate me from the club ride.

OCC members must be conscious of their role as ambassadors to the non-cycling and recreational cycling communities. The OCC logo, such as on apparel, is an advertising vehicle for the club. Failure to abide by bicycling traffic laws, if observed by the public can be extremely detrimental to the club’s image. Disciplinary actions may result in the revocation of all membership perks and/or privileges. All members demonstrating an unwillingness to meet this Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action by the club which may include suspension of their club membership, or possibly having their membership revoked.

Ride participants under the age of sixteen may participate on club rides only if accompanied throughout the event by a parent or guardian who is a member of the club.

OCC Membership is a privilege. Membership may be revoked, suspended, or denied.