

- Kickin' Asphalt Bicycle Club –

“No Rider Left Behind” Policy and Guidelines

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Short Version

- POLICY -

It is Kickin' Asphalt Bike Club (KABC) policy that no rider who participates in a club-organized ride shall be left alone during the conduct of a ride event or individually left behind during any given ride event, except as stated within the guidelines below. The following scope and guidelines are used to bound and implement this policy.

- SCOPE -

Ride Leaders should try to keep riders together in a single group when safety permits. Use of electronic navigation devices will aid Ride Leaders in the conduct of the ride.

- GUIDELINES -

Communications: Clear, deliberate, and detailed communications are essential.

Ride Leaders: Ride Leaders may exercise discretion and should provide guidance to their group to accomplish these guidelines. An important Ride Leader responsibility is to monitor and maintain numerical integrity and accountability within any given club ride. Ride Leaders should not depart the designated finish area until they can verify that all riders in their designated group have returned safely or have otherwise completed the ride event and are accounted for.

Group Size: Ride Leaders may split their group when the number of participants may inhibit safe riding according to their judgment.

Voluntary Separation: When riding in familiar neighborhoods individual riders may elect to abbreviate their ride and separate from the group as a lone rider before arriving at the designated finish area. It is highly undesirable for any rider to be left isolated from the larger group, even if that rider should insist on being left behind.

Mechanical Mishaps and Health Emergencies: When a rider experiences a mechanical mishap, illness or injury, the Ride Leader shall pause the ride until suitable mitigation, and then continue as a group. If the problem cannot be corrected, the Ride Leader should ask for a volunteer to remain with the stranded rider until arrangements can be made for other transportation.

Straggler Situations: If a rider cannot maintain group pace, the Ride Leader should arrange for a volunteer rider to accompany the slower rider, assuming the pair can navigate to the finish area.