

Kickin' Asphalt Bicycle Club



KABC eBike Policy

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POLICY

It is Kickin' Asphalt Bike Club (KABC) policy that *Pedal-Assist* e-bikes may be used by KABC members on any KABC-organized ride in accordance with the definitions and guidelines outlined in this policy. The use of e-bikes on B Group (B-1, B-2, and B-3) rides must be "road bike" design, meaning they are visually similar to road or gravel bikes and are lighter-weight e-bikes. No hybrid, commuter, or mountain bike styles of e-bikes are allowed on B group rides. Use of a throttle on an e-bike is never allowed on any KABC group ride. Guest riders are never allowed to use e-bikes.

SCOPE

This policy and these guidelines apply to all KABC members participating in any KABC-organized ride event across all ride groups. Guest riders are never allowed to use e-bikes.

This policy applies to the use of e-bikes. For the purposes of this policy, electronic bikes (e-bikes) are defined as a bicycle equipped with an electric motor that provides at most 750 W (1 horsepower) of power that may be activated in order to assist with or replace pedaling.

GUIDELINES

KABC Allowed e-bikes: E-bikes on KABC rides must be used in pedal-assist mode; use of a throttle on KABC rides is never allowed. When e-bikes are used on a KABC ride, the rider is responsible for riding at the speed of the group.

Use of e-bike motor: E-bikes allow the user to control the extent of the assistance given to the rider while pedaling, from no assistance (motor is off) to assisting with the pedaling until the e-bike reaches a cutoff speed. Several communities in which KABC rides do not allow e-bikes to be used (or restrict their use). Since it may be difficult to

tell if an e-bike motor is engaged or off just by looking at a group of riders, this policy applies regardless of whether the rider is actually using the motor or not. In other words, if a given KABC ride states that no e-bikes are allowed, then it is not sufficient for a rider to state that they won't turn the motor on.

E-bikes on B-1, B-2, and B-3 rides: For an e-bike to be used on a B group ride, it must be a road bike style, which is lighter than some styles of e-bikes and suitable for riding at B group speeds. A rider will indicate they are using an e-bike when registering, and for their first ride with the group they will sweep; that is, they will ride at the rear of the pace line and will not participate in setting the pace. A determination will be made as to whether they can participate in a pace line in future rides.

Routes that allow e-bikes: The group coordinator for each ride is responsible for annotating the master scheduling worksheet for that ride to indicate if e-bikes are allowed (generally in response to rules of a community in which the ride is taking place). The calendar on the KABC website provides the specific details of each ride. If e-bikes are allowed for a particular ride/route, it will be annotated in the ride details for the calendar ride event. If there are restrictions, then the group coordinator will notify the ride leader so that the group can be informed prior to the ride.

Policy Enforcement: While the responsibility for complying with the policy is with every KABC member, there may be cases where a rider with an e-bike arrives for a ride where e-bikes are not permitted. In these cases, the ride leader should remind the rider that e-bikes are not allowed on the ride, and note the issue in the ride leader report. An act which is not in compliance with the e-bike policy may lead to cancellation of a person's KABC membership.