



# VSCC Youth Cyclist Information and Parental Consent Form

This form is to enable a parent/guardian of a cyclist aged 12-15 to give their permission for their child to take part in VSCC organised rides when accompanied by the ride-guardian that they have nominated. Ultimately the protection of both the child and the club is our objective.

This must be submitted to the ride leader prior to the ride commencing.

If you have any concerns about your child participating in any form of physical activity, please consult your GP before giving permission for your child to take part.

## 1 Youth Cyclist Details (aged 12-15 years)

First name:		Surname:			
Gender:		Date of birth:		Age:	
Address:					
		Postcode:			

## 2 Emergency Contact Details

First name:		Surname:			
Relationship to youth cyclist:		Home tel:			
Work tel:		Mobile:			
Email:					

## 3 Ride-Guardian Details

First name:		Surname:			
Relationship to youth cyclist:		Home tel:			
Work tel:		Mobile:			
Email:					



#### 4 Consent for Participation in Cycling Activities

##### Parental/guardian declaration

My child is in good health and I consider him/her capable of taking part in activities at Valley Striders Cycling Club. In the event of an accident/emergency any necessary treatment will be administered to my child under the guidance of the ride-guardian I have nominated. I understand that in all cases it will be the ride-guardian's responsibility to contact me (and any other person identified at section 2 above), and that ride-guardian is hereby authorised to act *In Loco Parentis* in my absence. I understand that while the club/Ride Leaders will take every reasonable precaution to ensure that accidents do not happen, neither the club nor the Ride Leaders can necessarily be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered to my child.

Child's name:			
Parent's/guardian's signature:		Date:	

##### Notes:

- If a youth cyclist and their ride-guardian wish to join an organised ride, the Ride Leader must agree to this and reserves the right to refuse their participation. As a club VSCC is keen to encourage youth cyclists, however safety is paramount and may require rides to be adult only on occasion.
- VSCC rides are aimed at adults, and it is a concession, not an automatic right, that youth cyclists (those aged 12-15) are allowed to join the organised group rides along with their ride-guardian.
- It is part of the Ride Leaders' training to ensure that reasonable steps are taken to establish a safe environment where cyclists can enjoy developing their cycling skills.
- Youth cyclists are expected to arrive at the session on time together with their ride-guardian.
- Any youth cyclist who misbehaves or puts others in danger may be refused from future rides and in extreme cases asked to leave the club.
- Currently we do not require our Ride Leaders to undertake Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks (previously CRB) and therefore you must be comfortable for the youth cyclist to take part in this environment.
- We may take photographs/video footage during our events for general publicity, Facebook posts, etc. If you wish for the youth cyclist to be excluded from this, then please make a note of this on this consent form.
- An appropriate cycling helmet MUST be worn at all times during rides.
- In the event of a youth cyclist requiring to break away from a VSCC ride (due to such things as tiredness, inability to maintain the pace of the group, bicycle mechanical problem, accident) it will be the sole responsibility of their ride-guardian to ensure the appropriate actions are taken to remedy the situation.
- VSCC ride leaders will seek to incorporate the youth cyclist into the group ride - but will not be obliged to make special provisions to cater for their needs, as they will remain responsible for the entire group of cyclists. There is no limitation on the ride that the youth cyclist can join, provided they have the ability to keep up with the pace and display the appropriate behaviours to engender the trust of the ride leader.
- The youth cyclist and their ride-guardian are accompanying the VSCC organised ride, but unlike a situation where an adult rider requires remedial action or support, in the case of the youth cyclist that remedial action remains the sole responsibility of the ride-guardian. In such an event, it is anticipated that the VSCC ride group will continue the ride leaving the ride-guardian and youth cyclist to return home by their own means.
- Additionally, if whilst on a VSCC organised ride, the Ride Leader considers the youth cyclist to be in need of remedial action or support to continue on VSCC rides, that support and action is the responsibility of the youth cyclist ride-guardian. This recommendation would normally be made at the end of a ride, however if the ride-leader feels that any dynamic situation is jeopardising the safety of the group or any of its riders, the youth cyclist and ride guardian may be asked to leave the ride and return home by their own means.



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