

CODE OF CONDUCT

BRITISH CYCLING CODE OF CONDUCT

Together with our partners, we are fully committed to transforming Britain into a great cycling nation. A key part of this is to provide trusted governance to the sport of cycling.

This resource will underpin the sport by outlining the expected behaviours of all participants whilst also offering guidance on good practice. A breach of this Code of Conduct may be considered as misconduct and result in disciplinary action in accordance with our Disciplinary Regulations.

As an absolute minimum, British Cycling expects affiliated clubs, members, Regional Board members, Commission members, coaches, team managers, officials, staff, volunteers and anyone who participates in the sport of cycling to demonstrate the following behaviours at all times.

- Take pride in ourselves with regards to inclusivity and diversity and be committed to working in partnership within our organisation and with others.
- Recognise that all people involved in cycling have an equal right to participate in the sport and make every effort to ensure everyone is treated with respect.
- Build relationships within the sport which are open and honest, and founded on mutual trust and respect.
- Ensure that cycling, in all its forms, offers the individual an opportunity to participate without fear or harassment.
- Accept personal responsibility for all of our actions and always act with transparency and honesty in order to build trust.
- Do not discriminate against an individual for any reason, whether it be sex, race, colour, gender reassignment, marital status, sexuality, age, disability, occupation, religion or belief - and challenge discrimination in whatever form it takes.
- Recognise and understand how to report any safeguarding concerns relating to children, young people and adults at risk.
- Act within the Technical Regulations and the spirit of cycling at all times and comply with UK Anti-Doping rules.
- Lead and serve our sport with dignity and humility.

- Always do the right thing with openness and accountability.
- Strive to be positive role models for others in the sport at all times.

In addition to the minimum standards, the following roles carry additional levels of expectation.

Riders, spectators, parents/carers

This applies to individuals participating in and/or spectating cycling within the club environment or competitive sport, or as a recreational activity, including parents/carers of those involved in cycling activity.

These individuals will, at all times:

- take responsibility in ensuring that they are up-to-date with the Regulations and guidance issued by British Cycling and/or other relevant bodies, and adhere to them, encouraging others to do the same.
- recognise and respect the valuable contribution made by all riders, coaches, officials, ride leaders and volunteers;
- treat all officials, volunteers and staff with respect at all times;
- comply with the Highway Code and public rights of way, whilst also respecting any environment in which you are involved in cycling activity, by respecting other members of the public, by not littering and by maintaining proper personal behaviour;
- remember that all riders gain a wide range of benefits from participating in cycling, and the sport is not just about winning and losing; and
- provide encouragement and support to all participants, recognising that we all make mistakes.

Further documentation:

- British Cycling Good Club Guide
- British Cycling Let's Ride Terms and Conditions

In addition to the above behaviours, British Cycling's Great Britain Cycling Team (GBCT) riders will be expected to act in an empowered and proactive way, engaging with the GBCT Programmes in line with the below documents (as appropriate) and working together to achieve a shared collective goal.

Further documentation:

- World Class Programme Performance Athlete Agreement
- GBCT Athlete Agreement (Development & Senior)
- Professional Road Rider Agreement
- Guest Rider Agreement
- Camp Guidance Document

Coaches, team managers, welfare officers, leaders, tutors and volunteers

This section applies to individuals who help others to achieve their goals through sport and physical activity. This could include coaches, leaders, instructors, activators, club committee members, and others who are responsible for the planning and delivery, or facilitation, of cycling activities and for sustaining the welfare and engagement of participants.

These individuals will, at all times:

- provide a positive experience, appropriate to the age and developmental stage of the rider and respecting their long-term welfare and best interests;
- promote the concept of a balanced lifestyle, supporting the wellbeing of the rider both in and out of cycling;
- educate the riders as appropriate, including topics such as performance- enhancing and recreational drugs, adherence to the Highway Code, Rights of Access, ethics and fair play, and rules of competition;
- maintain up-to-date knowledge and practice through a commitment to continuing professional development (CPD);
- promote good practice in others and challenge any poor practice that they become aware of, reporting to British Cycling and other agencies if necessary; and
- respect your position of trust and maintain appropriate boundaries and relationships with all participants, and particularly with those under the age of 18 years.

Further documentation:

- British Cycling Guidelines for Coaching Cycling
- British Cycling Code of Practice for Cycling Coaches
- British Cycling Guidelines for Leading Rides
- British Cycling Guidelines for Cycle Training
- UK Coaching Code of Practice for Sports Coaches

Event officials

Event officials include, but are not limited to, commissaires, event organisers, judges, timekeepers, marshals, stewards, drivers and other event support roles, across all disciplines and levels.

These individuals will, at all times:

- agree to comply with British Cycling's rules, regulations, policies, codes and practices in accordance with current British Cycling membership, which shall be implied from their acceptance of appointments/role or event registration;
- understand and stay up-to-date with British Cycling's rules and regulations, as well as the principles of their application;
- behave as an ambassador for the sport of cycling and, as a representative of British Cycling, show respect for everyone, the event, and associated organisations;
- be unbiased, impartial, consistent and objective when performing roles where decisions affect a race, competition or its results;
- ensure that clothing, equipment and behaviour is always seen as being independent and neutral. If uniform is provided, always and only wear it at events that they are appointed to;
- always follow the instructions and uphold the decisions and actions of the appointed commissaires; and
- never get involved in discussions about events, riders or officials, during or after events, or on social media.

Further documentation:

- British Cycling Rules and Regulations
- British Cycling Role Profiles and Guidelines