

Skipton Cycling Club (SCC) E-Bike Policy

SCC encourages, supports and welcomes all cyclists to ride with us. E-Bikes are seen as a welcome addition to the cycling world, presenting an excellent opportunity for those with limitations to participate in our group rides. E-Bikes enable users to keep riding, make friends and in our case, enjoy the wonderful Yorkshire and Lancashire countryside. E-Bikes greatly extend the ride life and enjoyment of many riders and are becoming increasingly popular.

This policy is designed for adult riders over the age of 18 years and sets out how E-Bikes should be used on club rides to ensure they are enjoyed safely by everyone.

This policy applies to all legal E-Bikes – road (drop and straight handle bars), mountain bikes and gravel bikes and can be on **all appropriate** rides unless specified by the ride leader.

Guidelines

1. SCC expects all riders to ensure they join a ride that is commensurate with their skills and experience, which includes E-Bike riders. It is the responsibility of the e-bike rider to choose the correct ride. The same SCC Group Riding Guidelines apply to e-bike riders as to all members of the club riders
2. All E-Bikes should comply with UK law when used on the road, its motor should cut out above 20kph (15.5 mph). It should be pedal assist (not 'twist and go') i.e., the E-Bike must not move without pedalling.
3. Throttle E-Bikes are strictly prohibited on all SCC club group rides.
4. It is not the responsibility of a club Ride Leader to determine if members are using an E-bike, nor what class of E-bikes may be in use.
5. It is the responsibility of the E-Bike rider to look after their bike and to choose the correct ride.
6. Any rider displaying reckless or irresponsible riding behaviour, regardless of bike type, may be requested by the Ride Leader to drop from the group ride to ensure the safety of everyone in the group.
7. When representing SCC, E-Bikes may be used on Reliability Rides, Sportives and Audax type rides, if allowed by the event organiser. E-Bike riders should make their own enquiries about an event.
8. An E-Bike rider should ride at the pace of the other riders.

9. When climbing hills, e-Bike riders should show consideration to the other riders and ensure they wait at the top of climbs, especially if they are unable to ride within a tight group. Always find a safe place to re-group.

10. An E-Bike rider should be certain they have sufficient battery reserve for the ride they have chosen (fully charged battery and spare if needed). It is not the Ride Leader's responsibility to ensure that the E-Bike rider is safely returned to the start point should they run out of battery, the E-Bike rider should be of adequate fitness and capability to look after themselves if they leave the group during a ride.

11. Only riders over 14 years of age may ride an E-Bike on the road in the UK.

12. Adults who are required to ride an adapted bike, such as an E-Trike should contact the club Welfare Officers to discuss this.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of our committee before attending any of our group rides. We look forward to seeing you