



## **Ride Types:**

There are two type of rides in the Smoky Mountain Wheelmen. **Club rides and E-rides.**

**Club Rides** include Club, Outreach, and Overnight rides that are posted on the Club Calendar on the Club website <http://www.smwbikeclub.org/calendar/> or Yahoo Group Calendar with approval of the Road Captain and they have a ride leader. Club Rides qualify for insurance coverage, unless they are an Outreach Ride.

**E-Rides** are those rides you post on Facebook or on the yahoo group message board. They do not require Road Captain approval, and they are not covered by the club's insurance carrier.

If you are unsure of the ride type, ask the person conducting the ride or the Road Captain.

## **Ride Classification:**

The Smoky Mountain Wheelmen uses the following classification for rides:

**A** = 18 plus miles per hour average with cue sheet.

**B** = 16 plus miles per hour average with cue sheet and frequent regrouping.

**C**= beginner and social no drop ride with optional cue sheet, ride at the pace of the slowest rider and/or split into groups at the direction of the ride leader. This will always be the level for all greenway rides.

**NR**= Night ride where any portion of the ride occurs after sunset or before sunrise. These are leisurely paced rides that are social in nature, with frequent regrouping. The recommended distance for a night ride is not over 30 miles, unless you are familiar with the ride at night. Each bicycle must have an operational headlight, and taillight suitable for that ride. Bright headlights are essential for most night rides. There must be two leaders for all night rides.

**Outreach Rides** are non-rated rides, as the sponsor of that ride determines the classification.

## **Mileage Credit:**

Mileage credit can be earn for **club rides, outreach rides** and **overnight rides** that are not scheduled during the blackout dates. Blackout dates are the "day before" and the "day of" any "event rides" that the club is hosting or assisting in hosting. These are days that club members should be focused on assisting with the events. The rides should meet the following requirements.

**Club Rides** are rides posted on the ride calendar and hosted by a Ride Leader. The riders only gets credit for the actual mileage ridden on the ride. Riders do not get credit for riding to the start. Riders can only receive credit for the mileage posted on the club ride.

**Outreach Rides** are “event rides” such as 3 State, Sequatchie Valley Century, Sunrise Century, shall receive mileage credit if they meet the following criteria: The ride should be sponsored by a bicycle club, a non- profit organization (501C3) or charity.

Ride must be available to all members. Rides that have a restricted registration, such as, but not limited to, open to a particular group (women only, pledge type fundraising, RAGBRAI, for example), require participation in a registration lottery, or have a very short registration period (i.e. less than 24 hours) do not meet criteria and will not be considered for outreach rides The fee for the ride must be reasonable and customary for rides of this type. All such rides must be posted per our usual guidelines, and require a ride sheet and a current ride leader. Must be at least two members riding to qualify.

Outreach Rides can only be 1 or 2 day events. Rides in excess of 200 miles range from Knoxville require two months’ notice to the club members by the website.

Ride needs to follow all other guidelines as for regular (non-outreach) rides (i.e. leader must hold a ride briefing at a set published time, riders must sign in and attend leader briefing in order to get credit for the ride, etc.)

Outreach rides are non-category (i.e. they will not be listed as A, B, C, etc.) rides as they are supported by the Event organizer. The SMW insurance does not cover Outreach rides.

**Overnight Trips** have at least two consecutive days of rides and one or more overnights. All of the guidelines and risk management policies that apply to day rides apply to overnight trips.

All overnight trips must be posted on ride calendar at least 30 days prior to the trip so that all club members will have equal access to participating.

The financial risk of an overnight trip is assumed by the leader and participants unless prior arrangements have been made with the Board of Directors.

An overnight trip leader has the option of requiring participants of overnight trips to be SMW members. This would ensure that all participants would be covered in the U.S. by the Club’s medical and liability insurance. If SMW membership is not required, then non-members must sign a Non-member Waiver and complete the Ride Report at every ride and will only have medical and liability insurance on their very first ride with SMW.

Ride approval is subject to reasonable interpretation of these polices. SMW Board of Directors has the right to reject rides for mileage credit that meet the letter but not the spirit of our policies.