2023/2024 SEASON

OSU Club Cycling Team

CONSTITUTION

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ohio State University Club Cycling Team is a group of collegiate riders across multiple cycling disciplines that exist to support and develop fellow enthusiasts in their recreational and/or competitive cycling pursuit.

LEADERSHIP

**President**

In charge of making sure that the club remains consistent with the mission statement and in compliance of OSU Club Sport requirements. Oversees and helps other leaders with tasks. The president is also responsible for sending out team emails and coordinating team activities, including but not limited to practices, clinics, etc.

**Vice President**

Assists the President in the running of the team and coordination of team activities. Manages logistics for races including registration and logistics before, during, and after the events. Responsible for the designing and ordering the team kit, with input from fellow team members, in conjunction with the Sponsorship Director.

**Treasurer**

Manages the team finances, which includes, but is not limited to, developing and maintaining a budget, tracking due payments, and race reimbursement and expenses. Monthly budgets will be made available to team leadership during autumn and spring semester and at the end of their term.

**Social Chair**

Responsible for the social media presence of the team. Social chair’s duties include generating and cultivating an engaging online presence, posting and commenting on team photographs, events, and event writeups to engage the community in the club’s activities and competitive pursuits.

**Sponsorship Director**

Coordinates with leadership to develop prospective sponsorship proposals including the desired level of monetary and/or equipment support in order to achieve the team’s financial and operational goals. Additionally, they are responsible for maintaining compliance with the Trademark and Compliance requirements for all sponsorship and merchandising activities.

Additionally, all Officers of the team are responsible for maintaining compliance with the roles and related requirements as defined for their respective positions within the University’s Sports Club Handbook.

Finally, all elected positions will actively participate in recruiting and team development activities.

**Elections**

Elections for above positions will be held near the beginning of spring semester, before race season starts. Procedures from rec sports will be followed. These include having a rec sports supervisor present to monitor the elections, and an open meeting for members to nominate members for officer positions.

**Risk Manager (not an elected position)**

At Least one risk manager is required at all events. They are responsible for bringing the MedKit and it’s safekeeping. They will fill out the provided incident form if an accident occurs. Multiple members can be risk managers as this is not an elected position. Anyone who wants to become CPR/First Aid certified should become a risk manager. Rec Sports will provide this training for free at the beginning of fall semester.

MEMBERSHIP

The team is structured around two membership levels, race and club, both of which share the common goal of providing a community within the University to support new and existing cyclists while giving back to the cycling community through volunteering activities.

To participate in ANY Ohio State cycling club activities, you MUST pay dues and register with DoSportsEasy.

**A. Race**

This level of membership is for intended for current and aspiring riders of all skill levels with an emphasis on developing fitness and racing skills for use in collegiate competitions across all disciplines. The club’s goal is to assist riders in this category develop their fitness and race skills for use in competition in USA Cycling Collegiate events. In order to support riders in this category dues will be $125 a year. Once dues are paid, riders will have full access to their club benefits. This includes; allowed participation in the club, access to social rides, training rides, clinics, races, and winter workout sessions. Ability to purchase the “Club” and “Race” kits, MWCCC race fees and hotel cost paid for, and full shop and sponsorship discounts. Full discounts are determined by each sponsor and once determined will be added to this constitution.

**B. Social**

This level is for riders who are cycling enthusiasts but do not wish to compete in USA Cycling sanctioned Collegiate events. Dues for Club members will be $40.00 a year. This includes; allowed participation in the club, access to social rides, training rides, clinics, events and winter workout sessions, ability to purchase the “Club” kit, partial shop and sponsor discounts. Partial club discounts are to be determined by the current executive board. Dues: $40 a year.

**COVID-19 update for dues**

For this season only, and subject to change in the spring with a vote by the exec board members, we will only have Social level dues which will be reduced by 50% to $20. When we are certain that we will be able to race in the spring then members who want to race will upgrade their membership to full Race level $125.

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Your dues help the club cover administrative costs with the University. They cover MWCCC fees to register the club.

Your dues DO NOT guarantee covered gas costs for any sort of travel, food while traveling, your racing license, or damages/injuries received while traveling/racing with the team. You are responsible for these.

Dues can be paid online via the link provided, or by direct cash or check to the team treasurer.

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***To attend a MWCCC event, you must:***

1. Have a current USAC collegiate license
2. Be in good standing with the Club\*
3. Paid your dues in full to the Club
4. Sign up for the event via google sheets team sign-up or by notifying the Team president at least Three weeks in advance. If you attempt to sign up after the three week deadline, you will be charged a late fee of $25. You will not be allowed to participate if attempting to register two weeks before a race.
5. When registering to race, you will provide your full name and contact information and fill out all the information required on the google sheet. If you fail to do this by the deadline above, you will not be able to attend.

***If you have signed up for an MWCCC event, but then cannot attend:***

1. If you signify that you cannot attend an event via the the Team Sign-Up sheet more than three weeks prior to the event, there is no penalty.
2. If you decide you cannot attend an event within three weeks from the event date, this is what will happen:
	1. You will be responsible for paying all of your race fees back to the club, as the club is not refunded from USAC for you not racing. This includes whatever events you have indicated.
	2. If you do not pay back your race fees within 5 business days, you will move into bad standing with the club. \*See club standing section below.
	3. Depending on housing for said event, you may be responsible to pay your share of a room. This is circumstantial, and by paying dues you agree to any club agreed charges.
3. If you cannot attend an MWCCC event as a result of a family emergency or an illness/injury, you will not be responsible for refunding the club your travel/entry costs. However, if ill/injured, you must provide a doctor’s note. (Note: “I have a test on Monday” does not excuse you from refunding the club costs for an MWCCC event you committed to. School always comes first, but you must plan ahead!)

**Equipment Requirements**

1. The cycling club does not provide bicycles.
2. You are required to wear a helmet for any club activity. You will not be allowed to ride without one. No acceptions.
3. Maintain a safely operating bicycle, as to keep other riders and yourself safe.
4. Use safety lighting at night, as well as dawn and dusk hours.
5. Wear OSU kit or colors during MWCCC races.

**Club Standing**

To maintain good standing with the club:

1. Pay your dues before racing or participating.
2. Register with DoSportsEasy through the OSU RecSports department by September 28th, 2018.
3. Register for races at least three weeks in advance, and notify of any changes to your race status.
4. Have an active collegiate race license three weeks prior to your first event.
5. Pay your dues in full prior to receiving any club benefits.
6. Represent the Club fairly on the road, social media, and in speech.
7. Practice safe operation of your bicycle in traffic while riding with other team members.
8. Treat other team members with respect.
9. Abide by USAC and MWCCC rules and regulations.

To move into bad standing with the team, you will have violated one of the standing laws above, or violated the team’s constitution. You can also be moved into bad standing via majority vote of team members present at official team meetings.

**Removing Members**

As an active member of the Cycling Team, one must represent the club in a positive manner. Failure to do so will result in the removal from the team as described by the procedure below:

* Individual meeting with President (or next highest ranking officer) to receive warning and discuss course of action.
* Upon second infringement, the club will hold an open meeting to discuss the violation and a vote will be conducted. Majority rule determines removal.

**Removing Officer Position**

Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for sufficient cause as determined by a majority of the officers with consultation with the club advisor. Sufficient cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws or any conduct deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the chapter.

* Upon any such infringement, the club will hold an open meeting to discuss the violation and a vote will be conducted. Majority rule determines removal.

This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

**Constitutional Amendments**

Amendments to the Constitution can be made by majority decision of the executive board. The constitution is subject to an edit an update at the beginning of each Autumn Semester. Team members may bring forth amendments at official team meetings, whose implementation will be decided by majority vote of all members present at said meeting.

TEAM GOALS

ONGOING TEAM PURSUITS

* Maintain an excellent rapport with the Columbus community (cycling and non-cycling) by riding safely and responsibly while training, and by engaging in outreach and community events throughout the year
* Community involvement and outreach - members will represent OSU cycling while volunteering at a selected charity ride each year, extra involvement is lauded and encouraged
* Recruit 4 BRAND NEW collegiate racers each year, and get each to try their first collegiate race during the MWCCC season

2023/2024 Season Goals

* Compete in all MWCCC road events, including regionals.
* Achieve a top 5 placing at MWCCC championships for men AND women in at least one discipline: Road Race, Time Trial, Criterium.
* Qualify racers for Collegiate Road Nationals
* Compete at CX Nationals
* Maintain 24+ active members

Future Season Goals

* Achieve a top 3 team ranking at MWCCC conference (male & female)
* Achieve a top 5 placing at MWCCC championships for men AND women in at least one discipline: Road Race, Time Trial, Criterium
* Qualify a roster of 4 females and 4 males for Collegiate Road Nationals
* Break into the top 10 at Collegiate MTB and CX Nationals

MWCCC RACE SCHEDULE

Not yet available. Tentative until made official in January 2024

-BUDGET

Previous year’s budgets and projections are kept by the current treasurer, and will be up to date as needed. Will be available upon request.