

Risk Assessment Form Open Road Bike

This form should be completed with a list of hazards that affect the session, and should be written from a coaching perspective, not a venue management perspective. For each risk assessment there should be associated Emergency Action plan to be used in case a risk occurs.

Venue:		Freedom Leisure Crowborough (start / finish)	Venue Contact Name & Contact	
(Incl	Address: ude postcode)	Eridge Rd, Crowborough TN6 2TN	Details:	01892 665488 Coaches Mobiles
	Group:	Crowborough Tri Club	Location of first-aider:	Lead Coach, Duty Manager
	Date:	Every Thursday	Location of Defibrillator	Eridge Rd, Crowborough TN6 2TN , by mini railways. Public Access. And Jarvis Brook Memorial Hall TN6 2EG
Time:		Start 6:15pm, Finish 7:30pm	Location of telephone:	Coaches mobile, good signal in all locations for major networks. Phone at Leisure Reception.
Participants:	Number:	20	Location of toilets:	N/A.
	Age:	14 +	Location of changing rooms:	N/A
	Ability:	Mixed	Location of first-aid kit:	Coach to carry first aid kit
Lead co	oach name:	Lead Coach Iain	Stocked and maintained:	X Yes No
Venue documents read and understood		Normal operating procedures:YesNoN/A X	Additional notes:	
(please ✓ appro	priate box):	Health and safety policy: Yes No N/A X		
		Emergency action plan (EAP): Yes No		

Name of person conducting risk assessment:	Signed:	Date:
Lead Coach Iain	Iaín Watson	16 th October 2022



Location & Description of Hazard:	People at Risk:	Level of Risk (High/Medium/L ow):	Advice Required: (from whom)	Action(s) to Mitigate/ Remove Risk:	Person responsible for resolution:	Residual Risk: After resolution	Dates Reviewed
 Route Suitability for all ability and fitness 	All Riders	Medium	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	Plan / adapt route to suit ability/fitness of the group, including potential contingency/escape routes. Manage group speed to suit the ability/fitness of the group Identify & brief riders on specific hazards on the route prior to starting. Consider splitting the group according to ability	Lead coach	Low	
Lack of adequate lighting	All Riders	High	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	Plan route to ensure return prior to sunset Club policy requires all riders to carry lights at all times	Lead coach	Low	
Terrain surface not suitable for road bikes	All Riders	High	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	Plan route to avoid routes known not to be suitable. Review route taking into account any known temporary hazards (i.e. potholes, roadworks &/or recent resurfacing). Consider adapting route dynamically should road surface prove to be inadequate.	Lead coach	Low	



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Dangerous conditions due to inclement weather	All Riders	High	Yes – Met Office	Review weather report & advise riders of any adverse conditions anticipated. Consider adapting route to suit conditions &/or postponing in severe conditions. Riders to be briefed on safety when riding in inclement weather.	Lead Coach	Medium	
 Riders stopping waiting in dangerous locations (ie at road junctions blind bends etc) 	All Riders	High	Yes (British Cycling Ride Leader programme)	Riders to be briefed on safe waiting locations Consider pre-planned stopping points for route(s).	Lead Coach	Low	
Riders not correctly equipped for weather conditions.	All Riders	High	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	Ensure all riders have clothing appropriate to the anticipated weather conditions before commencing.	Lead Coach	Low	
Equipment leading to injury due to RTA, collision &/or rider error.	All Riders	High	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	 Club policy dictates all riders shall wear correctly fitting EC compliant helmets. Ride leader to carry 1st aid kit to deal with minor injuries. Ride leader to be familiar with the EAP & have access to emergency contact details for all riders. Consider identifying a 'Base contact' who can raise an alert if the group has not returned by 	Lead Coach	High	



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				the agreed Emergency Action Time (EAT).			
Equipment Bikes not adequately maintained &/or equipment failure on route	All Riders	High	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	 Club policy dictates members are to ensure their equipment is serviceable & in good working order. 'M' checks to be carried out prior to each ride. Club policy dictates members are to carry equipment to deal with their own minor roadside repairs. Should equipment not be repairable ride leader will assess the situation & make provision for recovery of the rider &/or equipment. 	Lead Coach	Low	
Rider ability not adequate for the equipment being used (i.e. clipless pedals etc)	All Riders	High	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	 Club policy dictates that riders are to be responsible for ensuring they have sufficient competency to use their equipment. Ride leader to check with new riders that they are confident using their equipment. 	Lead Coach	Low	
Equipment not suitable for group rides (i.e. aerobars)	All Riders	High	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	 Club policy dictates TT bikes should not be used on group rides at any time. Riders with aerobars on their normal road bike should be briefed not to use them when riding in a group. 	Lead Coach	Low	



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People (Rider competency & conduct) Pre-existing significant medical conditions.	All Riders	High	Yes - Rider	Ride leader should be aware of any rider with a significant medical condition & understand how to react &/or treat the symptoms.	Lead Coach	Medium	
People (Rider competency & conduct) Route not suitable for rider/group ability.	All Riders	Med	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	 Ride leader should have an understanding of the experience & competency of riders & their capabilities. Plan / adapt route to suit ability of the individual/group. Consider splitting the group according to ability. 	Lead Coach	Low	
People (Rider competency & conduct) Riders stopping on route	All Riders	Med	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	Riders stopping are to give clear indication to those behind of their intentions.	Riders	Low	
People (Rider competency & conduct) Riders walking on route.	All Riders	Med	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	Riders walking are to take care when walking on uneven surfaces &/or in shoes with cleats.	Riders	Low	
People (Rider competency & conduct) Lost rider on route	All Riders	High	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	Identify potential locations where group may become fragmented (steep/long climbs or descents etc) Brief riders to procedure if lost or separated from the group.	Lead Coach	Low	



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				Ideally riders will have a phone & number to contact ride leader. Ensure the route is clearly understood by riders. Consider			
				publishing route &/or gpx file to riders prior to the ride.			
People (Rider competency & conduct) Poor rider conduct, failure to ride safely.	All Riders / Other road users	High	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	Club policy dictates that riders are to comply with the highway code at all times. Riders to be briefed on ride etiquette & hand signals to be used, including when cycling in traffic or in the vicinity of pedestrians or horses/animals. Riders who fail to follow instructions from ride leader are to be excluded from club rides.	Lead Coach / Riders	Med	
People (Rider competency & conduct) Large group of riders causing road hazard/obstruction to vehicles.	All Riders	High	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	 Rides to be limited to 8 riders. Rides in excess of 8 should be split into groups managed by a nominated 'group leader' with min of 10m separation between groups. Good ride discipline to be enforced by ride/group leader(s), with riders max 2 abreast moving into single file on busy or very narrow roads. 	Ride / Group Leader(s)	Medium	



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People (Rider competency & conduct) Ride leader becomes incapacitated	All Riders	Meduim	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	Ride leader to ensure riders are familiar with the route & EAP.	Ride Leader	Low	
				Ensure the route is clearly understood by riders. Consider publishing route &/or gpx file to riders prior to the ride.			
People (Rider competency & conduct) Inexperienced ride leader	All Riders	High	⊠No □ Yes If yes, who	Ride leader(s) to be assessed for competency prior to leading club rides.	Committee	Medium	

Insert Diagram(s) of layout of venue with key safety elements marked (this page is intended to be shared between Risk Assessment and EAP):







