

2018 TCBA - Ride Incentive Program

Purpose: The purpose of the ride **incentive program is to encourage club members to participate in TCBA recreational rides. Ride Incentive “miles earned” are miles ridden only on TCBA sponsored rides.**

Ride Classes

Established to enable riders of similar abilities to ride together, classes are based on average overall ride pace (speed), as follows:

Class	Pace (avg speed on a “level” route with no wind)
Class A+	19+
Class A	17-19 mph
Class B	14-17 mph
Class C	12-14 mph
Class D	Up to 12 mph
Class Z	Over 40 miles at riders' own pace
Class M	Mountain bike “single track” rides
Class G	Gravel Road Rides, plus “speed class” (A-Z) of the ride

Responsibilities of Riders and Ride Leaders

Ride Leaders

- **Please follow the rules of the road; same roads, same rules!**
- Scout the route and create accurate maps and/or cue sheet defining the route.
- Provide a Rider Sign-in Sheet. Please keep your Rider Sign-in Sheets until the season ends and get these to a TCBA Board Member or the “Mileage Coordinator”
- All rides should start from a publicly accessible location.
- Provide notice of the ride on the biketcba.org Event Calendar. Send your desired ride to ridecoordinator@biketcba.org Information in the notice shall include the leader's name and contact information (phone number and/or e-mail address), date and time, starting location, ride class, and approximate distance. Weather conditions under which a ride will not occur should be stated. The starting point should provide adequate parking for a reasonable number of expected riders; and, if

private property is used for this purpose, the ride leader is responsible for securing permission from the property owner or manager.

- Unless the ride notice states a requirement for lights, rides should be scheduled during daylight hours. There should be sufficient time to do the ride at the pace defined by the ride class plus an allowance for planned stops and unforeseen mechanical problems.
- Provide a reasonable number of maps or cue sheets for the anticipated number of entrants and ride sign in sheet.
- G Rides (new Ride Class for 2018) are rides at least 80% of the route is on gravel roads. Riders must use a bicycle capable of negotiating that type of terrain. These rides will have the same speed classification (A-Z) as listed above.
- With the exception of Class Z rides, the Ride Leader rides at the back of the group. The ride leader is not required to ride at an average pace that is slower than the minimum designated speed for the ride class. Ride Leaders will use their judgment while riding with riders who are slower paced than the posted average speed for that ride.
- In case of mechanical problems, medical problems or injuries, remain with the affected rider until the situation is resolved or help arrives. The ride leader is *not*, however, required to perform repairs, first aid, or CPR.
- Enter the Rider Mileage on the TCBA site.

Riders

- Choose rides appropriate to their riding ability.
- May choose to go on a Ride Class that is faster than their riding speed. However, the Ride Leader is not required to ride at their pace.
- Arrive at the starting location in time to complete pre-ride preparations. Make complete and legible entries on the ride sheet.
- Ensure their bicycles are in a proper state of repair to complete the ride.
- Be able to perform routine on-road repairs. In case of severe mechanical or personal breakdowns, riders are responsible for arranging their own return transportation.
- Ride in a safe and lawful manner, following the rules of the road.
- TCBA encourages riders to wear highly visible cloths, use mirrors, and utilize front and rear lights even during daylight hours.
- TCBA recommends that riders have a cell phone with them on rides.
- Passive riders (such as those in "trailers") are not regarded as riders for the Ride Incentive Program.

General Rules

- The ride calendar year is December 1st of the previous year through November 30th of the current year.
- Club rides must be submitted to the ridecoordinator@biketcba.org to be posted on the biketcba.org Event Calendar. Ride information must be submitted so that it appears on the updated ride format for at least two (2) days prior to the ride. The

update schedule and deadlines are set by the Ride Line Coordinator and may vary by season.

- Any rides starting within the state of Michigan, do not require Board approval but must be submitted via the current process to be published.
- Start locations outside the State of Michigan require board approval.
- No club rides shall be scheduled during the T-shirt Ride, Ride of Silence, or club-sponsored social activities (picnic).
- Rides of the same class leaving from the same general location must be at least one hour different in starting time.
- **Helmets are required on all club rides; personal audio devices are prohibited.**
- There is only one ride leader per ride.
- E Bike riders using Class 1 and 2 e-bikes* are allowed to participate in the TCBA Ride Incentive program. Please see the definitions of these categories at the end of this document.

Incentive Eligibility

TCBA members in good standing may accumulate mileage points. Riders earn 1 point per route mile and/or "home mile" ridden. Ride leaders receive ride mileage as well as ride leader points (100 points for Class D and M) and 50 points for all other ride classes);

*Mountain Bike Riders earn Ride Incentive Points for all publicized TCBA Mountain Bike Rides on single track. Because mountain biking is more technical, typically at slower speeds and less miles traveled in a similar time then road biking, a conversion will be used; 1 mile of single track will equal 3 miles toward the Ride Incentive Program.

- If there are no other riders, the ride leader receives the ride mileage plus 10 leader points.
- "Home miles" are miles ridden to and from TCBA rides, meetings, social events, or invitational tours based on the safest distance to these events from the rider's home.
- If a ride leader fails to participate in a scheduled ride, another rider may assume leadership and will be credited with the leader points.
- Members are responsible for documenting participation in TCBA rides on any official club ride sheet. Entry shall include member's name, date, events name, and distance.
- The TCBA Board is responsible for equitable enforcement of the ride program.

Ride Incentive Levels; All mileage recorded must be on TCBA Club Rides or TCBA Sponsored Rides/Tours for the Ride Incentive Awards

Level 1 2018+ miles ridden including Home/Leader miles

Level 2 1250 to 2017 miles ridden including Home/Leader miles

Level 3 501 to 1249 miles ridden including Home/Leader miles

Level 4 500 miles ridden including Home/Leader miles, or have ridden on 5 club rides/tours

*E-Bike definitions from League of Michigan Bicyclists/State of Michigan;

PA 139 goes on to divide e-bikes into three classes:

Class 1 An electric bicycle that is equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.

Class 2 An electric bicycle that is equipped with a motor that propels the electric bicycle to a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour, whether the rider is pedaling or not, and that disengages or ceases to function when the brakes are applied.

Class 3 An electric bicycle that is equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour. **Class 3 e-bikes are excluded from the TCBA Ride Incentive mileage accumulations.**