

Mid Devon Cycling Club – Parental Consent Form

Children and Young People on Club Cycle runs. Consent Form for all children and young people aged under 18 years.

If your child or young person has sustained a recent head injury, you should seek medical advice before allowing your child or young person to participate in any organised Club activity.

Children and young people are included in as many club activities as possible and this will include riding with adults on club rides. MDCC maintains both a moral and a legal duty of care for children and young people participating in its activities. It will strive to ensure its activities include measures to meet those responsibilities which are reasonable in the circumstances.

Where a parent is not present and does not accompany a child or young person, Mid Devon Cycling Club achieves this by allowing adults who are club members to act *in loco parentis*. The club requires the parent or person with legal responsibility to sign this form giving consent to allow a named adult to assume responsibility for their child or young person for the specific activity.

It is not the RouteMaster's responsibility to find a responsible adult. This form is to be completed by the parent(s) and given to the adult named above before the ride commences and **shown to the RouteMaster before setting off. A child or young person will not be permitted to accompany a club ride without this form in place and shown to the RouteMaster.**

Parental Consent Form

I give consent for my child to accompany
..... (name/s of adult) on a club ride/other named activity
..... from (date) to
.....

I have been informed about the nature of the risks involved and have been given a document which is the guidance for myself and for the Route Master for the day (where relevant).

I understand that the above adult will be responsible for ensuring to the best of their ability, my child is cared for during the activity and with regard to the needs of other members on the ride. This may well result in the group continuing without my child, leaving him/her in the care of the person/s named above whilst arrangements can be made to recover/assist him/her to journey home.

In the event of illness or an accident requiring emergency hospital treatment, I authorise the adult named on this form to sign on my behalf any written form of consent required by the hospital authorities, if the delay required to obtain my own signature is considered inadvisable by the doctor or surgeon concerned.

I understand that group photographs are sometimes taken by group participants or Route Masters during the course of a ride, for example at a scenic view point or at the coffee stop, to illustrate to others the enjoyment of the ride. I understand that photographs are sometimes published on the MDCC Facebook page. I give my consent for group photographs to include images of my child, and for these to be published as appropriate.

Signed(parent) Date
Address..... Tel

The Club Welfare Officer : Colin Butler can be contacted via colin@middevon.cc

**The term' *in loco parents*', Latin for "in the place of a parent" refers to the legal responsibility of a person or organisation to take on some of the functions and responsibilities of a parent. Originally derived from English common law.