

Groove Tour PA Risk Management Plan

Preamble:

Road cycling can be a dangerous activity. Groove Tour PA has cycling routes approximately 60 miles, 40 miles, and 45 miles long on paved roads throughout Northern Pennsylvania. Groove Tour PA has developed this Risk Management Plan to document how we will manage the ride to reduce risk associated with cycling activities. These policies are to be practiced by participants and all people involved in the event. All riders share the responsibility of making Groove Tour PA as safe as possible.

Each participant in Groove Tour PA shall have access to this Risk Management Plan. The plan will be disseminated via e-mail and it will always be accessible on the Groove Tour PA website: <https://www.groovetourpa.com>.

Need to Carry Personal Medical Insurance:

Participants must have personal medical insurance and carry their insurance information with them. Groove Tour PA carries general liability insurance indemnifying Groove Tour PA and all affiliates. It is important to understand that this insurance is **NOT medical insurance or personal insurance for participants**. Rather, it is a policy protecting the organization. Participants are responsible for the complete cost of any medical care that should arise during or after the event.

Standards of Participation:

Groove Tour PA participants and all associated groups shall adhere to the following:

While participating in Groove Tour PA, all riders shall follow the directional cues provided and adhere to bicycle safety measures including: cuing, maintaining proper visibility, riding reasonably, maintaining safe bicycling distances from other participants, maintaining safe distances from other vehicles, and following the rules of the road. Every rider, without exception, must obey all traffic laws, including stopping at all stop signs and signals. Riders shall stay to the right of the road as conditions permit and ride single file whenever prudent (e.g. motor vehicle traffic is present).

All riders shall wear a helmet certified by CPSC or ASTM whenever they are on their bicycles participating in Groove Tour PA. All ride participants and affiliates shall conduct themselves in a safe and prudent manner. Front and back bicycle lights are recommended for increased visibility.

Cyclists shall not use cell phones while riding to ensure safety. If cell phone use is necessary during riding, cyclists must pull off the road.

Cyclist Responsibility:

Groove Tour PA recommends that riders carry cell phones to use for emergencies and communication. In the event of an emergency, riders should immediately call 911. Riders should then contact the Rider Director per the telephone numbers provided on the turn-by-turn directions.

Cyclists participating in Groove Tour PA are responsible for food, water, repair of their bicycles, and all support matters. The SAG WAGON will provide some water refill options, but riders should plan to find or purchase water, food, and anything necessary for bicycle maintenance needed during the ride.

Routes:

All ride maps utilize state, county, and local roads that carry light vehicle traffic wherever possible. Riders should expect some vehicle traffic and must obey Pennsylvania traffic laws, and use caution when crossing all intersections, riding alongside vehicles passing, and riding at any point. Riders will be verbally reminded of this at the start of the ride.

Weather

If dangerous weather or storm conditions are forecasted for the majority of the weekend - there will be a rain date set for the following weekend - August 7 - 9 2020. During the ride, participants should plan for sudden and unforeseen weather changes including but not limited to: rain, thunderstorms, heavy wind. In dangerous riding conditions, participants are expected to find reasonable shelter until it is safe to ride again.