

Ride Leader Responsibilities

The San Antonio Cycling Club's Ride Leader is the focal point for the scheduled ride. The club appreciates them volunteering and expects them to exercise their best judgment in all situations.

A Ride Leader should:

- **Show up** at the scheduled ride at least 30 minutes prior to start time.
- **Introduce yourself** to the riders as the Ride Leader.
- **Talk to and welcome** new riders or guests to make them feel welcome.
- **Make sure** everyone signs the sign-in sheet, and provide maps, if available, for those riders not familiar with the route.
- **Have some blank membership forms** with you to offer to new potential club members.
- **Review highlights** of the ride, hazards, rest stops, and the terrain.
- **Review safety guidelines** (helmets are required, keep to the right, pass only on the left, obey traffic laws, use hand signals, and verbal alerts of passing or oncoming traffic).
- **Make sure all riders** inform you if they are doing shorter routes or other modified routes, so that you know where they are and you won't be waiting somewhere for them.
- **Take a head count** of all riders, so that they can be accounted for at the finish.
- **Start the ride on time.** You should not hold up those present for late comers.
- **Make sure** that new, slow, or less experienced riders are not left behind by:
 - Asking someone to ride sweep
 - Riding sweep yourself
 - After you appoint someone else to lead the front group.
 - If the last riders are experienced and request that you do not wait for them, then it will not be necessary.
 - If the ride breaks into more than one group, then sweep with the slower group, after someone in the front group is appointed lead.

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- It is not the Ride Leader's responsibility to repair bikes, or flats. However, it is your responsibility to make sure that the rider gets a ride back to the start if necessary. It is a good idea to have a spare tube, tube repair kit, pump or co2, and/or basic tools such as all-in-one.
- If you can't lead your ride, please find a substitute before resorting to canceling the ride.
- The Ride Leader should not leave the ride start/finish area until all riders are accounted for, unless it is to find the missing rider(s).
- Call Vern Jeys, 210-275-5637, or Ray Marques, 210-394-0854, if you have any questions.