



PORTISHEAD CYCLING CLUB ("PCC")

YOUTH POLICY

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Currently PCC does not have a youth participation policy. The draft policy for discussion at the next meeting is set out below.

All participants in PCC rides and events under the age of 18 must have a signed Parental Consent form. The form can be downloaded here [\[HYPERLINK\]](#). The leader / organiser must be satisfied that the parental form has been signed otherwise the young person should NOT be allowed to take part.

The only exemption is where a young person having reached the age of 16 can prove that they are no longer living with their parents or guardians and are living as an independent adult. This needs to be proven by the supply of evidence such as a rent book or utility bill with the person's current address in their name or a National Students Union membership card.

The minimum age for unaccompanied children on any ride/event is 13. Children aged 13 to 17 may participate unaccompanied if they have parental permission and a signed Parental Consent form. There is no lower age limit if accompanied by a responsible adult acting in loco parentis, but a signed Parental Consent form is still needed. Parents or guardians must also understand:

- the demands of the cycling activity and that they alone can make the decision about the ability of their child to complete it;
- that the child may cycle with other adults and/or with other children, but that there is also a possibility of the child cycling on its own (for example with treasure hunt events);
- while PCC extends a welcome to cyclists of all ages and abilities, no special provision for children is made;
- arrangements to get to and from the event are the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian. ☒
- that DBS checks may not have been done on event organisers or ride leaders.
- PCC, its members, agents and other participants may take photographs during the course of an event, mostly for private use but some may be for local or national publicity purposes. If you have concerns about this please speak to the ride leader or event organiser.

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