

SCBC General E-Bike Policy

Members and Guests of the Stark County Bicycle Club are welcome to ride a bicycle with electric assist motors (E-Bikes) on many club-sponsored rides, tours and events under the following conditions:

1. E-Bikes are permitted on all SCBC rides and events, unless noted on the calendar or in email notifications.
2. E-Bikes are eligible to participate in group rides and must be operated as pedal-assist only! If the E-Bike includes a throttle, **THE THROTTLE MUST NOT BE USED AT ANY TIME!**
3. SCBC club rides may travel on multi-purpose trails having specific E-Bike regulations. It is the responsibility of the E-Bike rider to determine and to obey the laws and regulations applicable to these trails. See Ohio Rev. Code. Sec. 4511.522 and all applicable local and park regulations.
4. E-Bike riders will observe and follow all SCBC club ride policy/rules governing safety and etiquette.
5. In addition, E-Bike safety rules and etiquette:
 - If in a group ride, the E-Bike, when assuming the front position, should not accelerate the pace of the group. They should only maintain the established pace, or safely reduce it in the event a hazard exists.
 - When proceeding up climbs, E-Bikes should not aggressively pass conventional riders and on descents should stay well to the right to not impede conventional riders.
 - An E-Bike rider is responsible for ensuring they have sufficient battery reserves to enable them to complete the ride they have chosen without assistance from other riders.

This policy is subject to change based on the newness of this topic.