

NMTS Policy

Topic: Club Miles Program Guidelines

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What Qualifies as an NMTS Ride

- NMTS encourages prospective ride leaders to pursue their interests and to be creative in defining rides for the benefit of the club membership.
- A ride must be announced to the entire NMTS membership with sufficient notice for members to have enough time to prepare for and participate in the ride.
- The announcement must include the standard ride information and any unusual ride guidelines, so that potential riders can make an informed decision about whether to participate.
- If there is any question about whether a ride meets the requirements of this policy, the Ride Chairman will make a final determination.
- A ride qualifies as an NMTS ride if it is announced or published on the NMTS web site and is led by a member of NMTS. Rides led by other organizations may be announced on the NMTS web site for the information and enjoyment of our members.
- The standard is submission to and acceptance by the Ride Chairman no later than 72 hours prior to the proposed start of the ride. However, rides that require more extensive preparation (such as multi-day tours or out-of-state or out-of-country rides) should be announced much further in advance.
- Late submissions will be considered by the Ride Chairman on a case-by-case basis.
- Any type of ride may be proposed if it benefits a portion of the NMTS membership and fits within the requirements of the club's insurance policy. Any distance, pace, targeted riders (such as gender-specific), multi-day tours, out-of-state or out-of-country rides, rides with a limit on number of participants, rides sponsored by other groups or organizations, etc.
- In addition to the standard ride information, the ride announcement must include any unusual ride guidelines desired by the ride leader. The standard ride information and announcement format are available from the Ride Chairman.
- A ride leader may elect to propose a ride for which no club miles will be reported. However, such a feature is an unusual ride guideline and must be included in the ride announcement.

Annual Awards

The Club Miles Program supports several annual awards:

- Most Club Miles Ridden - Male
- Most Club Miles Ridden - Female
- Most Club Rides - Male
- Most Club Rides - Female
- Young Rider - Most club miles ridden by a member under 40 years.
- New Member - Most club miles ridden by a member in their first full year.
- Working Stiff - Most club miles ridden by a full time employed person.
- Mileage Patches

Club Mileage Recording Riders on any NMTS ride will be given mileage credit for the ride, subject to the guidelines below.

- To earn mileage credit for an NMTS ride, a rider must let the ride leader know he is participating and participate in a significant portion of the ride.
- A rider must sign the ride waiver sheet to earn mileage credit and declare their anticipated total mileage. If their actual mileage differs significantly from their declared mileage the rider should inform the ride leader within one business day of the ride.
- Miles ridden on the route are counted. If a rider adds miles to the route, for example riding from home to the route, these miles may be counted. Riders are on their own when outside of the published ride description and should only do so if they are confident they can do so safely.
- Mileage reporting is on the honor system - the ride leader is not required to verify the miles reported by a rider.
- If there is any question about the calculation in a situation not covered by these guidelines, the ride leader will make the final determination.
- A rider must follow the guidelines for the ride specified by the ride leader, such as pace, re-group points, etc. If you don't comply with ride guidelines, then you haven't done the announced ride. If a rider feels that a segment of the specified ride is unsafe they should tell the Ride Leader before the start of the ride that they intend to use an alternate route. Ride Leaders are encouraged to liberally apply this policy.
- A rider must ride a significant portion of the route, with other riders and in compliance with announced ride guidelines, to earn mileage credit. The standard is 40% of the route miles, but the ride leader has discretion to reduce this standard based on specific circumstances. Examples: (1) a rider who rides only a portion of the route, or (2) a rider who completes the route in a different order - for example, joining a ride in progress and then completing the route after other riders have finished. The rider has the responsibility to coordinate his/her intentions in advance with the ride leader and, if necessary, to report actual route miles ridden to the ride leader after the ride is completed.
- The ride leader is responsible for calculating miles for each rider based on compliance with these guidelines and with the announced guidelines for the ride. It is not appropriate to apply other, unannounced guidelines as criteria for mileage calculation.

Mileage Reporting

The ride leader (or a designated substitute), having calculated the mileage due for each rider, has the responsibility to report the mileage in a timely manner, normally within one or two days of ride completion, to the Mileage Chairman.

Working Stiff Award

- Only club ride miles ridden count for the Working Stiff award.
- To compete for the Working Stiff award, a member must:
- Notify the Mileage Chairman that you are a full-time (40 hours per week) employee and want to compete for the Working Stiff award.
- Notify the Mileage Chairman if your employment status changes to part-time employed or retired during the calendar year. If this occurs, you are not eligible to continue participating in the award competition and his/her accumulated club miles for the award are frozen at that point.

Mileage Patches

NMTS desires to recognize the riding achievements of all members by providing a patch that acknowledges the number of club miles ridden by a member. The patch mileage intervals are:

- o 1,000 miles (1000 to 1499 miles)
- o 1,500 miles (1500 to 1999 miles)
- o 2,000 miles (2000 to 2499 miles)
- o 2,500 miles (2500 to 2999 miles)
- o 3,000 miles (3000 to 3499 miles)
- o 3,500 miles (3500 to 3999 miles)
- o 4,000 miles (4000 to 4499 miles)
- o 4,500 miles (4500 to 4999 miles)
- o 5,000 miles (5000 to 5499 miles)
- o 5,500 miles (5500 to 5999 miles)
- o 6,000 miles (6000 to 6499 miles)
- o 6,500 miles (6500 to 6999 miles)
- o 7,000 miles (7000 to 7499 miles)
- o 7,500 miles (7500 to 7999 miles)
- o 8,000 miles (8000 to 8499 miles)
- o 8,500 miles (8500 to 8999 miles)
- o 9,000 miles (9000 to 9499 miles)
- o 9,500 miles (9500 to 9999 miles)
- o 10,000 miles (anything over 10,000 miles)

* Because not all members want a patch the Mileage Chairman should ask for members to tell him/her if they desire to be presented with a patch. In any case, all those qualifying for a patch should be recognized at the Awards Banquet.