

Rules of the Road

This is not a race! The Tour of Marin ride will be escorted by CHP motorcycles. Do not pass in front of these vehicles. Any rider moving in front of the lead CHP vehicle will be outside of the protected enclosure and subject to being ejected from the ride.

The roads that form the course for the Tour of Marin will not be closed so, unless otherwise directed by a CHP officer escorting the ride, normal rules of the road apply –

● A helmet is mandatory and must be worn at all times during the ride. No one will be permitted to participate without a helmet.

● You must sign a Release Form before you ride the TOUR OF MARIN. You can download a PDF of the waiver from the Tour of Marin web site. Please send to TOUR OF MARIN, 5221 Paradise Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925.

● Ride with traffic. Never ride against traffic.

● Do not, under any circumstances, cross the yellow center divide line. Always be alert for oncoming traffic.

● Do not block traffic. Ride in bicycle lanes, or as far to the right side of the road as is practicable. Pass only on the left.

● Be alert and aware of all vehicles and pedestrians.

● Watch for right-turning traffic. Motorists turning right may not notice cyclists on their right. Watch for any indications that a motorist may turn into your path. When approaching intersections, try to stay far enough from the curb to allow cars to turn right on your right. Motorists may not look for or see a bicycle passing on the right.

● Use hand signals. Hand signals tell cyclists and other road users what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, courtesy, and self-protection.

● Respect pedestrians' rights. Pedestrians have the right of way. Bicycles are not permitted on sidewalks.

● Observe all traffic laws.

● Obey all stop and yield signs and traffic signals.

● Group riding: a) The California Vehicle Code states that bicyclists are entitled to the full width of the road for at least purposes of overtaking, left turns, avoiding obstacles, when approaching a place where a right turn is authorized, and when riding a substandard width lane. Generally, it is prudent to stay as far to the right as practicable. When riding with others, do not block traffic, and be aware of other road users at all times. b) When stopping for a stop sign in a group, queue up in small numbers and proceed when it is your turn, allowing other road users their right of way. The idea is to cross the intersection as safely and quickly as possible without testing the patience of other road users. Self-policing and courteous riding will go far.

● Watch your speed. Observe posted speed limits, and obey the basic speed law: never ride faster than is safe under the existing conditions.

- Avoid road hazards and keep both hands ready to brake.
- Look back before you pass or merge. Leave a good 3-4 when passing a pedestrian or another bicyclist.
- Be visible. Bright clothing is suggested.
- Riding that endangers the safety of your fellow riders is strictly prohibited and will result in being pulled from the Tour.
- Safety checks and some mechanical support will be provided before the ride. Please be sure you bicycle is in proper working condition before the ride.
- Water and snacks will be available and distributed at the start/finish check in area as well as the rest stops along the route.

Any participant that does not follow the directions of the Tour of Marin organizers or the local police will be removed from the event.

Have fun and ride safe!