



**Southern Crescent Cycling Inc. Membership Application and Release Form 2013**

Applicant Name:			
Street, Apt. #:			
City, State, Zip:			
Family (Name / Relationship)			
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Mobile:	
Emergency Contact Name & Phone #:			
Email:	Racing Age in 2013:	Race Category:	
Name:	U.S.A.C License #	License Exp. Date:	Birth Date:

As a member of the Southern Crescent Cycling Club, you have easy access to resources that will connect you with rides and riders across the Southside of Atlanta.

**For \$25.00 per year for an individual or \$40 for a family, you'll enjoy all the club's free benefits, plus:**

- 30% discount on Club Apparel
- 10% Discount at Epic Bikes®. Discount NOT VALID on bicycles, framesets, or trailers. Excludes special orders. Discount is extended to service labor.
- Enjoy the same benefits as Atlanta Trek Club members at Trek Stores located in Peachtree City and McDonough, including 5% store credit rebate on purchases in 2013, Atlanta Trek Club clothing at cost, invitation to club member only events, support on certain charity rides throughout the year
- Supplemental accident insurance for all members via the League of American Bicyclists
- Parties and special events during the calendar year

Checks should be made payable to: **Southern Crescent Cycling, Inc.** Club dues are to be paid at time of this application submittal. Race Team members might have additional fees associated with U.S.A.C and other governing groups.

If you would like to donate to the SCC Race Team please indicate the amount here \_\_\_\_\_ and add that amount to your membership dues fee. Donations will go to help defray race fees, and other expenses.



As a member of the club, it's easy for you to ride more, more often! You're connected to others. We all have a passion for cycling and the Club was created to make sure we ride with others. Let's make 2013 great.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter "Member") wish to apply for club membership to **Southern Crescent Cycling, Inc.**, (hereinafter "**Southern Crescent Cycling**" or "**Club**") for the 2013 season. Club dues for 2013 are **\$25.00** or **\$40.00**. In consideration of the acceptance of my application for membership I hereby freely agree to and make the following contractual representations and agreements.

I hereby apply for membership in **Southern Crescent Cycling Inc.** I acknowledge that by signing this document, I am releasing Southern Crescent Cycling Inc., its sponsors, members, directors, officers, attorneys and employees from liability of any kind.

**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT CYCLING IS AN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS SPORT WHERE SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH CAN AND DOES OCCUR.** I understand and agree that I will participate in all Club and regional team activities at my own risk. I further understand and agree that the club is a Georgia corporation that provides cycling activities for its members and for the advancement of the sport, which will be a direct benefit to me. Therefore, on behalf of myself, my heirs, successors and assigns, and personal representatives, I HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, DISCHARGE, INDEMNIFY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE **Southern Crescent Cycling Inc.**, its sponsors, members, directors, officers, attorneys and employees (collectively the "Released Parties") from any and all rights and claims including those arising from the Released Parties' own negligence, which I have or which I may hereinafter accrue from any and all damages sustained by me of any kind directly or indirectly in connection with, or arising out of, my participation in any races, training / club rides or other activities run, sponsored, promoted or encouraged by the Club and / or regional team or travel to or return from such activities. I represent that, based upon a recent physical examination by a licensed medical provider, to the best of my knowledge I have no medical or physical condition that would affect my ability to participate in bicycle racing or any Club/ team event or that my participation would endanger my health.

I acknowledge that I have been advised to read this entire document and the attached rules and regulations carefully. I represent that I have read both documents carefully, that I agree to abide by the premises I am making in this application, and that I am knowingly and voluntarily signing this application. I understand that the club is relying upon my promises in this application and would not grant me membership in the Club without my promises.

If accepted as a member of the club, I agree to abide by all the club's Rules, Regulations and Bylaws.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ, CLEARLY UNDERSTAND AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT.

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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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PARENT'S SIGNATURE- (If under 18, a parent or guardian's signature is required. Parent/guardian must be present when signing)



## **Southern Crescent Cycling Safety Policy**

Your club takes safety very seriously. Cycling is an enjoyable activity that can have significant health benefits. Yet, like other physically active sports, cycling has many inherent risks.

These risks can be mitigated through the use of properly fitted and maintained equipment, by obeying traffic laws, by understanding proper "bike" etiquette when riding in a group, and most importantly, by always paying attention while cycling.

We welcome members who are as concerned with safe cycling as we are. An important step in joining Southern Crescent Cycling, or in renewing your membership is to read, understand, and accept the following Safety Policy.

### **1 - Observe the Law**

- Members should be aware that every person riding a bicycle on a roadway is granted all the rights and subject to all of the duties of the motor vehicle driver.
- Members shall obey all motor vehicle and bicycle laws of the state(s) in which they are riding.
- Members should be familiar with Georgia bike law.
- Proper use of hand signals to indicate turning and/or stopping are required.
- Always ride with traffic, never against it.

### **2 - Club Rules**

- All members must check-in at the ride start and provide the required emergency contact information to the ride leader.
- All non-members riding for the first time must also check in with the ride leader and sign the club liability waiver.
- Helmets must be worn on all SCC rides.
- Club policy forbids calling out "Clear!" at an intersection. Conditions can change for the following riders faster than you think.
- Any member who witnesses another member riding in such a manner as to endanger other cyclists should discreetly discuss their concern with that member, explaining the transgression(s) that have occurred, and the reason(s) they are hazardous. Should the offending member fail to correct the riding behavior, a complaint should be made to the club's ride leader who will follow the club's Safe Riding Enforcement Procedure.
- **Riders WILL NOT run stop signs and red lights, or swarm around cars at stop signs and red lights. We will wait our turn and move through as one large group.**



### **3 - Ride Etiquette**

- Be predictable. Call out your intentions, e.g. slowing, stopping, etc. Use hand signals.
- Call out and point to hazards e.g. Hole! Rough Road! Car Back! Glass! Gravel!
- Safely move to the right when you hear “car-back” and repeat the warning so that riders in front of you are alerted.
- With few exceptions always pass other riders on the left. In all cases, whenever passing a rider the “overtaking” rider shall call out “on your left” or “on your right” as the case may be.
- Stop to regroup after crossing a traffic light controlled intersection so that riders who may not have been able to “make the light” will not be encouraged to cross on the red.
  
- Members must be courteous and share the road with motorized vehicles, pedestrians and other cyclists. This includes riding single file on busy roads, moving to the right safely when "car back" is called to allow vehicles to safely pass.
- Notify the ride leader if you decide to “drop” or leave a ride before its completion.
- All members are strongly encouraged to accept valid criticism graciously and understand that the person delivering such criticism is doing so in the best interest of the club and all of its members.

### **4 - Equipment**

- A proper fitting helmet is required on all club rides.
- Members shall ensure that their bicycle is in good condition, and that they know how to ride it properly.
- Members must carry the necessary equipment and should be capable of repairing a flat if necessary.
- The law states lights are required on any ride that extends past dusk.

### **5 - Miscellaneous**

- Members shall be properly prepared for the ride they have chosen. This includes: choosing a ride of pace, length and terrain matched to their ability, having suitable clothing for the expected weather conditions, carrying adequate fluids, and carrying spare tubes, pump and tools, etc.
- Each member individually shall determine whether or not weather and road conditions are suitable for cycling and shall take full responsibility for cycling in any and all conditions that will be encountered during the course of the ride.
- It is highly advised that members carry a cell phone and emergency contact information to summon help should they become lost, injured, or otherwise separated from the group.



### **Southern Crescent Cycling Safe Riding Enforcement Procedure**

If members observe others riding unsafely, they should communicate their concerns privately to the offenders.

If there is no change in the conduct of concern, or if those concerns are not received constructively, the rider observing the conduct is encouraged to report it to the Ride Leader. The Ride Leader will share this information with the Club President and Officers; they will investigate the issue and will use their judgment as to the seriousness of the offense. If they deem it to be warranted, they will speak to the offender about the conduct in question and request that he or she observe safer riding habits on Club rides.

If the offending rider is reported again for unsafe practices, the Ride Leader and Club President will investigate and may choose to warn the repeat offender, either verbally or in writing, of the possibility of membership suspension if the conduct continues. Or, commensurate with the situation, they may immediately recommend to the Board a suspension of the rider's membership in the Club for up to 6 months.

If after the end of such suspension, a rider re-offends; his or her membership in the Club will be indefinitely revoked. He or she may reapply to the Board of Directors for membership after one year. In this case the member may be asked to reapply in writing or to attend a Board meeting, at the option of the Board.

Please keep the goals of the club and the intent of this initiative in mind: we are here to enjoy safe and pleasurable riding with companionship. None of us is perfect - we all on occasion violate safe riding practices. We want to support each other in minimizing these occurrences while maintaining our environment of enjoyable and safe riding.