

Share the Road and Ride Safely

As many of you know, there has been a lot of “bad behavior” by cyclists on various big event rides. BCP certainly does not want its Century to be characterized by such behavior. So, remember the following:

- When you're on this ride, you're representing all cyclists, whether you want to or not.
- It is in the interests of all cyclists to have drivers treat all cyclists with respect.
- Therefore, it is in the interests of all cyclists to (a) behave ourselves while riding, and (b) encourage others to do the same.
- Some bad behavior results from ignorance--that is, not knowing how to ride properly on roads--while other bad behavior is intentional. When you see bad behavior, assume it is due to ignorance, and do your part to educate others.
- You may not live by the Golden Rule always, but please try to on this day.

Here are the Rules of the Road we expect all cyclists to obey:

- Ride toward the right side of the road, leaving ample room on right to maneuver in an emergency. And always ride in the same direction as the traffic.
- Ride single file unless you know it is safe to ride double-file. Never ride more than double-file.
- Drivers signal their intentions to other drivers; so should cyclists:
 - Warn other cyclists of hazards.
 - When passing, say “on your left.”
 - Use turn signals.
 - When slowing or stopping, say “slowing” or “stopping.”
- No headphones; you need to hear cars approaching and warnings from other cyclists.
- Treat drivers, pedestrians, and other cyclists courteously.
- Give pedestrians and beginner/novice cyclists lots of room.
- Obey, or at least TRY to obey, all traffic laws. Bicycles are vehicles in PA and are required to follow the traffic rules that apply to drivers.
- Obey directives from police officers, even if you think they are wrong.

- If you need to stop to, for example, fix your bike or rest up, move at least three feet off the road.

For more information: <http://www.bikeleague.org/resources/better/roadrules.php>

Thank you.