



July 20, 2020 - Newsletter

COVID Update - 2020 Cancelled but Keep Riding!

The EBTC Executive met virtually on Wednesday, July 15 and confirmed that club activities remain paused given the current COVID-19 situation.

Although cycling is one of the safest activities relative to contracting COVID, placing our volunteers and members at risk was deemed unacceptable by the board. Last May, the board had hoped that an abbreviated season may have been possible, this is no longer being considered.

Please see the Question and Answer section below. In addition, your **2020 membership is automatically carried forward to 2021**. This includes access to Ride With GPS and some other virtual-programs and resources in development.



2020 Ride Season - Questions and Answers

Why did the board suspend the 2020 ride season?

- Although cycling itself is safe, organizing rides and the risk of a ride being the source of a COVID infection is not a burden the board wanted to place on volunteer trip leaders.
- Although the probability is low of something happening, the impact to a member, volunteer and the organization is too great.

I see club members riding, are there EBTC rides I don't know about?

- Club members may be running their own rides but these are not sanctioned EBTC events.
- It is important to remember, a person organizing a ride for friends and contacts assumes the risk that the club normally would have accepted.

Will the EBTC FaceBook page continue to operate?

- The FaceBook group is an informal communication medium for EBTC.
- Official communication comes from the newsletter, emails from the club or is posted to www.bikeclub.ca.
- If you have a FaceBook account, you can request access to the group (see link below), generally it is limited to current club members.

What does the 2021 Riding Season look like?

- Too early to tell at this point.
- It may be the same (or worse) than 2020 or we may have returned to 'normal'.
- Likely EBTC will need to modify how it operates to continue meet health and safety directives from the government.

If I want to find a club member to ride with, how do I contact others?

- The club has a number of formal and informal ways to connect with other members. ***The FaceBook group*** was discussed above.
- ***Ride with GPS*** is another method.
- Permission is required to join both groups.

If I have questions, who do I contact?

- Any member of the board or feel free to reach out to any board member including our President, Anne-Marie Adachi.
- A list of board members is on our website, www.bikeclub.ca.

Can I get a refund on my membership?

- Refunds were offered up until June 15, 2020.
- Your 2020 membership will roll over to the 2021 riding season automatically.
- For extreme financial duress, you can contact the club President for an exceptional refund.

RideWithGPS Maps

Many EBTC ride leaders and members use RideWithGPS to map and share their cycling routes. To access the club's RideWithGPS membership and maps, go to:

<http://bikeclub.ca/ridewithgps-com>

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