

E - BIKE POLICY

OVERVIEW

Our challenge events are created for charity fundraising and therefore the objective is to maximise participation and therefore fundraising potential for the charities we work with. Our events are not races, they are events to enable fundraising from sponsored participation. As such we encourage participants who think they need an electric bike to use one especially for those participants to whom not using one would be a barrier to entry.

COMPLIANCE

As the cycle phases of all our events have a road element to them, all e-bikes must meet the criteria of classification for an 'Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (EAPCs)' by the Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency. These are as follows:

- Cycle must be fitted with pedals that are capable of propelling it.
- Maximum continuous rated power of the electric motor must not exceed 250 Watts.
- Electrical assistance must cut-off when the vehicle reaches 15.5 mph
- EAPCs must not be ridden by anyone under the age of 14 years

EAPC which complies with the above is not considered to be a motor vehicle within the meaning of the 'Road traffic regulation act 1984' and the 'Road traffic act 1988'. As a result, it is not required to be registered or subject to vehicle excise duty (road tax), and does not have to be insured as a motor vehicle.

SAFETY CHECKS

For the safety of both the rider and other participants all e-bikes must have a spot inspection at registration to ensure it reaches the above criteria.

AWARDS

Whilst the events are not races, some charities give out prizes for positions. Participants using e-bike will not be eligible for these awards.

CHARGING

There is usually limited access to electricity both at the hubs and transitions across our events. Please do not rely on having access to power to charge your e-bike. Please ensure if leaving your bike in transition that the motor is turned off and not depleting power.

