

# Southwest Bicycles Cycling Club

**SWBCC**

[www.swbcc.org](http://www.swbcc.org)

# Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

[General](#) / [Benefits](#) / [Insurance](#) / [SWB Credit](#) / [Dues](#) / [Plus3Network](#) / [Guests](#) / [Rides](#) / [Ride Leaders](#) / [Bicycle Laws](#)

## General:

### 1. I just bought a bike. Should I join the SWBCC?

YES! Whether you are new to cycling or an experienced rider, join the club to meet new people who have similar casual, recreational cycling interests. You will develop new riding skills and ride safe routes!

### 2. I'm just getting back on a bike after several years away from cycling. Should I join the SWBCC?

YES! We welcome new members and encourage you to reawaken your love for recreational cycling while riding with a fun group of people.

### 3. I've never cycled with a club. What should I know before riding with the SWBCC?

a. We don't bite!

b. We don't care what type of bike you ride but it must be in good working order and a safe bike to ride. After you join the club, take your bike to SWB- Peoria for a tune-up/safety check before riding on a club ride. (Please allow for normal turn-around time on service.)

c. We don't care what type of cycling clothes you may or may not wear, but you must be willing to associate with a garish-looking mass of people wearing spandex and funny-looking shoes.

d. You must wear a helmet to participate in the SWBCC rides.

e. After you join the club, stop in to SWB-Peoria to purchase your SWB Jersey at a club-member exclusive discount.

f. We require all our participants to abide by ALL applicable traffic laws. The safety of our riders is our primary focus for every ride. You may want to refresh your memory on bicycle laws.

g. Develop your basic riding skills, comfort on your bike and balance on flats and hills before joining a group ride.

h. Ensure that you are comfortable riding your bike on multi-use paths and on streets with bike lanes.

i. When in doubt about which group ride to choose, participate in the ride that may be shorter/slower than what you are capable of. This choice will enable you to focus on learning the group dynamics and developing your group riding skills. If you are unsure or have questions about the ride, contact the published ride leader before the scheduled event.

j. Expect to meet great people who advocate safe, casual, recreational and fun rides!

[Back to Top](#)

## **Benefits:**

### **1. How does membership in the SWBCC benefit me?**

- a. You may purchase a SouthWest Bicycles jersey at a significant discount.
- b. You will earn SWBCC points for each club ride. Your earned points will translate to store credit at SouthWest Bicycles issued to participating members each quarter. The more club rides you participate in and correctly log with Plus3Network, the greater value your in-store credit.
- c. You will become a member of a club associated with the League of American Bicyclists.
- d. You will be covered by SWBCC club insurance through the League of American Bicyclists when participating in club activities.
- e. You will be enrolled in the SouthWest Bicycles Rewards Program and earn 40% MORE with your club membership!
- f. You will be invited to attend a once-a-year Club-member ONLY Special Sale night where you may take advantage of added discounts on bikes, parts and accessories.
- g. You will develop your group riding skills.
- h. You will have access to members-only bicycle maintenance mini-classes taught by the expert technicians at SouthWest Bicycles and other club members.
- i. You will meet other people who enjoy the benefits of casual, recreational cycling and have fun on group rides and other club activities.
- j. You will have access to the Plus3Network where you will log all of your club rides and may track all of your activities to raise money for your chosen cause - a great way to "Make it Count" as you cycle for a cause!
- k. You will be able to join the club on RideWithGPS.com and have access to all of our club rides and information at that site.

[Back to Top](#)

## **Insurance:**

### **1. What insurance coverage do I receive as a member of the SWBCC?**

(EXCERPT FROM LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLIST 2016 INSURANCE PROGRAM BROCHURE)

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

General Liability provided by Greenwich Insurance Company (a subsidiary of XL Group) for Members and volunteers of insured League clubs who are participating in a covered activity. In the following amounts:

#### Coverages / Limits

Commercial general liability \$1,000,000 (per occurrence)

General aggregate\* \$5,000,000

Products and completed operations aggregate \$5,000,000

Personal and advertising injury \$1,000,000

Participant legal liability NOTE EXCLUDED

Sports equipment liability \$ 5,000

\* Per claim deductible \$1,500

\* Aggregate applies on a per insured basis.

Participant Accident provided by Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co for Members of League clubs who have submitted the approved enrollment form and have paid the appropriate premium, registered participants (including volunteers) in special events who are taking part in a covered activity.

Accident Medical Coverage \$10,000 per person per accident excess of a \$500 per claim deductible and excess of any other valid and collectable insurance. Accidental Death & Dismemberment \$5,000 per person per accident.

## 2. Does the insurance cover me on non-SWBCC rides?

NO, The SWBCC LAB insurance covers you ONLY during your participation in a covered club activity.

## 3. What is a covered club activity?

A covered activity includes recreational bicycle rides that are organized, conducted, and supervised by an insured club and involve League club members and first-time invited guests. Club meetings are also considered covered activities. SWBCC Club activities will be planned by SWBCC members and will be published on one of our club platforms (website, calendar, social media) .

## 4. Why do I have to sign a release and waiver form to join the SWBCC and to cycle on club rides?

To help protect all the SWBCC members and participants from liability lawsuits resulting from anything that may cause harm or loss during a club activity.

(From the 2010 League of American Cyclists Insurance Program FAQ Sheet)

Primarily, the waiver says that the person agrees to release the club from liability should anything happen on the ride to cause them harm or loss. They may still sue the club if something happens, but the chances are good that a court or judge will refuse to hear the case because of the presence of the signed waiver! Or, even if the court does hear the case, the waiver could be used to show the individual was aware of, and had accepted, potential risks involved with cycling.

Club members are required to sign a waiver and release of liability form once each year. You don't need to sign one each time you go on a club ride. For special events, every participant - whether they are members of the club or not - are required to sign a waiver.

[Back to Top](#)

## **Store Credit:**

### 1. How do I earn a SouthWest Bicycles in-store credit?

You will earn points for every club ride in which you participate and log correctly on the Plus3Network.

### 2. When will I receive my credit?

In-store credit will be issued in the month following each calendar quarter approximately in January, April, July, October - depending upon when the club receives information from Plus3Network.

### 3. How will I know I have an in-store credit?

You will receive an email to tell you when your credit is available at SouthWest Bicycles.

### 4. Is my in-store credit transferable to someone else?

No. Reward yourself for your efforts!

5. Can I still get my earned in-store credit at the end of the quarter if I cancel my club membership during the quarter?

NO. Only active members at the end of the quarter, who have correctly entered their club rides on Plus3Network will be eligible to earn their in-store credit.

[Back to Top](#)

### **Club Dues:**

1. Do I have to pay to join the SWBCC?

YES. The club has financial responsibilities such as affiliation with the League of American Bicyclists, Insurance, Copies, Mailing, Domain name and web hosting services that we need to maintain each year.

2. Is any portion of my membership dues tax deductible?

NO. SWBCC is not a tax exempt organization.

3. When does the SWBCC collect their annual dues?

June each year for the following year's membership. (July through June)

4. I want to join the SWBCC, and there are 3 months or less until the annual membership renewal. Do I have to pay the full annual membership fee?

It depends when you join. We use the following guidelines for collection of membership dues:

If you join July through March 100% of annual dues,

If you join April through June 50% of annual dues

If you are a winter visitor, dues are 50% of annual dues. (Nov – March)

5. Are my membership dues refundable if I decide to cancel my membership in the SWBCC?

NO. Membership fees are non-refundable

6. How do I cancel my membership in the SWBCC?

Send a letter or email to the club president requesting cancelation of your membership. Please include your name, address, email address and the reason for your cancelation.

[Back to Top](#)

### **Plus3Network:**

1. What is the Plus3Network?

Plus3Network is an online community of healthy-minded people who want to make personal fitness and charitable efforts a bigger part of their everyday lives. By bringing enthusiasts like yourself together with corporate sponsors Plus 3 makes it possible to turn your every workout into a fitness-fundraiser - you provide the "sweat", Plus 3 provides the "equity". The basic Plus3 membership is always free and a great way for you to "Cycle for a Cause" and "Make it Count"!

2. Do I have to register with the Plus3Network when I become a SWBCC member?

YES, if you want to earn points toward your quarterly in-store credit. SWBCC has teamed up with Plus3 to track our club member participation and encourage you to "Cycle for a Cause". You must

register with Plus 3, join the SWBCC and correctly log your club activities on Plus3Network to take full advantage of all that the SWBCC and the Plus3Network offer.

### 3. How do I register on [www.plus3network.com](http://www.plus3network.com)

Go to: <https://www.plus3network.com/plus3foundation> to register at the site. Then you may Log onto [www.Plus3Network.com](http://www.Plus3Network.com) to record your rides.

### 4. How do I join the SWBCC on the Plus3network?

After you get your account set up, click on your "Teams" from the drop down menu and search for Southwest Bicycles Cycling Club (SWBCC). After you join the team, you will be able to see all of our Plus3 club members' activities.

### 5. How do I enter a club ride on the Plus3network?

Open your account on [www.Plus3Network.com](http://www.Plus3Network.com) and start your log by selecting manual entry or use Garmin Connect to automatically upload your rides. Your rides must be set to "public". WHEN YOU LOG A CLUB RIDE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE "SWBCC" SOMEWHERE IN YOUR TITLE.

[Back to Top](#)

## Guest:

### 1. Can I just come out and ride on SWBCC rides without becoming a member?

Yes of course! You are welcomed and encouraged to ride with us one time. How else would you get to know us? Our FIRST TIME GUESTS are covered by the SWBCC liability and accident insurance for that club ride. However, per the club insurance regulations, after one guest ride with the SWBCC, you MUST join the SWBCC to take full advantage of the club insurance. If you enjoyed your ride, we encourage you to join the club and begin earning credit for your club rides and take advantage of everything that SWBCC membership has to offer!

### 2. Can I bring a guest to ride with me if they are not a member of the SWBCC?

YES! Please do invite your adult friends! The more, the merrier!

### 3. Can I bring my child to ride with me on the SWBCC rides?

Yes, with some agreed-upon guidelines. You must be an active member of the SWBCC. Only children of SWBCC members may ride in the SWBCC rides. Please ensure that your child understands and follows ALL bicycle laws, knows how to properly ride in a group and can ride at the pace set by the group in the ride. You MUST sign a "Minor" waiver on behalf of your minor-aged child(ren). The SWBCC requires that a parent or guardian participate in the ride with a minor-age child(ren) and accept full responsibility for their child(ren)'s actions on the ride. If you are a member of SWBCC and desire to participate in club rides with your minor-aged child(ren) more than one time, please contact the club to discuss membership options for your minor-aged child(ren). Because the SWBCC is an adult-only membership club, we reserve the right to review membership applications for members' children on a case-by-case basis.

### 4. Does my guest have to sign a waiver to ride on the SWBCC rides?

YES. Non-members are required to sign a waiver each time they ride with the SWBCC. After one guest ride with the SWBCC, an individual MUST join the SWBCC to take full advantage of the club insurance. If your guest enjoyed the ride, encourage your guest to join the club and begin earning credit for their club rides and take advantage of everything that SWBCC membership has to offer!

[Back to Top](#)

## **Club Rides:**

### **1. What defines a club ride?**

An SWBCC club ride includes recreational bicycle rides that are organized, conducted, and supervised by the SWBCC and involve club members and first-time invited guests. SWBCC rides will be planned by SWBCC members and will be published on the club ride calendar (<https://ridewithgps.com/organizations/14-southwest-bicycles-cycling-club/home>).

[Back to Top](#)

## **Ride Leaders:**

### **1. I have a really cool route I want to share with everyone in the club.**

#### **Can I lead a ride for the SWBCC?**

Yes you can lead a club ride if you are an SWBCC-approved ride leader. "Really cool routes" may also be shared on the RideWithGPS.com site.

### **2. How do I become an SWBCC ride leader?**

The SWBCC is dedicated to providing our members and guests with options for casual, recreational group rides that are led by qualified ride leaders. Our ride leaders are required to attend an "on-boarding" process and agree to the responsibilities of leading and executing safe rides. Each ride leader must agree to the process and procedures required to meet the requirements of the SWBCC. If you would like to become an SWBCC qualified ride leader, please contact the club ([info@swbcc.org](mailto:info@swbcc.org)) for more information.

[Back to Top](#)



# Arizona Revised Statutes

## Title 28 - Transportation Laws

---

### Chapter 1. Definitions and Penalties

#### Article 1. Definitions

##### •28-101. Definitions

...

- 6. "Bicycle" means a device, including a racing wheelchair, that is propelled by human power and on which a person may ride and that has either:
  - (a) Two tandem wheels, either of which is more than sixteen inches in diameter.
  - (b) Three wheels in contact with the ground, any of which is more than sixteen inches in diameter.

...

- 56. "Vehicle" means a device in, on or by which a person or property is or may be transported or drawn on a public highway, excluding devices moved by human power or used exclusively on stationary rails or tracks.
- 

### Chapter 3. Traffic and Vehicle Regulation

#### Article 6 - Speed Restrictions

##### •28-704. Minimum speed limits; requirement to turn off roadway

- A. A person shall not drive a **motor** vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.
  - B. If the director or local authorities within their respective jurisdictions determine on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that slow speeds on any part of a highway consistently impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, the director or local authority may determine and declare a minimum speed limit below which a person shall not drive a vehicle except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.
  - C. If a person is driving a vehicle at a speed less than the normal flow of traffic at the particular time and place on a two-lane highway where passing is unsafe, and if five or more vehicles are formed in a line behind the vehicle, the person shall turn the vehicle off the roadway at the nearest place designated as a turnout by signs erected by the director or a local authority, or wherever sufficient area for a safe turnout exists, in order to permit the vehicles following to proceed.
-

## Article 7. Driving on the Right Side of the Roadway, Overtaking, and Passing

### ●28-724. Overtaking on the right

- A. The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass on the right of another vehicle only under the following conditions:
  1. When the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn.
  2. On a street or highway with unobstructed pavement that is not occupied by parked vehicles and that is of sufficient width for two or more lines of moving vehicles in each direction.
  3. On a one-way street or on a roadway on which traffic is restricted to one direction of movement and if the roadway is free from obstructions and of sufficient width for two or more lines of moving vehicles.
- B. The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle on the right only under conditions permitting the movement in safety. The driver shall not make the movement by driving off the pavement or main traveled portion of the roadway.

### ●28-735. Overtaking bicycles; civil penalties

- A. When overtaking and passing a bicycle proceeding in the same direction, a person driving a motor vehicle shall exercise due care by leaving a safe distance between the motor vehicle and the bicycle of not less than three feet until the motor vehicle is safely past the overtaken bicycle.
- B. If a person violates this section and the violation results in a collision causing:
  1. Serious physical injury as defined in section 13-105 to another person, the violator is subject to a civil penalty of up to five hundred dollars.
  2. Death to another person, the violator is subject to a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars.
- C. Subsection B of this section does not apply to a bicyclist who is injured in a vehicular traffic lane when a designated bicycle lane or path is present and passable.

---

## Article 8. Turning, Starting and Signals on Stopping and Turning

### ●28-756. Method of giving hand and arm signals

- A. Except as provided by subsection B, a person shall give all hand and arm signals required by this article from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner, and the signals shall indicate as follows:
    1. Left turn. Hand and arm extended horizontally.
    2. Right turn. Hand and arm extended upward.
    3. Stop or decrease speed. Hand and arm extended downward.
  - B. A person operating a bicycle may give a right turn signal by extending the right hand and arm horizontally and to the right side of the bicycle.
-

## Article 11. Operation of Bicycles

### ●28-811. Parent and guardian responsibility; applicability of article

- A. The parent of a child and the guardian of a ward shall not authorize or knowingly permit the child or ward to violate this chapter.
- B. Except as otherwise provided in this article, this chapter applies to a bicycle when it is operated on a highway or on a path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

### ●28-812. Applicability of traffic laws to bicycle riders

- A person riding a bicycle on a roadway or on a shoulder adjoining a roadway is granted all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this chapter and chapters 4 and 5 of this title, except special rules in this article and except provisions of this chapter and chapters 4 and 5 of this title that by their nature can have no application.

### ●28-813. Riding on bicycles

- A. A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle. ○ B. A person shall not use a bicycle to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

### ●28-814. Clinging to vehicle

- A person riding on a bicycle, coaster, sled or toy vehicle or on roller skates shall not attach the bicycle, coaster, sled, toy vehicle or roller skates or that person to a vehicle on a roadway.

### ●28-815. Riding on roadways and bicycle paths; prohibition of motor vehicle traffic on bike paths

- A. A person riding a bicycle on a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except under any of the following situations:
  1. If overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
  2. If preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.
  3. If reasonably necessary to avoid conditions, including fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals or surface hazards.
  4. If the lane in which the person is operating the bicycle is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.
- B. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadway set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.
- C. A path or lane that is designated as a bicycle path or lane by state or local authorities is for the exclusive use of bicycles even though other uses are permitted pursuant to subsection D or are otherwise permitted by state or local authorities.
- D. A person shall not operate, stop, park or leave standing a vehicle in a path or lane designated as a bicycle path or lane by a state or local authority except in the case of emergency or for crossing the path or lane to gain access to a public or private road or driveway.

- E. Subsection D does not prohibit the use of the path or lane by the appropriate local authority.

●28-816. Carrying article on bicycles

- A person shall not carry a package, bundle or article while operating a bicycle if the package, bundle or article prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars.

●28-817. Bicycle equipment

- A. A bicycle that is used at nighttime shall have a lamp on the front that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front and a red reflector on the rear of a type that is approved by the department and that is visible from all distances from fifty feet to three

hundred feet to the rear when the reflector is directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A bicycle may have a lamp that emits a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear in addition to the red reflector.

- B. A person shall not operate a bicycle that is equipped with a siren or whistle.
- C. A bicycle shall be equipped with a brake that enables the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

●28-818. Bicycle safety fund

- A. A bicycle safety fund is established. The department shall administer the fund. The fund consists of monies received from:
  1. The federal government or any agency of the federal government for any purpose authorized by this section.
  2. Donations.
  3. This state or any agency of this state for any purpose authorized by this section.
    - B. The department:
      1. May designate monies deposited in the bicycle safety fund for use only for specified purposes consistent with this section and only for use in specified political subdivisions of this state.
      2. Shall spend monies contributed by a political subdivision to the bicycle safety fund and any donation to the fund designated for use in a political subdivision and any matching monies deposited in the fund as a result of the contribution or donation only for use in the political subdivision.
      3. Shall only spend monies from the bicycle safety fund as follows:
        - (a) For planning, engineering, constructing and maintaining bicycle paths and bicycle lanes.
        - (b) As matching monies to be used with federal or local monies spent for planning, engineering, constructing or maintaining bicycle paths and bicycle lanes.
        - (c) As matching monies to be used with federal or local monies spent for planning and implementing safety programs.
- C. Monies in the bicycle safety fund are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations. The department may spend monies in the fund for purposes authorized by this section subject to legislative appropriation.

---

## Article 16. Equipment

- 28-947. Special restrictions on lamps
  - ...
  - D. A vehicle may have lamps that may be used to warn the operators of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking or passing. The vehicle may display these lamps as a warning in addition to any other warning signals required by this article. The lamps used to display the warning to the front shall be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and shall display simultaneously flashing white or amber lights or any shade of color between white and amber. The lamps used to display the warning to the rear shall be mounted at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and shall show simultaneously flashing amber or red lights or any shade of color between amber and red. These warning lights shall be visible from a distance of at least one thousand five hundred feet under normal atmospheric conditions at night.

---

## Chapter 8. Motor Vehicle Driver Licenses

### Article 4. General Licensing Provisions

- 28-3164. Original applicants; examination
  - A. The department may examine an applicant for an original driver license or the department may accept the examination conducted by an authorized third party pursuant to chapter 13 of this title or documentation of successful completion of a driver education course approved by the department. The examination shall include all of the following:
    1. A test of the applicant's:
      - (a) Eyesight.
      - (b) Ability to read and understand official traffic control devices.
      - (c) Knowledge of safe driving practices and the traffic laws of this state, including those practices and laws relating to bicycles. ...

For updates to Arizona Legislature, see <http://www.azleg.state.az.us/>.