



## Weather Policy

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The Peterborough Cycling Club (PCC) is committed to safety and will implement reasonable practices to ensure the safety of those participating in PCC rides. Ride leaders are responsible for tracking weather conditions (e.g. Environment Canada/Weather Network) leading up to the ride and for cancelling rides as required, or if the ride leader is not comfortable leading a ride in the forecasted weather conditions. We follow the Ontario Cycling weather policy.

<https://ontariocycling.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/OC-Weather-Policy-Guidelines.pdf>

### MANDATORY RIDE CANCELLATION

Ontario Cycling requires ride cancellation by Ride Leaders under the following Weather Conditions

- Lightning / Thunder within 30 min of ride.
- Possible Tornado / Funnel Clouds - if any warning or advisory issued
- Air Pollution (AQ) - AQ is 8 or above
- Extreme heat and/or Humidity - 40C with Humidex and above
- Extreme cold - minus 20C
- Strong winds - 40Km/h or above (includes gusts)
- Poor visibility - less than 100 Metres

Any members who choose to still ride when a club ride has been cancelled will do so at their own risk!

Ride cancellations should be communicated by ride leaders on the CycleClub App:

- Best practice is to cancel the ride at least 1 hour before the ride start time.
- Give a brief weather-related rationale for the cancellation.
- If the cancellation is "Last Minute" the ride leader should drive to the meeting spot for the ride (assuming it is safe to do so) to ensure that all riders know the ride is cancelled.

The ride leader may cancel a ride due to weather at their discretion.

### UNEXPECTED POOR WEATHER

If a ride has already started and is later faced with inclement weather, ride leaders should practice the following:

- Pull off of the road where safe to do so and then discuss plans to either:
- Seek temporary shelter if available;
- Return to the ride start point taking as direct a route as safely possible; or
- Ride an alternate route to avoid the weather if time and the group's ability allows.

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The Peterborough Cycling Club's Weather Policy is intended to ensure safe and positive interactions through brevity and plain language