



Southern Indiana Wheelmen Association, Inc.



Policy Concerning Coronavirus (Covid-19) and the SIW Ride Schedule

The SIW Executive Committee is pleased to announce the Southern Indiana Wheelmen 2020 Ride Schedule will resume on **June 1, 2020.**

After thoughtful discussion and debate, it has been decided that June 1st is an appropriate balance between the State of Indiana Re-opening Plan and the CDC Guidelines for Re-opening America. We recognize that some club members may not feel safe returning to club rides at this time. These concerns may be based on age, pre-existing conditions or the seriousness of Covid-19.

In consideration of these concerns, it has been decided, there **will not** be Mileage Jersey's awarded for the 2020 riding season. (Male and Female, under 55 and over 55 Awards) and there will not be recognition of the "Top 26 Riders". Individual Mileage Awards will remain in effect for every 1000 miles ridden. (no change in the current policy). We understand that not everyone will be happy with these decisions. However, we feel this is the fairest and balanced approach for all club members to this uncharted and unprecedented crisis.

To any member who feels it is unsafe or unhealthy to ride as a club at this time: We ask you to refrain from participating in any club rides or activities until you feel it is the right time for you. We hope this will be in the near future.

To our members who do feel comfortable in returning to our group rides and activities, it is **extremely important** that we follow the recommended re-opening protocols. This includes:

- Social Distancing (6 feet) **before, during** and **after** rides.
- No drafting or peloton riding.
- No sharing of hydration and snacks.
- Do not attend rides if you are not feeling well. (cough, fever, runny nose)
- Ride Captains will sign up all riders. (no sharing of pen)

Our club does not want to become an example of a group that opened too early or didn't follow the recommended safety procedures, we don't want to become a hotspot. Please adhere to these procedures.

We are currently planning on hosting the Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Ride on October 3, 2020 in Lanesville. Many medical experts are predicting a 2nd and 3rd wave of this disease. Let's hope this doesn't happen. If we have a new wave of infections, the ride schedule, Harvest Homecoming and all SIW Activities contained in this policy are subject to change.

Covid-19 has impacted everyone! The only difference between one member and another is the degree to which you have been impacted. Let's try to keep it in perspective, if you and your family are staying safe and healthy.... this is what is important. Bike riding with friends is a bonus!

Sincerely,

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