



Terms & Conditions of Entry

All participants in the Saddleback Sodbury Sportive agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. This event is not a race or trial of speed, but a personal challenge and as such there will be no list published which sorts riders either in finishing time or finishing order. An alphabetical list of finishers and times will be published.
2. **The wearing of Hard-Shell Style Helmets conforming to CE standards EN 1078 is Strongly recommended for all riders**
3. Participants are responsible for the roadworthiness, safe working order and suitability for the event of their own cycle. If you cycle in poor or little light, then front and rear lights should be used and should have adequate battery life for the duration of the event.
4. (a) You will be cycling on public roads and therefore you must abide by the Highway Code at all times.
(b) If riding in a group never ride more than 2 abreast. On narrow lanes ride in single file.
(c) You should not use earphones or mobile phones while riding and you should stop in a safe place if you need to make or receive a call.
5. Triathlon handlebars or other bar extensions **should not be used** when cycling in a group for safety reasons.
6. No accompanying vehicles should follow riders.
7. All participants under the age of eighteen must have had a consent form completed by their parent or guardian. A parent or guardian must accompany riders under the age of sixteen throughout the ride.
8. Riders participate in this event entirely at their own risk, must rely on their own ability in dealing with all hazards, and must ride in a manner which is safe to themselves and others.
9. Participants agree that no liability whatsoever shall attach to the promoter, promoting club or organisation, event sponsors, or any event official or volunteer of the promoting club or organisation in respect of any injury, loss or damage suffered by the participant in or by reason of the event, unless such injury, loss or damage is caused by the negligence of the aforementioned.
10. No refunds of donations can be given.
11. The organisers or their agent will maintain a registration database for all entrants and their chosen emergency contact. Information will be collected, stored and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.
12. It is the responsibility of all participants to make sure they train appropriately and have the fitness level to be able to complete their chosen route.
13. Participants must ensure their personal health is suitable for participating in the event and if in any doubt they should consult their doctor.
14. Participants are responsible for riding and behaving safely and with due respect for other road users and the other cyclists taking part in the event and for horses and pedestrians (slow down and pass with care) and bystanders.
15. Participants must comply with the instructions of the organisers and course officials.
16. If circumstances dictate, or in the interest of safety, the organisers reserve the right to make changes to the published event route. The organisers will endeavour to avoid unreasonable changes which would substantially detract from the sportive experience but the choice of such changes is entirely in the discretion of the organisers.
17. The organisers may in their discretion disqualify a participant from the event if they consider the participant has failed to observe the Event Conditions.

18. Participants have a duty to report to an event official as soon as practicable, anything that they see or hear which they reasonably believe may impact on the safety or welfare of themselves or others.
19. Participants are fully responsible for all fees or costs arising from an accident which the participant has wholly or partly caused.
20. Route markers will be used to identify the route to be taken on the Entrée (24.8 miles) & Swift-Half (53.3 miles) routes on the 14th and 15th August, 8am till 5pm. gpx versions of all routes will be available for downloading. However it is the responsibility of each participant to take the correct course. The marking of the route does not necessarily indicate that the road is rideable and participants must make their own decisions about whether to proceed on bike, foot or not at all.
21. (a) Participants must carry a suitable bicycle repair kit (including spare inner tubes and a pump) to maintain the serviceability of their bike in the event of punctures or other minor mechanical failures.
(b) All riders must carry a form of identification showing their name and address and contact details of person to be advised in the event of an accident.
(c) Participants are responsible for their own nutritional requirements throughout the event. You are advised to carry enough food, drink, money, mobile phone, as well as extra clothing to complete the ride being undertaken, taking into account the route and possible adverse weather conditions.
22. Entrants give permission for the organisers, event sponsors, and their agents to use photographs, video tapes, motion pictures, website images, recordings, or any other record of the event. Such articles may be used on websites, media publications, advertising, promotional information, or other publicly accessible sources.
23. (a) This agreement constitutes the whole agreement between the parties and any prior agreements, oral or written, are excluded.
(b) Any failure by any party to enforce or to exercise at any time any term or any right under this agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of that term or right and shall not affect that party's right to enforce or exercise it later.
(c) If any term or part of a term of this agreement is found to be illegal or unenforceable or partly so it (or the illegal or unenforceable part) shall be deemed to be severed and omitted from the agreement and shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the agreement or term as the case may be.
(d) Nothing in this agreement confers any right on third parties to enforce the provisions of this agreement under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.
(e) The laws of England & Wales shall govern this agreement.

PARTICIPANTS' THIRD PARTY/PUBLIC LIABILITY

The Event Insurance does **NOT** cover any third party or public liability of participants e.g. for claims against them for causing death, personal injury or property damage to a third party. **Entrants are strongly advised to take out their own insurance cover.**

ROAD COURTESY

The Organisers strongly encourage tolerance and co-operation between ALL road users. As cyclists we can help by acknowledging other road users who show us consideration. Equally when appropriate be ready to give way to other traffic. **A wave and a smile goes a long way towards making friends!**

HORSES

Please slow down and be very careful and courteous when passing horses. Call out to the horse rider as you approach to let them know you are coming, a bike bell can startle the horse. Pass in small groups on the right. Large groups of cyclists are very scary for horses. If necessary allow the horse rider to find somewhere safe to stop, allowing you all to pass.