

## **Orwell Wheelers Cycling Club Policy on electrically assisted bicycles (E-Bikes)**

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Policy to be reviewed every two years or sooner if required.

It is the policy of Orwell Wheelers CC to encourage cycling and welcome cyclists using bicycles in compliance with the requirements listed on our website under "Spins". In addition, we now welcome electrically assisted bicycles commonly known as "E-Bikes" under the following conditions:

### **Definition of E-Bike:**

It must be in compliance with; (EU) EN 15194:2017 – Directive 2019/436 when applied to "road bikes" also described as racing bike. This agreed standard includes ISO specifications for the materials and manufacturing process, the rated maximum assisted speed (25kph) and the maximum continuous rated power of 250w. of E-Bikes (Applies to the majority of E-Bikes currently on sale in Ireland)

### **Exclusions:**

The club excludes E-Bikes with straight handlebars, single gear (fixies) bikes without front/back hand operated brakes or fatbike/mountain bikes.

### **Permitted use of E-Bikes:**

Compliant E-Bikes will only be allowed for use in the club under three conditions:

- (1) Age, over sixty six (66) years of age;
- (2) Age, over sixty years (60) with a self-declared medical condition;
- (3) under sixty (60) with proof of a medical condition.

### **Permit System:**

The club will operate a simple and discreet permit system to control the safe introduction of E-Bikes into our pool of conventional road bikes. Any person wishing to cycle an E-Bike must apply to the club for a permit, supplying a proof of age document (drivers licence/passport) or a letter from his/her doctor stating that they are medically safe to cycle an E.Bike.

### **Conditions of Permit:**

That all persons using E-Bikes will cycle safely and responsibly, abide by all leaders instructions and only use the "electrical assistance" where necessary, and at a level, to ensure safe group riding.

### **New Members:**

All new applicants to the club through Pathways wishing to uses an E-Bike, must apply beforehand for a permit and comply with all the conditions above.

### **Non-Compliance:**

Any member persisting in cycling an E-Bike at club events without a permit, or cycling in an unsafe manner could be sanctioned or removed from the club in accordance with the club disciplinary procedure.

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