

Walden Mountain Bike Club

2017 Application for Membership

Please print clearly:

Name:	_____		
Mailing Address:	_____		
City:		Inform me about Club Activities:	Y / N
Postal Code:		Inform me about Winter Fat Biking:	Y / N
Phone #:		Inform me about the Women's Group:	Y / N
E-Mail:	_____		

Annual Membership Rates:					
	Membership	IMBA Insurance	Quantity	Total Fee	
Adult: 19 yrs and older	60.00	included			
Youth: 18 yrs and younger - First	25.00	included			
Youth: 18 yrs and younger - Others	15.00	included			
Your Donation - always appreciated					
Cash ? or Cheque ? attached for Total Fees				TOTAL	

Please make cheques out to : Walden Mountain Bike Club

NOTE: The International Mountain Bike Association requires the following information for registration and insurance for all members to be included in this membership :

Name	BirthDate (dd/mm/yyyy)	Gender (M or F)	Volunteer (Yes or No)?				
			Executive	Ride Leader	Trails	Events	Programs

Read, sign and return a copy of the IMBA Release Agreement with your registration

[By signing below, I'm indicating that I've read and agree to abide by the WMBC Code of Conduct for Trail Use](#)

[By signing below, I'm indicating that I've read and agree to abide by the WMBC Code of Conduct for Facebook & Web Site Pages](#)

Dated: _____

Signed: _____
(Parent or Guardian must sign for those under 18 years old)

~ Please make out your cheque to : **Walden Mountain Bike Club**
 ~ Please mail the form, cheque and waiver to: **Rusty Hopper**
21 Field Street, Lively, Ontario, P3Y 1A9

- ~ We are a non-profit organization. The Club is operated entirely through the volunteer efforts of its members.
- ~ The fees charged by the Club go towards the direct operations of the Club.
- ~ Association Fees go to support IMBA Canada.
- ~ Please sign the WMBC waiver and Liability form
- ~ Your membership covers the period Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2017

<http://waldenmbc.ca/>

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,
ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
(hereinafter referred to as the "Release Agreement")**

**BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE OR GIVE UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS,
INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR CLAIM COMPENSATION FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT

Name	Last	First	Middle Initial
	Address		
	Street		
	City	Prov./State	Postal/Zip Code

TO: The **Walden Mountain Bike Club** and its **(their)** directors, officers, employees, instructors, guides, agents, representatives, independent contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, sponsors, successors and assigns (all of whom are hereinafter referred as **"the Releasees"**)

DEFINITION

In this Release Agreement: the term **"Mountain Biking"** shall include all activities, services and use of facilities either provided by or arranged by the Releasees, including, but not limited to: orientation and instruction sessions; recreational activities undertaken during the event, tour; travel by mountain bike; all travel either within or beyond the designated boundaries, including in the backcountry and on logging roads and trails.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

I am aware that Mountain Biking involves many inherent risks, dangers and hazards, including but not limited to: exposed rock, earth, ice or other natural objects; trees, tree wells, tree stumps, forest deadfall; holes and depressions on or beneath the trail or surface; variable and difficult weather conditions; changes or variations in the terrain which may create blind spots or areas of reduced visibility; streams and creeks; cliffs; crevasses; travel on back-country roads; snowcat roads, road-banks and cut-banks; impact or collision with other mountain bikes and vehicles, becoming lost or separated from the guides or other participants; mechanical failure of mountain bikes and related equipment; extreme and rapidly changing weather conditions; encounter with wildlife including bears; avalanches; the failure to operate a mountain bike safely or within one's own ability; negligence of other mountain bikers and other persons; AND NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES, INCLUDING THE FAILURE BY THE RELEASEES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS REFERRED TO ABOVE. Communication in the alpine terrain may be difficult, and in the event of an accident, rescue, medical treatment and evacuation may not be available or may be delayed. Alpine weather conditions may be extreme and can change rapidly and without warning.

I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH MOUNTAIN BIKING AND I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of the RELEASEES agreeing to my participation in mountain biking and permitting my use of their services, equipment and other facilities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

1. TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may in the future have against the RELEASEES AND TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury, including death, that I may suffer or that my next of kin may suffer, as a result of my participation in mountain biking, DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES, AND FURTHER INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF PARTICIPATING IN MOUNTAIN BIKING REFERRED TO ABOVE;

2. TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES for any and all liability for any property damage, loss or personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in mountain biking;

3. This Release Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity;

4. This Release Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Release Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the province where the mountain biking takes place and no other jurisdiction; and

5. Any litigation involving the parties to this Release Agreement shall be brought solely within the province where the mountain biking takes place and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of that province.

In entering into this Release Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of participating in mountain biking, other than what is set forth in this Release Agreement.

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Witness
Please print name clearly

Signature of Participant
Please print name clearly
Signature of Guardian if Participant is under age of majority

Walden Mountain Bike Club (WMBC) - Code of Trail Conduct – Jan 2017

The purpose of the WMBC code of conduct is to ensure that as our membership grows and our activities attract more riders and spectators, we build a welcoming and positive club culture. Mountain biking is a newer sport and our goal is to grow the sport in Sudbury by being models for the community. [Winter Fat Biking](#) is very new and we are making an effort to integrate it into the trail-based activities with the other trail users. We need your help to achieve this and the guidelines below will help. Above all, we promote respect for people and for the environment.

1. Be Prepared

Know your equipment, your ability to ride, the weather and the area you are riding. A well-planned ride will go smoothly for you and your companions. A basic ride kit should include a spare tire, patch kit, water and a snack, a multi tool and an air pump.

2. Don't Ride On Closed Trails

The aim of closing a trail is to prevent damage and hopefully add a few days or weeks it can be ridden towards end of season. Whether it is to protect the environment or for rider safety or private land, a closed trail is off limits for a reason. Riding closed trails is not only illegal; it gives mountain bikers and the club a bad reputation.

3. Say No to Mud

Riding when the trail is muddy can be fun but also cause long lasting damage. If it's wet, let'er set. If it's dry, let'er fly! Find trails in your town that are durable, drain well, and ride these instead when it is wet. Volunteer to help our Club build tougher trails that withstand rain.

4. Respect the Trail, Wildlife, and Environment

Be sensitive to the trail and its surroundings by riding softly. Do not litter and never scare animals. It is all about respect.

5. Stay on the Trail and Ride Softly

Do not intentionally ride off trail. Riding off trail can damage the ecosystem. Make it a game to stay directly in the center of the trail at all times. Take corners carefully to avoid blowing off line. Stay off trailside plants. Ride over rocks, logs and waterbars instead of around them. Dirt holds a special place in the heart of mountain bikers, so be kind to it.

6. Pass with Courtesy and Care

Slow down when approaching other trail users and respectfully make others aware you are approaching. Pass with care and be prepared to stop if necessary. Do not ride fast on busy trails; you must move slowly to ensure safety for all trail users.

Some mountain bikers have mastered technical riding. They are able to negotiate the hairiest sections with grace and style. Other riders are masters of the downhill - launching over rocks and drops without fear. Climbing specialists can stomp their way to the top of a hill with half the effort it takes the rest of us. But more important than strong climbing, technical or downhill skill is mastering the art of the pass - being able to deftly move among other trail users with the ease of a politician, the grace of a dancer and the good will of an ambassador.

Every time we pass another trail user, we have the power to make it a positive experience. It is the single greatest thing we can do for our sport to ensure access to trail areas.

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7. Share the Trail with Other Trail Users

Mountain bikers and hikers must share multi-use trails. Remember: mountain bikers should yield to hikers. It is all about respect. Treat the trail like the valuable treasure that it is. Same goes for other trail users - respect them and they will return the favour.

8. Consult the Club before doing any trail work

The club is always looking for volunteers to help maintain and improve the trails. The Club also has a lead trail designer and plan. Unauthorized or illegal trail work may lead to environmental damage, injury or even potential trail closure.

9. Get Involved

If you want to make a difference in your mountain biking community, get involved with the Club.

10. Good etiquette extends to the trailhead

Resist the urge to imitate the Duke boys slinging gravel as you peel out of the parking lot in your quest for post-ride pizza and brews (or fried chicken if you were more a Boss Hog fan). Respect the neighbours at the trailhead and keep your speed in check as head out of the Naughton subdivision.

11. Please leave Sparky at home

Bike rides are not the time to bring your dog for a run. This is in contravention to our city bi-law. It is dangerous and jeopardizes the safety of other riders. Dogs are not permitted on any MTB venue that we know of.

12. When Winter Fat Biking on Ski Trails

- a. Ride only on trails assigned for biking.
- b. Minimum tire tread width is 3.7". Fat Bikes Only – No Mountain Bikes.
- c. Allow the track time to set up after grooming and before riding.
- d. Do not ride in or close to the classic ski tracks.
- e. Yield to all other users when riding. Skiers don't have brakes, but you do!
- f. Ride on the firmest part of the skate track and away from the edges.
- g. Leave room for skiers to pass (don't ride side-by-side with all of your buddies blocking the full trail).
- h. As a general rule, if you have to get off and push your bike, the snow is too soft and you shouldn't be on the ski trails.
- i. If you are leaving a trough that is deeper than an inch or are having a hard time riding in a straight line, your tire pressure is too high or it is probably too soft to be on the trails.
- j. Be a good trail citizen and if, for some reason, you leave ruts that will impact skiing negatively, please leave the trail. Also, please let the Chalet desk know, so the trail conditions can be updated so others will know.
- k. Since this is a new sport, remember Fat Bikers are ambassadors for the sport so please: be polite, educate other bikers, discourage bad behavior, follow the rules, and we'll all have a good time this winter.

**Walden Mountain Bike Club
Code of Conduct for Use of Social Media - 2017**

For WMBC Website
<http://waldenmbc.ca>

For WMBC Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/48307875271/>

- Do use the Club website and Facebook to share advice regarding places to ride, suggest club events, provide training and or bike maintenance advice and share your ideas with fellow members;
 - A Club approved group ride is a ride that is posted on the club website calendar and is led by a club approved leader. The aim of the group ride is to provide a safe riding environment, introduce riders to new trails and meet new riders;
- Do use the WMBC Facebook group to stimulate positive discussions about the sport of mountain biking, organize club related events and rides – It is important that you do not make negative comments or write personal attacks on others (members, individual, group or agency);
- Do post used bike-related article for sale on the Facebook group;
- Do post on Facebook in either of Canada's official languages. Translation, however, is not provided by the Club;
- Do use caution when discussing products. Information posted on Facebook is available for all to see;
- Do not post commercial messages that principally further selling or marketing of products or services;
- Do not engage in persistent off-topic comments, postings or statements;
- Do not incite others to violate this Code of Conduct or to participate in unlawful activities;
- Spamming (the sending of unsolicited or junk email on the Internet) is prohibited;
- Do not post any files or programs containing destructive features such as:
 - Viruses (a piece of code that is capable of copying itself and typically has a detrimental effect, such as corrupting the system or destroying data);
 - Trojan Horses (programs designed to breach the security of a computer system while ostensibly performing some innocuous function); or
 - Bots (programs that operate as agents for a user or other programs. On the Internet, the most ubiquitous bots are the programs, also called spiders or crawlers, that access websites and gather their content for search engine indexes);
- Do not publish, post, distribute or disseminate defamatory, abusive, profane, obscene, threatening or other unlawful materials or information;
- Do not use language that is not in keeping with the WMBC Code of Conduct;
- Do not upload files or post messages that contain photos, software or other material protected by intellectual property laws, rights of privacy or publicity or any other applicable law, unless you own or control the rights thereto or have obtained all necessary consents;
- Do not post material that could be harmful to the reputation of the WMBC;

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- By posting material, the posting party represents and warrants that s/he owns copyright on such material or has received permission from the copyright owner;
- Falsely impersonating anyone is forbidden;
- Please, if you are unsure about your comment or communication, we encourage you to consult any member of the executive;

Actions in Response to Prohibited Conduct

The WMBC reserves the right to remove posts that do not comply with this Code of Conduct and terminate access to list serves or website by any member who does not abide by this Code, and to do so without prior notice;

Disclaimer

The WMBC website and Facebook Group are provided as a service to WMBC members. The WMBC will not be liable or responsible for the opinions and information posted on this site by members or third parties. The opinions expressed on the website do not necessarily represent the policies or views of the WMBC. The WMBC shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever, including damages for indirect or consequential loss, or loss of use, data or profits, arising out of or in connection with the posting, availability, non-availability or use of any information or opinions.