

MIDDLETON CYCLING CLUB

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Frequently Asked Questions

Is there an age limit for members?

- Yes - To join our cycling club as an individual member you must be at least 16 years old. However, if you are joining with an adult (e.g. a parent or guardian) , under 16 year olds can join the club.

Why have we set this age limit?

- Because as a member of the club you must act responsibly at all times and you must be confident enough to cycle as part of a group without endangering yourself or any other member of the club or the public.

What are the aims of our cycling club?

- Our aim is to promote and encourage the participation of cycling activities, with particular emphasis on the leisure, fitness and competitive sides of the sport.

What are the club colours?

- Our club colours are Red, White and Blue.

Where do we meet?

- We meet most Friday evenings between 8:15 PM and 10:00 PM at the club room, which is located at the Cleworth Road activity centre, on Cleworth Road (off Long Street) in Middleton, Manchester.

What do we do?

- We organise regular monthly club runs and also arrange track cycling sessions at the Manchester Velodrome for those members interested in cycling the world famous track.
- Members also enjoy taking part in charity rides and audax events.
- Active members who are interested in the competitive side of the sport also take part in time trials and cyclo cross / mountain biking events both locally and nationally.
- We have a selection of awards which are open to full paying members of the club, These range from the Tourist Trophy (where you gain points for attending club nights, club runs, club organised events, charity rides and audax events), to time trials, road racing, cyclo-cross / mountain biking and track racing. If you are competitive then we have an award available for you to go after.
- Every couple of months we hold a general meeting where members get together to discuss the general running of the club and once a year we hold our Annual General meeting.
- Each year usually at the beginning of February, we have our annual award and prize presentation where all members meet for a 3 course meal, followed by an enjoyable speech and the prize presentation.
- We issue newsletters throughout the year (approx every 3 months e.g. Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter) to keep members aware of what is happening.

When does the membership start?

- Club membership runs from January 1st until December 31st each year.
- If you join midway through the year then a reduced rate is available.

What do I receive when I join the club?

- On joining the club you will receive a copy of:
 - Club rules
 - List of awards available
 - Members contact list (including names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses)
 - A quarterly newsletter.

What type of membership is available?

- We have a range of membership available to suit everyone:
 - **Full Senior Membership** costs £17.50 for 2010 and is for active individuals over 16 years old.
 - **Full Junior Membership** costs half of full senior membership and is for active individuals under 16 years old.
 - **2nd Claim Membership** - costs a 1/3 of full senior membership and is for individuals of other clubs who wish to be associated with Middleton Cycling Club
 - **Social Membership** - costs a 1/3 of full senior membership and is for individuals who wish to be associated with the club but do not intend to race or compete. (e.g. Family members)

All members of Middleton Cycling Club are strongly recommended to join either the CTC or British Cycling. The club considers it important that all members are covered by 3rd **party insurance**, in case of an accident occurring whilst riding. The application for membership and payment of fees confirms that you accept the above. Middleton Cycling Club can not be held responsible for any accident occurring whilst you are riding alone or as part of a club activity.