Electric Bike (E-Bike) Policy — Cycle the Erie Canal & Cycle the Hudson Valley 2027

This policy applies to every Participant who will use an e-bike on either Tour, including a rented e-bike, and must be accepted in its entirety before any e-bike is used on the Tour. "PTNY" means Parks & Trails New York, Inc. "CCSD" means CCSD Sport Event, PTNY's contracted tour director. "Tour Staff" means PTNY and CCSD employees and contractors, the Ride Director, and those they designate. "Participant" means a registered rider or volunteer. "On the Tour" has the same meaning as in the Release of Liability & Participation Agreement: all Tour activities and all time and travel from a Participant's arrival at any Tour site, parking lot, or shuttle site until the Participant leaves the Tour, including riding between campsites and nearby communities and between parking lots or shuttle sites and the Tour start or finish.

Permitted E-Bikes

1. Classes allowed. Cycle the Erie Canal allows Class I and Class II e-bikes. Cycle the Hudson Valley allows Class I e-bikes only. Class III e-bikes are not allowed on either Tour, and anyone with a Class III e-bike will not be allowed to take part.

- **Class I:** no throttle; electric assistance only while the rider is pedaling, up to 20 mph.
- **Class II:** has a throttle; electric assistance up to 20 mph.

2. Class label. Under New York State law, every e-bike must have a manufacturer's label, prominently affixed, that states its class. E-bikes without this label will not be allowed on the Tour.

3. Local rules. Riders are responsible for knowing and following state and local laws on e-bikes. Local governments and trail managers may restrict e-bike use within their jurisdiction.

4. Charging fee. Every Participant who brings an e-bike must pay a $25 e-bike charging fee at registration. The fee supports the Tour's e-bike charging area. It is refundable in full, with no cancellation fee, under the Cancellation & Refund Policy for the Participant's Tour.

Batteries and Charging

5. Batteries and chargers. Each battery must be the original battery purchased with the e-bike or a manufacturer-certified or recommended replacement, and must have UL or other safety laboratory certification. Each charger must be the original charger or a manufacturer-certified or recommended replacement. Riders must bring a separate charger for each battery.

6. Charging. PTNY provides a designated e-bike charging area, but charging capacity at overnight sites is limited and not guaranteed. Batteries may take up to 6 hours to charge, so riders should bring batteries to the charging area promptly on arrival. Batteries may not be left charging unattended at overnight sites. Personal generators are not allowed.

7. Luggage. E-bike batteries may not be packed in luggage.

Shuttles and SAG

8. Shuttles. Before an e-bike is loaded for shuttle transport, the rider must remove the battery, carry it on the bus, and keep it where the rider can monitor it. If a battery cannot be removed, the rider must email cycletours@ptny.org with the e-bike's brand and model before the Tour to confirm whether it can be transported with the battery in place. PTNY may approve or deny it for transport.

9. SAG support. SAG drivers may require riders to remove batteries because of weight and safety concerns, and riders may be required to lift their own bikes onto a SAG vehicle.

Riding and Repairs

10. Riding. E-bikes are faster and heavier than pedal bikes and may take longer to slow and stop. E-bike riders must ride with caution, yield to other trail users, and follow all posted rules and regulations.

11. Repairs. The Tour mechanic and local bike shops may not have the parts or ability to repair e-bike electrical systems. Riders are responsible for any repairs and their costs.

12. Compliance. Tour Staff may refuse to allow, or may remove from the Tour, any e-bike or rider that does not comply with this policy. This policy is part of the Release of Liability & Participation Agreement.

Agreement

This policy is accepted electronically during online registration. No printed copy needs to be signed or returned.