

ELECTRIC BIKES

Electric bikes (also known as E-bikes) are definitely becoming more popular. These bikes allow cyclists to extend their involvement with this sport. However, E-bikes come with their own set of challenges when it comes to riding in a group. **E-BIKES WITH A THROTTLE ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY OCSJ RIDE.**

THE ONLY E-BIKE ALLOWED ON GROUP RIDES WITH OCSJ IS A PEDAL ASSIST BIKE

- √ **PEDAL ASSIST:** Pedal assist in which the motor provides support ONLY when the rider is pedaling. Travel at speeds up to 20 mph or 28 mph depending on model. The motor stops after 20 mph or 28 mph.
- ⊗ **THROTTLE:** Throttle assist in which the motor can provide support without the rider pedaling. THESE BIKES ARE PROHIBITED ON OCSJ RIDES
This bike needs to be registered and licensed in NJ

E-bikes SHOULD NOT be used by a rider to move up in class. For example if you are normally a C rider or below, an E-bike should not be used to do a B ride. A C rider may not have the same skill set as a more experienced B rider. Ride leaders have the right to refuse a rider access to their ride if they feel that the rider does not meet the requirements of the ride classification pace.

Under no circumstances are you to ride in a pace line with an E-bike. B and B+ rides normally have pace line riding and an E-bike will pose a danger to yourself and others in the group.

The ride leader has the right to ask E-bike riders to ride in the back for safety reasons. E-bikes weigh up to 45 pounds and are not as agile as standard road bikes that weigh on average 18-20 pounds.

E-bikes may malfunction or lose power so you would basically be on a ride well above your ability with no electric assist and you are on a much heavier bike than the rest of the group. This combination is dangerous to riders behind you. Again the ride leader may ask you to ride in the back for safety reasons. The ride leader also has the option to not allow E-bikes on their ride. They will specify that in the Meetup description. The group has no obligation to slow or wait for you if you lose power.