

**2021 Club “Try-Out”
Information and Application
Package**



Affiliated Cycling Club

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OCA Club Try-Out Program

The Ontario Cycling Association (OCA) is pleased to announce that the club Try-out program is back for the remainder of the 2021 season. With the recent interest in cycling exploding over the last 15 months, the OCA understands how valuable it is for clubs to be able to showcase their programs to prospective members.

The OCA Club Try-out program once again will offer clubs the opportunity to host *Try-out* opportunities for non-members. This program is designed to help clubs recruit new members by providing them an opportunity to market specific days where non-members may participate at the club on a trial basis. The program is open to all OCA affiliated clubs under the following guidelines:

1. Clubs must first apply to be part of this program. The application is due a minimum of **5 days in advance** and will indicate when the club will host a non-member opportunity under the supervision of an experienced ride leader in accordance with the club's ride guidelines, risk management plan, COVID-19 Safety plan, and policies**.
2. Rides and skill development activities are accepted under the current Try-out Program. Competitive activities are not currently allowed under the program (with the exception that clubs may host up to a maximum of three (3) Individual Time Trial Try-outs during the season).
3. Clubs will be able to hold a **maximum of four (4)** Try-out opportunities per month.
4. An individual may attend up to two **(2)** Try-out activities during the season. After this they will be required to become a member of the club & OCA to participate in any further activities.
5. Any club applying to have an activity deemed to be a "Try-out opportunity" in 2021 must complete the Try-out application in this document. Once complete, an OCA representative will review the application and either provide confirmation of its acceptance, or notify the club of any questions or outstanding items.
6. Once clubs are approved for their Try-out opportunities, they should instruct individuals looking to participate in a sanctioned Try-out opportunity to visit the link below to complete the OCA waiver form.

<https://ccnbikes.com/#!/events/12714-ontario-cycling-association-club-try-out-participant-acknowledgement>

Individuals will be asked to provide basic information and complete the waiver during the online process and will then be instructed to provide a copy of their confirmation to the hosting club. Individual applicants for club Try-outs will need to provide their information to the hosting club (participant recording requirement as per government regulations) and go through pre-activity screening as with any other club activity.

Why online registration? As you may know if you have held a Try-out before, this process was all done via paper forms in the past. For this COVID-19 impacted season, the online process has been introduced to limit

handling of pens, paper, avoid close contact when not on the bike, as well as ensure that individuals are given the opportunity to review the latest Return to Sport Update and Rowan's Law Concussion Requirements when agreeing to the waiver form.

7. Clubs will still need to factor in the Step 3 regulation requirements and ensure that all Try-out participants are recorded and pre-screened prior to participating in an activity.
8. Individuals under 26 years of age (25 and younger) participating in a Try-out opportunity focused on competition (Ex. Time Trial) MUST also agree to the club's Concussion Policy/Code of Conduct to ensure it is meeting the requirements of the Rowan's Law legislation in Ontario.
9. Any incidents that occur on the ride MUST be reported using the OCA Sport Injury Report Form (as is the case for any member related incident). These forms MUST be submitted to the OCA **within 7 days**.

**Clubs are expected to provide the appropriate level of training for the level of the individual who is taking the Try-Out opportunity.

Any club found to be abusing the program will have their membership with the Ontario Cycling Association revoked.

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