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Appendix F

Rider Code of Conduct

Codes of conduct are a common education tool used in Australia and elsewhere in the world to encourage responsible trail use by a range of recreational user groups. The following example is from the State Mountain Bike Plan, which was based on the code of conduct implemented at Wellington Park and the Dial Range, as well as including a number of additions following a review of the IMBA Rules of the Trail, the code of conduct for the You Yangs, and other examples.

Principle 1: Respect other trail users

- alert other trails users of your presence
- slow to their speed when passing
- slow down for corners and blind spots
- give way to walkers and horse riders on multiple use trails.

Principle 2: Stay on the designated bike riding tracks and trails

- do not trespass on private land
- ride only on trails approved for bikes
- do not create new trails, short cuts or obstacles.

Principle 3: Minimise your impacts on the environment

- avoid muddy trails – seek an alternative after rain
- avoid skidding
- take out your litter ‘leave no trace’
- respect the local flora and fauna
- keep your bike clean to prevent the spread of weeds and plant diseases.

Principle 4: Be a safe rider

- plan ahead – know your equipment and the area that you are riding in
- wear a helmet and other appropriate protective equipment
- know your ability and keep your bike under control
- be prepared for sudden changes in weather conditions
- carry tools and spares
- let someone know where you are going
- carry a mobile phone.

Principle 5: Get involved

- report trail hazards, incidents and maintenance issues
- take part in trail maintenance days
- set a good example for other riders