

**Thread City Cyclers**  
***www.threadcitycyclers.com***  
**Membership Information**

The mission of the Thread City Cyclers is to provide opportunities for cyclists of various skill levels to physically challenge themselves and to train for races and other cycling events in a manner that builds individual performance, teamwork, and goodwill among club members.

**The goals of the club are to:**

- Promote performance-based cycling in Connecticut and other locations where TCC activities may take us.
- Develop riding and racing skills
- Compete in USCF-sanctioned events, particularly at the development level
- Provide a framework for like-minded individuals to train and socialize
- Sponsor and support local cycling events including races, group rides, skill clinics, and overnight trips

TCC is a sanctioned club of United States of America Cycling (USAC).

**Dues**

- Dues are \$30/year/person and \$50/year/family (2+ people from the same household).

**TCC Rules of the Ride**

Due to inherent danger of this sport, TCC is not responsible for, and maintains no liability for any injury incurred during a club ride. For insurance purposes, participation in all races requires all riders to hold a current USCF license at your own expense (upon receipt, the license number is to be submitted to the club secretary for the club records).

The following rules apply to **all TCC sponsored rides and events**

1. All traffic laws are to be obeyed (These include but are not limited to stop signs, traffic lights, yellow lines, as well as trail rules)
2. Helmets are required on all TCC club rides.
3. Double pace line allowed as traffic and road conditions permit (single file mandatory in heavy traffic and congested conditions)
4. Sprinting and high intensity portion of training rides allowed only where traffic conditions permit (typically this is not inside town limits; the ride leader makes this call).
5. Absolutely no comment, hand gesture, etc. in reaction to automobile driver/passenger actions.
6. Use road shoulder whenever possible.
7. Use hand and verbal signals to notify other riders, as well as cars, of intent, road hazards, etc.
8. Riders are not to be dropped at stop signs, lights, or during mechanical breakdowns. Riders who are unable to maintain a pace for whatever reason will be appointed an accompanying rider for safety reasons.
9. Intent of ride (Training, fitness, tempo) should and will be advertised prior to the start of the ride. If you aren't sure about the ride plan – please ask before the ride leaves the assembly point.

Violation of these rules creates a danger for yourself and others on the ride. If you chose to violate any of these ride rules, the violation will be addressed by the ride leader as a warning. Repeat offense will result in a pro-rated refund of your club dues, acting as a severance of your club membership.

*Please remember: Every time you ride in your TCC uniform, on a club ride or by yourself, you are identifiable and representative of TCC. The driver that crowds you, and then sees your salutation or the one who watches you disobey basic traffic laws could be the same driver that then puts the next TCC jersey he sees in the ditch. We want to build respect for our sport and our club, and we know that these goals will serve to complement your personal goals, not hinder them in any way. As a member of TCC you are acknowledging that you understand and are willing to ride within these guidelines.*

**Thread City Cyclers**  
*www.threadcitycyclers.com*  
**Membership Application - 2008**

Please accept this as my membership application to the Thread City Cyclers for the 2008 season (please PRINT CLEARLY).

Name	
Street Address	
City/State/Zip	
Home Telephone	
Work Telephone	
Cell Phone	
e-mail Address	
Emergency Contact (with phone #) <b>REQUIRED</b>	

Waiver of Club Liability (initial next to each section that you have read the contents).

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge, agree and represent that I understand the nature of the bicycling activity (the "Activity") sponsored by the Thread City Cyclers Cycling Club (the "Club") and that I am qualified to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that the Activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public and to which hazards of traveling may be present. I further agree and warrant that if I believe condition to be unsafe, that I will immediately cease participation in the particular Activity.

\_\_\_\_\_ I also understand that it is essential that I follow all established traffic rules and laws and ride in a manner that does not directly intend harm to others riding with me. I have read the attached TCC Rules of the Road and will abide by them on all TCC sponsored club events.

\_\_\_\_\_ I further understand the (a) the Activity involves substantial risks and danger of serious bodily harm, including permanent disability, paralysis and deaths ("Risks") (b) these Risks may be caused by my own activities, or inaction, the action or inaction of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or the negligence of the Releases named below;

\_\_\_\_\_ In consideration of the Club accepting this membership application, I for myself, my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assign, hereby release, absolve and forever discharge the Club, its sponsors, their respective officers, agents and any other associated persons, from and against any fault, blame, warranty, responsibility or liability from any injury, misadventure, harm, loss or damage I suffer or sustain or which occurs to my equipment as a result of participation in any ride, event, or other activity of the club.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature (parent or guardian if under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

Please fill out the rider application and send it, along with a check made out to "Thread City Cyclers" at the following address (\$30 individual, \$50 family):

John Hankins  
 129 Puddin Lane  
 Mansfield Center, CT 06250  
 860-423-9798 (home)

For more info, contact:  
 Amanda Lawrence, President  
 19 Pinewood Lane  
 Mansfield Ctr., CT 06250  
 203-668-9919 (cell/home)