

General Rules for NFBC Club Mileage 2/10/10

1. The NFBC mileage awards are just that--club mileage awards.
2. Each club ride must be listed in the club newsletter. Our ride season extends from mid-March until October 31st. Most of the club rides will be the regular weekday and weekend rides established by the Ride Committee.
3. In addition to the club rides, the scheduled club trips will count for mileage. The Board of Directors will establish the club trips at the beginning of each ride season.

Club trips are those trips organized by a member or members of the club who do the bulk of the planning—destination, dates, accommodations, rides, etc. Such trips, if approved by the Board, will count for club miles as long as one of the trip leaders is responsible for recording those miles on the standard ride sign-in sheets and turning them in to the club at the conclusion of the trip.

Trips organized by other clubs or organizations that are attended by a group of club members will not count for mileage. These trips are not designed primarily to provide a social and athletic activity for NFBC members.

Club trips typically take place within the geographical radius of a day's drive so that many members of the club will have the opportunity to join such trips. NFBC members design these trips to provide a social and athletic activity for our members. Club trips are not bicycling trips whose primary purpose is travel and sightseeing.

4. Charity rides, special interest rides, rides with associated clubs or organizations, while very worthwhile and encouraged by the club, will not be considered for club mileage—even if appearing in the club newsletter. Their primary purpose is not to provide a social and athletic activity designed by club members for club members. An exception might be those rides that the NFBC designs to establish a connection with another club. Furthermore, club miles will not be awarded for club social activities that do not involve bike riding.

5. For all rides, the only mileage that will be allowed is the mileage that the ride leader places on the top of the sign-in sheet. Many weekend rides and some evening rides are published as dual or triple distance rides. Each of these various rides is a group activity with a specific route (map and/or cue sheet), departure time, and distance. To obtain mileage, a rider must ride the proper distance along the proper route, having started with the group at the designated departure time. Minor allowances caused by a rider's arriving slightly late may be made as long as the rider catches the group and does most of the ride with other members. However, there is no mileage credit for an individual rider's customized distance ride or non-published starting time for the ride. Exceptions for road closures, weather problems, or equipment failure are allowed.

6. All club members must sign in on the NFBC sign-in sheet available from the ride leader at the start of each ride. The member must sign and include his or her legible membership ID number on the sheet. The club is under no obligation to puzzle out whose signature is there or to search for the ID number. Each club member is responsible for listing the correct number. Members unsure of their ID numbers should contact the membership chairman.

7. Only NFBC members in good standing will be eligible for mileage awards or accumulation of mileage for the lifetime accumulated mileage totals. Members concerned about their standing should make sure that their membership is current by renewing prior to the start of the riding season.