

Parent or Guardian Consent Form

The Sodbury Sportive is a challenging event that is held on open public highways. It is the personal responsibility of each participant to ensure that they ride safely, with due respect for other road users, and in accordance with the Law and the Highway Code.

All participants under the age of 18 must have had consent from their parent or guardian. A parent or guardian or other nominated responsible rider over 18 must accompany all participants under the age of 16, throughout the event.

Entry Conditions

1. Cyclists in the Sportive must use a mechanically sound bicycle adjusted to suit the rider. The organisers will not check the state or suitability of the bike at any time and responsibility for ensuring the bike is roadworthy remains with the parent or guardian.
2. Whilst cycle helmets do not prevent accidents, they drastically reduce the risk of serious head injury if an accident occurs. Parents or guardians therefore must supply a properly fitted and adjusted helmet to a recognised safety test standard, (e.g. BS EN 1078,).
3. Your son or daughter or ward will be expected to behave in a safe and orderly manner and failure to comply with this may mean he or she will be excluded from the event.
4. **Please return the completed consent form to the Organisers before the event. Failure to do so could result in the Young Person not being allowed to ride.**

As the parent or guardian of the above Young Person:

- a) I understand and agree that my son or daughter or ward participates in the Sodbury Sportive entirely at his or her own risk. I have considered and understand the nature of such events and have discussed them with him or her. I am satisfied that he or she is sufficiently responsible and competent to assume full and entire responsibility for his or her own safety whilst riding a long distance event on the public highway.
- b) I understand and have impressed upon my son or daughter or ward that the event takes place on the public highway and that they must observe the law of the land relating to road travel and ride as recommended by the Highway Code.
- c) I agree that my son or daughter or ward shall participate in the Sodbury Sportive without any liability whatsoever on the part of the promoters, promoting club, event sponsor or any official or volunteer or member of the promoting club in respect of any injury, loss or damage suffered by him or her in or by reason of the event, provided that this does not exclude the liability of any such party for death or personal injury arising from that party's negligence.
- d) I confirm that my son or daughter or ward does not have any disability or medical condition, physical or mental, which could affect his or her ability to ride safely in a long distance event.
- e) I confirm that I have the legal right to provide consent for the above named person.

The Responsible Rider

As a responsible rider I agree to look after and take full responsibility for the Young Person during the Sportive. I will ride with the young person for the duration of the sportive until they are back home safely or in the presence of their parent / guardian. I will not leave the Young Person to ride alone.