

Northern Rivers Dirty Wheels Mountain Bike Club Inc. E-BIKE / E-MTB POLICY

1.0 Introduction

Northern Rivers Dirty Wheels Mountain Bike Club Inc. (NRDW) is a not for profit organisation based in the Northern Rivers Region of the Far North Coast of NSW. It encourages riders of all abilities to participate in the sport, NRDW activities and use NRDW managed facilities.

This document is intended to:

- Foster an understanding of the requirements for use of E-bikes at NRDW facilities and NRDW activities and events;
- Take measures to protect the trails from damage, and
- Minimise risks to all parties associated with the use of E-bikes.

2.0 Application

This policy applies to all electrically power assisted cycles.

3.0 Use of E-Bikes

NRDW adopts MTBA's E-MTB Statement as their policy for use of E-Bikes at NRDW Managed facilities, NRDW Events, Social Rides and Races.

MTBA E-MTB Statement (downloaded 17 July 2018):

"Mountain Bike Australia Ltd (MTBA) acknowledges the growing popularity of E-MTB's within the community and the opportunities they provide for people to participate in mountain bike riding. MTBA supports efforts by clubs, land managers and other stakeholders to provide places for people to ride E-MTB's. Riders of E-MTB's are encouraged to check with the club/land manager that E-MTB's are permitted on trails, prior to riding.

All MTBA members are covered for personal accident and public liability insurance whilst riding E-MTB's that comply with Australian Standards –EN15194. For insurance coverage while racing an E-MTB, a race membership is required."

NRDW requires that all E-Bikes / E-MTB's used at New Italy MTB Forest or at Duck Creek Mountain Bike Park or at any of our club social rides or races be compliant with AS 15194:2016 (EN15194). This means that the bike shall have a maximum continuous rated power of 0.25kW, of which the output is progressively reduced and finally cut off as the vehicle reaches a speed of 25km/hr, or sooner, if the cyclist stops pedalling.