

THE MON VELO BIKING GROUP OF THE 49er SKI CLUB OF SACRAMENTO brings you

Vinnie's Rules for an enhanced biking experience.

- 1. Water in. Drink lots. If you are thirsty, you are already dehydrated.
- 2. Water Out. Never pass up a restroom. Wet socks are a distraction.
- 3. Never pass up an opportunity to draft another rider.
- 4. When comparing odometers, calorimeters, and altimeters, always use the highest number.
- 5. Accelerate into hills, gear down progressively balance your pedal speed with your energy output. Climb tough hills at your own pace.
- 6. Biking hurts. You can't avoid it. Distract yourself and cope. Sing a song. Tell yourself a story. Count strokes. The pain shall pass.
- 7. Eat before, during, and after your ride.
- 8. Never run a red light or blow through a stop sign. Always yield when you do not have the right-of-way and sometimes when you do.
- 9. Volunteer a friend to fix another's flat.
- 10. Slower riders move to the front. Slow riders never seem to be able to catch-up unless they are already caught up.
- 11. Always fall when you are completely stopped. Keep your elbows tucked in when you do.
- 12. Keep your outside pedal pressed down when coasting through turns.
- 13. Launder your shorts at least once a year.
- 14. Pedal harder to warm up. Ride faster to stay cool.
- 15. Stay warm: Wear long sleeves below 60-65 deg; tights below 55; long fingered gloves below 50. Layer up.
- 16. Keep your tires dry. Never start a ride into rain or impending rain unless you have no other choice.
- 17. Keep your unattended bike locked even in your garage.