

Sydney Bike Hash Road Rules

Welcome to the Sydney Bike Hash. With your safety in mind, we encourage all riders to please be aware of all NSW road rules, and to use common sense when hashing. As we travel in a large group, be mindful of cars behind you. When we yell 'Car Back' or 'Hash Car', please move out of the roadway for your safety and ride in single file until the car passes.

Below are the NSW Road rules for bicycles:

Bicycle laws and penalties

Under NSW legislation a bicycle is considered as a vehicle.

As such, cyclists are required to obey the road rules, including stopping at red lights or Stop signs, Giving Way as indicated by signage and giving hand signals when changing direction.

Just as cyclists have responsibilities when using the road, they also have the right, like other vehicles, to use the road and be shown courtesy and care by other road users. Failing to obey road or bicycle rules may result in a fine.

Special road rules for cyclists

Roundabouts

You are allowed to turn right from the left hand lane. When passing each exit, you must give way to any vehicle leaving the roundabout from that exit.

Transit lanes

Transit lanes are used for vehicles containing a certain number of people. These lanes may also be used by buses, taxis, hire cars, motorcycles, bicycles and emergency vehicles, regardless of the number of people in them.

Bicycle lanes

When a bicycle lane is marked on the road, cyclists must use it. These lanes are for use by bicycles, but cars may use them for not more than 50 metres to enter or leave the road at a driveway or intersection.

Bus lanes

Bus lanes are for buses, but can also be used for bicycles, motorcycles, taxis, hire cars and vehicles operated by, or under the direction of the RTA.

Bus only lanes

When the words 'Buses Only' appear on a bus lane sign, only buses are allowed to drive in these lanes.

Side by side

You are allowed to ride two abreast, but not more than 1.5 metres apart.

Footpaths

Children under 12 years of age can ride on a footpath. An adult, who is riding in a supervisory capacity of a cyclist less than 12 years old, may also ride with the young cyclist on the footpath.

You are allowed to cycle on the footpath where indicated by signage.

Shared paths

Across NSW there are paths that can be used by both pedestrians and bicycle riders. Always travel at a speed that promotes safety for you and the pedestrians you encounter.