

Ride Organization

- Cyclists gather at the tennis center prior to 8:00 AM - either inside in the lobby or outside by the bike racks but *not in the street*. "C" riders do the same prior to 8:30 AM.
- At 8:00 AM all "A" riders move into a parking lot across the street from the bike parking area and organize themselves as quickly as possible into groups of 7-8 or less. Groups will have an agreed ride leader, an agreed distance and destination, an agreed riding speed, and agreed "pull" lengths before they depart. Once organized, these ride parameters don't change unless the whole group agrees. "A" riders depart as soon as they get organized with the fastest group leaving first - do not linger because the "B" riders will be waiting for you to leave before they leave.
- At 8:00 AM all "B" riders organize themselves as indicated above while remaining in the bike parking area. After the "A" riders have left, the "B" riders depart with the fastest "B" group leaving first.
- Promptly arrive for an 8 or 8:30 start; latecomers joining a group of 8 cyclists will necessitate the group splitting into 2 smaller groups of 5 and 4.
- When departing please follow these guidelines:
 - a. If your route is going to take you south on US41 after leaving Bonita Bay, consider departing thru the North gate to help minimize bike congestion at the South gate. This is not a requirement, just a suggestion.
 - b. When leaving the parking lot, yield to any cars at the 4 way stop unless they wave you thru ahead of them. Do this even if the cars arrive at the stop sign a little later than you do. If you are yielding, it is also helpful to wave through the car you are yielding to. When you proceed thru the stop sign your entire group should go through but the leader of the next group behind you should treat the intersection in the same way you did - i.e. yield to cars who are already there.
 - c. When riding on Country Club Blvd all riders should ride in the right lane until the group approaches Bonita Bay Blvd and it is clear for the leader and the entire group to move to the left turn lane.