**Cycle Tour registration policy**

We organize an annual cycle tour comprised of a month-long virtual ride through sub-Saharan Africa as well as a 3-day 275 km ride from Campbell River to Victoria. As cycling is a common mode of transportation for many African grandmothers, we think this is a fitting way for Canadian grandmothers to fundraise.

The purpose of the Cycle Tour is to:

* Raise funds to support the SLF Grandmothers Campaign
* Increase awareness of the challenges faced by African grandmothers raising their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS
* Provide African grandmothers with a tangible demonstration of empathy, understanding, and partnership with the physical and mental struggles they are experiencing
* Build support, strength, and a shared purpose among regional Grandmothers Campaign groups

**Rider eligibility**

Riders on the tour must be women 55 years of age or older by December 31st of the year of the tour with preference on the 275 km ride given to members of SLF Grandmothers Campaign groups.

**Maximum number of riders**

There is no limit on the number of riders allowed to register for the virtual tour. The 275 km tour is limited to 30 riders because of logistics and safety. The position of sweep for the 275 km ride is not included in calculating the number of riders. This position supports riders by providing on-road safety and mechanical maintenance.

**Selection procedures for the 275 km ride**

This is how riders are selected: 

1. Application packages for the tour are distributed annually in the spring. Registration is considered open on the date that application packages are sent.
2. Applications from members of the Cycle Tour Working Group are approved first when received within two weeks of registration opening.
3. Applications from female members of SLF Grandmothers Campaign groups whose applications are received within the six weeks following the date registration opens will be considered equally for the remaining spaces on the ride.
4. During this period, if more applications are received than there are remaining spaces available, a draw will be made to determine who will be offered a confirmed place on the ride and who will be placed on the waitlist.
5. Any applicants left on the waitlist in any given year will be given priority for a spot on the tour in the ride the following year.
6. If after six weeks from registration opening, not all spaces are filled by eligible riders who are members of SLF Grandmothers Campaign groups, applications from other eligible riders will be considered.
7. Applications received from any eligible riders after the six weeks will be approved or waitlisted in the order they are received.

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