

VG4A Cycle Tour registration policy

Every year we raise funds for the SLF by riding our bikes. As cycling is a common mode of transportation for many grandmothers in Africa, this is one of the many fitting ways for grandmothers in Canada 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 grandmothers in Africa raising their grandchildren whose parents died by AIDS
- Provide grandmothers in Africa 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

Riders must register for the VG4A Cycle Tour and can participate as individual riders or by joining group rides organized by VG4A. The Cycle Tour takes place from mid-August to mid-September each year. During this time, the participating cyclists will take on their own personal cycling challenge and fundraise for the SLF. Cyclists can opt to register for the 275 km Campbell River to Victoria (CR-V) group ride, which has been our major fundraiser to date. An additional registration is required for this flagship ride inaugurated in 2007. Other group rides of varying distances will also be offered.

Rider eligibility

Riders participating in the Cycle Tour must be women 55 years of age or older by December 31st of the year of the tour and be a member of a SLF Grandmothers Campaign group.

Registering for the VG4A Cycle Tour

Registration for the tour will take place online on the Events page of the website (vg4a.ca)

Registering for the CR-V ride and maximum number of riders

Registration for the CR-V Ride will take place online on the Events page of the website (vg4a.ca). This ride 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 process for the CR-V ride

1. Application packages for the ride are available online in the spring. Registration is considered open on the date that the online link is made available.
2. Applications from members of the Cycle Tour Working Group are approved first when received within two weeks of registration opening.
3. Applications from members of SLF Grandmothers Campaign groups that are received within the six weeks following the date registration opens will be considered on a first come first served basis for the remaining spaces on the ride. The ride is capped at 30 cyclists.
4. During this six-week period, if more than 30 applications are received, a waitlist will be created with applications listed in the order they are received. This waitlist will be used first in filling any vacant spots that may subsequently arise.
5. 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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