

2015 Team Safety Award Criteria

Team Captains must apply for the award via an electronic survey distributed after the BP MS 150. Team Captain must provide detailed information regarding safety training events, dates, and qualifications of League Cycling Instructors and Ride Marshals when applying for the award.

To be eligible for a 2015 Team Safety Award, the Team Captain and team members must be committed to the intent of the National MS Society's Safety Pledge. The safety pledge is designed to clarify expectations of a safety conscious team. We ask that you honor the pledge to provide all participants, independent of whether they are on your team or others, with the safest ride conditions and the best experience possible to ensure each rider's safety and their future participation.

The Day 2 Safety Start for the 2016 BP MS 150 will be determined from among those teams who participate in the 2015 team safety award program. The Platinum Safety Award recipient or a drawing from among all Gold Safety Award recipients will determine the safety conscious team to lead the 2016 Day 2 Safety Start.

Bronze Award:

- Team Captain agrees to Team Safety Pledge (as attached)
- Team must have a Team Safety Coordinator
- At least 50% of the team riders must have completed the online Safety Zone Quiz, and 50% have completed a "Hands-On" Bicycle Skills/Bicycle Safety training class within the past three years.
- Comply with the Ride Marshal requirement of 1 Ride Marshal for every 50 team riders. Teams with fewer than 50 members must have 1 Ride Marshal.
- Teams of 200 riders or less must not have more than two (2) reported safety infractions during the ride; larger teams must not have more than one reported safety infraction per 100 riders for teams (rounding up)

Silver Award:

- Bronze requirements, plus
- At least 65% of team riders must have completed the online Safety Zone Quiz, and 65% have completed a "Hands-On" Bicycle Skills/Bicycle Safety training class within the past 3 years

Gold Award:

- Silver requirements, plus
- At least 80% of team riders must have completed the online Safety Zone Quiz, and 80% have completed a "Hands-On" Bicycle Skills/Bicycle Safety training class within the past 3 years
- At least 1 League Cycling Instructor on the team

Platinum Award:

- Awarded as appropriate by the Safety Committee for Excellence in Bicycle Safety and Outstanding Contributions to the Bicycling Community.

*Please note that any team who receives a violation that is deemed aggressive or egregious in nature could preclude the receipt of any safety award.

Safety Pledge

- I pledge that I will promote cycling safety to my team through all available avenues.
- I pledge to utilize the Group Riding Skills cycling education program specifically designed for the National MS Society by the League of American Bicyclists and administered by their League Cycling Instructors or an equivalent program using a qualified cycling coach.
- I pledge to encourage one or more of our team members become a League of American Bicyclists League Cycling Instructor by April 18, 2015.
- I pledge to educate my team members that cycling safety and fundraising are equally important to the success of the BP MS 150.
- I pledge to utilize all cycling safety resources the National MS Society provides.
- I pledge to promote the Bicycle Safety Inspection program offered at BP MS 150 Official Bike Stores.
- I pledge that all of the information submitted with the Team Safety Award is accurate to the best of my knowledge.