

UCVC Bylaws 2025-26

Mission: The University of Chicago Vélo Club is primarily a road racing team that competes in the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference. Our mission is to promote cycling within the Hyde Park community.

Membership Requirements: Membership shall be open to all UChicago students and must comply with the University of Chicago non-discrimination statement. RSOs should be open to all interested students, regardless of divisional or departmental affiliations. Members of UCVC must:

- commit to two races per year in any discipline, registering under the UCVC team name;
- acquire a UCVC jersey/kit in time for races (jerseys from past seasons are acceptable);
- volunteer at Monsters of the Midway, the criterium race we host in spring with OK Cycle Club (unless you are abroad);
- be a student.

All members must sign the UCVC waiver. Members must follow regulations set forth by the University.

Club Dues: All members of UCVC must pay club dues of \$50 per year. This helps cover race reimbursements, USAC dues, and transportation logistics. Financial assistance is available if this is an impediment. All funds collected will be deposited in RSO's University account.

Officers and Elections: Officers (President(s) (up to two), Vice President, Treasurer, Social Chair) for the following year will be selected in elections held at the end of winter quarter. To run for a position or vote you must be a member of UCVC and up to date on club dues.

Equipment: Club equipment is reserved for club members only and outside use is strictly prohibited. Negligence and carelessness may result in members being barred from using certain items (e.g. trainers, tools, car racks, travel cases, rollers, etc.). Malicious treatment of the equipment will result in disciplinary action by the University and possible removal from the club.

Dress Code: Helmets are required. Other than that, there is no official dress code for practices, although proper cycling clothing is strongly recommended. For collegiate races, members must wear a UCVC jersey. For other USAC races, it is suggested that members wear a UCVC kit, but it isn't mandatory.

Non-Students: Non-students, including alumni, faculty, staff, affiliates, and community members are welcome on rides *so long as they have signed the waiver* and are aware of these bylaws. Non-students are not eligible for club benefits such as reimbursements of race expenses.

Negligence: Cycling is a dangerous sport, taking place on city streets and in close proximity to others. UCVC members or non-students on rides who exhibit repeated negligent behavior that

affects ride safety of themselves or others must speak with the UCVC faculty advisor, Karlyn Gorski, and may be prohibited from coming on future UCVC rides.

Hazing: Our organization will abide by the University's hazing policy. Hazing and other forms of bullying will not be tolerated in any form.

Doping and UCI Drug Policy: Doping in any form will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action by UCI, the University, and may result in expulsion from the club.

Behavior: Teammates are expected to be respectful and courteous to one another. Disagreements causing disruption to the function of the club will be brought to the UCVC faculty advisor, Karlyn Gorski.