



District 6250 Virtual Ride to End Polio Frequently asked questions



What is the Virtual Ride to End Polio?

The District 6250 Virtual Ride to End Polio is polio fundraising event open to every Rotary Club in District 6250. This is a virtual ride because the riders will be indoors and stationary. Cyclists ride their own pre-approved personal road bikes. Staff will help riders mount their bikes on stands converting them to stationary bikes. Riders will watch a widescreen display of a computer-generated course on which all of them will have their relative progress showing in real time, similar to an outdoor race.

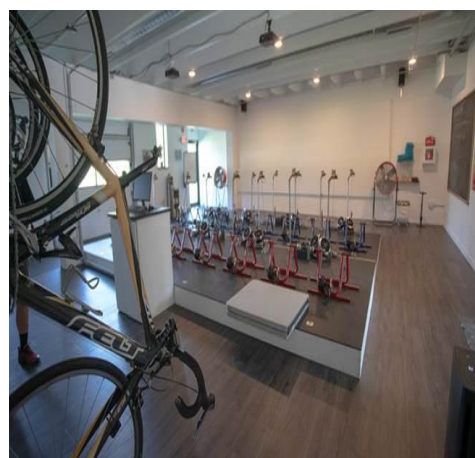
When is this event going to happen?

Saturday, November 6, 2021, between 8:30 and 10:30 AM. The team's first rider will begin riding at 8:30 AM sharp and therefore should plan to arrive not later than 8:10 in order to get their bike set up on the Compu-Trainer. The team's second rider will begin riding at 9:30 AM sharp and should plan to arrive not later than 9:10 to get their bike set up on the Compu-Trainer. Riders, family, and supporters are encouraged to arrive early and are welcome to stay after.

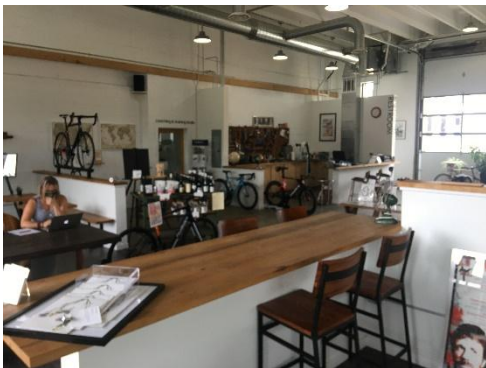
Where is this virtual ride taking place?

The Rocket Bicycle Studio is located in Verona at 507 Bruce Street. The room holding the stands where riders will be on their bikes holds a total of 16 stands. The large white wall at the front of the room will be the display wall.

Although there is room on the perimeter to walk single-file there is no room for family, friends or supporters to watch. There is however a café in the building with an area to sit, enjoy coffee, pastry, quiche, or for those of age there will be wine, beer, and cocktails for riders, family and supporters to access. There is also an outdoor patio with heaters and fire pits as well as a city park across the street with playground equipment for younger children.



The Rocket Bicycle Studio



The cafe

Who is eligible to ride?

Event capacity is 16 teams of two riders. The goal is to have 16 Rotary clubs represented. Riders are not required to be Rotarians. You can include an adult family member, aunts, uncles, cousins or friends. They need not be avid cyclists to participate.

What precautions are being taken for the safety of the riders, family, friends or supporters?

Given the ongoing pandemic, out of an abundance of caution **all riders must be vaccinated and show proof of vaccination** when they check-in at the event. Vaccination cards or on-line documentation will be required. (QR codes cannot be read so please plan accordingly.) In addition to this requirement, this event will be held in accordance with all CDC guidelines and Dane County requirements in force on the day of the event so masking may be required at all times including during the ride. Failure, or unwillingness to comply with these requirements will be grounds for disqualification from the event.

The room where the riders are riding is not set up for family, friends or supporters to observe the event. Given their ability to socially distance as they wish, those who plan to socialize and hangout in the building's cafe area will need to comply only with the CDC guidelines and Dane County requirements in force on the day of the event. Vaccinations or proof thereof will not be required for this group of individuals.

What type of bicycle can I bring to the event?

Road bikes with rim brakes are the bike of choice for this event. Unfortunately, mountain bikes, fat bikes or e-bikes are not be compatible with the Compu-Trainer system. In conjunction with the acceptance your team's registration our event coordinator will work with you to make sure your bikes are compatible with Rocket Bicycle's Compu-Trainer system.

How long must a participant ride?

Each rider will ride for 45 minutes. The first 16 riders will begin at 8:30 AM and the second riders will begin at 9:30 AM. The distance each rider rides is dependent upon their level of fitness and the level of effort they wish to put in. At the end of each session each rider's individual mileage will be recorded by ride officials. The total mileage covered by the team of two will be added together and used by the teams to collect mileage-based pledges.



A road bike with rim brakes

Why is this event taking place?

This event is being used to raise funds to support Rotary's top priority, the eradication of polio. Riders/clubs will raise dollars either by collecting lump sum pledges or per mile pledges based upon the total miles the team of two riders cover during each of their 45-minute rides. This is a District supported event, but all monies are raised for the individual club. For more details about reporting funds and credit for the funds, email District Foundation Chair Dwight Heaney. Dwight.heaney@gmail.com

Will funds raised qualify for the Gates Foundation match?

Yes. The Gates Foundation will provide a 2-1 match for all funds donated by Rotarians to PolioPlus.

How are pledges and contributions made?

Although we have provided a pledge sheet for your use and ask on the registration form for your team's approximate fundraising goal each team is responsible for their own accounting and processing of all dollars with The Rotary Foundation. We will ask each team for a final tally of funds raised so that we can report the event total to all interested parties.

How do I register and is there a registration fee?

See attached registration form. There is a nominal entry fee of \$50 per team but any unspent portion of the entry fees, will go to Rotary International's End Polio Now efforts. Prepayment of the registration fee can be done by check or Venmo. Details will be provided once your registration has been received and your bikes validated.

Contact the event coordinator at mdag6250@gmail.com with any questions about the event.