

We are recruiting participants for a study exploring how information is shared and maintained among a group of road cyclists. This study will explore how individuals behave and communicate while they are riding as a group (pack). Due to public health safety concerns regarding the Coronavirus, participation in this study will be done remotely via individual interviews with the researcher.

We are looking for participants from the same pack that can participate in the study together (3 participants per group, no maximum limit on pack size) as we are going to focus on pack riding behaviour. To be eligible for this study, **you must participate with other riders from your pack/group.**

To be eligible to participate in this study, participants must speak English fluently, practice road cycling as a sport (recreative or professional) for at least 2 years and ride at least an average of 100km weekly without considering commuting kilometers. Participants must also ride on the road in packs of at least three people. Please note that not all previous rides must be in a group. Participants can use their history before the Coronavirus to consider eligibility and can consider any week during the peak season for the 100km eligibility

Furthermore, to be eligible, participants must have their rides recorded using Strava. In this study, we will use 3 or 4 recorded rides for each participant. Therefore, participants must be willing to make their rides public (only the selected ones) on their Strava profile if they are not yet open. Participants will also send some photographs of the gear they usually carry with them (e.g. bike computer, water bottles, multitools, etc.)

The study will consist of **three remote interview sessions** via Microsoft Teams. Participants must use either Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge to access the sessions. The first interview will have a duration between two and three hours. The second interview will last about 45 minutes, and the last meeting will run for one hour to one hour and a half.

Participants will receive the survey via email together with the consent form. The first study session consists of an initial interview and after, a detailed discussion of each selected ride. We ask for prospect participants to use the invitation notices, provided attached with this notice, to recruit other interested club members.

Participants must read the consent form prior to answering the survey and sending any information.

Participants will send their ride information, links, photographs and names of their peers who will also participate before the first meetup session via a survey. Please note that all participants must **complete the survey individually in order to be eligible. Participants must ensure that their club members are willing to participate prior to contacting the researcher.**

Participants will be compensated for each session as follows:

First session: 35\$ CAD

Second session: 10\$ CAD

Third session: 10\$ CAD + a draw of 3, 75\$ CAD gift cards from Cyclesmith

If you are interested in participating, please contact Juliano Franz (juliano.franz@dal.ca)