



Acknowledgment of Children

- Children have more need of example than criticism.
- Make the cycling participation on the **LTDC - Child Tour Experience** to be a positive and learning experience for your child and the rest.
- Attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.
- Be kind to your child's LTDC Cyclist Coach and LTDC Officials. The LTDC Cyclist Coach is a volunteer giving of personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child. The LTDC Cyclist Coach is providing a valuable service to the community, most often without reward other than the personal satisfaction of having served the community.
- Applaud good actions by anyone in the LTDC Tour Events.
- Put yourself in the LTDC Officials' shoes. Do not openly question their judgment, and never their honesty! He/She is a symbol of fairness, integrity, and good sportsmanship.
- Accept the rules of the LTDC Tours and the LTDC Cycling Club.
- Encourage the child to:
 - a. Be gracious outside and during the LTDC ride.
 - b. Transmit that "helping others" is already a triumph for Jesus Christ.
- Parental evaluation carries a great deal of weight with your child. The attitude shown by parents at the Tour toward their children, spectators and the LTDC officials, cyclists, coaches and volunteers, influences the child's values and behavior in sports. Criticism and disrespect to these by over-anxious or over-protective parents bent on immediate success rather than long-range benefits and undermines the purpose of the sports of cycling and the mission of the club. This also brings into the Tour stresses beyond those of competition. When the cyclist cannot cope effectively with such stress, it contributes to behavior not in keeping with the spirit of the Tour.
- Be Positive, Encouraging, and have a Good Spirit in you, the Holy Spirit of the Lord!

