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**DATE:** June 7, 2022 **ACTION:**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Sr. Member Services Manager

**RE:** APPROVAL – Revise Rule GR.5.2a Electric Pedal Assist Bicycles

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### **Background**

As the popularity of personal electric devices has increased, there became a need for the rules to be updated to identify what is and is not acceptable to ride within the community. The Rules Committee met in February 2022 to discuss this issue and is recommending that we expand our existing rule for electric pedal assist bicycles to cover other personal electric devices. The proposed change would have the following impact:

1. It would clarify that personal electric devices such as stand up scooters (e.g. Segway Ninebot Kickscooter, Razor E300, etc.), skateboards, and wheeled boards (e.g. Onewheel) are acceptable
2. It would establish a speed limit of 20 MPH for all devices
3. It would establish an electric motor maximum wattage of 750 watts or less

It is important to clarify that an electric motorized sit down scooter such as a moped or a vespa would not fall under this rule and could not be used within the community.

### **Fiscal Impact**

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve to revise rule GR.5.2a as attached.



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Cory Gorham, Sr. Member Services Manager

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## **Current Rule**

### GR.5.2a Electric Pedal Assist Bicycles -

Electric bicycles are permitted to be used within the community so long as the bicycle is equipped with pedals, pedal assist functionality, and an electric motor less than 750 watts.

## **Proposed Revision (Redlined)**

### GR.5.2a ~~Electric Pedal Assist Bicycles~~ Personal Electric Devices -

Electric bicycles ~~and other personal electric devices such as electric stand-up scooters, skateboards, and wheeled boards~~ are permitted to be used within the community so long as the ~~following provisions are followed:~~

- bicycle is equipped with pedals ~~and~~ pedal assist functionality
- ~~all scooters and boards must have a floorboard to stand on when riding~~
- ~~cannot exceed 20 MPH~~
- ~~and~~ an electric motor ~~less than~~ 750 watts ~~or less~~

## **Revised Rule**

### GR.5.2a Personal Electric Devices -

Electric bicycles and other personal electric devices such as electric stand-up scooters, skateboards, and wheeled boards are permitted to be used within the community so long as the following provisions are followed:

- bicycle is equipped with pedals and pedal assist functionality
- all scooters and boards must have a floorboard to stand on when riding
- cannot exceed 20 MPH
- an electric motor 750 watts or less