## **Power Pedal and Power Stops**

Power Pedal and Power Stop are not optional.

"But our kids like to do it their way."

We know. But 'their way" might get them in real trouble.

## Picture it.

- Day 4 on the RAC.
- Mile 1.2 Out of camp starts the first hill.
- We climb 300 feet in .7 miles. The incline is between 7 and 10 %. It's gusty.
- There is no bike lane or shoulder. (Luckily, there is a guard rail)
- Because we just left camp, the group is still together. 150 riders are single-filing in front and behind you.
- As we are going up the hill, your child might have to stop suddenly because it's too steep or too windy or because the person in front stopped
- Because he is used to sitting in the saddle, your child has to come to a sudden stop and chances are he falls over and into the road, or into the guard rail. There is a steep drop.
- Now she has to get back in her saddle, needs to balance, needs to find her pedals, on a super steep hill. Meanwhile, the winds are howling and the people behind her are yelling because they don't want to go around her. The road is narrow
- We do not ask for Power Pedal and Power Stop because it makes our lives easier. It makes your child's life easier. And, more importantly, safer.
- Practice with your children at home.
- Space permitting, we will ask for Power Stop and Power Pedal demonstrations from your kids before every training ride starting now.
- We would be happy to come early to a training ride and practice with you.