Basic Traffic Rules

Pedestrians -> Right
Cars -> Left
Motorcycles -> Left
Bicycles -> Left

Bicycles are regarded as vehicles under the Road Traffic Law.
Five Rules for Safe Riding

① 自転車は、車道が原則、歩道は例外
Cyclists should ride on the roadway.

② 車道は左側を通行
Cyclists should ride on the left side of the roadway.

③ 歩道は歩行者優先で、車道寄りを徐行
Cyclists should slow down on sidewalks, pedestrians first.

④ 交通ルールを守る
Cyclists must obey the traffic rules.

⑤ 子どもはヘルメットを着用
Children must wear bicycle helmets.
Cyclists Must Ride on the Roadway

On the road which is divided into a sidewalk and a roadway, cyclists should ride on a roadway.

Some roads have bicycle paths. Cyclists should ride on the paths if available.

• 【罰則】3月以下の懲役又は5万円以下の罰金

【The penalty regulation】

Imprisonment for a term of not exceeding 3 months or a fine not exceeding 50,000 yen.
Keeping Left on the Road

- 車両は原則左側通行

Vehicles have to keep left.

- 道路では、道路の左側端を通行しなければなりません。

Since bicycles are classified as vehicles, cyclists have to keep left when traveling on the roadway.

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【The penalty regulation】
Imprisonment for a term of not exceeding 3 months or a fine not exceeding 50,000 yen
Cyclists Can Ride on Side Strips

1. No Good
2. No Good
3. No Good
4. No Good
5. Good

Note: The diagram illustrates the correct and incorrect positions for cyclists on a road with side strips and a center line.
Cyclists Can Ride “ON” Sidewalks When...

- Under 13 years old children
- Senior citizen (70 years old or over)
- People with physical disabilities
Cyclists Can Ride “ON” Sidewalks When...

This mark means that cyclists can ride on sidewalks.

Also cyclists can ride on sidewalks when...
- the road is too narrow.
- the road is being constructed.
- the road is occupied with parking cars.
Intersection With Signals

If there is a signal for both pedestrians and cyclists

You have to follow this signal and use a bicycle path.
Drinking riding is strictly prohibited

You must not ride on a bicycle after drinking.

You cannot lend your bicycle to a person who drank. We cannot offer alcohol to a person who is going to ride on a bicycle, either.

【The penalty regulation】
Imprisonment for a term of not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding a million yen.
Places Where You Must Make a Stop

- 道路標識等により車両等が一時停止すべきとされているときは、一時停止しなければなりません。

If there is a stop sign on the road, cyclists must make a stop for safety.

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【The penalty regulation】
Imprisonment for a term of not exceeding 3months or a fine not exceeding 50,000yen
Other Actions prohibited

- Do not talk on a phone
- Do not put up an umbrella
- Do not ride double
- Do not wear an earphone or head phone because you cannot hear a sound of car horn or any other cautions.

【罰則】5万円以下の罰金
【The penalty regulation】
A fine not exceeding 50,000 yen
Turning On a Bicycle Light

- At night cyclists should turn on a bicycle light.
- Cyclists have to put tail lights or fluorescent stickers on their bicycle at night.

【The penalty regulation】
A fine not exceeding 50,000 yen
Put Fluorescent Stickers on a Bicycle
Careful Driving of the Snowy Road

In case of bad weather or bad road condition, cyclists tend to overturn.

Do not ride on a bicycle when it’s snowing.
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The End

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