

Pre Ride Checklist

Paperwork

1. All chapter members need to sign membership list
2. All non-chapter members need to sign the Release Form For Adults
3. All minors attending the ride must have the Release Form For Minors signed by legal guardian. (No exceptions to this rule)
4. All minor's twelve (12) years or older must sign the Minor's Assumption Of Risk Acknowledgment
5. If the ride is an Open Ride all participants must sign a Release Form For Adults and minor's attending, requirements will remain the same.

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6. Ride in staggered formation, two (2) second separation from bike directly in front of you.
7. Do not pass bike in front of you. If filling a gap, everyone moves diagonally to empty space in front.
8. Try to keep pace, avoid rubber banding. Large gaps in the group breaks up the integrity and could allow cages to enter our group making possible unsafe conditions.
9. Use hand signals. (Go over the basic signals) Pass all hand signals back.
10. Do not follow the sweep on lane changes. Follow the bike in front of you and only change lanes after the lead has changed lanes. (It is the sweeps job and only the sweep to "grab" a lane.
11. If separated at a light or stop sign, continue on route. Lead group will ride slowly or pull over if safe and allow you to catch up. No turn from the main route will be made until the entire group is in site. No one will be left behind.
12. If you decide to exit the ride before the next stop, do so in a safe manner and give the thumbs up or down signal. Same if you are having mechanical issues. Sweep will stop to make sure you are ok.
13. If a rider goes down, sweep and designated road captains will stop to assist rider and do traffic control. All others continue with group and find safe place to pull over. A high percentage of accidents will either occur in a corner or intersection. Additional riders pulling over in the accident area could create a further hazard. One of the riders that stopped will phone or radio the lead group with information from the scene.
14. If you have a CB we will always be using channel four (4) unless otherwise directed.
15. State ride level that this ride is rated 1-5.
16. Discuss possible hazards of the ride
17. All riders ultimately are responsible for their own ride, if you are uncomfortable, let the head road captain, safety officer, lead or sweep know at next stop.
18. No alcohol permitted before or during the ride or any other substance that causes you to **be** impaired. This includes rider and passenger. Ride may end at lunch stop by not always. If a rider is seen drinking before or during the ride he/she will be asked to leave the ride. If rider or passenger refuses to leave the chapter ride will end immediately.

General

19. Groups will be divided into the safest amount of riders as practical.
20. If more than one (1) group, there should be at least a five (5) minute separation between groups.
21. Cell phone numbers should be exchanged with appropriate personnel; i.e. leads and sweeps.