

SUDBURY HOG CHAPTER – GROUP RIDING GUIDE

(Adapted from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation)

General

- HOG Charter complies with a 'Zero Alcohol Tolerance' policy. Do not mix alcohol and motorcycle riding at any time on HOG Chapter rides. If a rider is in breach of this rule during a HOG Chapter Ride, the rider will be removed from the group ride.
 - Top up your gas tank before you begin a ride. Decide before you begin when and where you will stop. Inform every one of designated stops. Do a personal and bike safety check before beginning a ride. Bikes should be in good running condition before riding.
1. All riders taking part in a group ride must conform to Provincial or Municipal traffic laws in effect where they are riding.
 2. Group rides should use one lane in a staggered formation.
 3. Motorcycles with sidecars or trikes should ride at the rear unless they are leading the group. Reason being, when the Ride Captain looks in his/her rear view mirror he/she should have a clear view of those following.
 4. The group should ride to their destination in formation. If a rider does not wish to stay with the group during the ride, wait until all the bikes are parked and inform the Ride Captain before leaving. If you leave your place in the group, re-enter at the rear, in front of the Rear Ride Captain (Tail Gunner).
 5. In the case of a rider pulling over, the Tail Gunner (last rider) will also pull over to assist. The remainder of the group will continue. The Tail Gunner will inform the Road Captain of the current status. If it is in the opinion of the Road Captain that the group should also pull over, they will do so at the first safe area.
 6. At stop signs, lights, etc the staggered formation shall double up and proceed in pairs, then resume staggered formation.
 7. If a vehicle wants to break through the group on a multi-lane road, give them space to safely do so. Close formation once the vehicle exits the lane. If the vehicle does not move, cautiously and carefully pass to reform.
 8. When parking in a public lot, all bikes will be parked preferably angled and maintaining riding position within the group.
 9. There are a series of standard hand signals, which is reviewed by the leader (Road Captain), to the other group riders before setting out on the group ride. Each rider in succession is to repeat the hand signal for the benefit of the riders behind her/him so all riders in the group see and understand the signals as given by the Road Captain.

Standard Motorcycle Hand-Signals

Follow Me - arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward



You Lead/Come - arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front



Speed Up - arm extended straight out, palm facing up



Slow Down - arm extended straight out, palm facing down



Stop - arm extended straight down, palm facing back



Double File - arm with index and middle finger extended straight up



Single File - arm and index finger extended straight up



Hazard in Roadway - on the right, point with right foot; on the left, point with left hand



Highbeam - tap on top of helmet with open palm down



Pull Off - arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder



Comfort Stop - forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion



Fuel - arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended

