



PEDALS TO PINTS

Group Leader guidelines

Keep the group pace and distance as advertised. This is our #1 complaint by participants.

Lag! After slowing or stopping at intersections or making a turn, ride slowly until the entire group is together again. Our ultimate goal is to have everyone riding within a wheel's distance of each other as one group.

Communicate with group participants. Call out and signal any road obstacles, cars, upcoming turns or stops.

Safety over Speed! Always err on the side of safety instead of speed. Keep in mind that you're traveling as one group and not as an individual.

Choose a co-leader or sweeper for your group when possible. Co-leaders can pull from the front if you need to drop back to communicate or assist somewhere within the group (or just don't want to pull the whole ride). Sweepers can make sure everyone finds their way home safely if someone gets dropped or has a mechanical issue.

Be Friendly and Have Fun!

General Group guidelines

Be Predictable

Look before you make a move. Riders and motorists expect you to ride in a straight line and at a consistent speed. Avoid sudden changes in speed or lane position. Scan behind and to the side before changing position.

Communicate

Clearly communicate to others changes in speed or direction, road hazards, pedestrians and vehicles. Call out "car back", "slowing" or "stopping" as needed. Communicate calls throughout the group. Coordinate group turns and moves.

Avoid Riding More than Two Abreast

Group riding often requires riding two abreast. It is not legal to ride more than two abreast in Michigan.

Choose Proper Lane Positioning

Michigan Law permits bikes to ride in the travel lane, as far right as is practical. A rider is permitted to use the entire travel lane where hazards exist or where it is unsafe for a car and bike to travel side by side. Never cross yellow center lines. Be courteous and use the shoulder when it is safe to do so.

Don't Pass on Right

Gather behind the last car in line at an intersection. Michigan law permits a cyclist to pass cars on the right only when there is a dedicated bicycle lane, such behavior is discouraged in group rides as a courtesy to motorists.

Be Courteous at Intersections

Obey traffic signs and signals at intersections. At stop signs, consider moving as a single unit through intersections if all riders feel it is safe to do so. Slow and stop at yellow lights. Consider adopting a policy of stopping or slowing after intersections when the group is split.

All participants should be encouraged to sign the online waiver prior to participating at watermarkbrewing.com/cycle