

# CENTRAL MIDWEST OF KANSAS

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Guidelines

## Rider Skill Levels

The following pages will define the different skill levels that a rider progresses through when learning to ride safely. You will need to determine for yourself where you fall in these levels to ensure that you are capable of participating in any or all group rides.

Level	Riding EXP	Bike Operation (Use of Clutch, Shifter & Brake)	Detail on EXP
<b>1</b> Beginner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little to None</li> <li>Taken Basic Riders Course</li> </ul>	Struggles with braking and/or shifting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understands basic bike operation</li> <li>Needs more exp. riding in inclement weather</li> <li>Needs more exp. riding on curvy roads</li> <li>Needs more exp. riding at highway speeds</li> <li>Needs more exp. riding for long periods (+1 hr) without stopping.</li> <li>Needs more exp. riding on unsurfaced roads (gravel &amp; dirt)</li> <li>No exp. riding with a group</li> </ul>
<b>2</b> Novice	Minimal (1 Season)	Familiar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ridden at least 1 season</li> <li>May not have ridden for several years but rode in past for several years</li> <li>Capable of riding in inclement weather</li> <li>Capable of handling gentle curves and minor leans</li> <li>Capable of performing emergency braking and swerving</li> <li>Little to no experience with unsurfaced roads</li> <li>Experiences difficulty maneuvering well when climbing or descending hills or navigating sharp turns</li> <li>Needs more exp. with group riding</li> </ul>
<b>3</b> Intermediate	1 + Season	Comfortable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rides well at higher speeds on roads with extreme curves or steep ascents or descents</li> <li>Good understanding of body language as it applies to motorcycle riding.</li> <li>No difficulty with most inclement weather conditions</li> <li>Some experience with unsurfaced roads.</li> <li>Capable of riding in a group</li> </ul>
<b>4</b> Advanced	2 + Season	Comfortable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rides comfortably at higher speeds on roads with extreme curves or steep ascents or descents</li> <li>Good understanding of body language as it applies to motorcycle riding.</li> <li>Comfortable riding in all weather conditions</li> <li>Comfortable riding on most road surfaces</li> <li>Easily ride for long periods (4 - 5 hours)</li> <li>Comfortable riding with a group or leading group</li> </ul>
<b>5</b> Expert	2 + Season	Very Comfortable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rides confidently at higher speeds on roads with extreme curves or steep ascents or descents</li> <li>Good understanding of body language as it applies to motorcycle riding.</li> <li>Confidently rides in all weather conditions</li> <li>Confidently rides on all road surfaces</li> <li>Easily ride for long periods (5 + hrs)</li> <li>Confidently rides with a group or leads group</li> </ul>

## Group Ride Rating System

All group rides will be rated using the Rider Skill Level table (on previous page) as a guide. You as a rider will need to be honest with yourself in determining where you fall in these skill levels. If you do not feel you meet the skill level for a particular ride then you may want to reconsider participating. **These ratings do not mean you can't participate in the ride. It is only to inform you that may need a particular skill level to feel comfortable participating in the ride.** It is entirely up to you to participate or not.

### Ride Ratings:

Rides rated for Beginner will be listed as follows: Level 1

Rides rated for Novice riders and up will be listed as follow: Level 2

Rides rated for Intermediate riders and up will be as follows: Level 3

Rides rated for Advanced riders and up will be as follows: Level 4

Rides rated for Expert riders will be as follows: Level 5

### Rating a Ride:

The rating of a particular ride will be at the discretion of the ride Road Captain planning the route. The Road Captain should take into consideration the type of roads to be traveled (Highway, Interstate, County Roads, etc.), conditions of the road (straight, flat, hilly, curvy, switch backs, etc.) and length of ride (start to finish) when determining the Ride Rating to assign.

Most of the group rides we conduct as a chapter in KS & MO around the Kansas City area would fall into a Level 2 or 3. Ice Cream Rides from the dealership to a restaurant after a meeting for example might be rated as a 1 or 2. Rides going into southern MO or into AR would be a level 3 or 4 or possibly a 5 depending on the route taken. Long Distance rides where riders will be expected to travel 500 + miles in one day would definitely be rated as a 5.

### Final Note

**Please keep in mind that this is to be used as a guide and not to keep anyone from participating in a ride. It is only to be used as a aid in letting everyone know what skill level they should be at to ensure that they and everyone else has a enjoyable and safe ride.**

**Saddle Up!!! Lets Ride!!!**