

Ride Rules and Regulations

The Basics

1. All bikes will be maintained in a safe condition.
2. Motorcycles with malfunctioning lights, brakes, or worn tires (less than 2/32 tread) will not be permitted to participate in a Chapter ride.
3. All motorcycles will be fueled (topped off) prior to arriving at the meeting area.
4. No drinking or drugged driving is allowed.
5. All traffic laws will be strictly obeyed.

When Riding in pack formation

1. Review and use the hand signals.
2. The lead bike is always in the left position of the lane you are traveling in
3. Motorcycles will be ridden in a staggered formation while group riding
 - o The bike in front of you will be staggered from your position so that this particular rider is not directly in front of you.
 - o The staggered rider in front of you will then be two seconds in front of you.
 - o The bike that follows directly behind another bike will then be four seconds behind that bike.
 - o There is an exception to the spacing rule. When passing through congested areas, a tighter formation will be held to minimize stray traffic from entering the pack.
 - o See Correct Formation Diagram
4. One rider will be designated as the Ride Captain
 - o The Ride Captain is responsible for planning, mapping, and coordinating the ride.
5. One to two riders will be designated as the Tail Gunner
 - o The Tail Gunner is responsible for keeping all riders in formation. Should a rider need to leave the pack, only the Tail Gunner will stop to assist them.
 - o Riders who elect to drop out of a ride (i.e. they do not desire to go further due to time constraints, prior commitments, etc.) will notify the Tail Gunner before the ride begins.
6. When changing lanes, the pack will proceed as follows. Radio communication from the ride captain will inform the Tail Gunner to acquire the lane to be changed to. When the Tail Gunner has acquired the lane they will inform the ride captain the lane is secure. The ride captain will signal to change lanes when it is safe to do so. The hand signal will be passed to the rear of the pack, however no lane change will occur until the signal has reached the last rider. The last rider will then move into the lane. The rider in front of that rider will then change lanes. This will be repeated until the lane change reaches the front of the pack and the ride captain takes the lane.

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7. After each rider passes through a blocked intersection they will immediately take the right side of the travel lane to allow the two blockers free access to the front of the pack. This action is automatic and requires no signaling. Wait for a signal to return to staggered formation.
 - o The Sergeant at Arms is responsible for keeping the peace, enforcing Chapter and charter rules, and the collection of monies for tolls, etc.

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| 1 st | Ride Captain | President |
| 2 nd | Sergeant at Arms | Member |
| 3 rd | Vice President | Member |
| 4 th | Shepherd | Guest |
| 5 th | Member | Member |
| 6 th | Tail Gunner | Tail Gunner |

Members and Guests

1. All Chapter members must hold a current membership in the STAR Touring & Riding Association
2. Expired memberships, unbecoming conduct, or a violation of any Charter agreement is cause for removal from the Chapter
3. All guests will adhere to the three ride rule
 - o A guest may ride with the Chapter (3) times within a twelve month period
 - o After the (3) times or the _____ months have expired the guest must become a member of the Chapter to participate