



Group Riding Refresher

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REMINDER

- Drinking and driving don't mix, and is not allowed on official HOG rides.
- Always ride in a staggered formation as it gives you an extra margin for safety.
- Make sure your vehicle is in good operating condition.
- Being too hot or too cold can affect

how alert you are as a driver.

- Be sure to pack appropriate protective clothing, such as a long-sleeve cotton shirt (for protection from the sun), helmet, eye protection, leather jacket, gloves, etc.
- A group of motorcycles is not considered a single vehicle. Be courteous and

allow cars to enter and exit the highway and change lanes.

- Generally speaking, a car will not want to ride in the middle of a group of motorcycles and will get out of the group as quickly as possible.
- Try to familiarize yourself with the route and scheduled stops.

- Arrive to participate in a group ride with a full tank of gas.
- The Road Captain/Ride Leader should always hold a pre-ride meeting.

EMERGENCY STOPPING

- Ride with a partner or ensure the group has an officer (or designated

sweep) bringing up the rear. In the event someone needs to pull over for an unscheduled stop, the partner officer, or sweep should stop in case assistance is needed.

- It's unsafe for a large group to stop on the side of the road. If someone needs to pull over, the remainder of the

group should continue to a safe haven to pull off.

- At that time, the group will decide to wait, or send a rider or two back, and continue on.

PASSING OTHER VEHICLES

- The lead motorcycle should be in the

left 1/3 of lane, the second motorcycle should be in the right 1/3 of the lane, one second behind the first rider, and so on.

- Leave enough room between each motorcycle so that any rider can maneuver to the right or left without hitting anyone else.
- Always stay in line with the bike in front of you. Do not switch between the left and right side of the lane.

SINGLE FILE RIDING

- All motorcycles ride in a single line, two seconds behind one another, in either the right or left third of the lane. The lead rider determines on which side of the lane the group will ride.

PASSING

- Passing should always be undertaken one motorcycle at a time, in staggered formation. Remember, passing at any time can be hazardous. Use common sense.

STAGGERED RIDING

- Pre-pass position—Be far enough behind the vehicle you are passing to see clearly down the road to do an “on-coming traffic check.”
- Signal—If you have a passenger, he or she should signal as well.
- Check your mirrors—Then turn your head to check your blind spot and ensure that no one is passing you.
- Accelerate and change lanes—Remember, legally, you can't exceed the speed limit.
- When returning to your lane—Signal and make a mirror check and head check to be sure there is space between you and all other vehicles. Return to your lane and turn off your blinker.

HAND SIGNALS

- Hand signals need to be simple, easy to learn, and be kept to a bare minimum.
- Either the rider or passenger can relay the signal.
- As soon as you see a signal, you should give the same signal so the rider behind you can see it.
- If the phrase “1/3 of the lane” is used, it is referring to riding in the right or

left track of the lane.

- The following hand signals may not always be used by every group you ride with.

RIGHT TURN

Arm extended straight out, elbow bent, fist clenched.



LEFT TURN

Arm extended straight out.



STOP

Arm extended straight down.



HAZARD IN ROAD

On the right point with right Foot; on the left, point with left hand or foot.



DOUBLE FILE

Arm with index and middle finger extended straight up.



SINGLE FILE

Arm and index finger extended straight up.



SLOW DOWN

Arm extended straight out, palm facing down and moving in a downward motion.



PULL OFF

Arm positioned as for right turn, palm facing down, forearm swung toward shoulder.



FOLLOW ME

Arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward.



NEED FUEL

Arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended.



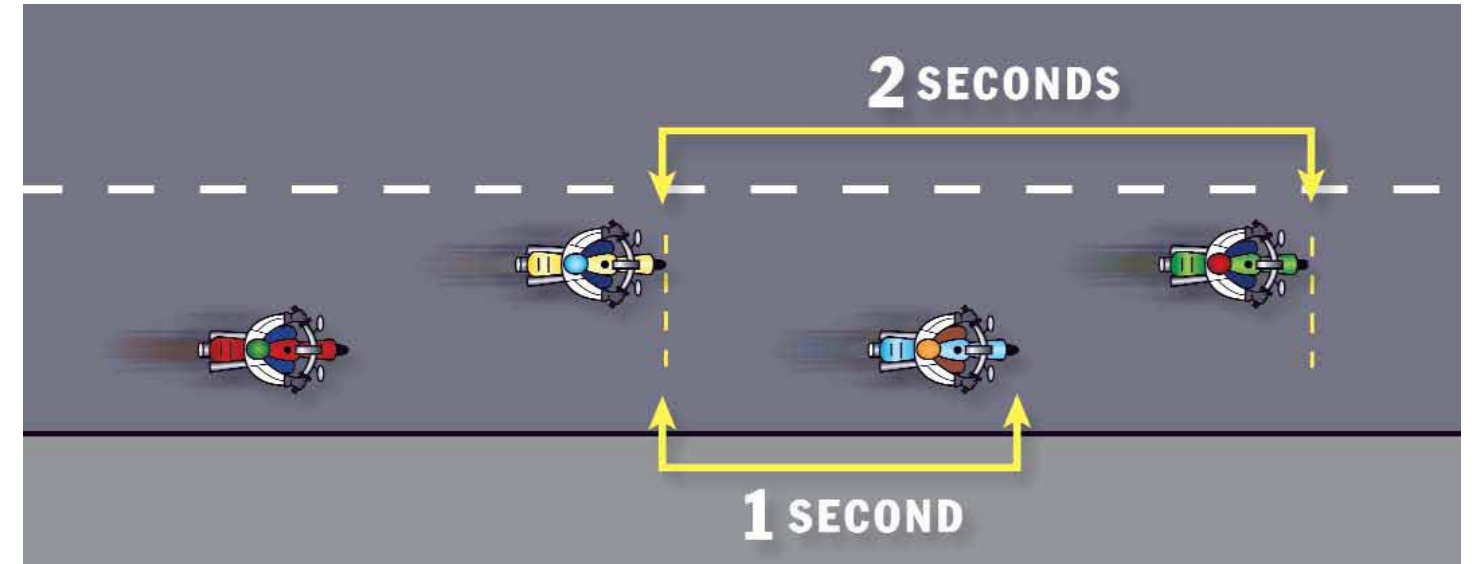
YOU LEAD/COME

Arm extended upward 45 degrees palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front.



Preferred Group Riding Formation

Staggered (see spacing on the next page) The rider immediately to your left or right should have one second of space between you and them. The rider directly in front of you should be at two seconds. This is the correct way to ride in a staggered formation. Trikes and motorcycles with sidecars should ride at the rear of the group.



Stop Light Formation

Pull side-by-side at stop lights and stop as shown below.

Until next month, see you on the road. 608-628-7165 or by Email at safety.boardtrackerhog@gmail.com. Ride safe my friends! 🍀

