

GROUP RIDING
CWMC

GENERAL ORGANIZATIONAL & RESPONSIBILITIES OVERVIEW

ROLE	SUMMARY	
Ride Captain(s) & Coordinators (RC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Has broad and solid knowledge of group riding- BUT, if RC is not available, then the role needs to be assumed by someone else for the ride- Selects the GL(s)- Determines group size (ideal is 3 to 5 normally)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Determines the order of the riders within the group based on their skills, abilities & improvement goals- Determines positions for trikes & trailers- Explains route, stops & expected duration- Observes ride behaviour and assists in education
Ride Organizer(s) (RO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The organizer(s) for any and each ride- Roll may be fulfilled by anyone- May be multiple people for any given ride, or the primary may have assistants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Determines where to meet, start, rest stops, meal breaks, finish- Route planning, including alternate route option(s)- Plans hotel/motel stays, pricing and reservations
Group Leader(s) (GL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Selects the BD- Leadership of the group in transit- Explains the rules of group riding (e.g., staggered; 2-sec rule; use of hand/foot signals- Invokes 3-sec (or more) rule for twisties & single file, etc.- Conducts visual check of all bikes in group- Completes CB check for group- Verifies group readiness for departure (generally the 'follow me' hand signal by all)- CB priority- BD is Primary contact while traveling- 'elastic band effect' minimization- Advises of upcoming intersections, lane changes, ramp exits, stop lights, stop signs – anything that will result in a change to the status of the group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Watches for hazards, and advises same through CB or physical signal- Advises single file for large hazards – e.g., vehicle / pedestrian / bicycle / etc. on shoulder; rough roads; gravel shoulders- Controls lane changes- Uses hand/foot signals (esp. road hazard; single file; staggered file; turn signal; slow down)- Advises "ON YOUR OWN" for certain conditions (e.g., passing a vehicle on 2 lane road; ramp entrance to a highway)- Provides constructive feedback to group, and to individual members of the group- Coaches others in 'Group Leader' role- Debriefs with BD after ride
Group 'Back Door' (BD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- aka 'tail gunner', 'drag'- CB priority- GL is primary contact- Assists GL in maintaining the integrity of the group- Assists GL in managing lane changes- Available to stop & assist if roadside incident (new rear of group should be capable of assuming BD role)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coach others in group riding skills per observation- Provide constructive feedback to group, and to individual members of the group- Coaches others in 'Back Door' role- Debriefs with GL after ride
Group Member (GM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tanks full, bladder empty, tire pressure correct, bike safe to ride- On-time readiness- Staggered formation unless otherwise advised- Maintains the 2 and 3 sec rules as applicable- "Doubles up" (parade formation) at stop signs and stop lights- Conveys hand/foot signals to following rider- Changes lanes as directed by GL; normally the group executes lane changes as directed and with the GL moving first, followed in succession by others in the group (notwithstanding this approach, the BD usually secures the lane first)- Responsible for safe lane changes (always uses mirror checks and shoulder checks)- Rides within skill level- Secondary & measured use of CB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Follows instructions of the GL- Supports group integrity and maintains position within group both during ride, and after stops- Understands and learns how to park as part of a group- Uses EXTREME CAUTION if pulling out of the group for any reason- Respects lane change protocol (generally executed by group from front to back)- Learns agreed upon group riding techniques and constantly strives to improve in this area- Advises RC, or GL or BD of any group riding concerns

SAFETY FIRST

we all must assume responsibility for the safety of ourselves and fellow group riders