



Lake County H.O.G. Group Riding Policy

Welcome to a Lake County H.O.G. Group Ride. Riding with friends is a great experience. If you are not a member of Lake County H.O.G., please make sure you complete a release form before starting the ride. To help ensure your ride with us is fun and safe for you and the other riders in our group, please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with our Group Riding Policy, particularly the **correct use** of the **STAGGERED FORMATION**. If you have any questions, please address them to the Road Captain for resolution before the start of the ride. Thanks for joining us. Have a great and safe ride. **The Rules of the Road:**

- ◆ Arrive ready to ride with Full Tank and Empty Bladder
- ◆ Be prepared - clothing, safety equipment, etc...
- ◆ Discipline is REQUIRED during Group Rides to insure EVERYONE'S SAFETY
- ◆ Obey ALL traffic controls
- ◆ Maintain safe speed
- ◆ **Staggered Formation IS the Primary and Default Formation** (unless otherwise indicated) (see separate handout)
- ◆ Single File Formation is used only as needed
- ◆ **NO Lane Splitting** - except when:
 - Starting / Stopping (When Stopped)
 - Formation during official parade ONLY
- ◆ **Don't Pass Motorcycles In Your Lane**
- ◆ Don't block traffic
- ◆ Never argue with larger vehicles – automobiles, 18-wheelers, etc.
- ◆ Ride with headlight ON
- ◆ Keep tight but courteous formation (use 2-second rule)
- ◆ Increase (or decrease) separation between bikes when appropriate
- ◆ STAY ALERT - know YOUR escape route
- ◆ Don't get in over your head—ride your own ride
- ◆ Unless you're the last bike in the Group, don't:
 - Toss Anything From Your Bike
 - Spit
- ◆ Alcohol drinking and riding DO NOT MIX – choose one or the other
- ◆ Road Captains will excuse rider(s) from the Group for ANY of the following reasons:
 - Alcohol or drug use while on a Group Ride
 - Riding in an unsafe manner or an unsafe motorcycle