

Group Riding with Heritage IMRG

This document defines group riding expectations for all participants in riding events with Heritage IMRG. The primary focus of these expectations is the safety of all riders, so all can enjoy the ride.

Safety and General Expectations

- All riders must ride a well-maintained, safe vehicle. Anyone riding a vehicle that could pose a risk to the rider or other riders in the group will be asked to leave the group.
- All riders should wear appropriate safety gear and must follow all applicable laws. Although IMRG strongly encourages wearing a helmet, riders are only required to follow applicable helmet laws.
- Riders are expected to ride in a safe manner, following the group riding guidelines outlined below. Any riders who pose a potential risk to themselves or the group through risky riding or not following group guidelines will be asked to leave the group.
- All Heritage IMRG Rides are substance-free. Any rider appearing or acting altered or under the influence of any intoxicating substance will be asked to leave the group. This includes consuming any alcoholic beverages during the ride or at any stops. Once the ride officially ends, however, riders are free to consume the beverage of their choice.
- When riding with the group, keep in mind that you are representing Heritage IMRG. As such, you are expected to follow all applicable local and state laws and to dress and behave in a manner that sheds a good light on the group.

Group Riding Guidelines

- RIDE YOUR RIDE: always ride within your abilities.
- Follow all directives from the ride leaders. If you cannot do so, politely leave the group and discuss the issue with the leader(s) after the ride.
- Maintain group formation and order throughout the ride, even after rest stops unless asked to do so or cleared by a ride lead.
- Do not pass any rider in the group unless specifically instructed to do so.
- Staggered formation: Lead bike in left tire track, second in right tire track, alternating back through the group. Trikes should ride in the middle of the lane. When in tight formation

(open straightaways or thruways to maintain group continuity), there should be a 2 second interval to the bike ahead of you and 1 second interval to the bike in the opposite tire track ahead of you. As road and traffic conditions warrant, this interval can and should be expanded.

- In curves, the following distance should be expanded, allowing each rider to use the entire lane as needed / desired.
- In tight curves, the ride lead will signal the group to ride in single file (2+ second minimum following distance).
- If a gap opens up ahead of you, you should try to close the gap if a) it is safe for you to do so, and b) you do not have to exceed the speed limit. It is ultimately the responsibility of the ride leaders to close and keep gaps to a minimum.
- Follow all hand signals and pass signals back through the group.
- If you are planning to leave the group at some point during the ride, be sure to let the ride leaders know in advance.
- If you have an issue that requires you to pull over, clearly signal your intention and pull over safely. A ride leader will pull over with you to provide assistance.
- Unless specifically stipulated otherwise, an IMRG Chapter Member may bring a guest to any IMRG Chapter-sponsored Ride. The guest must also follow all of the rules and guidelines of the event.

MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS



LEFT TURN

Arm and hand extending left, palm facing down



RIGHT TURN

Arm out bent at 90° angle up with fist clinched



STOP

Arm out bent at 90° angle down with palm facing back



SLOW DOWN

Arm extended straight out with palm facing down while swinging arm down



SPEED UP

Arm extended straight out with palm facing up while swinging arm upward



HAZARD IN ROAD

On left point with left hand
On right point with right foot



FOLLOW ME

Arm extended straight up with palm facing forward



COME AROUND/ TAKE THE LEAD

Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from back to front



PULL OFF

Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from left to over head



SINGLE FILE

Arm straight up with index finger pointed up



DOUBLE FILE

Arm straight up with index finger and middle finger up



RIDE STAGGERED

Arm straight up with index finger and pinky up



FUEL STOP

Point to fuel tank



COMFORT STOP

Arm extended with clenched fist with short up and down motion



REFRESHMENT STOP

Fingers closed with thumb to mouth