

Welcome + Introduce new riders! Review route, special concerns, signals, and ride staging plan to leave the area. Announce groups: Lead/Sweep, Group sizes, Sena channels.

- **No alcohol or illegal drugs permitted.** (Official ride ends at the destination)
 - **Ride responsibly within the group = Think group safety!**
 - Maintain **correct separation** from the bikes in front of you. Ride staggered formation.
 - Lead will signal for single file formation if conditions warrant (and return to staggered).
 - **Critical!** Immediately pass all signals from those ahead of you to those behind you.
 - Lane Changes: Lead decides the need for it. Sweep initiates the “back-to-front” move.
 - Don’t crowd the rider in front of you, no side-by-side riding, no passing riders, no stunts.
 - **Ride your own ride = You are responsible for your own decisions & safety!**
 - Be alert and constantly scan for potential threats and hazards. Signal them to others.
 - Don’t assume it is safe for **YOU** to proceed just because another bike does.
 - Follow traffic laws; if this splits the group, no problem - Riders in front will wait for you
 - Ride within **YOUR** capability limits; Don’t bow to group pressure to ride over your head.
 - **Frequently look behind you while riding = Care for the biker behind you!**
 - Watch for the person behind you, if you don't see them, slow down or stop until you do
 - A missing bike may indicate a vehicle problem, accident, or separation from a traffic light
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Additional Details

A) Each group rides in staggered formation following these rules:

- **Alignment:** Bikes form up in either the left or right tract from the lane’s center. Each rider can use full width of lane.
- **Correct Separation:** 1 second behind bike in adjacent tract, 2 seconds behind the bike in your tract, 2 seconds behind trikes. Maintain to avoid group “yo-yoing”, and keep group tighter in congested traffic areas.
- **Lane Changes:** Lead decides the need for it and signals (blinkers and hand signals). All riders then signal too, and all wait for the Sweep to decide when to change. Sweep moves first when safe, with riders ahead waiting until those behind have moved. The Lead changes lanes last. **Patience!**
- **Hazards:** Road debris, holes, dogs, etc. Watch for them and immediately signal by hand or foot to those behind you.
- **Passing:** group will pass slower cars & trucks by single file

B) Accident Protocol:

- Lead or Sweep will take control at the accident scene and make time-critical assignments to riders (including 911 call)

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- Gather riders 10min before KSU. Welcome group. Announce destination & mileage.
- Welcome any new riders and/or guests. (Request them to use #2 slot in group)
- Ride officially ends at *"Talk with group lead if you need return home directions"*
- **No alcohol and/or drugs will be permitted on this ride.**

SAFE RIDING INSTRUCTIONS

- Ride in staggered formation. No side-by-side.
 - 2 seconds behind bike in front of you.
 - 1 second behind the bike on your side.
 - Please follow 2 seconds behind trikes.
- Keep groups tight in congested areas. Closer spacing at stoplights, stop signs, & intersections. Help group keep together as much as possible.
- Rider owns the entire width of their lane. Hold lane position (Left/Right Track) but feel free to use entire lane during turning, avoiding debris, and/or road obstacles.
- Watch for "Single File" or "Staggered Formation" hand signals. Follow lead's track.
- Do NOT pass others in your group. Consistent speed/spacing helps avoid Yo-Yo effect.
- Point out road debris = Point with feet and/or hands.
- Lane change = "Back to Front". Pass hand signals back, pause for sweep to secure lane, watch bikes behind you, then proceed with your lane change. (Watch the sweep)
- Pass 18 wheelers single file. Speed up to get past large trucks.
- Ride your own ride = You are responsible for your own driving decisions. Don't blindly pull out and/or make change lanes. Check safe clearances.
- Review classic hand signals.
- If separated from group, be calm, proceed straight. Group leader will slow down, find safe place to pull over, and NOT make turn without you.
- If you need to pull over, please signal to group and safely pull over. No one will be left behind. Sweep stays with you.
- **Watch person behind you! If you don't see them, slow down until you do!**
- If there is an accident, the Leads/Sweeps will take control and make critical assignments. If any assignment makes you uncomfortable = Immediately speak up.
- No cruise control or throttle lock.

REVIEW ROUTE, GROUPS, AND STAGING INSTRUCTIONS

- Route highlights. Safety considerations. Gas and/or Restroom breaks.
- Introduce the Leads & Sweeps. Describe group sizes.
- Discuss ride staging instructions, Sena channels, and departure instructions.
- Please use "Thumbs-up" signal when you are ready to depart.