

# Traffic Signaling



## **LEFT TURN**

Arm and hand  
extending left,  
palm facing down



## **RIGHT TURN**

Arm out bent at 90°  
angle up with fist  
clinched

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## **STOP**

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



## **HAZARD IN ROAD**

On left point  
with left hand

On right point  
with right foot

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## **SINGLE FILE**

Arm straight up  
with index finger  
pointed up



## **DOUBLE FILE**

Arm straight up  
with index finger  
and middle  
finger up

# Speed Control



## **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

# Warnings



## **TURN SIGNAL ON**

Extend arm while  
opening and  
closing hand



## **POLICE AHEAD**

Tap top of head  
or helmet with  
palm of hand

# Ride Control



## **PULL OFF**

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



## **COME AROUND/ TAKE THE LEAD**

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

# Before Starting a Group Ride

- Plan to arrive at starting point on time, with a full tank of fuel.
  - If you've signed up for the ride, the group will wait until the KSU (Kick Stands Up) time before departing. (Assumption is that you're delayed in traffic)
- Ensure that the group has been briefed on the route and destination.
- Larger groups should be broken up into multiple groups to minimize being separated by other traffic.
- Determine who should be the leader of the group(s) and who will sweep.
- Trikes should ride at the end of the group to minimize road debris from hitting other bikes. (Two larger tires kicks up more debris.)

# Starting a Group Ride

- Line up in a staggered formation.
- Raise your hand in a “thumbs up” gesture when your engine is started and you’re ready to ride.

# During a Group Ride

- Maintain a staggered formation unless the lead rider gives a “single file” hand signal.
- Use both your turn signals and hand signals when turning, slowing and stopping.
- Try to maintain a safe, consistent distance from the bike in front of you. If possible, use the “2 second rule” to determine your distance.

# Leading a Group Ride

- Ride leaders should attempt to keep the group together throughout the ride.
  - Watch for separation at turns, traffic lights and when other traffic mixes into the groups.
  - If a separation occurs slow down to enable separated group members to rejoin the group.
- Keep track of your sweep to ensure that the group is still together.
- Avoid going faster than posted or recommended speed limits to provide less experienced riders a more enjoyable experience.

# At the End of a Group Ride

- Remember – No alcohol until the ride is declared over.
- Share your questions, enjoyable experiences and suggestions for improving a ride with other members of the group.
  - Do not use it as a complaint session. Use it as an opportunity to suggest ways to improve the group's experience.