



Group Social Riding



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Introduction

- Social rides should
 - Be fun, that's why we ride motorcycles!
 - Sociable, meet other Group members
 - Use enjoyable roads over comfortable distances
 - Visit interesting venues
 - Support rider skill progression



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SR Policy & Principles

- Legal - Run within the laws of the road
- Open to all members & guests
- Publish
 - Named organiser
 - Starting point & leaving time
 - Destination & route for GPS devices
- Organiser will Meet & Greet
 - Collect info, organise & despatch groups



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Rider Responsibilities

- Really helpful to pre-register
 - No show better than just turning up
- Know the route & have a copy of it
- Be ready to go at stated time
- Full tank, empty bladder
- Provide contact and ICE phone numbers
- Find own way home

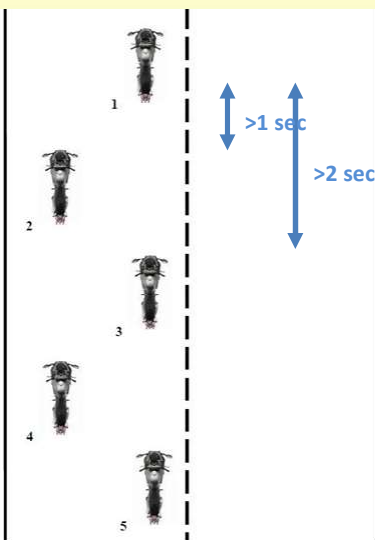


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Group Riding Techniques: Staggering



When safe to do so

- Open roads
- Dual carriageways
- Very useful in towns

Adapt to conditions

- Traffic
- Road

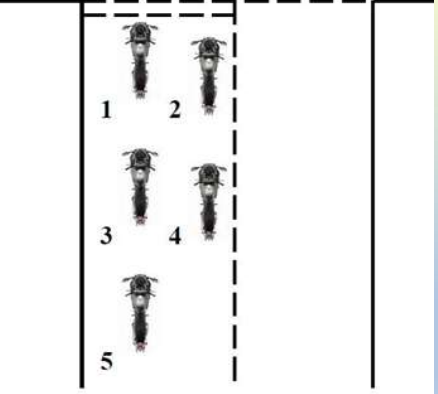
Always position for safety

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Group Riding Techniques: Junction Left Turn



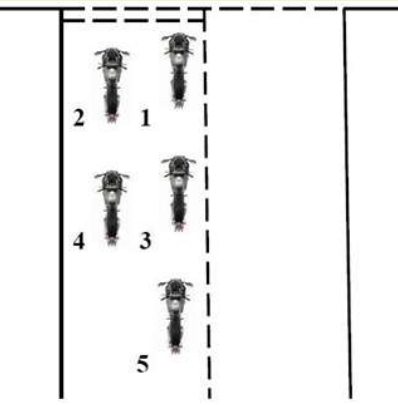
- Close up
- Lead bike near-side position
- Move off in pairs
 - Individual decision



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Group Riding Techniques: Junction Right Turn or Straight On



- Close up
- Lead bike off-side position
- Move off in pairs
 - Individual decision

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Group Riding Techniques: Overtaking

Always as an *individual*

- Overtaking
 - *Landing space?*
 - *Space for following rider?*
 - *First rider move to near-side?*



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Group Riding Techniques: Filtering

Keep your speed differential low and always identify safe landing points as you progress along a line.

Don't forget the cheery hand raise – especially if traffic has moved and made room for you.



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Group Riding Systems

- Keep rider behind in your mirror
 - Adjust speed or stop to keep them in sight
- Drop-off
 - Leader & Tail-end Charlie
 - Second rider drops-off to mark deviation
- Mark deviation
 - Ride your own pace
 - Stop where safe for following rider to see turn-off



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Group Riding Systems ***BUT***

- Follow the Leader / Rider in front even when you know they've gone wrong!
- You have route and destination, so make your own way there
- If you abandon ride, let organiser know you are safe and not in a ditch!



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Summary

- SR does not apply a particular system!
- Ride your own ride
 - Within your own limits
 - For your own safety
 - For your own enjoyment
- ***Suffolk Riders accepts no liability for loss, damage or injury suffered by any participant on a Group Ride***



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