

## Sun Angels Chapter Group Riding Guidelines

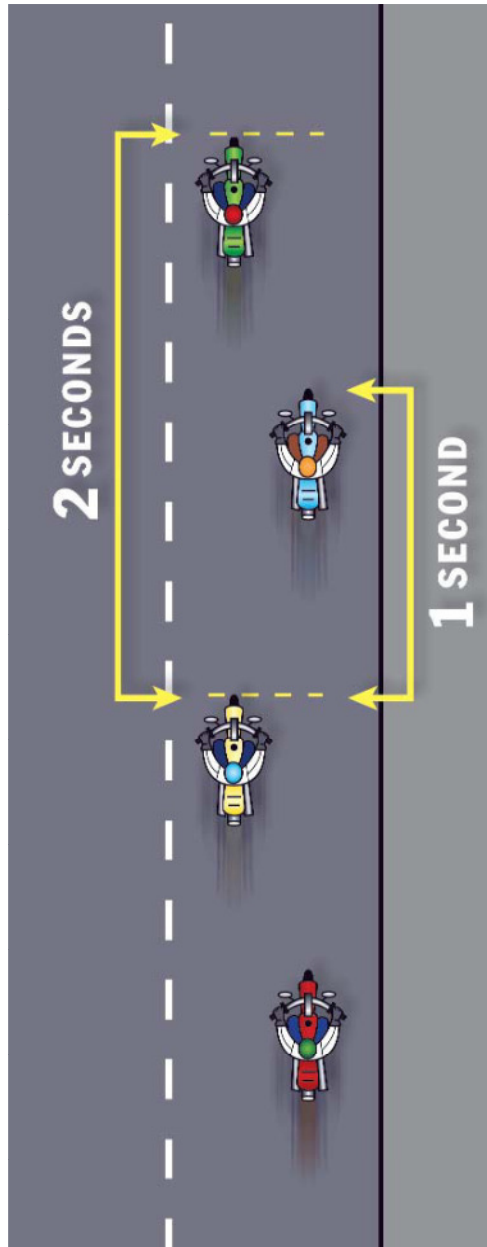
Group riding is a great experience when common sense, respect for fellow bikers, and safety prevails. Please review these riding rules for your personal and group riding safety.

1. Do a bike safety check before the ride. Check your oil, check your tire pressure and fill your gas tank. Your bike should be in good running condition before participating in a group ride.
2. When a ride is scheduled, be on time. You are given a 30 minute window to arrive. If you are not there by the time KSU is scheduled, you will either have to catch up with the group along the route, or meet them at the next scheduled stop or final destination. No one wants to spend their riding time waiting in a parking lot for you to arrive. We are a riding group...not a waiting group!
3. Sometimes things happen that you cannot control. If you know you are going to be late to a ride, call and let someone know what is going on. As long as you do not make a habit of it, we will wait for you when possible.
4. No attitudes allowed while with the group. We will not always agree on everything. The only thing we know that we share is the love of riding. Majority always rules.
5. Bikers who choose to ride in a group must do just that, ride with the group. If a navigational mistake is made (e.g., missed turn or exit), continue with the group until the error can be safely corrected.
6. A staggered riding formation, with an experienced Road Captain leading on the left, is the standard protocol for this group (**See diagram 'A' on page 2**)
7. Follow the "two-second rule" to achieve proper spacing while riding in the staggered formation. Avoid side-by-side (axle-to-axle) riding, which reduces the space cushion between bikers. If a biker suddenly needs to swerve to avoid a hazard, she will not have room to do so. (**See diagram 'A' on page 2**)
8. If a vehicle wants to break through the group on a multi-lane road, give them space to safely do so. Close formation once the vehicle exits the lane. If the vehicle does not move, cautiously and carefully pass to reform. Bikers do not own the road. Be considerate of other vehicles. Give them space.
9. Novice and inexperienced bikers will ride in the middle of the group until they are comfortable riding in a group.
10. Know the hand signals, and pay attention to them. Signals are to be passed back by every biker so that everyone is informed. (**See diagram 'B' on pages 3 & 4**)
11. If you do not wish to stay with the group at the end of or during the ride, wait until all bikes are parked before leaving the group and always inform the Road Captain before you leave.
12. Report noncompliance of any group-riding rule to a Road Captain...a life may depend on it.

If you are not able to or are unwilling to abide by these rules, you should not participate in group riding. Riding in an unsafe manner **WILL NOT** be tolerated. Remember, if you go down, bikers behind you will likely go down too. If that happens and a vehicle is riding too closely behind the group...need I say more

The safety of the group is everyone's responsibility. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS... EVER!**

# Diagram 'A' Correct Stagger Formation & the Two-Second Rule



## Diagram 'B' Group Hand Signals

**Stop** - arm extended straight down, palm facing back



**Single File** - arm and index finger extended straight up



**Turn Signal On** - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended



**Slow Down** - arm extended straight out, palm facing down



**Double File** - arm with index and middle finger extended straight up



**Fuel** - arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended



**Speed Up** - arm extended straight out, palm facing up



**Hazard in Roadway** - on the right, point with right foot; on the left, point with left hand



## Diagram 'B' Group Hand Signals Continued

**Refreshment Stop** - fingers closed, thumb to mouth



**You Lead/Come** - arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front



**Highbeam** - tap on top of helmet with open palm down



**Comfort Stop** - forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion



**Follow Me** - arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward



**Pull Off** - arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder

