

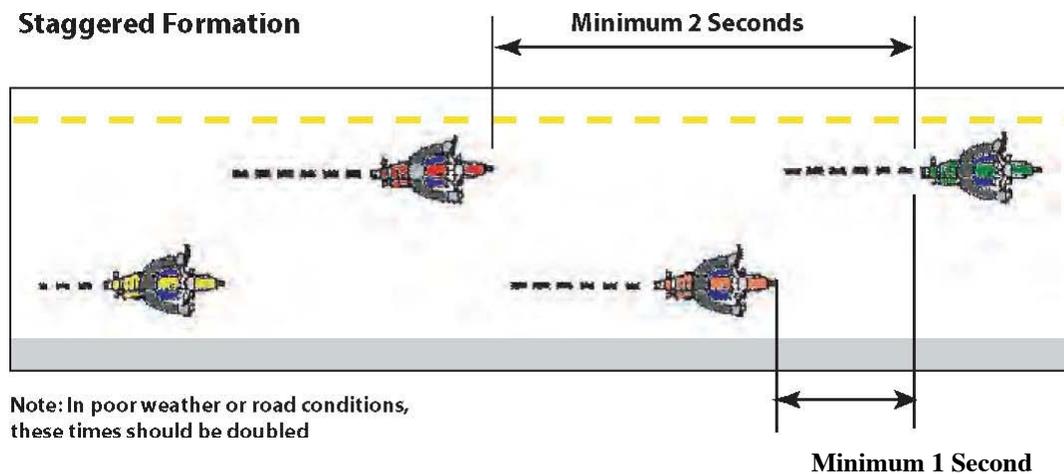


## Riding with the Indian Motorcycle Rider's Group (IMRG), Barrie, Chapter 1916

During group rides, safety and fun are our main concerns. The following guidelines were designed to help ensure the safety of all riders. Please review the following before your first group ride and ask the Road Officer if you have any questions or concerns.

### General Rules

- 1) All our group rides will have a designated Road Officer. Our Road Officers have years of riding experience. The Road Officer may be the Ride Leader, or that may be designated to another member who has planned the ride. The Road Officer is the *de facto* safety officer for the ride. A second member (possibly a Road Officer) will be at the back of the group and is called the "Tail Rider". The Tail Rider will communicate with the Ride Leader if the group gets split up and will stop with anyone that has to leave the group due to mechanical issues or other reasons.
- 2) We typically ride in staggered formation; (See illustration below) Even though a rider has one side of the lane, the entire lane is theirs. If they need more room for a curve or to avoid a pothole or road obstruction, that entire lane is theirs. When the road straightens out or they are past the obstruction, they move back to staggered formation.



- 3) IMRG 1916 rides are dry. Please don't indulge in alcohol or cannabis (or other intoxicants) while on a ride, or you will be asked to leave. Sometimes the ride will have a planned end at an establishment where adult beverages and food may be had, but that is the end of the ride, you're riding home on your own.
- 4) We tend to ride at up to 10Km over the speed limit at times, to ensure we are limiting the backup of cars behind us. Otherwise we obey all traffic laws, signs and signals.
- 5) We try not to travel on 400 series highways (they're boring), however there are times when this is necessary, all group riders must agree to this before heading out.

- 6) We will put our riders in Single File for anything that may inhibit the road. i.e. bicycles, cars pulled over, walkers, animals, slow moving vehicles, tractors, etc. When traveling Single File, riders should position themselves in line with the Ride Leader and adjust speed to allow for more distance between riders.
  - 7) No reckless, inconsiderate or dangerous behavior will be permitted at any time. Any riders not adhering to this rule will be asked to leave the group immediately.
  - 8) Always portray a positive image to other motorists and pedestrians. In the IMRG, we feel we can help to minimize the negative image that some have of motorcycles. This also gives us an opportunity to boost the brand and help our sponsors, Peak Powersports, and Indian of Barrie. This can be as simple as saying hi to those we meet or waving at children as we pass.
  - 9) We always ride only as fast as is comfortable for the slowest rider. Never feel you must ride above your comfort level. The group will adjust if you need to slow down.
  - 10) We use several common hand signals. This helps all riders to be aware of what is coming up. The most common signals are outlined on the following page.
  - 11) During group rides we try to stop every 90 minutes or less, to stretch, fill up with gas, and ensure everyone is enjoying the ride. Please ensure you let the Lead Rider know if you need to stop more frequently. When Scouts are in the mix a 200 km maximum range is obligatory.
  - 12) Please ensure you have a full tank and an empty bladder when you arrive for group rides.
- We hope you enjoy riding with the IMRG Barrie Chapter 1916.

## Common Hand Signals

Here are the main signals that are used while group riding. The Ride Leader will initiate the signals and all riders will pass back the signal to ensure all riders are aware of the Lead Rider's signals.



**Left Turn:** arm extended straight out to the left



**Right Turn:** arm extended out and up at 90 degrees



**Slow Ahead:** Arm out and down at 45 degree angle. Hand moves up & down.



**Stop:** Arm extended out and down at 90 degrees



**Single File:** Arm extended up with single finger



**Staggered Formation:** Arm extended up with little finger and thumb



**Hazard Left:** Extend leg 45 degrees



**Hazard Right:** Extend leg 45 degrees



**Tighten formation:** Hand raised/open and close fist



**Turn signal off:** Hand down - open and close fist



**Emergency Stop:** Tap top of helmet with closed fist