



NJCMC Club Rules and Safe Riding Techniques

ALL NJC MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Valid Motorcycle License**
- 2. Valid Motorcycle Insurance**
- 3. Valid Motorcycle Registration**
- 4. Maintaining a Safe Motorcycle**

All motor vehicle laws must be obeyed as a bare minimum level of performance; and of course, we expect safety to be paramount.

NJCMC: RIDE “CODE OF CONDUCT”

*****In order to help ensure the safety and enjoyment of all riders, we encourage Ride Leaders and Ride Participants to follow these suggestions:**

MOTORCYCLE PRE-RIDE CHECKLIST

1. Check Tire Air Pressure and adjust as necessary.
2. Check Tires for Damage or Excessive Wear
3. Check Engine Oil Level
4. Arrive at the departure destination with a Full Tank of Gas and an empty bladder
5. Wear/Bring Proper Riding Attire (Anticipate changing weather conditions)

FOR RIDE LEADERS:

1. Provide a description for each ride on the Chat Calendar including approximate mileage or time duration
2. Notify Club via Chat Site if ride is to be postponed or cancelled at least 2 hours prior to departure time
3. Conduct Pre-Ride meeting with assembled riders and review any special ride issues/requirements (i.e. EZ-Pass or Toll Amounts, unique road conditions to be encountered, parking issues if any at destination, approximate time to first stop, announce use of CB channel 24, etc.)
4. Announce at every ride that any rider who has not signed the Club's liability waiver is NOT riding with the Club but is only following it.
5. Confirm who will serve as "Backdoor".
6. Confirm CB connection with "Backdoor" and other equipped riders via CB check.

MOTORCYCLE GROUP RIDING SAFETY GUIDELINES

1. Ride in a staggered formation when conditions permit and stay in your half of the lane
2. Maintain a 2 second following distance with the bike directly in front of you
3. Do not pass others unless completely necessary
4. Rider directly behind the ride leader should maintain at least a 4 second following distance to allow for sudden turns or braking
5. On curvy roads a single formation should be used. The signal to switch to a single formation is the right hand raised directly overhead
6. Avoid painted lines in wet conditions (slippery when wet)
7. Roadways are slickest at the beginning of rain particularly the center track where oil spots from vehicles tends to concentrate
8. Watch for road hazards - pot holes, road kill, leaves, gravel, etc. Signal following riders via CB or hand/foot indications.
9. Ride **ONLY to YOUR SKILL LEVEL & COMFORT** on every ride. Let the Ride Leader, Back Door or any Club Officer know if you are not comfortable with the pace of the ride.

DAD SYSTEM

Defensive - Always assume anything in front of you or behind you is a road hazard. Be prepared for Anything. Pay attention!!! Watch the road!!!

Anticipate - Always look ahead of you to see if a hazard will or will not become a problem. Keeps your eyes moving!!!

Decide - Be prepared to make the safe, correct decision on how to avoid the hazard. Know your “outs”!!!

RULES for Club Members and Guests:

“All Riders Welcome, No Attitudes”

1. No Drugs, weapons, etc.
2. No alcohol or **drug** consumption during Club day rides
3. **Members are responsible to be ready and in good condition to ride. It is recommended therefore to avoid excessive alcohol consumption during Club overnights**
4. **At group dinners, unless on a separate check, members can order 1 drink on the group tab. Additional drinks must be paid for separately**
5. **Members behavior should always be respectful and situationally appropriate. Each of us represents the entire Club and we strive to be welcomed back wherever we go**
6. **Abide by all Motor Vehicles Rules and Regulations while participating in Club Rides**
7. **Maintain a Safe Motorcycle and Use Safe Riding Techniques**
8. **When we ride together we watch out for and respect each other**