

Tahoe Blue Riders - "Code of Conduct"

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1. Know where the rider behind you is & remember it is your responsibility to make sure the person behind you doesn't get lost.
2. Know how many riders are in the group & know if you are the last rider. If you don't know you are the last rider you won't know if you left someone behind (If everyone in the group can't follow these guidelines then use the designated Lead & Caboose method).
3. Intersections that "obviously" go straight, assume the group went straight.
4. Intersections that turn or fork, wait there until the next rider sees you make the turn.
5. Don't assume the rider behind you saw you make the turn, if you're not sure then hand signal them & don't go on until they signal back (As a courtesy don't wait for the rider in front of you to hand signal, signal them 1st so they can go on).
6. Use "common sense" on long stretches of roadway & check back every once in a while to make sure you know where the rider behind you is. Even though they might not see you at least you still know where they are.
7. If it is apparent the rider behind you is not coming then go back to where you saw them last or the last location of a complete group. Don't keep going forward or go off looking for them, the rest of the group will come back to you. If the group doesn't get back together within a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour then go into search & rescue mode.
8. Stay off or far to the side of the road when waiting so not to create a traffic hazard.
9. If you get lost, stuck, broke-down, hurt, etc., stop & wait there the group will come to you.
10. Don't take off from the group without letting someone in the group know as this could cause a catastrophe! Decide "As a Group" when to break up.
11. Riding in a "staggered formation" allows a tighter group at the safest following distance.
12. Keep in the right lane except to pass.
13. When passing multiple vehicles keep your left turn signal on until you are finished passing the last vehicle.
14. Point at hazards in the road (if safely possible) like pot holes, gravel, debris, deer, etc. to alert the rider behind you.
15. Let riders pass that want to & don't follow too close! If a rider cuts in front of you drop back, if you hit the rider in front of you it IS your fault! We are not in a race, go to a track for that.