

WHAM Group Riding Framework

*“The best fun way of
improving your riding
whilst maintaining
advanced skills”*

1 WHAM- Group Riding Learning Points

- Recognise the Advanced Test is one-on-one NOT Group focused.
- Review the dangers from Bikesafe Video. Including; Tunnel Vision, Following Focus etc.
- Consider what the Police do in the event of a serious Accident.

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2 Human Factors – Reminder

Rider - Level of experience, health, Individual Discipline, Own Decisions, etc.

Motorcycle – MPOWDERS, New Tyres, Change of Bike.

Journey – It is an official IAMRS Ride.

Wider World – Flag rider hazards.

5 Group Riding Skills (GRS) – Open Road

- Leader generally has best view.
- Apply the 2 second rule.
- Remember; Safety bubble, Progress & Restraint etc.
- If busy/traffic avoid pressure to keep up.
- Ride own Ride, Make own decisions.
- Leaders aim to keep group together by scanning, pace/acceleration sense etc.
- Remember “safe waiting at next junction” policy for delayed riders.
- See Marking the Route Diagram.

8 GRS – How to change position in a Group

- Agree prior to the start of the ride.
- Only overtake lead rider if agreed and when signalled to do so by lead rider.
- Rider in front waves through to avoid surprises.
- Riders overtake one at a time.
- Be safe, be considerate.

3 Initial Briefing (CO or NO)

- Ride your own ride and make your own decisions, always be safe and legal.
- Resist any pressure to “keep up”.
- Identify members **new** to Group Riding & those who’ve not ridden for a while.
- Know who does not know the route or destination.
- Identify any circumstances or hazards on the day.

6 GRS – In & approaching Towns & Villages

- Staggered formation as appropriate to keep group together when negotiating lights, Roadworks etc. BUT requires heightened awareness & good slow riding skills.
- Lead Rider to consider stopping on the nearside at temp lights, road works etc. to make room for the riders behind via a group staggered stop.

9 GRS – When to let another Group through There are 2 Options:

- The “catch-up group” leader may decide to **stop** to maintain group separation.
- However if the following group is making better progress, the **last rider** in the leading group will be in the best position to signal by moving to Position-1 on the road, when safe to let them through.

4 Group Briefings

- Agree initial lead rider & who is **new**.
- Understand who has the Sat Nav route & those who have not.
- Agree group rotation or not.
- Exchange mobile numbers & check if anyone wants to leave the group early.
- Aim to keep the group together.
- Ensure rider behind sees all changes of direction.

7 GRS – Overtaking (OT)

- Decide for yourself when safe to overtake.
- Following rider OTs when safe & clear.
- Never just follow a Rider who is overtaking.
- See diagram in comprehensive Framework pack for safe positioning when a group is about to overtake.

10 GRS - When to stop your group

- At anytime any rider wishes to do so.
- If it is to support another member of the group. eg.If something is clearly wrong with the rider, or machine, or journey etc.
- For a safety issue.