



**North Jersey Cruisers
(Safe Driving Techniques & Rules of the Club)**

IN ORDER TO BECOME A MEMBER OF NJC, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Valid Motorcycle License
- 2) Valid Insurance
- 3) Valid Registration
- 4) Safe vehicle

All motor vehicle laws must be obeyed and observed 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 leaders and ride participants to follow these suggestions.

FOR RIDE LEADERS:

1. Give participants a brief overview of the run:
 - Your riding style, number of stops (rest and gas), and route preview
 - Any group riding instructions you want them to follow (ride protocol)
 - 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.

2. When stops are made, indicate to the group how long the stop is for and when the group will leave.
3. Remember, you are not riding solo. Be aware of the riders following you. If riders blow their horns, pull over and stop (group has become separated or there is a problem).
4. At the lunch stop, inform group of departure time, return route, stops, and where you consider the ride over. Don't leave anyone behind.

FOR RIDE PARTICIPANTS:

1. Please follow the ride protocol specified by the leader.
2. Be prompt, ready to ride, with a full tank of gas. Whether needed or not, refuel at the gas stop. Don't expect a special gas stop just for you.
3. Keep a tight but safe formation. Having to constantly stop to regroup is dangerous and annoying to both the leader and the other riders.
4. Check your rearview mirror often. You are responsible to alert the group if you lose contact with the rider behind you.
5. If you do not plan on doing the entire run, or plan on taking off on your own after the lunch stop, let the leader know. Don't just leave.
6. It is not required to register for rides; however, ride leaders do appreciate it if you post on the NJC CHAT your intention to attend or not.

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS THAT WE RECOMMEND:

- 1) **Inspect Vehicle Before Riding:**
 - a) Check tires for defects or pressure
 - b) Check Brakes and Fluid
 - c) Check Signals and Lights
 - d) Check Oil
 - e) Check Cables and Chain
- 2) **Wear Proper Riding Gear:**
 - a) DOT Approved Helmet, Goggles or Visor
 - b) Jacket, Long Pants, Boots, Gloves

NORTH JERSEY CRUISERS RIDING SYSTEM:

DAD System

Defensive

Always assume anything in front of you, or behind you is a road hazard. Be prepared for anything

Anticipate

Always look ahead of you to see if a hazard will or will not become a problem.

Decide

Be prepared to make the safe, correct decision on how to avoid the Hazard.

Riding in a Group:

- 1) Use the DAD System actively in groups
- 2) Ride in staggered formation
 - a) (At least 2 seconds following distance from bike in front.)
- 3) Do not pass others unless completely necessary
- 4) Learn Hand-Signals and/or use communicators
- 5) Beginner Riders stay towards the front, to minimize potential collisions

RULES:

"All Bikers Welcome, No Attitudes"

- 1) No Drugs, weapons, Etc.
- 2) Abide by all the Motor Vehicle Rules and Regulations while participating in our group runs
- 3) .Use Safe Driving techniques
- 4) Examples: No wheelies, burnout's, illegal passing, reckless driving, etc.