

## PDMR Group Riding Fundamentals

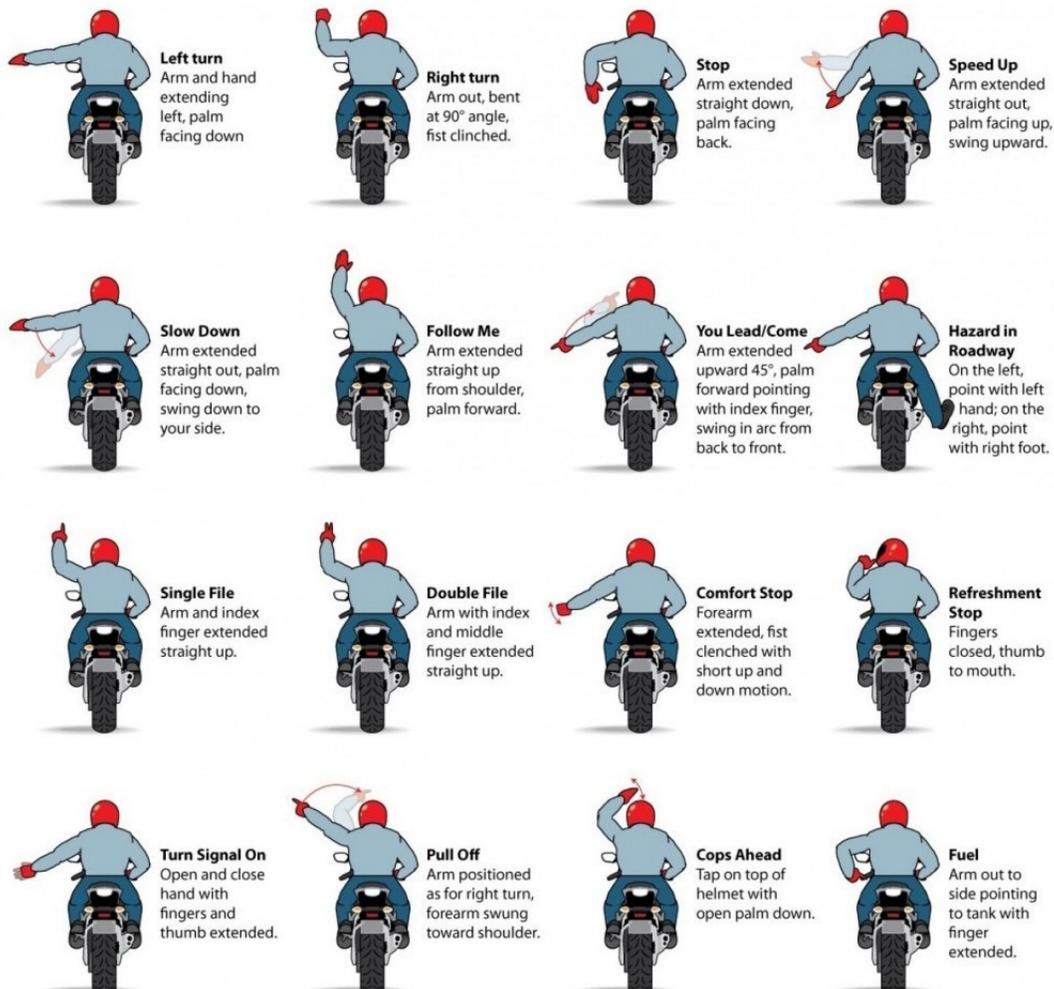
**Arrive prepared.** Arrive on time with a full gas tank.

**Ride Coordinator and Sweep.** Each Group Ride will have a Ride Coordinator, who will discuss key items of information in a pre-departure meeting, and a Sweep who is the rider last in line whose job is to ensure everyone else in the group ride arrives at the destination safely.

**Riders' Meeting** will be held before the start of each ride. The Ride Coordinator will discuss things like the route, rest and fuel stops and hand signals (see below).

**Waiver of Liability Forms** must be on file for any Member that is participating in a ride, guest riders and passengers. Ride Coordinators will carry Waiver of Liability forms and ensure that they are signed before the ride begins.

**Hand Signals** used by the PDMR . . .



**Ride in Formation.** The staggered riding formation (see diagram below) allows a proper space cushion between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver and to react to hazards. There are two stacks (aka columns) in a lane that are staggered. Each stack is dedicated to their individual wheel track or lane of travel within the lane.

The Leader rides in the left third of the lane, while the next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane; the rest of the group follows the same pattern. A single-file formation with a minimum 2-second following distance is preferred on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.

**If a rider leaves during the ride,** the stack directly behind the missing rider will move up to fill the gap. Riders should never cross over or change stacks.

