

Second 'Man' Drop Off System

At start of the ride a lead rider is nominated - Lead Rider (**Lead**)

A tail end rider is nominated - Tail End Charlie (**TEC**)

Both should be easily identifiable and identified to rest of group

Neither of these riders will change their position through the ride

When travelling straight ahead follow the road

When a junction is reached the second rider (rider behind **Lead**) will stop and indicate to other riders which direction to take

(Generally this will be whenever the turn is off the 'road ahead')

The 'second rider' will remain in place until **TEC** arrives, at which point they can set off becoming second to last rider (**TEC** remains last rider) until the next junction/turn is encountered

By adopting this system it allows riders of all abilities to ride safely in the group

There is no pressure to play catch up or keep rider ahead or behind in view

There is no need to 'jump' red lights or exceed the speed limit

Overtaking is allowed, but must be done safely, lawfully and with due consideration to other group members and road users - it is not a race

On open roads ride in 'staggered' formation, offset from the rider in front - this allows safer stopping distances and takes up less road space keeping the group together

When travelling in built up areas such as towns close up and ride a little closer

At traffic lights pull up two abreast - this takes up less space and assists in getting through the lights more efficiently as a group