

# Ulysses Club Adelaide Branch Ride Protocol (14/8/21)

## The emphasis on Branch rides is:

- Safe riding
- Ride cohesion - sticking together
- Respect for the rules of the road
- Having fun
- A morning tea stop (socialising)
- A lunch stop (more socialising)

To that end, we follow the points below.

## Note that this document is a guide, not direction.

## It contains the expectations of riders on Ulysses Adelaide Branch outings.

### Ride Leader

- Plan the ride beforehand. Minimise use of gravel/dirt sections.
- Wear a bright orange hi-vis jacket (or the pillion does).
- Before departure, give a short briefing, including the morning tea & lunch destinations, and a brief description / reminder on how the “corner marshal’ system works.
- Ensure there is a TEC for the ride or preferably two, unless there are very few riders.
- Record the phone numbers of the TECs.
- Post on *WhatsApp*, the morning tea destination, preferably well before the ride.  
(It’s helpful if this can be provided to the webmaster beforehand for the web and calendar.)
- After the ride, send a ride report to the webmaster. Include a count of the bikes.

### Corner Marshal

- At a road corner, the ride leader indicates direction and where a corner marshal is needed.
- The next rider after the leader stops and indicates to following riders, the direction to turn, using indicator and raised arm.
- If you think the ride leader missed allocating a corner marshal, just do it.
- Stay on the corner until the TECs arrive (or someone sent back for you).  
If you wait 20 mins with no TECs, check *WhatsApp* for information/instructions.
- Rejoin the ride just ahead of the TECs.
- If you don’t want to be corner marshal, don’t ride next behind the ride leader.

### Tail End Charlie(s) (TECs)

Each ride has at least one TEC, usually two. Their primary role is to ensure any mishaps that occur to riders are attended to ASAP.

- Wear a bright orange hi-vis jacket (or the pillion does).
- Carry a First Aid Kit.
- Record the Ride Leader’s phone number.
- Always remain at the rear of the ride.
- Flash head lights when approaching a corner marshal.
- In event of a mishap, one TEC stays to help, the other continues as TEC.
- If both TECs need to stay behind, one rides to the nearest corner marshal to hand over TEC duties to that person, along with the fluoro vest. That person rides off as the new TEC.
- If there is an issue, contact the ride leader and other riders via *WhatsApp* and phone call.

## **Mob Up**

The aim of a 'mob up' is to keep the ride together, if the ride leader deems it necessary.

- The ride leader stops at an appropriate safe location on the side of the road with both indicator lights flashing.
- All riders stop on the side of the road behind the ride leader.
- One TEC rides past the ride leader to show that the last of the bikes has arrived. Alternatively, the ride leader preempts on seeing the whole group behind.
- The ride leader rides off.
- Riders pull out and join the ride with care, looking out for approaching vehicles.
- The TEC out front rejoins as the last rider.

## **Riders**

- Arrive at the start point with a full tank of fuel, in time to hear the ride leader's briefing.
- If you aren't in the appropriate *WhatsApp* group, record the ride leader's phone number.
- Follow the road rules.
- Ride safely and respectfully, at a pace which doesn't unduly slow the ride or cause problems for other riders.
- Pass other riders with care, not surprising them. Never pass inside on a one lane road.
- Be mindful of following riders and whether they want to pass. Keep left if appropriate.
- If you come to a corner with no corner marshal, or you get lost, just ride direct to the next morning tea or lunch stop.
- In the event of an 'off' or incident, take direction from the TEC(s). All but allocated helpers, stay with the ride.
- Let a TEC know if you are leaving the ride.
- Only pass the ride leader if leaving the ride.

## **WhatsApp**

It is useful if riders have *WhatsApp* on their smartphone, and are in the relevant group: '*Ulysses Adelaide Sunday Rides*' or '*On Any Wednesday*'.

- To join the Sunday group, SMS or phone Rob on 0422 114 225, or for the Wednesday group, John on 0407 794 147.
- If you see or suffer a mishap on the ride, let the group know via *WhatsApp*.
- If there is undue delay somewhere, check *WhatsApp* to see if something is posted.
- Check *WhatsApp* before the ride, for any applicable info.