



MARDI GRAS 2012 - PARADE RIDE RULES

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Welcome to Mardi Gras 2012. We intend to make it as safe and fun for all concerned. Please read this carefully as it contains all necessary information.

MEETING POINT

All riders and pillioners need to arrive **BETWEEN 3PM & 4.30PM** at the Coach Turning Bay, Driver Ave, Moore Park. This is place where we normally pull up to unload our helmets and jackets.

* You will all be required to go through our check point, where your bike will be checked for a **registration** label and your **licence will be checked**. You will receive flags, head light gels, security bands and a bag to put your belongings in. This will ensure your bike gear and helmet are secure during the parade ride. You will then be given directions to your team colour where you can prepare your bike for the parade ride and meet your Ride Leaders.

* **Roadworthy:** Please make sure that your bike is roadworthy, able to withstand slow riding, stop start clutch work and also **REGISTERED** with registration label showing!! (No Trade Plates). No valid registration label = NO RIDE!

* **Fuel up:** Before the run ensure that your bike is filled up with the appropriate petrol, oil, and water and that your tyres are to the correct pressure.

* **All road rules Apply:** By Law **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR LICENCE ON YOU AT ALL TIMES!!** NO LICENCE = NO RIDE!! Even after you have put your helmet away in the bag area, keep your licence on your person during the parade. There will be police checks before parade starts. If you are on your L or P Plates, by law, in NSW, you are unable to carry a pillion irrespective of age or other State licensing. Please respect Dykes on Bikes by adhering to this law.

* **Drugs and alcohol:** No drugs, other than your personal prescription permitted, for personal use only. Please be aware that police dogs will be checking parade equipment including you and your Bike.

* You will be breath tested by the police, be aware that all breath tests can also be random drug tests. This is every day law, not just a Mardi Gras law. Your licence, your choice!

ON THE PARADE ROUTE

We will be riding up the parade route and back down again. We will run at a constant speed of 15km/h.

* All licensed motorcycle riders **MUST be capable of performing a slow speed U TURN within a width of 3 traffic lanes**, without the need to stop, foot paddle or push the bike in the turn.

* **No trick riding:** your feet must remain on your foot pegs at all times, bottoms on seats at all times, all pillioners and riders must remain seated during the ride on the parade route and the parade itself

* No tailgating your fellow riders ever!

* On the parade route you will ride **3 Abreast**, until the U turn then filter down to one for the u turn. Once you have completed the U Turn you will reform up **3 abreast**

* The **preparation for the turn** in start central will commence in the lane closest to the gutter on the left (south) side of Oxford St. The permissible turning circle within Whitlam Square will be marked off with Traffic Cones.

* It is imperative to the timing of the completion of the run that all riders **MUST** be able to perform this turn safely at slow speed. A fall in this area could endanger other riders, volunteers and spectators in the area especially if a collision was to occur from a following bike. We will have DOB crew here to assist if this occurs.

* If there is an emergency on the parade route you will form into single file.

* You will not ride in the emergency lane

* **If you breakdown** on the Parade route push your bike off to the side and wait for the support vehicles on second pass. They will pick you up. If your bike restarts (such as simple overheating) **DO NOT RIDE THROUGH THE RANKS** to rejoin your colour group. Simply join whatever group is next to you.

THERE IS **NO SPEEDING ALONG PARADE ROUTE** & never overtake another bike(s). The speed limit for all vehicles is 15kph.

*** No bikes will stop in the bus lanes during the run, in either Direction!!!!**

*** ALL PILLIONS** – Your feet must remain on foot pegs at all times & your bum must remain on the seat. Remember to wave & make a noise but only as much as your rider is comfortable with. Don't be embarrassed by causing the bike to spill.

*** At No point during the parade will Riders / Pillions dismount from their Motorcycle** except in case of emergency, breakdown or under direct instruction from NMG officials.

*Once you have passed the Glamstand proceed directly and without stopping to our start area to collect your helmet and gear.

AT THE END AREA

* There are no provisions for DOB members to remain within the park or to use the End area as a Parking area during the parade or party.

* You must collect your gear and helmets immediately after our parade ride ends.

* Remember to remove your headlight gel before leaving. It is illegal to ride with these on public roads

*** DON'T Park your bike in the end area it will be REMOVED by CPMPT rangers impounded and Fined.**

Now go to either the official Mardi Gras party or come have a drink with us at the Hampshire Hotel, 91 Parramatta Rd, Camperdown – gold coin donation entry

DO NOT DRINK AND RIDE, if you do you're a bloody idiot.

***THE SYDNEY D.O.B COMMITTEE WANTS TO WISH ALL
OUR RIDERS AND PILLIONS A SAFE AND FUN MARDI
GRAS!!***

RIDE WITH PRIDE

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