



Selecting Road Captains

The Safety Officer (SO) has authority to select Road Captains (RCs) for board confirmation and approval.

Approval of the SO selection for RC requires confirmation by a majority of board officers.

Any member is entitled to bring suggestion(s) to the board or directly to the safety officer for consideration by the safety officer and possible selection to fulfill the role of Road Captain.

The safety officers authority to select road captains also includes the authority to call for meetings of the RC team. There will be a minimum of two RC meetings each year with one prior to the season kick off ride and another as a post season review. These meetings, at the discretion of the safety officer, can be timed to coincide with rides or membership meetings for the purposes of convenience. Participants may include any subcommittees organized by the safety officer at his/her discretion. This allows, as an example, a single meeting addressing those issues related to the safety committee as well as those that may pertain more specifically to the role of RC.

Road Captain guidelines for selection:

Road Captains must be Hillel's Angels members in good standing and must have maintained this status for a minimum of one riding season (as defined by our club calendar, April – October) before consideration.

Road captains will have minimum experience of 20,000 miles.

To maintain the position of RC, it is expected that a RC ride a minimum average of 5,000 miles per year.

A RC must have completed an Advanced Riders course or agree to complete said course within one year of selection. As with all members, a motorcycle class is required every four years as a minimum.

All RCs must understand that it is an honor and privilege to be given the title and responsibility of RC and as such, they are a public representation of our club and are to act accordingly.

All RCs are to have an understanding of club policy and be familiar with Appendix A of the Club Charter - Rules and Guidelines.

All RCs are expected to attend general membership meetings as well as those meetings called for by the Safety Officer.

At the discretion of the Safety Officer, RCs may be expected to participate in training rides lead by fellow RCs or the Safety Officer.

All RCs agree to wear our Hillel's Angels members only patch, either on a jacket or outer vest. Display of this patch is mandatory to be RC and must be purchased by the member. The RC will be gifted with a "Road Captain" patch that is also required to be worn on club rides.

It is the safety officers responsibility to assure that those riders under consideration to accept the title of RC understand and accept these policy guidelines prior to acceptance of the title. Further to this point, it is the Safety Officers role to assure that these criteria are all met, making adjustments to the roster of Road Captains as deemed necessary. It is the responsibility of the Safety Officer to assure that all RCs are capable of performing the role of RC prior to selection and throughout the members' tenure as RC. Road Captains can be asked to relinquish the title of RC if any of these guidelines are ignored, at the discretion of the Safety Officer. Furthermore, if the Safety Officer determines that the member is incapable of properly fulfilling the role of RC, the RC may be asked to relinquish their RC patch and title.

The Role and Responsibilities of Road Captains.

RCs are the most visible elements of our club aside from ride leaders and elected board officers. With that in mind, it must be understood that Road Captains are to conduct themselves in accordance with club policy.

RCs must understand and accept that they are role models for the rest of the club and should set the proper example with a positive attitude and respect for all members. As club role models, RCs are expected to wear club colors on scheduled group rides.

RCs need to be assertive and not fear taking control of a situation, especially when safety of an individual or the group is in question.

A Road Captain may not always be a Ride Leader. Ride Leaders have authority in determining the route taken and all other particulars related to the ride. The primary role of the Road Captain (s) is to assist the Ride Leader in maintaining those disciplines associated with safe group riding. That includes but is not limited to proper spacing and speed of the formation, equipment safety issues, marshalling riders at the end of a rest or lunch stop, and assuring that all key points of the pre-ride briefing related to ride procedures and safety are understood.

Road Captains may function in the capacity of Ride Leader or Sweep but not necessarily.

Road Captains may be asked to have available blank copies of membership and ride waiver forms to disperse to new potential members.

RCs are to confirm with all ride participants that each individual has an emergency contact and information form on their person or on their bike.

RCs must be able to explain club group riding rules and guideline to guests and new members.

RCs may be asked to lead a minimum of one ride each season. In this circumstance, the RC takes on all of the responsibilities generally associated with leading a ride including planning of the ride and route with gas, rest, and food stops, pre-riding the route, and establishing the rally areas and timing for the ride start. A RC leading a ride will also give the pre-ride briefing to all participants and assign the sweep position to another RC or ride participant capable of fulfilling the role.

We can not understate the significance of the trust and respect that the club bestows upon our Road Captains nor can we overstate the honor of being selected as a Road Captain. Upon accepting the title of Road Captain, the member rider is taking on a serious responsibility and commitment to the Hillel's Angels and for that, they have the clubs sincere appreciation and thanks.