Safe Riding Enforcement Procedure
January 9th, 2012

Motivation for this Procedure

Please keep the goals of the club and the intent of this initiative in mind: we are here to enjoy safe and pleasurable riding with companionship. None of us is perfect - we all on occasion violate safe riding practices. We want to support each other in minimizing these occurrences while maintaining our environment of safe, enjoyable and companionable riding. This procedure, overwhelmingly requested in our safety survey feedback, is one step toward that end.

Procedure

☐ If members observe others riding unsafely, it is strongly recommended, that whenever possible, they constructively communicate their concerns privately to the offenders.

☐ If there is no change in the conduct of concern, or if those concerns are not received constructively, the member who communicated with the offender, or anyone else who witnessed the situation, is encouraged to report it to the Safety Coordinator at safetycoordinator@mafw.org, or in person.

☐ Provide the name of the alleged offending member and details of the complaint including a description of the offensive behavior, the date or dates and ride on which the offensive actions occurred, the steps taken by the complainant or others to address the situation with the offender, and the identity of other members witnessing the conduct of concern.

☐ The Safety Coordinator will share this information with the Club President and Ride Coordinator.

☐ The Club President and Safety Coordinator will investigate the issue and will use their judgment as to the seriousness of the offense. If they deem it to be warranted, they will speak to the offender about the conduct in question and request that he or she observe safer riding practices on Club rides.

☐ If the offending rider is reported again for unsafe practices, the Safety Coordinator and President will investigate and may choose to warn the repeat offender, either verbally or in writing, of the possibility of membership suspension if the conduct continues. Or, commensurate with the situation, they may immediately recommend to the Board of Directors a suspension of the rider's membership in the Club for up to 6 months.

☐ If after the end of such suspension, a rider re-offends, his or her membership in the Club will be indefinitely revoked. He or she may reapply to the Board of Directors for membership after one year. In this case the member may be asked to reapply in writing or to attend a Board meeting, at the option of the Board.

If you have any questions or comments, please send them by responding via email safetycoordinator@mafw.org.