



# Riding in the Open


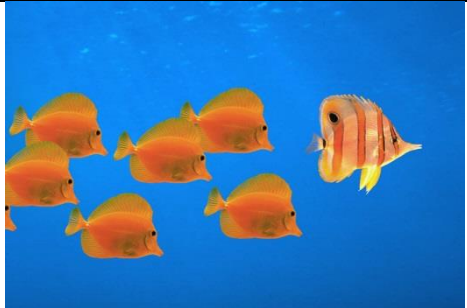

(USPC D Manual, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., p130-142)








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## Before you go

	What	Why	Silly Graphic
1.	Make sure your mount will _____ on command	You will get hurt	
2.	Find an experienced _____ with quiet horse. Do not ride alone.	"When in Rome, do as the Romans do..." This sets a good example for your horse. Horses are copy-cats.	
3.	Try to be _____ if you get nervous	Your stress will make your horse stressed.  You are the master, ride like one.	

# At All Times While Mounted

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1.	Keep your distance How many horse lengths between you and the other horse? <u>                    </u>	Crowding is rude and may upset other horses	
2.	Don't hang back too far. Stay with the <u>                    </u> . Don't leave another rider behind by himself!!!	Your mount may decide to catch up and go too fast	
3.	Ask before <u>                    </u>	Passing may spook other horses, ask the other rider first	
4.	Tell the dangers.  Point out <u>                    </u> to others - hole, broken glass, wire, etc	Because it's the right thing to do.	
5.	Hand signal to <u>                    </u> . Raise your hand over head to tell others to stop.	To prevent crowding and have other horse running into each other.	

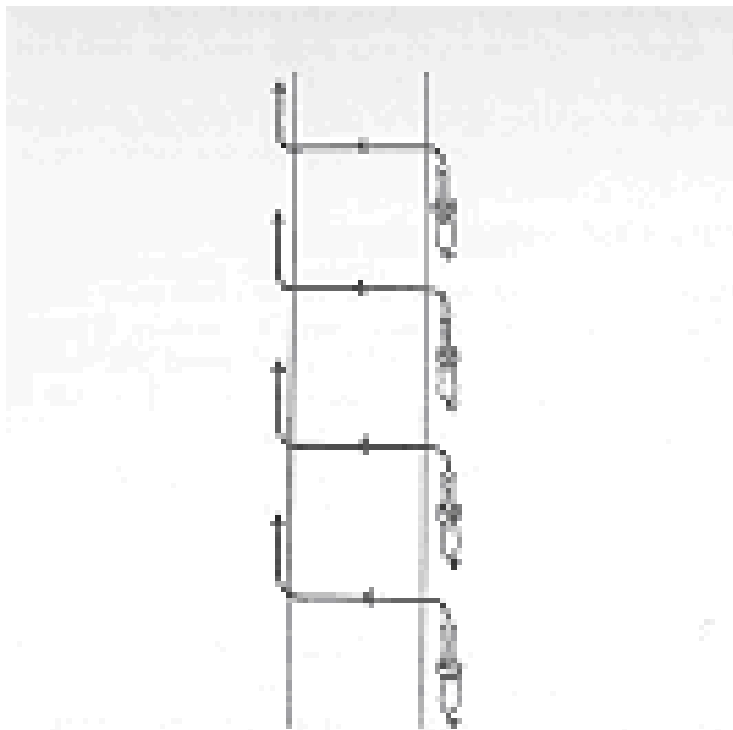
# Riding on Public Roads

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1.	Avoid <u>          </u> . streets	Some horses are frightened by traffic.  Not all drivers are safe drivers.	
2.	Stay well off the <u>          </u> .	Better footing on the shoulder	
3.	Keep to the <u>          </u> .	Going faster is hard on your mounts legs and he might slip.	
4.	<u>          </u> file	It is the safest way.	
5.	All stay on the same <u>          </u> .	So passing traffic can get to the other side of the road.	

6.	Pass a warning when you see a <u>          </u> .	So all riders are prepared	
7.	Everyone crosses at the <u>          </u> time!	Because it is the safest and fastest way to cross	See Below

**Crossing a public road:**

1. Line up single file
2. 1<sup>st</sup> and last riders are the crossing guards
3. 1<sup>st</sup> and last riders check for traffic in both directions.
4. They give signal when it is safe for cross.
5. **ALL RIDERS cross at the same time in single file.**
6. See example below.



Procedure for crossing a road with a mounted group

### USPC Rating Requirements:

D1 – • Know basic rules of safe riding in a group, in an enclosed area.

D2 - • Know the basic rules for riding on public roads in your state.

D3 - Name three important rules when riding across privately-owned land. **AND** Write thank-you notes to two landowners who support your club and tell them why you appreciate being able to use their land. If you ride on public land, write a thank-you note to the manager or contact person. **AND** Know rules for riding safely on public roads in your state. **AND** • Know procedure for mounted group crossing a public roadway.

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