

The Shotguns Rules

The History

The history of calling Shotgun goes back to the days of covered wagons and the Wild West. On a trip across the plains, the driver of a wagon would hold the reins of his horse team and concentrate on driving. This left him and the occupants of his wagon susceptible to sneak attacks from bandits and thieves. To avoid this atrocious circumstance it became necessary for one person to sit next to the driver with a Shotgun and fend off the enemy.

Defending against bandits is no longer the priority of Shotgun however, but it has evolved into a pre-driving ritual.

1. SHOTGUN

The term Shotgun refers to the front passenger seat of a vehicle. The front passenger seat is the most coveted seat of all seats, when riding in a car. Of course except for the driver seat. All the Shotgun rules are created to ensure justice. You must call "Shotgun" to claim this position. It must be called out loud and clear, and at least in present of one witness, another passenger or driver of the vehicle. If you rightfully called "Shotgun", you have the privilege to ride in the front passenger seat. Unless you break any of the Shotgun rules! The person in the front seat is called shotgunner.

2. The other seats

Once Shotgun has been called by someone, the other less prestigious seat may be called. It's the same rules as Shotgun, but you just have to call "back-right", "back-left" "not back-center". If you call "not back-center" it will put you in any other seat. This effectively leaves the slowest person to travel in back-center, the BITCH seat.

3. The BITCH seat

When Shotgun is called for all seats, except the back-center, the slowest will get this seat! This I called the BITCH seat and the person in the seat is called the BITCH. If the shotgunner doesn't fill his/hers duties, the shotgunner will be demoted to the BITCH seat for the rest of that trip, and the other passengers can call "Shotgun".

4. The pick up

If you are the first to be picked up on a journey, you automatically have the Shotgun. You retain this position for the entire journey.

5. Within sight

To call "Shotgun" you must be in clear sight of the car. Shotgun can be called regardless of whether the driver is in sight of the car.

6. Outdoor

To call "Shotgun" you must be outside. If you enter a garage there are connected to a house or a building, and don't go outside to enter the car. You may call "Shotgun" as soon you enter the room with the car. Multi-storey and underground car park is considered being outside.

7. Barefoot

Since you must be outside to call "Shotgun", anyone calling "Shotgun" must their shoes on, if they choose to wear any that day. This rule is to stop people running outside and calling "Shotgun", then go back inside to put their shoes on, and it will

slowing the journey. If someone choose to ignore this rule, and call "Shotgun" without having their shoes on. The other passenger can steal his/hers shoes. The person who called "Shotgun" will get the BITCH seat and not given his/hers shoes back, until the driver thinks the BITCH have suffer enough.

8. Multiple Calls

If Shotgun is rightfully called by more than one person, it will be settle with a footrace to the FRONT passenger door.

9. Footrace

Footrace is the only way to solve all disagreement. The footrace is from the spot, the opponents are to the passenger front door. But if the footrace doesn't solve the disagreement, the driver there will be the judge. If the competitors are drunk, they have to spin 10 times and then run to the car. A game of rock, paper and scissors are NEVER acceptable, even not if one of the competitors is badly injury.

10. RELOAD

Once Shotgun has been rightfully called, the driver has the option to reload. The driver can yell "Reload" and this means that all previous calls of Shotgun are void. The first person to call "Shotgun" again, will be the new shotgunner. This is helpful if the driver really doesn't like the person who first called "Shotgun". It can be used when there are a multiple calls and the driver is unsure of the outcome.

Note: a shotgun only has 2 barrels and therefore Reload can only be called once.

11. Future Shotgun

You can't call "Shotgun" in advance. There is no crime greater than calling Shotgun on a Monday, in reference to the trip on Friday. Some people choose to play this way, and they are fools.

12. Shotgun suicide

If the shotgunner attempts to open the door, as the driver is unlocking it and jams the lock half open, so that the driver needs to lock it and unlock it again. The shotgunner forfeits their position and demoted to the BITCH seat. Other passenger can then call the "Shotgun". This is known as *Shotgun suicide*.

13. Shotgun can be used to more than car seats

Despite the debate, Shotgun CAN be used to more than claim the front seat. For example; "Back-left", "Back-right", "Not back-center", women, not going to answer the door, etc.

14. The tunes

The driver controls the tunes. However if the driver feel the road requires his/hers full attention, then the duty is passed to the shotgunner. However putting on crap tunes, allowing for silence when the iPod finishes a song or ANY instances of "TAKE THAT", will result in demotion to BITCH seat.

15. SHUT UP

Just because someone rightfully became the shotgunner, doesn't give them the right to correct the drivers navigation skills ("take a left here you dickhead!") or driving ability ("I'd be in third gear if I was driving"). If the shotgunner does this, then they will be demoted to BITCH seat.

16. Shotgunner duty (1) - Doorman

When riding in a 2 or 3 doors car, it's the shotgunners responsibility to get the other passengers in and out of the car. Regardless of the weather conditions and IT'S NEVER THE DRIVERS responsibility!

17. Shotgunner duty (2) - Copilot

The shotgunner have also the responsibility for all gate opening, navigation (Only if asked), takeaway ordering and question asking. The shotgunner is the driver's copilot and therefore have to keep the order, in the vehicle and carry out punishment of slaps/punches/water spraying/bag throwing at the passengers in the back.

18. Shotgunner duty (3) - "Who's walking who!?"

When driving past a woman walking a dog, everyone in the car must shout out the window, "who's walking who!?". It's the shotgunners task to spot potential heckling. In failure it results in demotion to the BITCH seat!

19. Shotgunner duty (4) - Parking

The shotgunner most, at all time be ready to spot parking spaces. The shotgunner have the duty of setting the parking disc and keeping track of time. If the driver receives parking fine, it's the shotgunners fault and must pay the fine.

20. Shotgunner duty (5) - Lookout

It's the successful shotgunners responsibility to be on the lookout for any police and/or speed cameras. If the shotgunner doesn't spot a speed camera and it results in a speeding ticket. It's the shotgunners fault, not the drivers and the shotgunners have to pay the speed ticket.

21. Equality

Because everyone is born equal, men and women have the same right to the front seat. Women don't own the front seat!

22. No drunk driver

If the driver is drunk or otherwise unable to perform his/hers duty as driver, someone else must drive the vehicle. The old driver is automatically given the Shotgun.

23. No drooling in the back seat

When travelling with a couple, one of them MUST call "Shotgun". No one wants to watch a couple drooling and be all over each other, on the back seat, for a whole trip!

24. Drivers broom

This rule is also known as the Significant Others(SO) rule. If a passengers is SO or potential SO of the driver, the SO is automatic gets the Shotgun privileges. This is an exception to rule nr. 23.

25. The pirate rule

If one of the passengers of the vehicle is dressed(convincingly) as a pirate, then they are automatic given Shotgun. In the event of more than one pirate being present, a sword fight shall determine the successful shotgunner. As always the driver is the judge. At the official Pirate Day all passengers must be dressed as pirates, but only the driver is allowed a big hat! There have been too many road accident were a passengers hat, had block the driver's sight.

26. Yellow Car

Every time a yellow car goes by, the first there call "SHOTGUN", can punch the guy on his/hers left. BUT NO ONE PUNCHES THE DRIVER.

27.Shotgun Rocks

NOTHING overrules Shotgun; it's the final saying in claiming of the front passenger seat! Shotgun overrules Dibs, Helle for forsædet, Baggies and other girly calls! No variations of this word are acceptable.

28.Don't!

If someone says "what's shotgun?", after it has been called, they have to walk!