

Police Motorcycle Skills Training Official Rules

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Rules Committee

- **Defined:** On the day of the skills training, a Rules Committee will be established to settle all disputes that cannot be settled at the judge's level. The Head Track Official will select five committee members from five different agencies and post the Rules Committee Members on or near the registration booth so that it can be seen.
- **Disputes:** A dispute will be handled in the following manner:
 - Any dispute of scoring of a particular event must be addressed by the affected participant after completing the said run.
 - Only the participant may dispute scoring or a judge's decision.
 - Disputes will be brought to the Head Judge for a ruling over an event / course score.
 - If the dispute is not resolved by the Head Judge, the Rules Committee will resolve the dispute.
 - All decisions of the Rule Committee are final for the day of the skills training.
- **Conduct:** Participants who display or engage in unprofessional conduct as determined by the Head Judge (or their designee), may be ejected from the skills training.

General Rules

Eligibility: Participation in the Police Motorcycle Skills Training is open to all sworn full-time Law Enforcement Officers who are authorized to ride a police motorcycle through their department.

Running Order: Each rider will be assigned a number at registration. The rider must ride in numerical order.

Motorcycle Requirements: Participants must compete on a police motorcycle of at least 998 ccs, equipped in the normal deployment configuration, with all rails attached as originally equipped. The only modifications that will be allowed are to remove the kick stand. No modification of the steering geometry will be permitted. No personally owned motorcycles will be permitted.

Participant Attire: Participants must compete wearing the appropriate uniform normally worn while on duty. Riders must also wear boots that cover the ankle when riding. No clothing that displays any obscene or vulgar language or pictures.

Protective Gear: All participants must wear a helmet that is properly fastened while on the course.

Emergency Motorcycle Repairs: Prior to entering an event, a participant (or team) will be allowed 15 minutes to repair a motorcycle that is malfunctioning. If the motorcycle is unserviceable, the participant may continue in the competition provided that:

- - The participant can locate a replacement motorcycle within 15 minutes.
 - The new motorcycle must already be qualified.
 - The motorcycle must be assigned to compete in the same course as the participant.

Motorcycle Malfunctions: Once a participant or a team has begun an event, no excuses for a breakdown will be allowed. This includes kick stand problems. It may be advantageous to secure the kick stand prior to competing.

Entry Restriction: A participant may compete in only one division.

Participants Meeting: A meeting of ALL participants riding in the Police Motorcycle Skills Training will be held prior to the start of the competition.

- - The scoring and the approved path of travel through the events will be reviewed.
 - Participants should understand course events prior to the end of the meeting.
 - The meeting will be conducted by the Head Track Judge or a designee.
 - The Participants' Meeting time will be announced in advance.
 - It is the participants' responsibility to attend the meeting.
 - After the Participants Meeting, any disputes concerning information disseminated at the Participants Meeting will not be considered.

Challenge Run

The Challenge Run will be designed by the track judges. The track judges will determine what exercises will comprise the Challenge Run. The Challenge Run will not be revealed until set up by the track judges the day of the event. Only one place will be awarded for this event, regardless of their division or level of experience.

Divisions

- **Harley Davidson FL Windshield**

- Expert- Any participant who has competed in 3 or more competitions or has placed in the top three at the intermediate level.
- Intermediate – A participant who has place in the top three in the Novice level or who has competed in three or more competitions.
- Novice- A participant who has not placed in the top three of any competition or who has not entered in more than three previous competitions.

- **Harley Davidson FL Fairing**

- Expert- Any participant who has competed in 3 or more competitions or has placed in the top three at the intermediate level.
- Intermediate – A participant who has place in the top three in the Novice level or who has competed in three or more competitions.
- Novice- A participant who has not placed in the top three of any competition or who has not entered in more than three previous competitions.

- **Other Honda, Other Harley Davidson, BMW, etc.**

- Expert- Any participant who has competed in 3 or more competitions or has placed in the top three at the intermediate level.
- Intermediate – A participant who has place in the top three in the Novice level or who has competed in three or more competitions.
- Novice- A participant who has not placed in the top three of any competition or who has not entered in more than three previous competitions.

Awards

Mr. Rodeo

This award will be awarded to the overall best rider throughout the competition. Riders must compete in all individual events (Individual Speed Run, Individual Slow Ride, and the Challenge Run) to be eligible for this award. Points for each event will be awarded in order placed, 1st place finisher will be awarded 1 point, 2nd place finisher will be awarded 2 points and so on. The individual rider with the lowest number of points after all events will be the recipient of this prestigious award. There will be Three Places awarded for overall individual performance, with the first-place winner being named Mr. Rodeo.

Fastest Clean Run

This award is given to the participant with no penalties and the fastest time. This award will be given to only one participant, regardless of their division or level of experience.

Over 50-year-Old Class

The participant who is 50 years of age or older with the fastest Individual speed run time will be awarded this award. This award will be given to only one participant, regardless of their division or level of experience.

Outstanding Female Participant

The Female participant with the fastest Individual speed run time will be awarded this award. This award will be given to only one participant, regardless of their division or level of experience.

Division 1 Expert, Intermediate and Novice

First through third place will receive an award.

Division 2 Expert, Intermediate and Novice

First through third place will receive an award.

Division 3 Expert, Intermediate and Novice

First through third place will receive an award.

Goal

The objective of the competition is to receive no penalty points. All participants begin with a zero balance.

Course Runs

Participants are required to make one run each on course A and B. Both runs will be timed beginning when the participants' front tire breaks the electric eye and ending when the front tire breaks the electric eye when exiting the last exercise. A back up stopwatch will be used by the Head Track Judge in the event of a timing malfunction.

Penalty Points

Penalty points for all rides will be assessed as follows:

- Touch a cone = 1 penalty point
- Knock a cone down or displace a cone = 3 penalty points
- Put a foot down = 5 penalty points
- Drop the motorcycle = 10 penalty points
- Fail to complete an exercise = Disqualified

Final Score

Final score will consist of each participant's final time of their timed runs.

After completing both runs, participants' times will be added together after penalty points (if any) have been factored in.

Ties

In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken with the participant with the fastest clean run. If neither participant has a clean run, the tie will be broken with the rider who has the fastest time with penalty points added.

Team Competition

Awards – First through third place will be awarded.

Team: A team will consist of the top four riders from each department. To be eligible for team competition each participant must compete in all individual events (individual slow ride, challenge ride, and speed run) for each individual event, the winner will be given 1 point, second place will receive 2 points etc. After points have been assigned according to placement for those three events, those points will be added together for the final individual score. The team score will be the top four riders with the lowest scores will be combined for the team score. Each department may have only one team, unless departments having less than four riders want to combine to make a team. Departments with four or more riders may not combine extra riders with another department for an additional team.

Ties: All ties in the team competition will be broken in the following manner:

- - Team with the fastest clean run.
 - In the event neither team has a clean run, the tie will be broken with the fastest run with penalties.

Individual Slow Ride Competition

Eligibility: A participant must be a member of a participating department full-time.

All rules of the Police Motorcycle Skills Training shall apply.

Awards: First through third place will be awarded

Goal: The object of the individual slow ride is for the participant to travel down a pre-determined space as slowly as possible. The slowest time will determine the winner.

Penalties: The participants' time will stop at the occurrence of any of the following.

- A participant puts a foot down.
- A participant drops the motorcycle in the space.
- A participant crosses a boundary line.
- **Timing** – The time starts when the participant's front axle crosses the start line. The time ends when the participant's rear axle crosses the end line.

Partner Ride

Awards: First through third place teams will receive awards.

Goal: The event will consist of two motorcycles being connected by a rope which is 36 inches long. The rope is divided into two 18-inch pieces. The two pieces have velcro attached to the end; the two ropes will be joined together. The ropes are attached to the saddle bag rails. There will be a pre-determined path of travel set by the track judge. Each participating team will be given one run. After completing the original run, each team will have the option to buy additional runs for a fee of 5.00 per run. A team will be allowed a maximum of 5 runs.

Disqualification: If any of the following occurs, the run will be disqualified.

- The connecting ropes are separated at the velcro connection.
- A participant puts their foot down or drops the motorcycle.
- A team member touches a cone.
- A team rides out of the predetermined course of travel.

Glossary of Terms

Average Turning Radius: $\text{left turn radius} + \text{right turn radius} / 2$

Participant: A Law Enforcement Officer who is authorized to ride a Police Motorcycle by their department and is registered to compete in the Police Motorcycle Skills Training.

Police Motorcycle: A motorcycle owned by a department, city or county, that is used for your tour of duty while on departmental time. No personally owned motorcycles will be permitted.

Participants Meeting: A meeting of all participants to review the rules, path of travel and scoring procedures of the Police Motorcycle Skills Training.

Course: A series of events which a participant must ride. Includes the path of travel between exercises in the individual timed run.

Cross Boundary Line: If the contact patch of the tire crosses a boundary line. Crossing is determined if a judge can see space between the tire and the boundary line.

Department: Any police agency who a participant is a member full time.

Drop the Motorcycle: In an exercise, if the motorcycle falls to the surface and the participant does not have control of the motorcycle, which would allow for safe operation of the motorcycle (includes any part of the entire course in the timed run).

Exercise: A specific set of obstacles, which makes up part of the course.

Expert Level: Primary level of competition for the individual competition.

Displace a Cone: If the cone has to be moved back into place.