

## OHIO RIDER COURSE STRUCTURE

### Abbreviations and Definitions

#### MSF: Motorcycle Safety Foundation

A national, not-for-profit organization sponsored by motorcycle manufacturers. Develops training programs and provides technical assistance to state training and licensing programs. Nationally certifies RiderCoaches (instructors) to teach its courses via state programs.

#### MSF BRC: Basic Rider Course\*

15½ hour course targeted to novice riders of two-wheeled motorcycles. Contains both classroom and range activities. GWRRRA does not conduct BRCs.

#### MSF ERC: Experienced Rider Course\*

5 hour course targeted to those with at least 6 months of street riding experience. This course is often presented by GWRRRA members who are MSF certified RiderCoaches. Contains range activities only, with some additional material presented concurrently. Whether presented under Motorcycle Ohio or GWRRRA, the course content is the same.

*\*Must be taught by MSF Certified RiderCoach*

#### MO: Motorcycle Ohio

Ohio authority overseeing BRC training and RiderCoach training/certification. Operates under the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS). Authorizes license test waivers for those successfully completing the BRC. Motorcycle Ohio RiderCoaches may also teach the ERC after completing a required update.

#### GWRRRA TRC: Trike Riders Course\*\*

6 hour course targeted primarily to riders of Gold Wing trike (three-wheeled) conversions with street riding experience (not a novice course.) Contains both classroom and range activities.

#### GWRRRA TC: Trailering Course\*\*

6 hour course targeted to riders who pull motorcycle trailers with two-wheeled motorcycles. Contains both classroom and range activities.

#### GWRRRA ARC: Advanced Rider Course\*\*

GWRRRA proprietary course targeted to riders of two-wheeled motorcycles with street riding experience. Not yet available in all areas. Contains both classroom and range activities.

GWRRRA Sidecar Course\*\* – *Under development*, for riders of motorcycles with attached sidecars. Sidecar courses are occasionally available through the Evergreen Safety Council (ESC), not associated with GWRRRA.

*\*\*Must be taught by MSF certified RiderCoach who has acquired further training to be certified by GWRRRA to teach these courses.*

*Note: As of this writing GWRRRA is developing an Instructor Preparation program to train qualified members to be GWRRRA Rider Course instructors, bypassing the requirement to first earn the MSF RiderCoach certification.*

### Classroom requirements for Ohio Rider Courses.

The ERC does not require a classroom. All topics are discussed as part of the range activities. GWRRRA Rider Courses need a classroom which will be available for approx. 3½ to 4 hours total, and has seating for

all class participants. Tables are desirable. At a minimum an electrical outlet must be available for a projector. It is desirable that an overhead transparency projector and screen be available, along with a chalk or erasable marking board. If these are not available the instructors need to know so that they can make other arrangements.

#### Range requirements for Ohio Rider Courses

ERC – Approx. 120' by 220' plus 40' additional runoff on all sides, making a total range dimension of 200' x 300'. Surface must be nearly level and in good condition with no large cracks or potholes. No drains, light poles, curbs, or other obstructions within this dimension. Must be able to be secured from cars, other vehicles, and pedestrian traffic.

TRC and TC – Approx. 120' x 200' plus 20' additional runoff on all sides, making a total range dimension of 160' x 240'. Surface condition is not as critical as for the ERC, but must be reasonably good. No above-level grates, drains, light poles, curbs, or other obstructions within this dimension. Must be able to be secured from cars, other vehicles, and pedestrian traffic.

GWRRR Rider Courses cannot be held on the same range as an already established BRC or ERC, due to the confusion which would result from the additional markings. Separate ranges must be found.

#### Submitting a range

Inspect and measure the potential range and surrounding area to be sure it meets the above criteria.

*- If you would like to initiate the range submission yourself, speak to the owner/administrator about GWRRR use of the range and discuss possible classroom use, if available. Complete the Range Data Sheet and Letter of Understanding (signed by sponsor administrator) and submit them to the Rider Course Coordinator. Please communicate your intentions to the Coordinator before beginning this process in order to avoid any misunderstandings.*

*- If you prefer, the Coordinator can take over the process once you have found a range that you believe to be suitable. Just contact the Coordinator with the range location and contact information of the owner/administrator.*

*NOTE: Please do not contact a site sponsor who is already sponsoring a site for Motorcycle Ohio unless you have cleared this with the GWRRR of Ohio Rider Course Coordinator. There are additional details to be taken under consideration.*

#### Planning a Class

##### IMPORTANT!

Under Ohio law, GWRRR may only present Rider Courses to current GWRRR members. Under no circumstances should a non-GWRRR member be allowed to participate in a GWRRR Rider Course.

Once the paperwork has been submitted and the range has been approved, a class may be tentatively scheduled. The proposed date(s) must be approved by the site sponsor and by the Ohio Rider Course Coordinator. Inform the Coordinator if you already have instructors lined up, or he will make arrangements for instructors. With the instructors in place registrations are ready to begin. All registrations are handled by the Coordinator, to whom registration forms (available on the Ohio Rider Education website) and checks must be sent. Courses will be filled on a first-come basis. Registration details are on the form. No money or registration forms should be handled by the instructors. The Coordinator will communicate registrations to the instructors and to the District Educator, so that steps may be taken if necessary to see that the class is filled.

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