

# Space Coast Motor Officers Challenge Official Rules



## **RULES**

1. The Rules Committee will be established to settle all disputes that cannot be settled at the Steward's level.
2. All decisions of the Rules Committee are final.
3. The Rules Committee will be selected in the following manner;
  - a. At least five (5) members of the Board of Directors will be present.
  - b. If five (5) members of the Board of Directors are not present, then the President will select from the competing members to complete the committee.
  - c. No one on the Rules Committee will be from a Department that is involved in the dispute.
  - d. The President of the Rules Committee will be the Chairman of the Committee, unless his or her agency is involved in the dispute. In which case, the Vice President will be the Chairman.
  - e. All questions submitted to the Rules Committee shall be discussed, and put to a vote at the discretion of the Chairman.
  - f. Committee Members from the agency or agencies involved in the dispute may participate in the discussion, but will not have a vote.
  - g. In the event of a tie vote the Committee Chairman shall not cast a second vote to break the tie, and the dispute or proposal upon which the tie occurs shall be referred back to the Chief Steward. The Chief Stewards decision is final.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

1. The competition will be open to all full time Law Enforcement Officers who are assigned to a Police Motorcycle Unit.
2. Retired Motor Officers may also compete upon proof of previous employment and assignment to a Motor Unit.

3. Competitors must wear a Law enforcement “duty belt” during any competition event. The “duty belt” will consist of a minimum of; Belt, Holster with gun (real or fake), magazine pouch, and handcuff pouch.

## **MOTORCYCLE/EQUIPMENT**

Riders must compete on a Police Motorcycle of at least 1000 cubic centimeters (cc’s) that is equipped in the normal deployment configuration as delivered from the factory. This would include saddlebag rails, and engine guards.

No modification of the steering geometry will be permitted. Fork stops must be as installed as intended from the factory.

Preventative measures can be taken for side stand spring failures (i.e. Zip ties or magnets). If your preventative measure fails it will count the same as an equipment failure. Complete removal of the side stand is not permitted.

Anti Lock Braking System (ABS), if original, must be operational.

All competing motorcycles are subject to inspection by the Rules Committee or Chief Steward prior to each run.

Prior to entering an event, a rider or team will be allowed five (5) minutes to repair or replace a motorcycle that is malfunctioning. Once a rider or team starts an event, no concessions will be made for breakdowns or equipment related mishaps.

## **EVENT SCORING**

In order to be eligible for a trophy in the overall category (Mr. Rodeo), riders must compete in all event courses to include the Challenge Ride and the individual slow ride.

The Challenge Ride will be constructed by a party/individual who will not be competing in the Event.

The computer program used for event scoring uses a timing and point format in order to categorize and rank the participants.

Riders who do not participate in the Challenge Ride, Skills Course AND Individual Slow Ride will not be considered for Mr. Rodeo and will ***NOT*** receive an Overall score.

The Team Slow Ride is an optional event. No penalty for overall scoring will be assessed.

Penalty points will be added as one (1) second per point to the time and are assessed as follows;

One (1) point- if a wheel crosses an established boundary line.

Touch/base a cone - two (2) points.

Put a foot down - five (5) points.

Knock down a cone - five (5) points.

Drop the motorcycle – time to pick it up and start.

Twelve (12) points- fail to complete or running out of an exercise or failure to follow “approved” path of travel.

It is each rider’s responsibility to clearly understand the “approved” path of travel prior to entering into any exercise/event.

If a competitor drops a motorcycle and while doing so knocks over cones or puts a foot down, the rider will only be charged the points for knocking over the cones and not for a downed foot. However, the event clock will continue to run. If a rider fails to complete a course/event or any exercise (course transition), that run will be disqualified.

During the Individual or Team Slow Ride events, any action that would otherwise be calculated as a penalty point will stop the clock and the event is over for that team or individual. One attempt will be permitted for the Slow Ride events.

Bonus points in the Skills Course will be awarded for each penalty free run, by deducting five (5) seconds from the overall time. An additional five (5) second bonus will be awarded for two (2) penalty free runs in the skills course.

A five (5) second deduction will also be awarded for a penalty free run in the Challenge Ride. The deduction in the challenge ride will only go towards a (5) second bonus for the challenge ride.

For the Skills Course there will be two (2) timed runs for each rider. For the Challenge Ride, one (1) attempt will be permitted which will be timed. Bonus and penalty points will be assessed for overall scoring.

Trophies will be awarded as follows;

Skills Course Individual Competition- Top five riders

Challenge Ride- Top five riders

Division Competition- Top five riders (3 divisions)

50 and over- Top five riders

Novice Competition- Top five riders

Skills Course Team Competition- Top five teams

Individual Slow Ride- Top five riders

Team Slow Ride- Top five teams

A tie is considered as two or more riders with the exact score. All ties for first through fifth place will be broken by a second timed run.

The individual top rider (Rodeo Champion), will be awarded by calculating both timed skills events (60%) the Challenge Ride (30%) and the individual slow ride (10%). The rider with the best score will be awarded the trophy for Mr. Rodeo. All scoring for overall is calculated in a point system by your rank/place (not each time) in each event.

## **COMPETITION DIVISIONS**

Division 1-HD FLH with fairing

Division 2-HD FLH windshield

Division 3-All other police motorcycles (i.e. metric)

A competitor may only compete in one of the above categories (Division 1, 2, or 3). A competitor may not participate in two different divisions by entering on different style motorcycles.

In the "Fifty + Competition" the rider must be 50 years of age or older. Riders in this category are also eligible for all other awards.

"Novice Competition" is defined as a rider who has competed in 5 or less police motorcycle competitions such as rodeos, trials or Olympics and has never placed. All novice competitors are also eligible for all other awards.

The "Challenge Ride" will consist of a course not to be disclosed until the day of the competition. Each rider will compete for a timed run. In the event of a tie the riders' involved will make a second timed run.

The "skills course individual competition" will consist of two (2) timed runs. The courses will consist of exercises with varying degrees of difficulty.

The “skills course team competition” will consist of two (2) riders from any agency. Riders can be “mixed” and do not have to be from the same agency. An agency may field multiple teams. But a rider may only be on one team. Team members must be announced prior to the start of the competition. Team scoring will be based on the combined total of the team members’ placement in the Skills event. In the event of a tie, one member from each team involved will participate in a “run off.”

The Individual and Team Slow ride course will be determined by the committee, and may include turns, a reduction in size or cones. The time starts as the motorcycle enters the course, and ends when one of the following occurs;

- a. The rider’s rear axle crosses the finish line
- b. The motorcycle crosses any boundary line, or touches an obstacle
- c. The rider puts a foot down
- d. The rider drops the motorcycle

Ties will be resolved with a “run off” between the tied riders, slowest rider wins.

The “Team Slow Ride” consists of two (2) riders from any agency. An agency may field more than one team, but a rider may only be on one (1) team. The object of the competition is for each rider to travel the course as slowly as possible without leaving the course, hitting an obstacle, putting a foot down or dropping the motorcycle. The slowest combined times of both riders from any one team will determine the winner. The course will determined by the Committee, and may include turns, a reduction in size or cones. This is a relay competition, and is conducted as follows.

- a. Rider #1 will begin at one end of the course, with rider #2 beginning at the opposite end of the same course.
- b. After the judge is ready and says to begin, rider #1 raises his/her foot and travels the course as slowly as possible.

- c. At each end of the course will be a two (2) foot transfer box. All rider exchanges will take place within the transfer box.
- d. When rider #1's rear wheel enters the transfer box, rider #2 must raise his/her foot and enter the transfer box with his/her front wheel before rider #1's rear axle crosses the exit line. Rider #2 then becomes the active rider and proceeds to the opposite end of the course and completes the event when the rear wheel axle crosses the finish/exit line.

The judge will stop and record the time for the team when:

- a. Rider #2's rear axle crosses the exit line
- b. The active rider puts a foot down
- c. The active rider crosses a boundary, or touches an obstacle
- d. The transferring rider fails to enter the transfer box on time
- e. The active rider drops the motorcycle

## **CHIEF STEWARD**

The Committee will appoint a Chief Steward whose duties will consist of the following:

- a. Official Score Keeper
- b. Supervise Judges
- c. Mediate scoring disputes

If any rider disagrees with a judge's decision or his/her score, then he/she must notify the Chief Steward immediately. If the Chief Steward is unable to settle the dispute, the matter will be referred to the Rules Committee.