

Rules

21st Annual Southwest Police Motorcycle Training and Competition April 7th and 8th, 2017

- 1) Rules committee
 - a) A rules committee will be established to settle disputes that cannot be settled at the Judges level. All decisions of the rules committee are final.
 - b) The rules committee will be selected in the following manner:
 - i) The competition director will choose at least five members from the qualified entrants to serve on the rules committee.
 - ii) The chair of the rules committee will be the director of the competition.
 - c) All questions submitted to the rules committee will be discussed, and put to a vote at the direction of the Chair.
 - i) The Chair will not have a vote in the dispute, but may offer solutions to be considered.
 - ii) Majority vote rules.

- 2) General rules
 - a) The competition is open to all Law enforcement officers who are currently assigned a police motorcycle and operate off of it in performance of their duties.
 - b) Riders must compete on a police motorcycle of at least 1000cc, are equipped in the normal deployment configuration. No modification to the motorcycle for the purpose of this competition is allowed i.e., non-stock tires, exhaust modifications or engine modifications. Normal deployment configuration includes lights, saddlebags, rails, mirrors, and engine guards. If as a practice, your department removes the fork stops, and that is your normal deployment configuration, then you are allowed to compete.
 - c) There will be at least five classes of motorcycles:
 - i) Harley Davidson
 - ii) Kawasaki
 - iii) BMW
 - iv) Honda
 - v) Victory
 - d) If there are more than 10 Harleys without fairings, Road King vs. Electra-glides, we will break the class into two separate classes. The separation will be for the Individual course only.
 - e) Riders must compete in the appropriate uniform normally worn on duty including all safety equipment, including gun belt. A casual police or soft tactical uniform is acceptable for practice on Friday. All competitors must wear an approved helmet for your state. The helmet must be properly fastened while on the courses, including during practice.

- f) Prior to entering the event, a rider or team will be allowed five minutes to repair or replace a motorcycle that is malfunctioning. Once a rider or team has begun the event, and a breakdown occurs, the competitor must notify the Rules Committee. The Rules committee will look at the cause of the breakdown and, possibly with the help of a mechanic, rule as to allow a re-ride or to disqualify the participants run. Re-rides may be allowed for breakdowns such as ignition failure, motor seizure, or a motorcycle failure out of the operators control. They are not allowed for clutch failure, out of gas, flat tire, damage as a result of a crash, etc.
- g) **No video review** dispute of penalties will be allowed. The judge's rule is final.
- h) Each competitor may **only enter in one division and on one class of motorcycle**. The SPMTC will allow multiple competitors to share a single qualified motorcycle, for agencies with limited resources, or in the case of a mechanical failure.

3) Individual competition

- a) The top 3 finishers in each of the five classes will receive an award.
- b) The object of the competition is not to receive any penalty points, while negotiating the course as quickly as possible. All riders begin with a score of ZERO.
- c) Penalty points are assessed as seconds added to the raw time as follows:

i) Touch a cone.	2 seconds
ii) Knock a cone down	3 seconds
iii) Put a foot down	4 seconds
iv) Drop the motorcycle	5 seconds
v) Incomplete exercise	8 seconds
(1) Not following the path of travel as required	
vi) Run out of exercise	10 seconds
(1) When both the front and rear tire of the motorcycle exits the exercise and does not re-enter the exercise immediately. Two or more such penalties will result in the disqualification of the run.	
vii) DNF	600 seconds
- d) Riders will be required to make **two timed runs** through the course. After adjustments for penalty points are added, the **two times will be averaged** together for the final placement.
- e) All riders will be placed in finishing order according to the average of their two runs.
- f) There will be one course for all classes of motorcycles, since each rider will be competing against motorcycles in their class, the dimensions of the course will not change.

4) Team competition

- a) There will be a separate **four rider** event on the timed course to be detailed during the riders meeting on Friday morning.

- b) Any agency with at least four participating riders is eligible for entry into the team competition. An agency may field more than one team however **an individual rider may only compete on one team**. A team may consist of riders from different agencies, but if an agency has four riders present with the same class motorcycle, those four riders must compete as a team. All team members must ride the same class of motorcycle. If an agency has less than four riders in a class, they are encouraged to join with other agencies riders to make a team.
 - c) Once a team has been declared, changes will only be allowed for emergencies and must be approved by the Rules Committee.
 - d) If a team must be made up of a mix of classes, they will be entered in the fastest class. An example would be if there were 2 Kawasaki's and 2 Harley's, they would compete in the team Kawasaki class. The fast class will be determined by taking an average run time of that class the day of the event.
 - e) Awards will be given to the 1st and 2nd place teams in each division. (Harley will not be separated as in the individual.)
 - f) Penalties are assessed the same as in the individual competition, and added to the raw score.
 - g) The team competition will be held on its own course, running at the same time as the individual event.
 - h) **The close of the team competition will be announced at the rider's meeting on Friday.** Don't wait too long to participate in this event.
 - i) The first run is free, additional runs can be purchased for a donation of \$5 per run.
- 5) Slow ride competition
- a) There will be a solo slow ride event which will be announced at the riders meeting Friday.
 - b) Each rider will be given an opportunity to participate in the slow ride, but can **only ride one class of motorcycle**.
 - c) Only a completed run will count for a time.
 - d) Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each class. (Harley will not be separated as in the individual.)
 - e) The slow ride will be held in a separate area at the same time as the individual competition.
 - f) **The close of the slow competition will be announced at the rider's meeting on Friday.** Again, don't wait too long to participate.
 - g) Each rider will be given one free run. You may purchase additional runs for a donation of \$5 per run.
- 6) Pair ride
- a) Two riders make a team. They may be from different agencies, but can **only compete on one team, and only on one class of motorcycle**. A team will consist of the same make motorcycle. (Harley will not be separated as in the individual.)
 - b) Riders must negotiate an obstacle course while the motorcycles are tied together with a breakaway cord. If the cord pulls apart during the ride, no time is awarded.

- If an obstacle or cone is touched, a foot put down, or a motorcycle dropped, no time is awarded.
- c) The **fastest time clean** through the course wins.
 - d) Awards will be given to the 1st and 2nd place teams in each class. (Harley will not be separated as in the individual.)
 - e) The partner ride will be held in a separate area at the same time as the individual competition.
 - f) The **close of the pair ride competition will be announced at the rider's meeting on Friday**. Please, don't wait too long to participate.
 - g) The first run is free, additional runs may be purchased for a donation of \$5 per run.
- 7) Patterns
- a) The cone patterns used for the individual event, partner ride, slow race and team event will all be based on a 21 foot circle, with numerous transitions. There will be larger dimensions used, but none smaller.
 - b) Most of the patterns used will be available on the web site prior to the event, but the actual competition course will not be disclosed until the riders meeting Friday morning.
 - c) There will also be a practice area set up in addition to the event, so practice can also take place on Saturday. The individual competition course will be available for practice Friday.
 - d) There will be no practice on the Team, Partner and Slow courses.