

# Chesapeake Bay Police Motorcycle Rodeo Competition Rules and Regulations

**1) ELIGIBILITY:** Competition is open to all Law Enforcement Officers including Auxiliary and Reservists who are assigned to a motorcycle unit, or who were previously assigned to a motorcycle unit. Department motorcycles must be used. No personal motorcycles will be allowed.

**2) CONDUCT:** All persons involved in the competition are expected to maintain professional conduct. Any one who displays or engages in unprofessional conduct as determined by the Board of Directors may be disqualified and ejected from the competition.

**3) RULES COMMITTEE:** A Rules Committee will be established to settle all disputes that may arise during the competition. All decisions of the Rules Committee will be final. The Rules Committee will be comprised of three members appointed by the Board of Directors. All questions submitted to the Rules Committee shall be discussed and a decision rendered.

**4) MOTORCYCLE REQUIREMENTS:** Competitors must compete on a Law Enforcement or Public Safety model motorcycle of at least 1000 cc's. The motorcycle must have emergency lights, saddlebag rails and bags, and engine guards. Once a rider has commenced a course run, a breakdown or vehicle malfunction will not be accepted as an explanation for penalty point assessment. This will not be accepted as grounds for an appeal. However, if a breakdown or malfunction occurs prior to commencing the course run, the rider will be permitted 15 minutes to locate a replacement motorcycle of the same class. The rider will then have 10 minutes of off-course practice time on the replacement motorcycle prior to commencing the competition.

**5) COMPETITION DIVISION:** The competition will be broken down into the following categories:

Motorcycle Divisions:

Division 1 - Harley Davidson FLH with fairing

Division 2 - Harley Davidson FLH with windshield

Division 3 - All other Law Enforcement or Public Safety motorcycles

Rider Divisions:

**Novice** – Any rider who has competed in 3 or less police motorcycle competitions and has never placed individually in a motorcycle competition (excludes slow ride).

**Intermediate**- Any rider who has placed individually in the novice division of a police motorcycle competition or has competed in 6 or less competitions (excludes slow ride).

**Expert** - Any rider who has placed in the intermediate division of a

police motorcycle competition or that does not meet the requirements for the novice or intermediate groups.

\*\*\*Any rider can choose to ride in a higher division than the one they are qualified for but can't go back down once they have chosen to move up.\*\*\*

**6) COURSES:** The Board will approve a challenging set of courses to be utilized during the competition. These courses will be posted on the competition website when approved. The Individual Slow Ride course is a slow ride course through a confined area. The course is timed from the time the front wheel of the motorcycle crosses the start line and stops when either the back wheel crosses the finish line, the operator puts a foot down or strikes a cone.

**7) RIDER ATTIRE:** Riders must compete wearing their issued Uniform for everyday motorcycle duty. This includes all issued safety equipment. Casual attire or tactical uniform is acceptable for practice at the discretion of the individual Department. All competitors must wear an approved helmet that must be properly fastened while participating in any portion of the competition including practice. This will be strictly enforced and any violation will result in disqualification from the competition. Boots, gloves, and eyewear are required at all times while participating in any portion of the competition including practice.

**8) COMPETITION:** Trophies and / or prizes will be awarded for the top three finishers in each division. The event shall consist of two runs, with each run containing at least five courses. The first run shall be an UNTIMED run through the five courses. The rider will then advance to a second run, which is TIMED through the same courses. Points assessed during the first run will be added to the points and time from the second run. The fastest final adjusted time will be the winner. In the event of a tie, a second timed run will be completed. The Individual Slow Ride times will be included with the final adjusted courses in consideration for the Individual Overall Awards. **In order to be the overall champion your runs must be clean. Clean Wins!!**

**9) POINTS ASSESSMENT:** Penalty points will be added as 1 second per point to the overall time, and are assessed as follows:

- 1 point - Touch a cone
- 2 points- Knock down a cone / Put a foot down
- 3 points- Dropping a motorcycle
- Running out of a course
- Crossing a boundary line (Center point between cones)
- Failing to complete a course

A maximum of twenty (20) penalty points is allowed per run. Riders exceeding the maximum points will not qualify for an award. At the end of both runs, penalty points will be totaled and added to the rider's time. Bonus points will be awarded for each penalty free run (Untimed and Timed), by deducting five (5) points for one clean run and ten (10) points for two clean runs. An additional five

(5) points will be deducted for two penalty free runs, for a total of a fifteen (15) point deduction.

**10) TEAM COMPETITION:** Any agencies with at least four participating riders are eligible for entry into the Team Competition. An agency may field more than one team, but a rider may only compete on one team. Team members must be announced prior to the start of the competition. Team scores will be determined by combining the four-team members individual scores. The lowest cumulative team score will be declared the winner.

**11) TEAM SLOW RIDE COMPETITION:** For this event, a team is defined as: any four Competitors from an agency or any four Competitors from different agencies. An agency may enter as many teams as they wish, although competitors may only ride on ONE team. A Competitor does not have to ride in the individual competition to be a team slow ride member. This course is timed when the 1<sup>st</sup> operators front tire crosses the start line. All other operators must cross the start line before the previous operator's front tire crosses the exit line. All other slow ride rules apply.

**12) 2 MAN TEAM COMPETITION:** For this event, every team will consist of two riders by following the leader. The team is declared prior to start of the competition and a competitor may only compete on one team. A team may consist of two separate agencies. The event will be timed, and it will be done using the bracket format with a single elimination. There will be a starting gate and exit gate. The courses utilized are the same as in the individual competition. Time begins when the front wheel of the first bike crosses the line in an entrance gate, and it ends when the rear tire of the 2<sup>nd</sup> motor crosses the finish line. Points are deducted by using the same points assessment listed in #9. Depending on the amount of riders, this competition may start on Friday, and the last 8 teams standing will finish on Saturday.

**13) 4 MAN TEAM COMPETITION:** For this event, any agency with at least four participating riders is eligible for entry into the Team Competition. An agency may field more than one team, but a rider may only compete on one team. Team members must be declared prior to the start of the competition, and a team may consist of members from different agencies. The event will be timed by using a starting and finishing gate. Time begins when the front wheel of the first bike crosses the line, and it ends when the rear tire of the 4<sup>th</sup> motor crosses the finish line. Points are deducted by using the same points assessment listed in #9. The competition will consist of the five that are posted. Three riders will complete one course, and the fourth ride will complete two courses. A tennis ball will be used and it must be handed off from rider to rider.