



2017 River City Motorcycle Challenge

Location: Dillon Brothers Motor Sports, 3848 N HWS Cleveland Blvd, Omaha, NE 68116

Dates/Times: July 28/29, 2017, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Rain or Shine)

Event Rules

**These rules are subject to change without prior notice.
Competitors will be informed of any rules changes prior to the actual event.**

ELIGIBILITY

The River City Motorcycle Challenge is open to:

- *All law enforcement motor officers who are certified to operate a police motorcycle and who are competing on a department owned police motorcycle.
- *Retired motor officers, former motor officers, and off-duty motor officers operating personally owned, touring, sport-touring, or cruiser style motorcycles.
- *Experienced civilian riders, as well as police officers who have never been motor certified, on touring, sport-touring, or cruiser style motorcycles.

*****Overall attendance is limited to 50 competitors. Riders who cannot successfully complete an 18 foot "keyhole" pattern will not be allowed to participate. There will be a keyhole pattern on site and riders may be required to prove proficiency at the Head Judge's discretion. There will be no refunds for riders disqualified from the event for failure to successfully demonstrate proficiency.**

COMPETITION DIVISIONS

Division I- (Expert Motor Officer)-

Any on-duty motor instructor, or any on-duty motor officer on a department owned motorcycle, or any off-duty, former or retired motor officer or motor instructor (see disclaimer) on a personally owned motorcycle, *who has competed in more than five similar motorcycle competitions or has placed individually in the top 3 at any similar motorcycle competition.*

Division II- (Motor Officer)

Any on-duty motor officer on a department owned motorcycle, or any off-duty, former or retired motor officer (see disclaimer) on a personally owned motorcycle, *who has competed in five or fewer similar motorcycle competitions and has never placed individually in the top 3 at any similar motorcycle competition.*

Division III- (Expert Civilian)-

Any former/retired motor officer (see disclaimer), or any civilian competitor, or any non-motor certified police officer, or on a personally owned motorcycle, *who has competed in more than five similar motorcycle competitions or has placed individually in the top 3 in any similar motorcycle competition.*

Division IV- (Civilian)

Any civilian competitor, or any non-motor certified police officer, on a personally owned motorcycle, *who has competed in five or fewer similar motorcycle competitions and has never placed individually in the top 3 in any similar motorcycle competition.*

Disclaimers-

***Retired or former motor officers who have been removed from the motor unit for more than 2 years have the option of competing in the applicable motor officer division, or as expert civilians. Those removed for less than 2 years must compete in the applicable motor officer division.**

***The Head Judge reserves the right to move a competitor up or down into a more appropriate class if, in the Head Judges opinion, the competitor holds an unfair advantage in his chosen class, or is at a distinct disadvantage, due to demonstrated skill level during practice sessions.**

***Divisions may be combined if there are insufficient numbers of competitors within a Division, at the discretion of the Head Judge.**

MOTORCYCLES

Motorcycle Requirements-

Department owned police motorcycles shall be at least 1000 cc's, and equipped with standard equipment used for their normal course of duty. No modifications or removal of standard equipment will be allowed; this includes removal of side stand, lights, reflectors, saddle bags, engine guards, radio boxes, etc. ABS systems, if equipped, must be operational. Motorcycles shall be ridden on the course in generally the same configuration as they are ridden on the street.

All other personally owned motorcycles shall be at least 1000 cc's, must be licensed and insured for street use, and must be considered a touring, sport-touring, or cruiser style motorcycle. No

modifications to side stands or ABS systems are permitted, nor any other modification which may provide an unfair advantage over other competitors or create an unsafe condition. Motorcycles shall be ridden on the course in generally the same configuration as they are ridden on the street.

No sport bikes, Sportsters, Buell, etc...

***Contact us prior to registering if you are unsure if your motorcycle meets our requirements.**

All motorcycles are subject to random inspections.

Guarding (protecting/padding) of motorcycles is allowed and encouraged.

Emergency Motorcycle Repairs-

If a motorcycle is deemed unserviceable for any reason prior to entering an event, the competitor may continue in the competition, provided that the competitor can locate a replacement motorcycle within 5 minutes of being called to the start line, and the new motorcycle meets the aforementioned requirements.

Motorcycle Malfunctions-

Once a competitor has begun an event, any malfunction that causes the motorcycle to be inoperable, or could make continued operation of the motorcycle unsafe, will be brought to the attention of the Head Judge. The Head Judge will decide if the malfunction is serious enough to justify a "re-ride".

CLOTHING AND CONDUCT

Competitors must dress appropriately. All competitors must wear boots, helmet, and eye protection at all times when on the course, during practice and competition. Police Officers representing their departments will be expected to wear their standard duty uniform on Saturday for the main event (ballistic vest optional). Riders competing on personally owned motorcycles are expected to dress in a professional manner.

All competitors shall act responsibly, safely and appropriately at all times. Failure to do so could result in disqualification from the competition.

DISPUTES

*Only the actual competitor may dispute scoring or a judge's decision.

*Any dispute over scoring of a particular event must be addressed by the affected competitor immediately following said run, or immediately following his/her learning of the issue, by bringing the dispute to the attention of the Head Judge. The Head Judge will issue a ruling. A competitor may appeal the ruling of the Head Judge to the Appeals Committee. The competition will not commence until a decision has been made. ***The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.***

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

*All registrations must be ***received no later than July 1st, 2017.***

***Payment of \$50.00** is expected at time of registration.

***Registration fees will be waived for all Division I and Division II Motor Officers representing their respective police department on department owned motorcycles.**

*All competitors will be provided lunch and dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, an event t-shirt and an event challenge coin.

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING HOURS

On-duty motor officers representing their respective police department on department owned motorcycles will be provided with a certificate of completion for 16 hours of advanced police motorcycle training.

MANDATORY COMPETITOR'S MEETING

A meeting of all competitors will be held prior to the opening of the course on both Friday and Saturday.

*The scoring and the approved path of travel through the course(s) will be reviewed and demonstrated.

*Competitors should understand course events prior to the end of the meetings.

*The meetings will be conducted by the Head Judge or designee.

*It is the competitor's responsibility to attend the mandatory meetings.

*After the competitors' meetings, any disputes concerning information disseminated at the competitors' meetings will not be considered.

LIABILITY WAIVER

No competitor will be allowed on the course until they have signed the liability waiver(s). Neither the Blue Knights NE II, nor Dillon Brothers Motor Sports, nor any associates shall be held liable for personal injury or property damage.

COMPETITION EVENTS

Skills Courses- Each skills course will be run twice, and all runs will be timed. Rider order will be randomly selected prior to the actual competition. ***There will be no modifications made to the course based on competition division.***

Individual Slow Race (Required) – Open all day Friday.

Competitors will negotiate the designated course for the slowest time. Each officer will receive one (1) free attempt at this event, and **may** purchase up to two (2) additional attempts for \$5.00 each.

Additional attempts **MUST** be purchased prior to the first attempt. The following scoring criteria shall apply:

*Time starts when a competitor's front axle crosses the start line

*Time stops when a competitor's rear axle crosses the finish line

*Time stops when a competitor puts a foot down

*Time stops when a competitor drops the motorcycle in the space

*Time stops when a competitor crosses the boundary line or touches a cone

Last Man Standing (Optional-\$5.00 entry fee) - To be held on Friday afternoon.

Participating riders, regardless of competition class, will be listed on a standard, single elimination, competition "bracket", in an order to be determined by the Head Judge. Riders will enter the designated course two at a time, with one rider being designated the leader, and one rider designated the follower, determined by a coin flip. The object for the lead rider is to knock your "opponent" out by getting him/her to touch a cone, put a foot down or a bike down, or fail to follow your exact path of travel. The object for the following rider is to mimic the lead rider's path of travel exactly, without touching a cone, or putting a foot down or a bike down, for 90 seconds. Any bike to bike contact will result in the elimination of the rider who, in the judge's opinion, is most responsible for the contact. The winner will advance to the next round to face another rider, while the loser is eliminated. Rider order and initial pairings to be determined by the Head Judge.

Whirlwind- (Optional Team event-\$5.00 entry fee per team member) - To be held on Friday afternoon.

Teams will be comprised of any 4 riders of your choosing. Riders may compete on multiple teams. Each team will negotiate the designated course as quickly as possible. Penalty assessment will be consistent with skills course penalties. Teams may "buy back" additional chances if they wish to try again, for an additional \$5.00 per rider, per attempt.

SCORING

Penalties will be assessed as follows:

- *Touching or rubbing a cone: plus one (1) second
- *Displacing a cone: plus two (2) seconds
- *Knocking down a cone: plus three (3) seconds
- *Putting a foot down: plus four (4) seconds
- *Run out of exercise (re-enter at same location): plus eight (8) seconds
- *Bike down: plus ten (10) seconds
- *Improper path/direction through pattern: plus twenty (20) seconds
- *Short coursing: plus fifty (50) seconds
- *Did not finish: plus one hundred (100) seconds
- *Fail to enter/attempt exercise: Disqualification

Final Score will be calculated by ranking each rider's fastest times on all 3 competition tracks, relative to all of the other competitors. The fastest rider on Track A, for example, would earn 1 point, while the slowest (in a field of 50) would earn 50 points. The slow race times will also be ranked against all other competitor's, with the slowest rider earning 1 point and the fastest rider earning 50 points. There are a total of 4 scored events (3 competition tracks and the slow ride). The rider with the lowest point total within each class will be declared the winner of his/her respective class. The individual slow race times will be used to break a tie. Slowest time wins.

TOP GUN

At the conclusion of all scoring, the 5 riders with the lowest point totals, **REGARDLESS OF DIVISION**, shall compete head to head against each other in one final run of a skills course, or a modified skills course. The fastest time on this final run, with penalties, will win the **TOP GUN AWARD**. The individual slow race times will be used to break a tie. Slowest time wins.

AWARDS

Awards (trophies or plaques) will be presented to the top 3 place winners in each division, as well as to the overall Top Gun winner, the winner of the Individual Slow Race, the winner of Last Man Standing, and all of the members of the winning Whirlwind Team.

TERMS DEFINED

***Appeals Committee-** A group of four competitors chosen randomly. Three will serve as the committee, while one will serve as a back-up. No Appeals Committee member shall rule on a decision affecting a member of their own agency or group. The back-up member will step in and serve at that point.

***Competitor** – Any rider registered to compete in the River City Police Motor Skills Competition.

***Course or Exercise** – A series of events which a competitor must ride; includes the path of travel between exercises in the individual timed runs.

***Department-** Any Law Enforcement Agency whom a competitor is a member/employee.

***Displace a Cone-** When any part of a motorcycle comes into contact with a cone and moves the cone off of its established base to the extent that it would need to be reset.

***Bike Down-** In an exercise, if the motorcycle falls to the ground and the competitor does not have control of the motorcycle. A rider will not be penalized for putting a foot down during a drop, but any cones touched, displaced or knocked down will be scored as penalties in addition to the drop.

***Foot Down-** In an exercise, whenever a competitor's foot comes in contact with the riding surface. Each "event" where a foot touches the ground shall be scored as one foot down. (Example: A rider nearly loses control and the front of the motorcycle leaves the exercise, causing the rider to put a foot down. The rider then uses both feet to push the motorcycle backward, back into the designated path of travel. This is scored as one foot down, plus whatever cones may have been touched, displaced or knocked down).

***Head Judge-** Senior or most experienced judge in attendance and in charge of over-seeing the entire event. Renders decisions regarding motorcycle malfunctions, course alterations, and settles scoring/time disputes as needed.

***Judge-** A person designated to score and/or time a competitor on the course.

***Judge's Meeting-** A meeting of course judges to review rules and scoring procedures.

***Knock Down a Cone-** Whenever any part of the motorcycle or competitor hits any part of a cone which causes the cone to fall over.

***Improper Path of Travel-** Whenever a particular skills course has a specific, defined path of travel (direction and sequence), riders are expected to follow it exactly. If a rider inadvertently leaves an exercise, he is expected to re-enter at the same point he exited.

***Running out of Exercise-** When the front and rear wheels cross the imaginary line between the center points of the two adjacent cones where the motorcycle would not normally enter or exit an event. Any cones touched, displaced or knocked down in the process will be scored in addition to running out of exercise. A dropped motorcycle that slides outside of the boundaries of an exercise is not considered to have run out of the exercise. A rider who has not completely left (contact patches of front and rear wheels) the exercise may walk a motorcycle backwards to resume path of travel without being penalized for running out of exercise (although he will be penalized for "foot down", plus any cones that might have been touched, displaced or knocked down).

***Short Coursing-** The act of cutting a course short or omitting required sections of the course where the end result is a time advantage for the competitor. Each exercise must be attempted to the fullest extent possible.

***Touch a Cone-** Whenever any part of the motorcycle or competitor touch any part of a cone