



The Capital of Texas Police Motorcycle Chute Out

EVENT RULES

These rules are subject to revisions without prior notice.

ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to all law enforcement officers who are currently certified to operate a police motorcycle, including retired motor officers. Participating officers are allowed to compete in one of the following classes.

COMPETITION CLASSES

Novice: Any competitor who has competed in three or less police motorcycle competitions and has never placed individually in the top 5 at any police motorcycle competition, including retired motor officers.

Expert: Any competitor who has competed in more than three police motorcycle competitions or has placed in individually in the top 5 at any police motorcycle competition, including retired motor officers.

Any competitor can choose to ride in the Expert class, but cannot go back down once they have chosen to move up.

MOTORCYCLE DIVISIONS

A competitor may only compete in one division.

- Division 1 - Harley Davidson Road King (Windshield)
- Division 2 - Harley Davidson Electra Glide (Fairing)
- Division 3 - BMW, Honda, and Kawasaki
- Division 4 - Victory Motorcycle and Honda Gold Wings

MOTORCYCLES

Competition Motorcycle Requirements

Competitors must compete on a police motorcycle of at least 1000 cc's that is equipped with standard equipment used for their normal course of duty. No modifications or removal of standard equipment will be allowed with the exception of the side stand; this includes removal of lights, reflectors, saddle bags, engine guards, radio boxes, etc. ABS systems, if equipped, must be connected. All motorcycles are subject to random inspections.



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Emergency Motorcycle Repairs

Prior to entering an event, a competitor (or team) will be allowed 15 minutes to repair a motorcycle that is malfunctioning. If the motorcycle is unserviceable, the competitor may continue in the competition provided that:

- The competitor can locate a replacement motorcycle within 15 minutes.
- The new motorcycle must already be qualified.
- The motorcycle must be assigned to compete in the same division as the competitor.

Motorcycle Malfunctions

Once a competitor or team has begun an event, no excuses for a breakdown will be allowed. This includes side stand problems. It may be advantageous to secure or remove the side stand prior to competing.

CLOTHING AND CONDUCT

Competitors must dress appropriately. Boots, helmet, and eye protection must be worn at all times, during practice and competition. Standard duty uniform must be worn on Saturday, as this will be the main competition day.

All competitors shall act in a professional manner. Inappropriate behavior could result in disqualification from the competition.

RULES COMMITTEE

DEFINED: A Rules Committee will be established on day one of the Motorcycle Chute Out to settle all disputes that may arise during the competition that cannot be settled at the judges' level. The Rules Committee will be comprised of three to five members from different agencies selected by the Head Track Official, and post the Rules Committee Members list on or near the registration booth. Each member has a vote and the majority vote rules. A representative from the affected agency may be involved in any discussion leading up to a vote, but may not cast a vote to resolve the dispute.

DISPUTES: Disputes will be handled in the following manner:

- Any dispute of scoring of a particular event must be addressed by the affected competitor after completing said run.
- Only the competitor may dispute scoring or a judge's decision.
- Disputes will be brought to the Head Judge for ruling over an event / course score.
- If the dispute is not resolved by the Head Judge, the Rules Committee will resolve the dispute.



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- All decisions of the Rules Committee are final.

ONSITE REGISTRATION & TCOLE CREDIT

- All competitors must complete and sign the waiver form at registration.
- When paperwork is submitted, each competitor will be given a competitor number which must be displayed on the competitor's motorcycle throughout the competition.
- Each registration each competitor will be supplied with a packet which will include an itinerary of all events, rules sheet, and information pertaining to evening events.
- Competitors may sign up for individual and team events during onsite registration.
- Texas competitors wishing to receive TCOLE credit will be required to sign a Travis County Training Academy Roster and complete an evaluation completion of the event. Both must be received for credit to be given. Evaluations will be provided at onsite registration or via email after the competition.

MANDATORY COMPETITOR'S MEETING

A meeting of all competitors riding in the Motorcycle Chute Out will be held prior to the start of the competition.

- The scoring and the approved path of travel through the events will be reviewed and demonstrated.
- Competitors should understand course events prior to the end of the meeting.
- The meeting will be conducted by the Head Track Judge or designee.
- The competitors meeting time will be provided at onsite registration, in the itinerary.
- It is the competitor's responsibility to attend the mandatory meeting.
- After the competitors' meeting, any disputes concerning information disseminated at the competitors' meeting will not be considered.

COMPETITION EVENTS

Main Competition

GOAL: The main competition will consist of one run on each of the two speed courses; runs will be timed. Times with penalties will be combined for one total to include any assess penalties. The quickest time, after penalties wins.



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The timed runs will be timed beginning when the competitor's front tire breaks the electric eye of the timer and ending when the front tire breaks the electric eye of the timer when exiting the last exercise. A back up stop watch will be used by the Head Track Judge or designee.

SCORING:

- Touching or Rubbing a cone: plus one (1) second
- Knocking down a cone: plus two (2) seconds
- Putting a foot down: plus four (4) seconds
- Bike down: plus five (5) seconds
- Run out of pattern (Re-enter at same location): plus eight (8) seconds
- Improper path/direction through pattern: plus twenty (20) seconds
- Did Not Finish (DNF): plus one hundred (100) seconds
- Fail to Enter exercise: Disqualification
- Short Coursing: Disqualification

FINAL SCORE: Final score will consist of each competitor's combined time, with penalties for one time (in seconds). The fastest time after penalties are assessed is the winner.

TIE: In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken with the competitor who has the cleanest run.

AWARDS: Awards for expert and novice in each division 1st through 5th place will be given. This event is required for all officers competing for Best Overall Team & Mr. Rodeo.

Individual Slow Race

GOAL: Competitors will negotiate the designated course for the slowest time. Slowest time will win. Each officer will receive one (1) attempt at this event. The time starts when the competitor's front tire crosses the start line. The time ends when the competitor's rear tire crosses the end line.

SCORING: The competitor's time will stop at the occurrence of any of the following;

- A competitor puts a foot down,
- A competitor drops the motorcycle in the space, and/or
- A competitor crosses the boundary line.

AWARDS: Awards for 1st through 5th place will be given, regardless of division or class. This event is required for all officers competing for Best Overall Team and Mr. Rodeo.



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The Eliminator

GOAL: Competitors will be placed into a bracket at random. The two competitors will enter the pattern containing obstacles and follow the “leader” as he/she navigates a pattern at random through the cones.

- The winner of a coin toss will be given the choice to lead or follow.
- The timer for the event will start when the second competitor enters the pattern.
- The lead competitor will be allowed to ride the cone pattern in any direction or path that they choose.
- The competitor following is required to travel the same pathway as the leader. If he/she takes another path they are eliminated.
- Either competitor may be eliminated by hitting a cone or putting a foot down.
- If any contact is made between the two motorcycles, the competitor determined to have initiated the contact will be eliminated.
- The following competitor may enter the course at their discretion once the rear tire of the lead officer has crossed the start line.
- If the match lasts for 90 seconds the competitor following is determined the winner.

The event will continue in a playoff format with the winner of each round continuing on to the next tier of the bracket. The last competitor remaining will win.

AWARDS: Only first place will be awarded, regardless of class or division.

Partner Ride

GOAL: The partner ride will consist of two riders, tethered together at the rear saddlebag guard. Both riders will navigate a pre-determined course while riding side by side, tethered at the fixed point. If the riders successfully navigate the course and do not break the tether, it will be counted as a completed run. Times will be recorded by two stop watches. Fastest time wins. 1 attempt at this exercise is included, up to (4) four additional attempts may be purchased at \$5.00 each.

FINAL SCORE: Final score will be the lowest time out of the completed runs recorded for the respective team.

AWARDS: Awards for 1st through 3rd place pairs will be given, regardless of class or division.



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Four-man team event:

GOAL: The four man team event will consist of four riders. The four riders will enter a designated exercise with one rider leading and the other three riders following. At the designated point, the lead rider will either travel out of the exercise, or travel a different path in the exercise, with the objective of changing from the lead rider to the last following rider. The rider, who is second in line, will now be the lead rider. This pattern will repeat itself until all four riders have been in the lead. The time starts when the first rider's front tire breaks the electric eye of the timer and ends when the front tire of the last rider breaks the electric eye of the timer when exiting the last exercise. A back up stop watch will be used by the Head Track Judge or designee.

SCORING:

- Touching or Rubbing a cone: plus one (1) second
- Knocking down a cone: plus two (2) seconds
- Putting a foot down: plus four (4) seconds
- Bike down: plus five (5) seconds
- Run out of pattern (Re-enter at same location): plus eight (8) seconds
- Improper path/direction through pattern: plus twenty (20) seconds
- Did Not Finish (DNF): plus one hundred (100) seconds
- Fail to Enter exercise: Disqualification
- Short Coursing: Disqualification

FINAL SCORE: Final score will consist of the total time taken for all officers (the entire team) to complete the exercise. The fastest time after penalties are assessed, wins.

TIE: In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken with the competitor who has the cleanest run.

AWARDS: No awards for the stand alone event will be provided. This is a mandatory exercise for placement in the Overall Team Awards.

Memorial Challenge Ride

GOAL: Each competitor will negotiate a predetermined course consisting of advanced skills usage (brakes, no brakes, etc.) for time. This course will **not** be available for practice and will be unknown to competitors until the time of event. Fastest time will win.

SCORING:

- Touching or Rubbing a cone: plus one (1) second
- Knocking down a cone: plus two (2) seconds
- Putting a foot down: plus four (4) seconds
- Bike down: plus five (5) seconds
- Run out of pattern (Re-enter at same location): plus eight (8) seconds



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- Improper path/direction through pattern: plus twenty (20) seconds
- Did Not Finish (DNF): plus one hundred (100) seconds
- Fail to Enter exercise: Disqualification
- Short Coursing: Disqualification

AWARDS: Awards for 1st through 3rd place will be given, regardless of class or division. This event is required for all officers competing for Best Overall Team and Mr. Rodeo.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

Mr. Rodeo / Overall Individual (Harley/Victory): Competitor must compete in Main Competition (both tracks), Memorial Challenge Ride, and Slow Race. The scores from the three events will be used to determine the winner within the Harley/Victory grouping. Each rider will be given points based on their ranking in each individual event with the 1st place receiving 1 point, 2nd place receiving 2 points, etc. The individual rider with the lowest amount of points after all events will be the recipient of this prestigious award. Awarded to competitor with the lowest overall total of points regardless of class or division. Only riders on Harley Davidson and Victory Motorcycles are eligible for this award. 1st – Mr. Rodeo and 2nd and 3rd awarded.

Mr. Rodeo / Overall Individual (Metric / Goldwing): Competitor must compete in Main Competition (both tracks), Memorial Challenge Ride, and Slow Race. The scores from the three events will be used to determine the winner within the Metric / Goldwing grouping. Each rider will be given points based on their ranking in each individual event with the 1st place receiving 1 point, 2nd place receiving 2 points, etc. The individual rider with the lowest amount of points after all events will be the recipient of this prestigious award. Awarded to competitor with the lowest overall total of points regardless of class or division. Only riders on Metrics and Gold Wings are eligible for this award. 1st – Mr. Rodeo and 2nd and 3rd awarded.

Best Overall Team Award: Teams MUST BE declared by the start of the first event. Overall team score is a cumulative total to include each team members Mr. Rodeo / Overall Individual total as well as the points recorded for the respective team during the 4-man team event. The 4-man team event will be added based on points where the team with the lowest amount of points will receive 1 point, 2nd place receiving 2 points, etc. The team with the least amount of total points will be the winner of this competition.

Awards for 1st through 3rd place teams will be given, regardless of class or division.



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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Competitor –a Law Enforcement Officer who is authorized to ride a Police Motorcycle by their department and is registered to compete in the Capital of Texas Police Motorcycle Chute Out.

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.

Drop the Motorcycle: In an exercise, if the motorcycle falls to the surface and the competitor does not have control of the motorcycle, which would allow for safe operation of the motorcycle. (includes any part of the entire course).

Foot Down: In an exercise, whenever a competitor's foot comes in contact with the surface (includes any part of the course during the timed runs).

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 of the Motorcycle Chute Out.

Knock Over a Cone: Whenever any part of the motorcycle or competitor hits any part of a cone which causes the cone to fall over or be displaced from its original position or if a judge has to physically move or reposition the cone.

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. In events which use a boundary line, if the tire contact patch crosses the boundary line, the competitor has run out of the exercise.

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.

Touch a Cone: Whenever any part of the motorcycle or competitor touch any part of a cone.