



*Learn to ride with us!*

## **Rider's Edge® New Rider Course**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What is Rider's Edge® New Rider Course?**

Rider's Edge is a motorcycle training program developed by Harley-Davidson. It is based on the proven Motorcycle Safety Foundation® curriculum. The New Rider Course will provide you with a strategy for dealing with traffic, road hazards, and the skills to get the most out of your motorcycle whenever you ride it.

#### **I have never ridden a motorcycle in my life. Is this class for me?**

**Yes.** This class is perfect for you; before you even sit on a bike you will learn all the controls. You will accomplish each exercise under the supervision of a riding instructor, from your first tentative steps through all the riding exercises. New riders have no old habits to break; they make for our best students!

#### **I have ridden for years. Can I learn anything from this class?**

Definitely. You don't know what you don't know. Expect to be pleasantly surprised at the end of the New Rider Class when you realize that you are turning your motorcycle harder, stopping better, and using a proven strategy on the street.

#### **Difference between Rider's Edge® and the MSF® Basic Rider Course?**

Both courses are effective training programs. The State class is 15 hours and our New Rider Course is 25 hours. The New Rider Course is lot's more fun. It was developed to suit the adult learning model. The instructors are trained to offer a high challenge, low threat environment to the student. Most riding exercises are longer, affording more learning time to the student. The New Rider Course also includes more classroom material. New Rider Courses are taught on the largest motorcycle approved by MSF, the Buell® 492cc Blast®, and you will get the Harley-Davidson experience on top of it!

#### **Why is the State's Basic Rider Course less money than Rider's Edge?**

- ❑ The New Rider Course is longer, more full featured, and allows for more riding time to practice the riding exercises.
- ❑ The Rider's Edge instructors received additional instructor training after completing their Motorcycle Safety Foundation instructor's training.
- ❑ The state program is worth much more than the state is charging for the class however; the cost difference is made up with public fees.

#### **Do I need a motorcycle?**

No. Mike's Famous supplies each student with a Harley-Davidson Buell® Blast® 492cc motorcycle for the class. The Blast has two seat heights (25" and 28") to accommodate all riders. The Blast is a lightweight and easy to maneuver motorcycle.

### **What do I need to participate?**

- ❑ A valid driver's license. **If you are under 18 years of age you must possess a valid driver's license with restrictions, and have a parent/guardian sign waiver forms prior to the beginning of the class.**
- ❑ A ¾ or Full Face DOT approved motorcycle Helmet and Eye Protection.
- ❑ Full fingered Gloves (non slip)
- ❑ Over the ankle, low heel, Footwear (no canvas, cloth, mesh or nylon materials.)
- ❑ Long sleeve Shirt and/or Jacket
- ❑ Sturdy long, full length, Pants (jeans or other sturdy material, no sweat pants.)
- ❑ Some type of raingear is suggested as our classes are held rain or shine. Class continuation during adverse weather conditions will be at the discretion of the instructors with student safety being our primary concern.

### **Do I need a helmet?**

Yes. The state of Delaware mandates that students must wear a DOT approved ¾ or full-face helmet while participating in a motorcycle training class. MFHD can provide an approved full-face loaner helmet to students at no additional fee. We suggest using your own helmet if you have a ¾ or full-face helmet available.

### **What official certificate do I receive for passing the class?**

Successfully completing the class will earn you a Motorcycle Safety Foundation® Course Completion card. The card may entitle you to an insurance discount on your motorcycle liability insurance depending on the state you reside in. For **Delaware** insured residents, the 10% discount is mandatory. To successfully complete the class you are required to pass a multiple-choice knowledge test and demonstrate riding proficiency, same as the state Basic Rider Class.

### **Will I earn my endorsement here? Delaware residents**

Yes, Delaware residents will be awarded an endorsement waiver upon successfully completing the program. You will need to go to any DMV, show your completion card, pay a new license fee, pass an eye test and your driver's license will be reissued with the "M" motorcycle endorsement on it. No further testing is required at DMV.

### **Not a Delaware Resident. How do I get my endorsement? PA, NJ, MD**

- ❑ You will be required to pass a riding test at a Motor Vehicle in your state.
- ❑ Mike's Famous will provide you with one of our Buell® Blast® training motorcycles for you to use for your riding test. There is no additional charge for this service. We will bring the motorcycle to the following state locations.  
(PA-Bortondale, MD-Elkton, NJ-Salem)
- ❑ You will need to obtain your motorcycle permit before you can take your state's riding test. The permit is not needed to take our New Rider Class, but we recommend obtaining your MC permit before the class so the waiting period will

be over with by the time you finish the New Rider Class. This will allow you to take your state's riding test shortly after completing the New Rider Class.

- ❑ Please contact Mike's Famous Rider's Edge Program Manager at 302-668-8800, ext. 2207 for availability prior to contacting your motor vehicle for a test date.

### **How much is the class? \$325.00**

- ❑ Our Motorcycle Safety Foundation® Certified Course also includes:
- ❑ Free membership to our Famous Rewards Program, a club exclusive to our loyal customers where you'll receive:
  - One point for every dollar you spend in our dealership.
  - For every 500 points you earn, you can redeem a \$25.00 voucher.
  - Upon successful completion of the course, you can receive up to 2,000 points if you purchased, or do purchase, within a certain time limit, a new or used motorcycle from one of Mike's Famous dealerships.
    - \*See dealership for further details on this offer.
  - You'll also receive exclusive specials and event information.
- ❑ Bottled water at the motorcycle range.
- ❑ Graduate recognition goodies.

### **How much is the retake fee if I need to take the New Rider Class again?**

- ❑ MFHD charges a **\$75.00** fee to retake the course if you do not successfully complete the course, for any reason, the first time. You can be rescheduled for the next open class pending your availability.

### **Where does the class meet?**

- ❑ New Castle - Mike's Famous Harley-Davidson New Castle Dealership, DE.
- ❑ Smyrna - Mike's Famous Harley-Davidson Shop of Smyrna, DE.

### **Motorcycle Training Range Location:**

- ❑ For the 2010 training season our range riding will be done at our Smyrna dealership. This is due to the fact that our New Castle training range was located at the old General Motors Assembly Plant, near Prices Corner. With the closing of the plant we do not yet know if or when we will receive permission to continue to use the training range from the new owners. If we are permitted to continue to use the range the New Castle classes will be moved back to New Castle.
- ❑ **New Castle Classes:** For the four day class, the Thursday and Friday evening classes will be held at our New Castle dealership along with the first day of the three-day weekday class being on Mondays. This will allow for our New Castle customers to only have to drive to Smyrna for two days of the class.
- ❑ **Benefits:** Our Smyrna motorcycle training range is considered to be one of the finest training ranges in the country. Our range is a large full size flat asphalt lot with no obstructions or painted parking lines to cause concern or confusion for our students. The range is located on the south side of our Smyrna dealership.

### **New Rider Course Class Days?**

□ **Weekend Programs – 25 Hours**

Thursday	=	6:00 PM	to	9:00 PM – Classroom
Friday	=	6:00 PM	to	9:00 PM – Classroom
Saturday	=	8:00 AM	to	5:30 PM – Range and finish up classroom
Sunday	=	8:00 AM	to	5:30 PM – Range

□ **Weekday Programs – 25 Hours**

Monday	=	8:00 AM	to	5:30 PM – Classroom
Tuesday	=	9:00 AM	to	3:00 PM – Range
Wednesday	=	8:00 AM	to	5:30 PM – Range

**Rider’s Edge Objectives and Expectations:**

- Develop a safe and responsible motorcyclist.
- Develop the mental skills for safe motorcycling.
- Develop the physical skills for safe motorcycling.
- Create an understanding of risk awareness and risk taking.
- Develop a strategy to manage risks.
- Have fun while learning.

**What is covered in the classroom?**

- Riding gear
- Risk awareness and management
- Types of motorcycles
- Pre-ride inspection
- Motorcycle Controls
- Street Strategies

**What will I learn on the range?**

- Controls
- Clutch control (friction zone)
- Stopping (slow and quick stops)
- Shifting
- Turning
- Negotiating curves
- Swerving
- U-turns & S-turns

**Physical Disabilities or Injuries:**

**(Participants must be able to balance and ride a bicycle)**

Students **must not have** any injuries or physical disabilities that would hinder their ability to learn to ride a motorcycle safely. The New Rider Course is mentally and physically demanding. Weather conditions can also increase the stress on students. This course is held rain or shine unless our instructors have safety concerns. The course was designed to be held during adverse weather conditions. If you have any questions pertaining to this please contact Mike’s Famous Harley-Davidson Rider’s Edge Program Manager at 302-658-8800 ext. 2207.

**Class Cancellation Policy:** - Student will be entitled to a full refund if he/she cancels seven days or more prior to the class start date. If less than seven days, but more than two days prior to the class start date, student can reschedule for a later class or

request store credit. If a student has to cancel or reschedule with less than two days notice prior to the class start date there will be a \$50.00 cancellation or rescheduling fee required. Once a student starts the class there is **no refund or store credit** given for the class fees. The fee to retake the class if unsuccessful for any reason is **\$75.00**.

### **Canceled Classes:**

Classes will be canceled if less than **four students** are registered for the class the day before the class is scheduled to begin. Registered students will be entitled to a full refund if the class is canceled or they can reschedule for the next available class with openings.

### **How do I register for the class:**

**Internet:** Go to our web site - mikesfamous.com. On the right side of the page click on either the “New Castle or Smyrna” Dealership. On the left hand side under “Dealer Services,” click on “Rider’s Edge.” This will open up the Rider’s Edge page. Click on the “Click Here to Register” emblem. At the bottom of the page click on “Search for Classes.” This will open up the Rider’s Edge® Class Reservation Page. Click on the “Open” button for the class you are interested in. You can then click on the “Reserve Now” button to open the registration page. You will not be able to pay for the class On-Line. I will contact you in a day or two for your payment information. Your registration is not finalized until the class fee has been paid in full.

**Phone:** You can contact me at 302-658-8800 Ext. 2207 to register by phone. This takes about ten minutes. You will need to know your driver license number and expiration date. Payment is usually made by credit card when registering by phone.

**Dealership:** You can stop by and register at either our New Castle or Smyrna dealerships. Payment for the course must be made at time of registration, credit card, check or cash.

Thank you for your interest in our Harley-Davidson Rider’s Edge® Academy of Motorcycling New Rider Course. Please give me a call or email with any questions.

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