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Information for training programs

The Michigan Department of State (MDOS) is introducing the Motorcycle Safety Program *Bulletin* to provide a cost-effective way to periodically share important information with motorcycle program participants. It also serves as a guide for maintaining uniform training policies and procedures.

Please keep your bulletin handy for future reference:

- ❖ Program Managers – Place the bulletin in the last section of your Project Manager Procedure Manual. This manual should always be kept updated for quick reference.
- ❖ RiderCoach Trainers and RiderCoaches – Place the bulletin in the last section of your MSF RiderCoach Guide.

Range approval

All state programs must have their ranges approved by MDOS and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) prior to offering range instruction. Training is not permitted on an unapproved range. Please refer to the MSF Rider Education Recognition Program (RERP) web page that contains the new range information.

The State Coordinator must sign the RERP Application Form and the RiderCourse Range Information Form before submitting to MSF for approval. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Wilson, State Coordinator, to discuss your situation.

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End-of-course skill test

Consistent with the MSF RiderCoach Guide, as well as the RiderCoach preparation course conducted by our RiderCoach Trainers, the end-of-course skill testing is to be conducted after the completion of all 17 exercises. The exercises must be conducted as outlined in the MSF RiderCoach Guide and/or Range Cards and cannot be altered or substituted.

The end-of-course skill test is designed to be a realistic, fair measure of the student's riding skill and ability to ride safely. It should be conducted entirely separate from other training exercises. If you have a question regarding this issue, please contact one of the RiderCoach Trainers or the State Coordinator.

Range activity

During the winter meeting with Ron Wilson and the RiderCoach Trainers, it was agreed that RiderCoaches will adhere to the content and sequences outlined in the MSF RiderCoach Guide and Range Cards. RiderCoach Trainers and RiderCoaches are also expected to demonstrate safe riding habits by wearing protective gear while riding to, from, and during rider training activities.

RiderCoaches are to follow all range instructions and cone placements, simulated exercises, and riding demonstrations for all range exercises as identified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

Retesting

All programs will adhere to the following retest policy: based on the discretion of the RiderCoach, a student will be entitled to one range retake within 60 days of the date of completion. The student must complete the entire range instruction and successfully complete the end-of-course skill testing to receive a Michigan or MSF completion card.

Schedule training as soon as possible

When contacted by a person under age 18 or an adult required by Michigan law to complete a motorcycle safety course due to failing the state skills test twice, attempt to register the student in a Basic Rider Course as promptly as possible. A student may register for a safety course at age 15.

Students under age 18

Students under age 18 must successfully complete a Basic Rider Course (BRC) to receive a Certificate of Completion. A student under age 18 must possess a Michigan Level 2 or Level 3 driver's license to be eligible for a Temporary Instruction Permit (TIP) from the Secretary of State and will be required to present proof of enrollment in or completion of an approved safety course. A TIP is valid for 180 days from the date of issue.