



## MOTORCYCLE RIDER COURSES 2025

### Basic Rider Course for License Waiver (BRC)

**Scooters Available:** If you plan to ride a scooter, take your BRC on a scooter. You **MUST** reserve a scooter when you register for your BRC. If you want to learn to ride, but just don't want to use a clutch, contact Maggie at (518) 629-7339 to discuss options **BEFORE** opting to learn on a scooter.

**Course Participant Eligibility:** Any individual, 16 years of age or older, who wishes to participate in a (New York State Motorcyclist Safety Program) course **must possess a valid driver's license**.

**Prerequisite:** Students must be able to ride a bicycle.

**eCourse:** You are required to complete the required MSF online eCourse within the 30 days prior to the start of your class. After you register, and approximately 30 days before your class, the college will send you the link to register and complete the mandatory online course (eCourse). There is no additional charge for the eCourse. You **MUST** use the link provided or you will not receive credit for taking the course. If a student does not get the eCourse link or are late registrants, it is their responsibility to contact us before class to get that information.

**Under 18 Students:** The motorcycle course waiver and indemnification form must be signed by a parent or guardian and **notarized**. You will not be allowed to ride without it and no refunds are given. Call (518) 629-7339 to receive the form. It is **your** responsibility to obtain the waiver forms. NYS Graduated Licensing laws apply to the Road Test Waiver.

**Shorter Students:** If you have a short inseam (less than 28" to ground with boots) please arrange to "try on" a motorcycle at least one week before your class begins. You must be able to sit with both feet flat on the ground to learn safely. If you arrive at class and cannot do this and did not "try on" one of OUR motorcycles or scooters, no refund will be given. Call Maggie at (518) 857-2099 to discuss.

### To qualify for the NYS Motorcycle Road Test Waiver (Completion Card) - Per NYS DMV Regulation

- Students must possess a valid NYS Driver License. Upon successful completion of the Basic RiderCourse, a New York State Motorcycle Safety Program (NYSMSP) Completion Card (aka Road Test Waiver) will be issued. BRC graduates present the Completion Card to NYS Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), apply for the motorcycle permit, if you do not have one, and pay any fees. You will immediately receive an "M" license, added to your Driver License. Graduated Licensing laws apply to persons under age 18.
- You may take the course with a valid driver's license from another state but will not receive a licensing waiver unless your state recognizes the NYS program. Vermont and Massachusetts currently accept NYS waiver. You are responsible for ensuring that your home state licensing board accepts the NYSMSP Completion Card as a license waiver prior to registering for course.
- Any potential student who possesses a license that has been restricted due to one or more convictions for driving while impaired may not participate in any NYSMSP Rider Course until all restrictions to the license have been lifted. It is your responsibility to know this before you register, not ours.
- Questions regarding restricted or conditional licenses or any DMV regulations should be directed to Maggie (518) 857-2099 or to your local DMV office.



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## WHAT TO BRING

### Documents

- Valid NYS Driver License or valid NYS Motorcycle License, NYS Motorcycle Permit (if you have one) and a photocopy of each to first class. We can make copies in class.
- MSF eCourse completion certificate (dated within the 30 days prior to you class). A copy, photo or screenshot is acceptable. If a student does not get the eCourse link or are late registrants, it is their responsibility to contact us before class to get that information.
- Please review, print and sign the follow documents and bring with you to class:
  - [Motorcycle Safety Course waiver and indemnification form\\*](#),
  - complete a [student information form](#).
  - Blank forms will be available in class.

**\*Any student under 18 years of age MUST have this form signed by a parent and notarized OR will not be permitted to ride; no refund will be given.**

### Required Riding Gear

- DOT approved helmet - Full-face recommended (loaner helmets available).
- Eye protection – Helmet shield, glasses or sunglasses are fine.
- Full-fingered gloves
- Over-the-ankle boots (no sneakers, no heels more than 1")
- Long sleeve shirt or jacket and sturdy long pants (jeans, no holes, no leggings).
- Wear layers and bring rain gear. **We ride rain or shine, hot or cold. Light colors are better. If you cannot tolerate heat - register for a course in a cooler month.**

### Water and Snacks

- Bring **8 oz. of water for each hour of class**, and snacks. Small coolers work.
- This is a physically active day. You will need to replenish fluids and energy.
- A wet rag to cool your face and neck is a good idea.
- Lunch break: Food is nearby or bring your own lunch.
- Folding chair for non-riding outdoor learning activities.

### Schedule

- Students must allow extra time in their schedules for variables such as weather or other factors that may require staying later than scheduled.
- Plan for extra time to ensure that you don't have a conflict.

**YOU MUST BE ON TIME:** Arrive at least 15 to 30 minutes before class.

**NOTE:** The BRC riding exercises are physically demanding. You will be required to push the motorcycle while straddling it. All courses require physical stamina, motor coordination and mental alertness. Some prescription medications and over the counter medications may affect your alertness or balance. Check with your doctor or pharmacist. Riding takes place in a closed parking lot and you may be exposed to rain, wind, cold, heat, sun, etc.

**Day of Class:** You will report to HVCC, Parking Lot F. Plan to arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled class.



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**QUESTIONS?** Any questions call Maggie (518) 857-2099 or email: [info@518rider.com](mailto:info@518rider.com).

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: What is the eCourse?**

A: This online course developed by MSF allows you to become familiar with the basics of motorcycle operation before you begin the on-campus class. The eCourse takes several hours to complete. It must be completed before your class and no more than 30 days before the on-campus component. If you do not have a computer, you can use a computer at your local library or contact Hudson Valley Community College at (518) 629-7339 or [communityed@hvcc.edu](mailto:communityed@hvcc.edu). If a student does not get the eCourse link or are late registrants, it is their responsibility to contact us before class to get that information.

### **Q: Do I pay separately for the eCourse?**

A: No. When you register, and approximately 30 days before your class, the college will email information and directions to access the eCourse. You will take the course at no additional charge. You must use the link provided to complete the correct course and get credit for completing it.

### **Q: What protective gear is required to take the BRC?**

A: Please bring gear to first class session for approval.

- DOT-approved helmet (loaner helmets available) - full-face recommended, eye protection (helmet face shield, prescription glasses, shatterproof sunglasses), full-fingered non-slippery gloves, over-the-ankle boots (no sneakers, no heels more than 1"), long sleeve jacket or denim shirt and sturdy long pants (jeans with no holes, no leggings).
- Wear layers and bring rain gear. We ride rain or shine, hot or cold. Light colors are better. If you cannot tolerate heat - register for a course in a cooler month or evenings.

### **Q: What are the requirements for participating in the NYS Motorcycle Safety Program - Basic RiderCourse?**

A: Any individual, 16 years of age or older, who wishes to participate in a NYSMSP Basic RiderCourse (MSF BRC) MUST possess a valid NYS Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) issued Driver License or Motorcycle License. Any person younger than 18 years must also have the written permission of his/her parent(s) or legal guardian. The form [Motorcycle Safety Course waiver and indemnification form](#) MUST be signed by a parent/guardian and notarized. The NYSMSP accepts out-of-state student credentials that are acceptable to the NYS DMV. NOTE TO NON-NY-LICENSED STUDENTS: IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT to check with their own state's licensing agency about reciprocity of the BRC from NYS.

### **Q: I have a conditional/restricted license due to an impairment conviction. Can I take the BRC?**

A: No. NYS DMV policy states: Any potential student who possesses a license that has been restricted due to one or more convictions for driving while impaired may not participate in any NYSMSP RiderCourse until all restrictions to the license have been lifted. All potential students will be asked to attest that they are not in possession of a restricted license.

### **Q: What are the requirements to receive all the NYS benefits?**

A: To be eligible for the road test waiver, you must possess a valid NYS Driver License. You must successfully complete the online eCourse and motorcycle skills evaluation on campus. Attendance at all class sessions is mandatory.



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**Q: I have a non-NYS driver's license. Can I take the course and get the road test waiver?**

A: The NYSMSP Basic RiderCourse does not offer any license benefit to drivers licensed in another state. Many states accept the NYS BRC for road test waiver. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT to check with their own state's licensing agency about reciprocity of the BRC from NYS. We will make all reasonable efforts to supply the student with records required by that state. Contact us BEFORE registering with any questions.

**Q: How long is the Basic RiderCourse?**

A: The class is held over a two-day period. Students will participate in both non-riding and on-motorcycle learning exercises. Class times may be extended or changed to compensate for unforeseen situations.

**Q: What MUST I bring to the Basic RiderCourse?**

A: You must bring:

- Please review, print and sign the following documents and bring with you to class: [Motorcycle Safety Course waiver and indemnification form](#) and a completed [student information form](#). We will have blank forms available in class.
- **Students age 16-18** must have the [Motorcycle Safety Foundation RiderCourse Waiver](#) signed by a **parent and notarized**. It is your responsibility to obtain a copy by calling (518) 629-7339. You cannot ride without it and no refund will be given.
- Proof of completion of the PROPER online eCourse within the 30 days prior to the on-campus class, either a printed certificate or photo screenshot of same. If a student does not get the eCourse link or are late registrants, it is their responsibility to contact us before class to get that information.
- The original and one copy of your NYS Driver License (class D or higher). We can make copies in class.
- Required riding gear.

**Q: What SHOULD I bring to the Basic RiderCourse?**

A: Yourself, well rested, open-minded and ready to try new things. Bring water (8 oz for each hour), a small cooler, energy snacks, sunblock, a wet cloth to cool your face and neck. Wear layers that can be added or removed according to weather and that will still comply with required riding gear. Your outermost layer should be a light color for sunny days.

**Q: Will the course take place in all weather conditions?**

A: Yes. You should be prepared to ride in hot, cold, wet and dry conditions. In the case of severe weather or thunderstorms, the course may be temporarily delayed or cancelled. If you are not sure if the course will run, contact Maggie at (518) 857-2099 or [info@518rider.com](mailto:info@518rider.com).

**Q: What if I fail the skill evaluation?**

A: You have 30 days from the completion of BRC to re-test at no charge.

**Q: What types of motorcycles/scooters are used for the Basic RiderCourse?**

A: Street and dual-purpose motorcycles and scooters of various styles and brands between 100 - 350cc are used. Many with low seat height are utilized.

**Q. Can I take the Basic RiderCourse on a scooter?**

A: Yes, we have a limited number of Class A scooters. You must register and reserve a scooter directly with the college (518) 629-7339. You cannot reserve a scooter by registering online.



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**Q: My inseam is less than 27 inches. Do you have a motorcycle for me?**

A: Please contact Maggie at (518) 857-2099 or [info@518rider.com](mailto:info@518rider.com) to arrange at time to come in and "try on" a motorcycle to make sure you can safely touch the ground. Please do this at least two weeks before your class.

**Q: Do I need a motorcycle permit to take the class?**

A: You will be required to obtain a motorcycle permit to use the waiver. The permit can be obtained before or after the class.

**Q: What are the physical requirements of the BRC?**

A: You must be able to ride a bicycle. Motorcycle exercises require physical stamina, motor coordination and mental alertness. We offer split-week day courses, which some students find more manageable from a physical standpoint than the standard two days in a row schedule. If you require daily tranquilizers or pain medication you probably will not meet the mental alertness criteria. If you have any specific questions about your ability to manage this course, please contact Maggie at (518) 857-2099 or [info@518rider.com](mailto:info@518rider.com).

**Q: I am under age 18. Can I take the course?**

A: Yes, but the [Motorcycle Safety Foundation RiderCourse Waiver](#)s must be signed and notarized by a parent/guardian. Please contact Maggie at (518) 857-2099 or [info@518rider.com](mailto:info@518rider.com) with any additional questions.

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**Any questions contact Capital Area Rider Training LLC Site Administrator  
Maggie McNally at (518) 857-2099 or [info@518rider.com](mailto:info@518rider.com).**