



MOTORCYCLE RIDER COURSES 2025

Introductory Motorcycle Experience (IME)

This two-hour experience provides students with an opportunity to become familiar with a motorcycle/scooter and its controls in a low-risk, controlled environment. It is designed for the student who has no riding experience and isn't sure whether or not they should take formal training. It is a unique opportunity to get a feeling for the physical requirements of operating a motorcycle and is a no-pressure way to experience how a motorcycle clutch works and is different from that of a car/truck. Many students find the IME beneficial in determining their next steps in their motorcycle education journey. Students will not learn how to ride a motorcycle/scooter but will experience its operational characteristics through an initial hands-on experience, allowing them to consider the possibility of formally learning to ride. Students should consider themselves successful in this course regardless of if they choose to learn to ride or not. This experience does not guarantee success in the Basic RiderCourse (BRC). Group size is limited to four students and one IME RiderCoach. You do not need a motorcycle permit for this introductory course.

Meet the coach in HVCC Parking Lot F. If you enter North Road, Lot F is the first parking lot on your left. Plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of your class.

Documents

WHAT TO BRING

- Valid NYS Driver License and a photocopy of it. We can make copies in class.
- 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](#).
 - We have blank copies 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 (loaner helmets available) - Full-face recommended.
- 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**,
- A wet rag to cool your face and neck is a good idea.

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

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions



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Q: What is the MSF Introductory Motorcycle Experience (IME)?

A: The MSF IME is designed to be an experience, not a training course. Participants are not taking this program to learn to ride. The only objective is to experience a motorcycle's operational characteristics through an initial hands-on experience in a low risk and controlled environment. The sole purpose is to allow the participant to consider the possibility of formally learning to ride. Each participant will have his or her own unique experience.

Q: Does it matter how tall I am?

A: If you have a short inseam (less than 28" to ground with boots) please call ahead to be sure we have a motorcycle that will "fit" you.

Q: Is the IME a formal training event?

A: No. This is not a course for learning to ride, but rather an introductory experience to a motorcycle, its controls and their operation. This program is a success regardless of the choice to learn to ride or not; however, if participants choose to ride, the experience will help them recognize the need for formal training.

Q: Will the IME provide a licensing test waiver or completion card?

A: No. Completion of the IME course will give the participant information needed to determine if they wish to proceed with formal training for licensing.

Q: Who should take the IME?

A: The experience is designed for anyone interested in becoming more familiar with a motorcycle and its basic controls. Having no motorcycling experience as an operator is preferred.

Q: Is balancing a two-wheeler (bicycle) required?

A: No. Participants do not ride in the IME.

Q: How many participants can participate in an IME at one time?

A: This event design allows for a maximum of four participants with one IME RiderCoach.

Q: Is there any formal classroom work in the IME?

A: No. This event is conducted on the IME range.

Q: Are the requirements for personal protective gear for the IME the same as the BRC?

A: Yes, please wear the protective gear listed on page 1 of this document.

Q: Should I sign up for the Basic RiderCourse (BRC) at the same time I sign up for the IME?

A: Yes, you can but it's not required. If you choose to, you should register for a Basic Rider Course (BRC) that is at least two weeks after your IME. Please refer to the [Motorcycle Cancellation and Refund Policy](#), which includes important information, should you need to withdraw from the class.

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