



*Learn to ride with us!*

## Rider's Edge - Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is Rider's Edge?**

Rider's Edge is a motorcycle training program developed by Harley-Davidson. It is based on the proven MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) curriculum. This training 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 a State run MSF course?**

Both are effective training programs. The State class is 15 hours and our course is 25 hours. The Rider's Edge 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. Rider's Edge also includes more classroom material. All Rider's Edge classes are taught on the largest motorcycle approved by the MSF, the Buell 492cc Blast, and you will get the Harley-Davidson experience on top of it!

### **Why is the State run course less money than Rider's Edge?**

- ❑ Riders Edge is longer, more full featured, and allows for more riding time to practice the riding exercises. The state class is 15 hours and the Rider's Edge class is 25 hours in length.
- ❑ 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 motorcycles for the class. The Buell Blast has two seat heights (25" and 28") to accommodate all riders. The Blast is lightweight and easy to maneuver motorcycle.

### What do I need to participate?

- ❑ A valid drivers license. If you are under 18 years of age you must possess a full license with no restrictions and have a parent/guardian sign a waiver.
- ❑ 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, mesh or nylon materials.)
- ❑ Long sleeve Shirt and/or Jacket
- ❑ Sturdy long, full length, Pants (jeans or other sturdy material)

### 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 insurance discounts.

### 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 necessary.

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

- ❑ You will still be required to test at a Motor Vehicle in your state.
- ❑ Mike's Famous will bring one of our Buell Blast training motorcycles to the motor vehicle noted in your state for you to take your riding test on at no additional charge. We can meet you a half-hour before your testing time to allow you a little time to get comfortable on the Buell Blast again. (PA-Bortondale, MD-Elkton, NJ-Salem)
- ❑ You will need to obtain a permit before you can take your state's riding test. The permit is not needed to take our New Rider Class. We recommend obtaining your MC permit first 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 first at 302-668-8800, ext. 2207 for availability prior to contacting your motor vehicle.

### 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 class again?

- ❑ MFHD charges a **\$75.00** fee to retake the course if you do not successfully complete the course 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.

### When Does the Class meet?

#### ❑ Weekend Programs – 25 Hours

Thursday	=	6:00 PM	to	9:00 PM
Friday	=	6:00 PM	to	9:00 PM
Saturday	=	8:00 AM	to	5:30 PM
Sunday	=	8:00 AM	to	5:30 PM

#### ❑ Weekday Programs – 25 Hours

Mondays	=	8:00 AM	to	5:30 PM
Tuesdays	=	9:00 AM	to	3:00 PM
Wednesday	=	8:00 AM	to	5:30 PM

### 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. If you have any questions pertaining to this please contact Mike's Famous Rider's Edge Program Manager.

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

\*Only the next three or four scheduled classes for both our New Castle and Smyrna Dealerships are showing on our web site. Classes will be held almost every weekend through the end of October. If you don't see a class that fits your schedule give me a call to see what other classes we have scheduled for the season. Thanks.

**Internet:** Go to [www.mikesfamous.com](http://www.mikesfamous.com). On the right hand side click on either Mike's Famous Harley-Davidson in New Castle or Smyrna depending on which site you are interested in taking a motorcycle training class at. Once that dealership's main page comes up go to the left hand side and click on Rider's Edge located underneath Dealer Services. This will bring up an informational page with a click here button at the bottom to take you to the Course Calendar and Sign Up On-Line Page. This page will show you the classes currently posted on our web site. (We have scheduled classes at both dealerships almost every weekend through the first week of November. If you are interested in a later class not shown give me a call or email for scheduled class dates.) Now click on Class Detail for class information and to sign up or click on Sign Up On-Line. (You can also click on Waiting List Sign Up if the class you are interested in is full. This will allow you to be registered for that class in case a slot opens.) Once you decide to sign up on line you will need to press the I Agree Button at the bottom of the Course Agreement Statement. This will then take you to the Sign Up Information Page. You will need to complete the registration by providing a credit card number to finalize the registration. If you have any problems signing up or have any questions give me a call or email.

**Dealership:** You can also register at one of our dealerships, New Castle or Smyrna. Payment for the course must be made at time of registration.

Thank you for your interest in our Harley-Davidson Rider's Edge Academy of Motorcycling training program.

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