

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **3-Wheel Basic *RiderCourse*SM**

#### **1. What is the MSF 3-Wheel Basic *RiderCourse*?**

The MSF 3-Wheel Basic *RiderCourse* (3WBRC) is a basic, entry-level, learn-to-ride 3-wheel motorcycle training and education course. It provides the same fundamental skills as the MSF Basic *RiderCourse*, but on 3-wheel, 3-track motorcycles (not sidecars). 3WBRC RiderCoaches who have been trained and certified by the MSF conduct the 3WBRC.

#### **2. What are the course objectives for 3WBRC?**

The objectives for 3WBRC are similar to the Basic *RiderCourse*:

- Develop a safe, responsible 3-wheel motorcycle rider
- Develop the mental skills for safe 3-wheel motorcycle riding
- Develop the physical skills for safe 3-wheel motorcycle riding
- Create an understanding of risk awareness and risk-taking
- Develop a strategy to manage risk.

Generally, a person successfully completing the 3WBRC will be able to demonstrate fundamental skills for general operation and control; demonstrate a knowledge of minimum safety considerations for operating on the street; acknowledge the importance of a low-risk and positive riding attitude; demonstrate safety habits that are shown to reduce risk; acknowledge personal capabilities and limitations as a 3-wheel motorcycle rider; and demonstrate the basic knowledge and skills to be a safe, responsible rider.

#### **3. What does 3WBRC consist of?**

It consists of both classroom and hands-on instruction. There are 9 riding exercises that take about 6-8 hours (more time may be needed for remedial training and/or breaks), 4 hours of classroom instruction, and a knowledge and skill test. Total instructional time is approximately 12 hours. A completion card will be issued, and an evaluation postcard is included in each *3-Wheel BRC Rider Handbook*.

#### **4. How much does 3WBRC cost?**

Course fee is \$160.00.

#### **5. Where is the 3WBRC offered?**

The courses is offered at our Rider Education Recognition Program (RERP) location, which is at Millard Lumber, 12900 I Street.

#### **6. Is there a minimum age for participants?**

Yes. To enroll, participants must be of legal age to operate a 3-wheel motorcycle on public streets. Current and prospective riders should check with their state Department of Motor Vehicles for laws affecting 3-wheel motorcycles in their state.

**7. Will the 3WBRC provide a licensing test waiver upon completion?**

For someone successfully completing the "Trike" course, the license issued will show a "M" after the Endrs.(Endorsement) on the second line of the Class O operator's license. Following across from Endrs. is Rest. (Restrictions) and for the "Trike" individual a "Z" will be typed on the license. The back of the license will have Z - 3 wheel motorcycle only typed on it.

Both the M and Z will appear on the front of the license for the "Trike" course and an explanation of the Z requirement on the back.

**8. Can a motorcycle with a sidecar or detachable 'trike' kit attend the 3WBRC class?**

No. The 3WBRC was developed specifically for the 3-track, 3-wheel motorcycles only.

**9. How do states distinguish among 3-wheel and 2-track motorcycles?**

Most states define a motorcycle as a motor vehicle with 2 or 3 wheels and do not distinguish between 2-track and 3-wheel motorcycles. It is important that 3WBRC RiderCoaches know the state laws regarding the definitions and categories of motorcycles.

**10. Does 3WBRC use the same principles as the BRC?**

Yes. Just like other curricula in the MSF Rider Education and Training System, the 3WBRC honors the principles of SAM: **S**afety and risk management, **A**dult/Accelerated learning, and **M**otor skills development. RiderCoaches who understand these principles and apply them in other MSF training programs should have no difficulty incorporating learner-centered coaching activities in 3WBRC.

The materials provided to an MSF RiderCoach who is certified as a 3WBRC RiderCoach are supplemental to the content in the *RiderCoach Guide*.

**11. What do successful graduates who complete 3WBRC receive?**

Besides developing fundamental skills and acquiring the strategy of Search, Evaluate and Execute (SEE), a graduate receives a *3-Wheel BRC Rider Handbook* for the classroom portion, a 3WBRC Completion Card, and a course evaluation postcard to mail to the MSF.

**12. Are passengers allowed in 3WBRC?**

No. The 3WBRC is an entry-level, learn-to-ride training and education course. Passengers, or use of trailers, will not be allowed in the course.

**13. Are the requirements for personal protective gear for the 3WBRC the same as the BRC?**

Yes. Personal protective gear includes a helmet designed to meet DOT standards, eye protection, gloves, over-the-ankle footwear, long-sleeved shirt or jacket and long pants.