

Waterford HOG

Ride Rating System

The information in this document is meant to provide a guideline or “scale” which will be used to “rank” or “rate” rides. The ultimate goal here is to provide a lower-risk riding environment for all individual riders participating in group rides.

The responsibility to rank or rate a particular ride is the responsibility of the Event coordinator/contact and the Road Captains assigned to that ride.

Individual riders are expected to review the requisite skill levels required for the planned rides and determine if their individual riding skills meet the required criteria for the reviewed ride before signing up for that ride. If the individual rider’s skills do not meet the criteria for a particular ride, the rider should not plan to participate in that ride as a group rider.

Rides will be rated using a three-tier rating system:

- ☆ Minimum skills required.
- ☆ ☆ Average skills required.
- ☆ ☆ ☆ Advanced skills required.

Rides Definitions:

☆ Minimum skills required.

- day ride or less
- up to 200 miles
- no rain/slight chance of rain
- slow to moderate speeds
- easy roads
- minimal expressways

☆ ☆ Average skills required.

- longer ride – all day/multi-day
- up to 250-300 miles per day
- 100+ miles between stops
- rain possible
- mixed roads/curves
- expressways @ speed for extended times

☆ ☆ ☆ Advanced skills required.

- longer ride – all day/multi-day
- up to 350-600 miles per day
- 100+ miles between stops
- rain possible/probable
- multiple hills, tight curves, mountains
- expressways @ speed for extended times

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Skills Definitions:

☆ Minimum skills.

- Licensed rider with valid motorcycle endorsement (mandatory)
- Capable of all basic riding skills
- Read and understand the concepts in the Group Riding Techniques Book
- Capable of riding with traffic flow
- 1,000+ miles of road riding experience

☆ ☆ Average skills.

- Licensed rider with valid motorcycle endorsement (mandatory)
- Capable of all basic riding skills
- Read and understand the concepts in the Group Riding Techniques Book
- Capable of riding with traffic flow
- 5,000+ miles of road riding experience
- Successfully completed an MSF ERC class (suggested)
- Ridden comfortably in groups on multiple occasions
- Ridden in rain on multiple occasions

☆ ☆ ☆ Advanced skills.

- Licensed rider with valid motorcycle endorsement (mandatory)
- Capable of all basic riding skills
- Read and understand the concepts in the Group Riding Techniques Book
- Capable of riding with traffic flow
- 10,000+ miles of road riding experience
- Successfully completed an MSF ERC class (recommended)
- Ridden comfortably in groups on multiple occasions
- Ridden in rain on multiple occasions
- Ridden in rain in groups on multiple occasions
- Experienced riding in extremely hilly/mountainous conditions on multiple occasions
- Experienced riding extremely curvey roads on multiple occasions at posted speeds