

**OPEN TRACK DAY GUIDELINES Rev. 4
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Any questions concerning these guidelines should be directed to the SMRI Information line at 505-275-5978, or e-mail at smri@smri-racing.org.

Suggested Items to Bring:

***** The more comfortable you are, the better you will ride! *****

If you ride your bike to the track:

- Tire Gauge
- Duct Tape
- Zip Ties
- Tools for removing mirrors and license plate
- Water
- Snacks
- Hat
- Sun Screen
- Sun Glasses
- Shop Rags
- Money for Concessions

Note: Top off your tank with gas before you arrive. Even with a full tank, you may run out of gas before the day is over. There are several gas stations near the interstate, if you think you may run out, you can go back to fill up during lunch and not miss any track time.

If you trailer your bike to the track:

- All the above items, plus -
- Gas can with extra gas
- Extra maintenance fluids (oil, brake fluid, chain lube, etc.)
- Complete tool kit
- Bike Stand(s)
- Air Tank
- Fire Extinguisher
- Spare Parts
- Chairs
- Canopy
- Cooler with drinks
- Snacks and or lunch
- Change of clothes
- Any other items of personal convenience

Section 1. Technical and Safety Requirements

1.1 Rider Equipment

- A. Full coverage helmet with undamaged shell and face shield and chin strap with D-Ring or buckle in good condition. Helmet must have Snell, DOT, or EU equivalent certification.
- B. Leather footwear at least 8" in height and in good condition.
- C. Gloves with leather protecting the palms, fingers, and wrist area.
- D. One-piece riding suit in good condition made of leather, Kevlar, Aramid, or Cordura (i.e. Aerostich). Two-piece suits are acceptable as long as the pants and jackets are joined with zipper(s) to create the equivalent of a one-piece suit.
- E. Back protector is recommended but not required.

1.2 General Motorcycle Requirements

As a minimum, motorcycles must meet the following requirements.

- A. Neat and clean. Motorcycles that are excessively dirty or show potentially dangerous damage (including bodywork) will not be allowed.
- B. All modifications must be secure and not present a safety hazard to rider or track personnel.
- C. Tires must be in good condition and may not be recaps.
- D. All motorcycles must have operational front and rear brakes.
- E. All motorcycles must have self-closing throttle.
- F. All removable luggage must be removed.
- G. All lights, instrument lenses, and mirrors must be taped or removed.
- H. All fluid carrying hoses or lines must be securely connected with no leaks.
- I. Aftermarket or relocated original equipment oil coolers must be securely mounted in a protected area.

The following are highly recommended:

- A. Luggage racks, either aftermarket or OEM, should be removed.
- B. Brake and taillights should be disconnected.
- C. License plates should be removed.

1.3 Pit Safety Standards

- A. All riders must attend the rider's meeting before riding begins. If arriving late, all riders must meet with an SMRI official before entering the track.
- B. All flammable liquids must be stored in appropriate containers.
- C. All riders are responsible for the collection of waste fluids in appropriate containers and the disposal of waste fluids at a proper site. Dumping waste oil, gas, or antifreeze at the track is not allowed.
- D. Each pit area must be policed for debris before leaving for the day. Failure to comply may result in a \$20 pit cleanup fee.
- E. When riding any machine in the pit area, speed shall not exceed 10 mph.

SECTION 2. TECHNICAL INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

- All motorcycles and rider safety equipment must pass SMRI Technical Inspection before participating in any track use.
- A motorcycle or rider's safety apparel involved in a crash will be subject to re-inspection prior to resuming track use.
- Damage that in any way endangers rider or participant safety must be repaired before the motorcycle will be allowed to re-enter the track.
- Motorcycles with damage or modifications that in any way endanger the Technical Inspector in the performance of his/her duties will automatically fail the inspection. Some examples of this are: Safety wire that has not been tucked under; pegs or levers with sharp edges; sharp edges on windshields or fairings; etc. These conditions may also warrant a fine.

The following items may be checked at SMRI Technical Inspection. SMRI reserves the right to deny track riding privileges if any motorcycle is deemed unsafe by the SMRI Technical Inspector, even if it meets the requirements below.

2.1 Wheels and Tires

- A. Spokes tight
- B. Rims straight
- C. Tires must be in good condition and have more than 50% of the tread remaining. Sidewalls must not have cracks, cuts, or threads showing.
- D. No cracks in wheel castings
- E. All tires must have valve caps installed.
- F. Chain must be properly adjusted and in good condition.
- G. Sprockets must be in good condition and show no abnormal wear or chain slippage.

2.2 Brake System

- A. Brake pad thickness must be greater than the wear indicator. Brake pads that do not have wear indicators must have at least 1.5mm of pad material remaining.
- B. Cables and/or hoses in good condition – not cracks, cuts, or abrasions.

2.3 Frame Components

- A. Fork stops must be functional. Fork legs and handlebars must not touch the frame or gas tank.
- B. Fork seals must be free of leaks.
- C. Steering damper, if installed, must be operational.

2.4 Engine

- A. Oil and gas lines must be tight and leak free.
- B. Oil filter must be tight and leak free.
- C. The motorcycle must not show any sign of coolant or oil leaks. Seeping gaskets are permitted, but the engine shall not leak any fluid onto the ground.

2.5 Miscellaneous Motorcycle Requirements

- A. Exhaust system must be tight, mufflers and megaphones must be secure.
- B. All lenses must be taped.
- C. Brake and taillights completely taped.
- D. Turn signals removed or taped.
- E. Mirrors removed or taped
- F. Kill switch mounted on handlebars and operational.

- G. Levers and pedals must be in good condition. Levers or pedals that have been broken and have sharp edges will not be accepted.
- H. All motorcycles must have self-closing throttle with no restricted operation or binding.
- J. Fairings, if installed, must be mounted securely.

2.6 Rider Apparel and Equipment

2.6.1 Proof of Waiver

All riders must wear the wristband provided by SMRI Officials at gate entry as proof of signing the liability waiver.

2.6.2 Helmet

- A. Meets Snell, DOT, or EU equivalent certification
- B. Full coverage
- C. Straps, shell, liner and shield in good condition. Damaged helmets must have manufacturers recertification for approval.

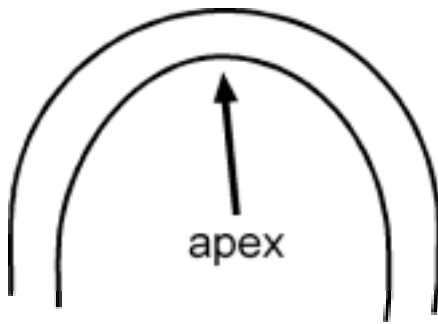
2.6.3 Body Protection (as defined in section 1.1)

- A. Suit must be in good condition and have no holes or tears.
- B. Gloves must be in good condition and have no holes or tears.
- C. Boots must be in good condition and have no holes or tears.

SECTION 3. FLAGS and SIGNALS

- A. Green Flag (or no flag): Clear track conditions.
- B. White Flag: One lap remaining.
- C. Checkered Flag: End of session. Complete your lap and return to the pits.
- D. Red Flag: Session has been stopped. Reduce speed and do not pass. Complete your lap and return to the pits.
- E. Black Flag: Unsafe equipment. The black flag is shown when a specific motorcycle presents a serious safety hazard (*e.g.*, leaking fluids, dangling parts).
If you are shown a black flag, get your motorcycle off of the track surface *as soon as you can safely do so*. *Do not* complete your lap. Wait for instructions from a track official.

- F. Meatball Flag (black flag with red ball in the center): Complete your lap, return to the pits, and see the Starter or Track Marshal. The meatball flag is shown when a rider's behavior is considered unsafe.
- G. Blue Flag: This is a no inside passing session. When the blue flag is displayed *all riders* are prohibited from making an inside pass before reaching the apex (halfway point) of a turn. When the blue flag is displayed *anywhere* on the track, the 'no inside passing' rule applies to *all turns and all riders* on the track. The blue flag is displayed when riders with limited experience are on the track. Riders with intermediate or advanced skills are reminded that the blue flag applies to them as well as to the beginning riders.



- H. Yellow Flag (Stationary). Be alert; be prepared to slow down; be prepared to change your line. There may be a condition ahead that is abnormal but there is no immediate hazard. Passing and high speed are allowed, but exercise caution.
- I. Yellow Flag (Waving): Danger ahead. Slow down, maintain your line, and *do not pass* until you are past the incident or condition that caused the yellow flag.
- I. Yellow Flag with vertical red stripes: There is a problem with the track surface (oil, debris, water) ahead. The debris flag may be displayed stationary or waving. Follow the same procedures as describe for the plain yellow flag above.
- J. Yellow flag with red cross: An ambulance is entering the course. The ambulance flag is always displayed along with a red flag, indicating that the session is over. If you encounter an ambulance on the course, do not follow it; pass with extreme caution and proceed to the pits by the normal route.

SECTION 4. ON TRACK REGULATIONS

- A. Riders must wear helmets on the track at all times.
- B. The responsibility for passing safely rests with the overtaking rider. If a faster rider cannot pass another rider safely and cleanly, the faster rider must wait for a safer opportunity. Riders who are being overtaken must only maintain a predictable line. Any rider who is observed in dangerous situations – while passed or being passed – or is deemed by SMRI officials to be riding too aggressively will be removed from the session and/or the track day.
- C. Any rider who appears to be deliberately blocking another motorcycle attempting to pass will be removed from the session.
- D. A motorcycle that goes off the paved surface but remains upright may re-enter the course. Use caution when doing so and obey any signals given by track officials. If a motorcycle goes down, it may not re-enter the course until a track official gives permission. Normally, permission will not be given until the session is over. Never stop on the track unless your motorcycle is disabled or you have been black-flagged by a track official. Riders must always follow the track direction. *Do not take shortcuts or detours.*
- E. Hand/Leg Signals:
 - 1. Before exiting from the track, the rider should signal by raising an arm (preferred) or extending a leg in a manner easily visible to the riders behind them.
 - 2. If a rider encounters any problem with the bike or equipment, the rider should signal by raising an arm and safely position him/herself off the pavement and wait for corner marshal assistance. The safest place for a disabled bike is off the track surface on the *inside* of a turn.
- F. It is expressly prohibited to ride or push a motorcycle against the normal course direction on the track unless directed to do so by a track official or corner marshal.
- G. Disrespect towards corner marshals and track officials will not be tolerated. They are responsible for hazardous areas around the racecourse and are there for participants' safety.
- H. Riders who do not obey warning signals and rules may be removed from the track.

- I. Corner marshals will not allow any rider/motorcycle that has fallen to re-enter a session. Motorcycles that have gone down must be return to the pits after the session is over and be re-inspected. Safety apparel is also subject to re-inspection.

SECTION 5. TRACK RIDING FORMAT

Initial grouping shall be based on the SMRI Officials discretion. The following groups usually have separate sessions at Track Days.

- A. Beginner: No track experience and/or less than 3 years riding experience.
- B. Novice: Limited track experience (track days and riding schools) and/or more than 3 years riding experience.
- C. Intermediate: Moderate track experience (track days and riding schools) and/or Novice Racing License.
- D. Advanced: Extensive track experience and/or Expert Roadracing License.

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