

2024 Rally Clinic – Rules of the Road

Welcome to the 2024 Rally Clinic. (Ahem....I've re-used the 2023 instructions, so watch for time-typos) We are structuring the event like most rallies: in the time allotted, collect as many bonus points as possible. This is not a race. There are no points for finishing in the least amount of time as possible. Also, there is physically no possibility for you to gather every bonus in the list in the 4-5 hours given. Understand your capabilities and ride in a safe manner. If you do not make it to the finish in time, you will DNF (Did Not Finish) and that is never the goal in any rally.

The Rally Clinic will begin at rally HQ. From the time you are released, you will have 4 hours (we might make it 5, depending on riders) to complete your ride and return to rally HQ. If you are even 1 minute late, you will be DNF. DON'T WORRY. We'll still score you and talk about what you learned and how you can do it better.

If during the rally you have mechanical issues, a mishap, trouble finding a bonus, are stopped to render aid, or any other of the myriad of reasons you might be stopped (except for trains), CONTACT HQ ASAP. Contact information is as follows:

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RULES

1. **Safety** – We don't have to remind anyone that SAFETY IS ALWAYS FIRST PRIORITY! If you have to break a rule to be safe (however unlikely), contact a Rallymaster ASAP and we will deal with it. It is not necessary to speed in any rally, especially in this rally as this is a classroom event where you are learning the aspects of safe rally riding. Take it easy, don't speed, and have fun! While getting pulled over and having a roadside conversation with a police officer may be a funny story later on, it will cost you time in any rally. We will not reward such behavior and it could get you barred from future events.
2. **Equipment** – You must have a functioning motorcycle in good working order which is capable of traveling anywhere from a few miles to a couple hundred miles in one stretch. As long as your tires have good tread, all your lights are working, and it is not leaking copious amounts of fluid, you should be good to go.
3. **Gear** – A DOT certified helmet (or equivalent certifying body) must be worn at ALL times. Any discourse from this will result in an automatic DNF and possible disqualification from future events. We highly recommend all other protective gear including but not limited to gloves, motorcycle boots, protective jacket and pants, and any other items that protect you in case of an accident.
4. **Pictures** – YOUR FLAG MUST APPEAR IN EVERY PICTURE WITH THE RIDER NUMBER CLEARLY VISIBLE, unless otherwise specified in the instructions for that bonus. (We will provide you with

a rally flag) For this event, the rules are pretty straightforward. Note: If the bonus requires your motorcycle be in the picture, this means the entire motorcycle, not just a portion. Additionally, if it requires you be in the picture, we must be able to recognize it is you.

5. **Scoring** – When you return to the finish, be sure to bring your rally flag, your picture taking device, and all other receipts and items required by the rally bonus. You cannot leave the scoring table to retrieve ANYTHING once your individual scoring process has begun.
6. **Conduct** – Respect the RMs, respect the scorers, respect the rally staff, respect the venue staff, and respect each other. If you come across the scene of an accident, involving one of our riders or not, you will be expected to stop and render aid to be the best of your ability. Even if this only means that you call 911 to request emergency personnel. Not doing so is considered an egregious offense and will be dealt with accordingly. We represent our community of long-distance riders and we hold ourselves to a higher standard. If you will be late because you have stopped to render aid, as soon as practical, call a Rallymaster. We will help you out. If you are going to be late for ANY reason, contact a Rallymaster as soon as practical so we don't send out search parties looking for you. If you cannot find a bonus or you are certain you are in the right location, but the bonus is not there, contact a Rallymaster. We will either help walk you through it or allow you the points based on the scenario. Don't waste a lot of time looking for a bonus if you think it's not there. Just be forewarned, if you claim a bonus is not there but another rider is able to find it and claim the bonus, you will lose those points.
7. **Insurance and license** – You must have a valid license with motorcycle endorsement in accordance with the state in which you are licensed. You must have basic liability insurance for the state in which you are insured.
8. **Questions** – If you have any questions, comments, or concerns at any time, please contact a Rallymaster immediately. We want you to finish on time and have a great time, but most importantly, we want you to finish safely and we will never make requirements of you that put you in jeopardy.