



3-WHEEL BASIC RIDERCOURSE (UPDATED) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Any reference to the 3WBRC assumes the “Updated” version unless noted.

COURSE INFORMATION

1. What is the 3WBRC?

- The MSF 3-Wheel Basic *RiderCourse* (3WBRC) is a basic, entry-level, learn-to-ride 3-wheel motorcycle (3WMC) training and education course. It provides fundamental skills similar to the MSF Basic *RiderCourse* but on 3-wheel, 3-track motorcycles as defined below. 3WBRC RiderCoaches who have been trained and certified by the MSF conduct the 3WBRC.
- It may be considered a license waiver course per jurisdictional policies and procedures.
- It consists of eight (8) hours of classroom instruction and eight (8) hours of range exercises. The classroom instruction uses a 3WBRC Rider Handbook that has both Level I and II content.
- At this time there is not an eCourse or advanced course option.

2. How does the MSF define the term “3WMC” for 3WBRC purposes?

- A 3WMC must meet the following design requirements:
 - 3-track wheel orientation (leaves three separate tracks in straight-line operation; cannot have four or more wheels).
 - Dual wheels may be front or rear.
 - Motorcycle-based conversion or design.
 - Handlebar steering.
 - Motorcycle-type controls arranged with the standard convention (convenience alterations such as a single brake pedal or lever control, automatic clutch, or automatic transmission are allowed).
 - Saddle seating.
 - Seating causes rider/passenger to straddle vehicle.
 - If designed for a passenger, passenger seat must be seated behind operator.
 - Engines must be mounted mid-frame below the rider.
 - Turning diameter of the vehicle at its widest point must be less than 40 feet.
 - The vehicle must meet all applicable federal/state on-road vehicle standards.

- Under no circumstances will vehicles with the following designs characteristics be allowed in the 3WBRC:
 - Automotive hybrids or automotive conversions.
 - Vehicles with automotive controls or seating.
 - Vehicles with rear or front mounted engines.
 - Vehicles with enclosed or semi-enclosed riding compartments.
 - Any other significant departure from the standard motorcycle design.

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

- The 3WBRC was developed specifically for the 3-track, 3WMCs only. If a 3WMC kit is added to a standard 2-wheel motorcycle, the 3WMC must steer as a standard 3WMC; that is, it cannot have any tendency to countersteer or have more than three wheels.

4. What does 3WBRC consist of?

- It consists of both classroom and hands-on instruction. There are 10 riding exercises that take between 6-8 hours (more time may be needed for remedial training, 3WMC sharing, and/or breaks), eight hours of classroom instruction, and a knowledge and skill test. Total instructional time is approximately 16-18 hours. A completion card may be issued, and an evaluation postcard is included in each 3-Wheel BRC Student Handbook.
- There is not an online eCourse related to the 3WBRC.

5. 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.

6. How much does 3WBRC cost?

- Course fees will be determined by the jurisdiction and at the site conducting the training.

7. How many participants can be trained in one 3WBRC?

- For a standard range size, participant/3WBRC RiderCoach ratio is 6:2, with six participants maximum in a class when each rider has a 3WMC to use (or 12 participants if sharing six 3WMCs). If only one RiderCoach is available, the maximum number of students is four (or eight participants if sharing 3WMCs). Overall range time must be increased if sharing 3WMCs.
- If the motorcycle-sharing option is used, sites / sponsors must order three sets of range cards for temporary use by non-riding participants during the range exercises. Three sets allow up to six riders, who are paired up, to use one set for each pair.
- At no time can more than two participants share one 3WMC. A class using 3WMC-Sharing may include a participant with his/her own 3WMC that only he or she will be using, per curriculum guidelines. Ideally, there will be an even number of students.
- For smaller ranges, the number of 3WMCs riding at one time is based on the size of the area. Check with the MSF RERP Department for details.

8. Where is the 3WBRC offered?

- Any existing RERP site with a standard full-sized range or as small as a 60' x 170' compact range is eligible to conduct 3WBRC. A RETSORG alternate range may be used after a Range Application Package (RAP) complete with relevant range diagrams has been submitted and recognized in writing by MSF RERP Department for the 3WBRC. Separate range cards and narratives are available for compact ranges.

9. Is there a minimum age for participants?

- Yes. To enroll, participants must be of legal age to operate a 3WMC on public streets. Current and prospective riders should check with their state Department of Motor Vehicles for laws affecting 3WMCs in their state.
- Completion of the 3WBRC should provide the skills and knowledge needed to obtain a license or endorsement.

10. Does a participant need to have a personal 3-track, 3WMC to attend?

- No. It is acceptable for a site to offer appropriate training 3WMCs for participant use. A personal 3WMC may be used, whether owned or borrowed (with written permission), if it meets the 3WBRC definition and is in safe operating condition (as determined by a 3WBRC RiderCoach).

11. How do states distinguish among 3-wheel and 2-wheel motorcycles?

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

12. What do successful 3WBRC graduates receive?

- Besides developing fundamental skills and acquiring the strategy of Search, Evaluate and Execute (SEE), a graduate receives a 3WBRC Rider Handbook for the classroom portion and a course completion card.

13. Are passengers or trailers allowed in 3WBRC?

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

RIDERCOACH AND RIDERCOACH TRAINER INFORMATION

14. How does a RiderCoach who is certified in the previous 3WBRC version (3WBRC 2013) become certified in the updated version?

- RiderCoaches who have are certified in the 3WBRC 2013 and have been transitioned to the BRC (updated), and who have conducted at least one 3WBRC 2013 may complete an online program in RETSORG in lieu of completing a 3WBRC Certification Course. The online program includes downloading and studying the course materials, passing an online knowledge test, and purchasing the 3WBRC (updated) RiderCoach materials.



- RiderCoaches who have not conducted at least one complete 3WBRC shall attend the 3WBRC Certification Course for the newer curriculum (see #15).

15. How does a RiderCoach become certified in the 3WBRC?

- By completing an approved Certification Course. The Certification Course consists of:
 - A Certification Course pre-course assignment.
 - Review of 3WBRC materials.
 - Peer teaching 3WBRC lessons.
 - Passing a 3WBRC skill test (the same as the student skill test with stricter scoring).
 - Passing a 3WBRC RiderCoach Candidate written knowledge test.
- 3WBRC certification is valid for 2 years. For recertification, regular BRC RiderCoach certification must be maintained and an online 3WBRC knowledge test passed (in RETSORG).
- Any RiderCoach who wishes to become an MSF-certified 3WBRC RiderCoach should contact their state coordinator for information on 3WBRC Certification Courses planned for their state or region. Requests may also be submitted to the MSF RETSORG Forum.
- Any RiderCoach Trainer who wishes to add 3WBRC Trainer to their profile should contact MSF Training Systems or Cathy Rimm at 949.727.3227, ext. 3081 or crimm@msf-usa.org.
- If all RiderCoaches attending a 3WBRC have transitioned to the BRC (updated) and have experience with teaching the Level II classroom, three full days may not be necessary.

16. Who conducts the 3WBRC Certification Courses?

- RiderCoach Trainers who have been certified as 3WBRC RCTs by the MSF may conduct 3WBRC Certification Courses. Up to 12 RiderCoaches may participate in a 3WBRC Certification Course. RiderCoaches who are certified for the 3WBRC acquire a 3WBRC RCG Insert and related materials. The 3WBRC RCG Insert provides administrative information, classroom lesson details and slide programs, range exercise information, and range cards.

17. Is there a certification process to become a 3WBRC RiderCoach Trainer?

- Yes, if already certified as a BRC RCT. The requirements consist of a 4-day process that includes one day for addressing the conduct of a certification course and then student teaching a 3-day CC. This is done under the supervision of MSF staff or MSF-contracted RiderCoach Trainer who serves as a trainer-trainer. RCT Candidates for the 3WBRC must be approved by MSF. Approval will be based on Candidate qualifications and capabilities, and the need for an RCT in the specific geographical area. For specific requirements, contact MSF Training Systems.

18. Does 3WBRC use the same principles as the BRC?

- Yes. Just like other curricula in RETS, the 3WBRC honors the principles of SAM (Safety and risk management, Adult/Accelerated learning, and Motor 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.

SITE / SPONSOR INFORMATION

19. Are there special materials that should be ordered by a site / sponsor?

- Yes. Three sets of range cards must be ordered. These are used by non-riding course participants during the range exercises. Cards are not to be retained by course participants, but returned to the RiderCoach(es) for use in future courses.

20. How will the 3WBRC be insured?

- For details, contact Laurie Brehm at lbrehm@msf-usa.org, or call her at 949.727.3227, ext. 3002.

21. What will the course sponsor need to provide for a 3WBRC Certification Course?

- The following needs to be provided:
 - RERP-recognized full-size standard BRC range.
 - Typical classroom facilities.
 - Local point of contact.
 - Minimum of eight (8) 3WBRC RiderCoach Candidates (a maximum of 12). MSF may be able to assist in filling slots.
 - Minimum of seven (7) 3WMCs available for use by any of the RiderCoach Candidates.
NOTE: The 3WMCs may be provided by the course sponsor, a 3WMC manufacturer/distributor, a local 3WMC dealer, or from one or more of the Candidates.

22. Can a 3WBRC range be painted over a BRC/BRC2 range?

- Yes. RiderCoaches completing a certification course receive a range layout template for laying out a range over a BRC range. The perimeter dimension for a standard 3WBRC range is 120' x 220' with a minimum 20' runoff area around the perimeter.

23. Can a 3WBRC range be painted on an adjusted range?

- Yes. A 3WBRC range layout diagram is available for a 60' x 170' range (smallest range size permitted). Contact the MSF RERP Department for details.

24. Will 3WMC manufacturers have a loan program for putting 3WMCs into a 3WBRC?

- Some manufacturers may have a loan program. Also, there may be local dealers willing to provide loaner units.

25. May a site's 3WMCs be mixed with personal 3WMCs in a 3WBRC?

- Yes. 3WMCs that are provided by a site sponsor or by the participants may be used together as long as they meet the 3WBRC definition, pass 3WBRC RiderCoach TCLOC inspection, and have proof of insurance.

26. Will MSF develop a 3WBRC RiderCoach certification program for the 3WMC riders who do not ride single-track motorcycles?

- Not at this time. The 3WBRC RiderCoach certification program focuses on current RiderCoaches even if they do not ride 3WMCs but have the desire to expand their knowledge and understanding to include 3WMCs.