

# **RPM Track School, LLC**

## **Track School Manual and Registration Materials**



### **Introduction and Mission Statement**

As a participant in an RPM Track School, LLC (RPM) event, you will be riding a high performance motorcycle on a paved road racing course. There are very real risks associated with this activity. If you are unsure of your ability or the performance or condition of your motorcycle please reconsider your participation in this event. RPM will make every effort to provide you with a safe environment for you to learn about riding faster than is safe on the street. The primary goal of RPM is to help you learn more about riding your motorcycle on a race track and provide you with an alternative to riding fast on the street. Please read this manual so that you will understand all of the requirements for participation in an RPM event and so that you will understand all of the rules of conduct that will govern your activity once at the track.

While it may seem like there are a lot of rules and requirements, these are designed to insure an enjoyable day of track riding for you and your fellow participants. RPM is limited to a significantly smaller group of participants so that we can provide more quality track time without the feeling that you are riding in rush hour traffic.

Our primary goal is to teach you to ride smoother and be more relaxed on the motorcycle. Along with proper techniques and the understanding of racing lines around a racetrack, being smooth and relaxed on the bike are critical to going faster with an increased margin for safety.

### **Rules of Conduct**

1. You must agree in writing to follow all rules as established by RPM and the track where event is being conducted. You must agree that violation of these rules may result in the revocation of your riding privileges for the remainder of the event. The decision of the RPM staff is absolute and final and there shall be no refund of any fees.
2. You must be at least eighteen (18) years of age to participate in an RPM event.
3. Participants shall not consume any alcoholic beverages during the track riding schedule. This rule will be strictly enforced for the safety of others. If you are observed consuming alcohol, your riding privileges will be revoked for the remainder of the event and all future events.
4. Participants shall not consume any drugs during the track riding schedule. This rule will be strictly enforced for the safety of others. If you observed consuming drugs your riding privileges will be revoked for the remainder of the event and all future events.
5. Verbal or physical confrontation with any other rider or crew, RPM staff or track staff is absolutely prohibited. Violation of this rule may result in the revocation of your riding privileges for the remainder of the event.
6. We may add additional rules or revise track rules at the riders meeting. Any violation any of these rules can result in the revocation of your riding privileges for the remainder of the event.

## **Track Rules**

1. Participants must ride at all times with consideration for the other riders on the track.
2. There shall be no wheelies or stoppies.
3. There shall be no stuffing or block passing in groups where passing in the corners is allowed. Unsafe riding, at the sole discretion of the RPM staff, can result in revocation of your riding privileges for the remainder of the event.
4. There shall be no stopping on the track nor shall any rider enter or leave the track from any other place than as designated by the RPM staff.
5. If you crash, make sure you are not moving before you try and get up. Slowly check to make sure that everything works. If you are OK then make sure you are off the track, and signal that you are OK by placing your hands together over your head in a large O.
6. If you see a rider crash or off the track, DO NOT STOP, proceed to pits and notify an RPM staff member.

## **Rider Orientation**

There will be a mandatory rider's meeting at approximately 8:15AM to 8:45AM. In this meeting the RPM staff will go over the days schedule, discuss the track conditions and answer any questions. The Novice Group will meet immediately after the rider's meeting, and will begin with a basic introduction to track riding. The Racer Certification Group will also meet at this time or shortly after, depending on the event. The first session will be led by an RPM instructor who will lead each group around the racetrack. After that, the group will continue the remainder of the session based on the rules for that group.

Keep in mind that this is not a racing event nor is it open practice for experienced road racers. It is an event designed to allow street riders the opportunity to ride at higher speeds in a safer environment while improving their riding skills. Do not assume that you can ride as fast as the rider in front of you. Ride at your own pace and slowly increase your speed as the day progresses. If you watch the faster riders during their session you will notice that the fastest riders are the smoothest.

## **Groups**

Novice: This group is for new riders or riders who want to ride at a slower pace. RPM staff shall be the sole judge of riders in this group. If a rider is deemed too fast for this group they will be promoted to the Intermediate Group. Passing: Novice riders may pass on the straights provided that the passing rider maintains a minimum of six (6) feet between himself and the slower rider. Novice riders may not follow fellow riders closer than three (3) bike lengths. RPM staff will spend the majority of time working with Novice riders.

Intermediate: This group is for more accomplished riders who want to ride at a quicker pace. The riders in this group are still learning the finer points of riding a motorcycle fast on a racetrack and their lap time may vary as they work on various aspects of their riding. Intermediate riders need to be able to ride aware of the track conditions as well as the location and closing speeds of other riders. Passing: Intermediate riders may pass each other at any point on the racetrack provided that the passing rider maintains a minimum distance of four (4) feet between himself and the slower rider. This will be regulated by the RPM staff and any rider not observing this passing restriction will be warned and may have riding privileges restricted.

Advanced: This group is made up of highly skilled riders and former and current racers who have significant experience riding on a racetrack and demonstrate the ability to ride safely at higher speeds with no restrictions on passing or riding together. Any unsafe riding in the Advanced Group may result in restriction or revocation of riding privileges. The Racer Certification Group may also be riding in the Advanced Group.

**Racer Certification:** This group is made up of riders interested in attaining racer certification. Racer certification is provided at an additional cost of \$100 to \$150, depending on the event. Riders in this group must have previous track experience and may be riding with the Advanced Group during their session. Classroom time followed by on-track sessions will be required. There will be a written test which must be passed, along with a mock race at the end of the day. If you crash during the mock race, you will not receive your certification. The certificate received for passing our Racer Certification Course may be used to apply for a license with either WERA or CCS.

### **Preparing for our Track Days**

What follows are several suggestions to help you get the most out of our track events and to make your day more enjoyable.

1. Arrive the night before and get a good night's sleep, either at the track (camping) or at a local motel. Riding on a racetrack is physically demanding and you should be physically fit and well rested.
2. Arrive with your bike ready for inspection. Registration and Tech Inspection runs from 7:30AM to 8:15AM. Trying to prepare your bike at the track often leads to mistakes and failed tech inspection. If you fail tech inspection in the morning you will not be able to go through tech inspection again until lunch time. You will not be able to ride any of the morning sessions.
3. Arrive with a picture ID so that we can confirm that you are who you say you are.
4. Make sure you attend the riders meeting. RPM runs small groups so we will take attendance at the rider's meeting. If you miss the riders meeting you will not ride until a RPM staff member revues the meeting with you. This will be at the availability of the RPM staff member and you may miss more than one session.
5. The number of groups RPM runs will depend on the number of riders registered in each group and is subject to change at each event. Rest assured this decision will be made to maximize track riding time for all participants. You will be informed of the number of groups, session duration and session rotation at the riders meeting. When you hear the preceding group called to the track you should begin to get ready to ride.
6. We will take a one hour lunch break around noon. This will also be a quiet time and bikes may not be started during lunch.
7. Ideally, after lunch the rotation will begin again with the same schedule as before lunch. It is strongly recommended that you proceed cautiously after lunch as this is a session where riders seem to crash. The Novice Group may be lead by a pace rider after lunch based on the observations of the RPM staff.
8. Track sessions will usually continue until 5:00 PM (or whatever time the track staff determines). RPM staff will usually be available until around 6:00PM to review the day with participants.

### **Tech Inspection**

1. Your motorcycle must be in good condition and safe working order with no visible signs of crash damage or neglect of maintenance.
2. Your tires must be in almost new condition with at least 85% tread-life remaining.
3. Your brakes must be in good working order. Fluid levels and condition must be acceptable. Pads must have at least 50% wear life remaining.
4. You must remove the mirrors and license plate from your bike.
5. Headlights must be disabled and taped. Taillights and turn signals must be taped or removed.

6. Coolant must be replaced with water (Water Wetter or equivalent acceptable). No glycol-based coolants allowed.
7. Bikes in the Racer Certification Group must have oil drain plugs, oil fill plug and oil filter safety-wired.

### **Riding Gear**

1. Full face DOT or SNELL approved helmet with no apparent damage to the exterior or interior of the helmet. The helmet must fit the rider.
2. Leather or textile riding suit (Aerostich or equivalent with body armour). Two piece suits must zip together. No summer mesh suits are allowed. Advanced riders (including Racer Certification Group) must wear one-piece leathers.
3. Motorcycle boots that cover the ankle. Boots must be in good condition.
4. Leather gauntlet gloves.
5. Back protection strongly recommended for the Novice and Intermediate Groups, and mandatory for the Advanced and Racer Certification Groups.

### **Pit Equipment**

1. Fluids. Staying hydrated is extremely important. Start drinking plenty of water and/or sports drinks the day before an event and continue throughout the day to keep your body hydrated.
2. Fuel. You may need fuel during the event and it may not be available at the track. We suggest making sure your tank is at least one-half full and an additional 5 – 10 gallons.
3. Tools and Paddock Stands. Bring tools to work on your bike (mostly suspension adjustment) and paddock stands to simplify working on your bike.
4. Shade. Staying out of the sun can be important.
5. Spares. If you have them they may allow you to finish the day riding and not spectating.
6. A positive attitude to learn and be safe.

### **Crashing**

While RPM will do everything in our power to provide a safe track day experience including smaller groups, a dedicated staff and an on site ambulance and paramedics, crashes do happen. If you crash, please take your time assessing your condition before you attempt to stand up and signal the staff. Once you determine that you are physically OK, slowly get off the track and signal the staff by placing your hands over your head in an O (OK). Do not go after your motorcycle. The session will be red flagged (stopped immediately) and we will assist you with your bike. You will be required to be checked out by the medical staff before you are allowed to ride again. If your bike is relatively undamaged, you will be required to pass tech inspection again. After clearance of the medical staff and tech inspection you will be allowed to ride again after skipping at least one session. A second crash, no matter how minor, will end your day.

### **Track Rules and Flags**

Flags and rules for entering and leaving the track will be reviewed at the mandatory rider's meeting.

## **Reservations/Deposits/Cancellation and Rain Policy**

The easiest way to pre-register is online. You will find the 'Register Online' link on the right-hand side of any page of the website at [www.rpmtrackschool.com](http://www.rpmtrackschool.com), or at the bottom of this web page. To save time during registration at the track, please read and complete the Registration Form, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement, Rules Compliance Agreement, Acknowledge of Personal Injury Potential and Machine Damage Potential, which can be downloaded on the Outline page of the website, and take them with you to the track.

If you prefer to pay by check, payment in full must be mailed at least twelve (12) days prior to the event as pre-registration closes seven (7) days prior to the event. Send check along with completed forms to RPM Track School, LLC c/o Mike Daniels, P.O. Box 2243, Cartersville, GA 30120. If check is not received at least seven (7) days prior to the event, the pre-registration discount cannot be offered.

**Please note that if the roster is full and you have not pre-registered, you may not be able to ride that day or at any time during the weekend. It is important to pre-register.**

If you fail tech inspection, we will do everything we can to help you pass tech but ultimately it is your responsibility to have your bike prepared and ready to pass tech. If you fail tech inspection you may not receive a refund.

If you decide you can not attend an event, you may cancel your reservation more than ten (10) days from the event date and RPM will refund your deposit. If you cancel within ten (10) days we will only refund your deposit if we are able to fill your spot.

We may ride in the rain or on a wet track. Learning to ride in the rain can be one of the best experiences in learning to handle your motorcycle in adverse conditions and may someday prove useful if you continue to ride on the street. RPM will determine the day of the event if conditions are unacceptable for riding.

## **Questions or Comments**

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mike "Sixx" Daniels at (678) 548-8084. You can also reach us by e-mail at [sixx@rpmtrackschool.com](mailto:sixx@rpmtrackschool.com) or [info@rpmtrackschool.com](mailto:info@rpmtrackschool.com).

## RPM Track School, LLC - Registration Form

Event Date(s): _____ Race Track: _____
Rider Name: _____ DOB: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Mobile Phone: _____ Fax Number: _____
E-mail: _____

Bike Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____
Safety Wired? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      Coolant Removed/Replaced with Water? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>Experience</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> I have never been on a racetrack.
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been on a racetrack and participated in a track day, but I have never raced.
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been on a racetrack and participated in an riding school, but I have never raced.
<input type="checkbox"/> I have raced but do not have a current license and do not intend to race.
<input type="checkbox"/> I have a current racing license and want to ride to improve my skills.

<b>Group</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Racer Certification
Previous riding schools attended: _____
Previous track days attended (or 'many'): _____

Emergency Contact: _____
Relationship: _____
Phone Numbers: _____

### Rules Compliance Agreement

I understand and agree that as a condition to being allowed to participate in the RPM event on the date listed above that I will comply with all rules and regulations, verbal and written instructions as communicated to me by the RPM staff. I understand and agree that if I fail to comply with these rules and regulations, verbal and written instructions, either intentionally or un-intentionally, that I may not be allowed to continue my participation in the above described event. I understand that this decision is solely that of the RPM staff.

I further acknowledge that I understand that participation in this event carries with it the risk of damage to my property and injury, or even death, to myself. I acknowledge that these risks are present for other participants and that I have a responsibility to conduct myself in a manner that will not endanger the other participants in this event or the staff of RPM. I acknowledge and agree that any conduct which the staff of RPM deems dangerous to myself or other participants or staff of RPM that my right to participate in this event may be revoked at the sole discretion of the RPM.

I have read this agreement and fully understand the consequences of signing this agreement. I have voluntarily signed this agreement as a condition of my participation in the RPM event on the date listed above.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rider/Participant's Signature

**RPM Track School, LLC**  
**Release and Hold Harmless Agreement**

Event Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned has read the RPM Track School, LLC Manual and understands and acknowledges the potential risks involved in riding a high performance motorcycle on a race track. I understand that this activity may cause serious injury or even death. I further understand that damage may occur to my motorcycle or other equipment used in this event. Understanding the risks involved I desire to participate in this event and with this understanding I make to the following statements for myself, my heirs at law, my estate and anyone representing me or my estate:

- I hereby release, discharge and hold harmless, RPM Track School, LLC (RPM), Michael W. Daniels, Jr., Perry Melneciuc, John M. Morgan, their agents, employees, sponsors, suppliers, officers and directors, from any and all liability for any loss or damage, personal injury or death as a result of participation in the RPM event on the date listed above. Participation shall mean any activity I may be involved in at the track and does not necessarily mean that any damage or injury must occur while I am riding on the track.
- I hereby assume full responsibility for my actions and any damage to my property and any injury, including death, to myself while participating in the RPM event on the date listed above.
- I understand that this release is meant to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the state in which the venue is held and is meant to release RPM Track School, LLC, Michael W. Daniels, Jr., Perry Melneciuc, John M. Morgan, their agents, employees, sponsors, suppliers, officers and directors from any and all liability in connection with my participation in the RPM event on the date listed above.
- I have voluntarily read and reviewed this statement and I acknowledge that no verbal representation has been made to induce me to agree to and sign this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement.

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Rider/Participant's Signature

**Acknowledge of Personal Injury Potential**  
**And Machine Damage Potential**

I acknowledge that riding a motorcycle on a racetrack includes the potential for personal injury, including death, either by my actions alone or in an accident that involves other riders. I acknowledge that I understand that if I am injured or killed while riding a motorcycle in an RPM event that I shall be solely responsible for any medical bills or other monetary damages and that I will not seek civil damages against RPM Track School, LLC, Michael W. Daniels, Jr., Perry Melneciuc or John M. Morgan.

I acknowledge that riding a motorcycle on a racetrack includes the potential that the motorcycle that I am riding will be damaged or destroyed, either by my actions alone or in an accident that involves other riders. I acknowledge that I understand that if the motorcycle that I am riding is damaged by my actions or the actions of others that I shall be solely responsible for said damage and that I will not seek civil damages against RPM Track School, LLC, Michael W. Daniels, Jr., Perry Melneciuc or John M. Morgan.

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Rider/Participant's Signature