



Street Skills LLC



*“Learn, Refresh, Affirm”*

Welcome to the **Cornering Confidence** program. Please read this information thoroughly to understand the goals and expectations of the on-road courses provided by Street Skills LLC.

Registered participants may receive additional information or clarifications before the course. Jon’s goal is to provide you with more than just a fun skill-building experience. Street Skills LLC aims to build a community of skill-seeking riders and friendships.

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## Student Course Information and Expectations

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### General Information

- **Rider safety is the #1 priority.** Keep in mind that the stipulations included in this document are to ensure we all go home healthy and happy. Mishaps impact everyone, not just the afflicted rider. Be courteous.
- Street Skills LLC “on-road style courses” are American Motorcyclist Association sanctioned coaching seminar tours conducted on public roads. They are learning opportunities designed to increase confidence and proficiency in a short period of time. Participants will be presented with a progression of skills and techniques for reflection and further practice. Riders will a) *learn* something new, b) *refresh* previously learned skills, or c) *affirm* they currently ride with advanced skills.
- Street Skills LLC on-road style **Cornering Confidence** courses:
  - Class size is 3-5 riders
  - Typical courses are full-day, eight (8) hours in length (*Note: some courses may be four (4) hours in length at various events*)
  - Strategies for exceptional motorcycle control are taught, with less focus on situational awareness concepts.
- These courses **DO NOT** teach fundamental riding skills. The MSF Basic RiderCourse is the best route for novice riders. Street Skills LLC on-road style courses are for riders with multiple years of riding experience that have solid foundation skills and are ready to increase proficiency.
- Participants may have a wide range of skill levels. Aggressive riding and risky passing are not permitted. This is a courteous and relaxed learning experience.
- Questions, comments or concerns at any time during the course? Bring them to the Street Skills LLC staff immediately.

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## Instructional Methods

- The basic format of the on-road style course:
  - Morning:
    - Start class discussing skills near, but off the motorcycles
    - Ride actual roads and directly practice the skills discussed previously
    - Dismount and debrief previous riding session
    - Discuss next set of skills
    - Ride and Repeat until curriculum covered
  - Afternoon:
    - Practice, discuss and develop course techniques
    - Have fun using our new skills!

*Note: Riders with Sena compatible headsets can enjoy real-time communications. Jon includes video feedback to participants when possible.*

### Pre-Course Statement and “Road Rules”

*“The goal of this course is to develop techniques to increase participant enjoyment, confidence and safety while riding a motorcycle. Keeping riders safe from harm during the course is the number one priority. If at any time you feel it necessary to stop, pull off in a safe location. If at any time a participant affects the safety of others, the instructor may dismiss them from the course.”*

These are the “Road Rules” used during the course:

- Do not sacrifice safe motorcycle operation over practicing a new skill.
- Unless directed otherwise, ride in staggered formation, single file in corners
- Use the straights to tighten formation
- Keep a 4-second minimum following distance
- Check behind often
- If at any time you want to stop, pull over at the first safe opportunity
- If you notice a missing participant, pull over at the first safe opportunity
- If the group gets broken up in traffic, continue straight and look for the instructor in a conspicuous location off the road. If “lost” for a quarter mile, stop in one conspicuous location. The instructor will back track to locate missing rider(s). For extreme cases: call Jon at (585) 340-7058.

### Motorcycle Preparation

- Motorcycle condition: If you have poor condition tires or fluid leaks you will not be permitted to take the course! No exceptions. Tires are the number one overlooked and under estimated maintenance item. You cannot ride if your tires are worn to or near the wear bars or have any visible cracks. This would be a bad time to try to squeeze an extra 500 miles out of your tires. Err on the cautious side and get new tires, the motorcycle will handle much better. Check air pressure the morning of course. Also remember that new tires require 50-100 miles to gain maximum traction, so if you put new tires on within a week before this course they may not be ready for maximum lean angles. Forks cannot be leaking any oil. A recent DMV inspection should indicate adequate brakes. If motorcycle doesn’t pass the basic roadworthy inspection it cannot be ridden and no refund. Come with good equipment.
- Fuel: It would be best to arrive with a full tank of fuel. Fuel will not be available at every stop, so plan accordingly. A drink and snack might be good to bring along.

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## Gear & Insurance

- Minimum gear requirements: Full-face (or modular) DOT helmet, sturdy riding jacket, motorcycle-specific riding pants, strong gloves and full boots. Ask yourself how well each piece of your gear will hold up in a crash. If the answer is "very well", it should be fine. Mesh riding gear is acceptable as long as there is armor in the articles themselves. Body armor worn under mesh clothing is also permissible and a great idea for increased protection. Proper, undamaged, street riding gear should be adequate in this course. Track suits are permissible, so feel free to use them if you like. *Note about jeans: only specific motorcycling jeans will be allowed. Full armor underneath (i.e. padded shorts and knee guards) is strongly encouraged.*
- Don't guess. If unsure about your gear contact Jon for clarification.
- It is mandatory that every rider have a motorcycle license endorsement and appropriate medical insurance for this type of activity at the time of the course. Disability insurance coverage is strongly recommended.
- Participant health conditions affecting the safe operation of a motorcycle must be discussed with Street Skills staff before the course.
- Participant assumes all responsibility for any damage to their motorcycle and other property. Verify your liability and collision insurance coverage before the event.
- No alcohol is to be consumed before or during a course.

## Registration, Payment & Refunds

- Registration is available at [streetskills.net/shop](http://streetskills.net/shop) or by directly contacting Street Skills.
- Payment: US check or money order payable to "Street Skills LLC" is preferred. Payment is expected at the time of registration. Cash accepted only in face-to-face transactions. Credit cards accepted via PayPal is available with an additional 3% fee.
- Weather: These are rain or shine events (no weather refunds). We will stop riding if lightning. Be prepared for wet weather with best tires possible and waterproof gear on hand. Also, be prepared for extreme temperatures in cold, heat or wind. If the weather is very hot, previously stated riding gear will still be required to participate.
- Refunds (*motorcycle rally courses*): 100% refund up to the day of the event if your spot can be sold to a person on the waiting list. Partial refunds available at Street Skills discretion if seat cannot be filled.
- Refunds (*non-rally courses*): 100% refund for payments made prior to 30 days before course date. Partial refund within 14 days before the course. The partial refund will be your total payment less Street Skills course setup costs. No refund for participant cancellations on course date.
- Cancellation: If the event is cancelled by Street Skills for any reason at any time, a 100% refund will be issued to all paid registrants immediately. Low enrollment may cancel courses, resulting in a 100% refund to any paid participant.

Please don't hesitate to call Jon with any questions or clarifications.

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