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48 States

To be classified as a finisher of the 2011 Iron Butt Rally, a rider must visit all 48 contiguous states and reach each checkpoint and the finish before the close of the specified time window. Required documentation will generally be a computer-generated receipt from a gasoline station or other place of business within each state that shows the **date, time and location** (city/town and state).** **To avoid penalty points, none of the information required on the receipt may be hand-written.** In addition, the rider must record the date, time, and odometer reading at the location where the receipt was obtained in your “Rally Passport” book (described in more detail below).

4,800 points will be awarded to each rider who meets the documentation requirements for all 48 states. Riders may use any route they wish. The route option shown on Page 2 is 8,325 miles. Any state may be scored on any leg, but there is no extra credit for visiting a particular state on more than one leg.

As described in more detail below, penalty points will be assessed to riders with imperfect documentation requirements, including lost receipts. However, each state visited must be documented unless it is *obvious* based on documentation from adjacent states that a rider must have ridden through a state for which documentation is lacking. Due to the additional riding distance associated with the location of the start, checkpoints, and finish, each 2011 Iron Butt Rally finisher will receive a certificate for the Iron Butt Association’s “48 States in 10 Days” ride.

**Note: A receipt is not required if the rider has a photo of the state capitol building.

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Penalty Points

Assuming it is obvious that a rider must have visited a particular state, 480 penalty points are charged for a missing receipt for a state. There are also 480 penalty points for a lost Passport book (assuming the rider has sufficient information to reconstruct the entries in a replacement book for each state or bonus claimed). For a receipt that is missing the time, date, city or state the penalty points are 10% of the value of the Call-In bonus for the leg on which the receipt was obtained for a missing entry. (If more than one item is missing from a required receipt, it is the same as a missing receipt.) Similarly, each missing or erroneous entry in the Passport book results in penalty points equal to 10% of the value of the Call-In bonus for the leg on which the missing entry occurred. No entry in a Passport book for a particular bonus is the same as a missing receipt.

The penalty points for problems with digital photo data are as follows:

1. Lost or non-verified camera memory card: same as Call-In bonus points
2. Extraneous photos: 10% of Call-In bonus points per photo up to maximum Call-In points.
3. Photos >640x480 resolution: 10% of Call-In bonus points per photo up to maximum Call In points.

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Four Corners Tour

An additional 4,800 points will be awarded for any finisher who also completes the "U.S.A. Four Corners Tour" during the course of the Rally. Under the Four Corners rules, riders have 21 days to ride to Blaine, Washington; Madawaska, Maine; Key West, Florida; and San Ysidro, California. Normally, you must mail a letter to the Southern California Motorcycling Association (SCMA) from each city and provide documentation of your visit with a gas receipt and a photo of your motorcycle at each corner in front of a post office or other building or landmark that clearly shows the checkpoint city name. During the Iron Butt Rally, your visit to each corner must be documented with a photo of your motorcycle in front of the specified post office along with your rally flag. In addition, you must record the date, time, and odometer reading in your Rally Passport.

As with states, any "corner" may be scored on any leg. To be clear, there is no partial credit; it's 4800 points if all four corners are scored and zero points if one or more corners is missed or improperly documented. In addition, you must visit all 48 states to qualify for the Four Corners Bonus.

All riders who visit all 48 states and complete the Four Corners Tour will be Gold Medal Finishers and will also receive the SCMA Four Corners Certificate.

CAUTION: The minimum riding distance to visit all 48 states and complete the Four Corners Tour is approximately 10,500 miles.

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State Capitol Buildings

Completing the Four Corners Tour is not a requirement to finish in the Gold Medal category. At least as many points will be available to be a Gold Medal finisher by documenting visits to state capitol buildings while riding approximately the same distance. However, riders who score the Four Corners Tour bonus will also be able to earn points for visiting state capitols to improve their finishing position.

The points for each capitol building vary based primarily on the additional time required to reach each location. As in previous Iron Butt Rallies, the points available will increase in the later stages of the rally.

Between sunrise and sunset, the documentation required for each state capital bonus is a photograph of the capitol building. After sunset photographs may still be used if the capitol building is illuminated and is clearly visible in the image. However, we will accept a receipt from the city in which the capitol building is located in lieu of a photograph between the hours of sunset and sunrise. If a receipt is used in lieu of a photograph, the value of the bonus will be reduced by 10 points.

Unlike with states and corners, only certain state capitol buildings are available on each leg. However, 49 capitals will eventually be available and they are distributed in a logical manner. For example, the capital of the State of Washington will be available on Leg 1, the capital of the State of Maine will be available on Leg 2, etc.

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Other Bonus Points

In addition to the bonus points available for Alaska, the Four Corners Tour and state capitol buildings, bonus points may also be earned for Call-In Bonuses and Rest Bonuses. Unlike in previous rallies, there are no bonus points for a fuel log and no fuel log is required.

Rally Passport Book

A booklet called a Rally Passport replaces the bonus listings used in previous Iron Butt Rallies. There is a numbered page of the Passport for each state. There are locations to fill in the date, time, and odometer reading when the state is being claimed. There is a separate location to fill in the date, time, and odometer reading when a state capital is being claimed. **IF YOU ARE CLAIMING A STATE CAPITOL BUILDING YOU DO NOT NEED TO SEPARATELY CLAIM THE STATE (AND NO RECEIPT IS REQUIRED IF YOU HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING).**

At the back of the Passport are three pages for claiming Call-In Bonuses and two pages for claiming rest bonuses (which are available on Leg 1 and Leg 3).

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