

## CompassGold Rules

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Following are the guidelines for earning a Certificate of Completion for visiting the four "compass" points of mainland Ireland (as determined by IBA Ireland: Malin Head, Burr Point, Dunmore Head and Brow Head ) AND riding additional mileage between these points to achieve at least 1,000 miles within a 24hour time period. Essentially this is a SS1000 incorporating the stated locations.

You may complete the ride two-up (with one person doing the piloting, the other being a passenger the entire distance - you may not share piloting duties!). In these cases, the Iron Butt Association issues one certificate, with both rider and passenger on it, but we provide two copies of it; one for the rider and one for the passenger. There is NO additional charge for a passenger.

There are five steps to earning a Compass Gold Certificate.

- 1. Identify your preferred route,**
- 2. Get a start witness,**
- 3. Collect receipts,**
- 4. Take the stated Photographs**
- 5. Get an end witness**
- 6. copy and submit your documentation and Photographs.**

Since safety is our primary concern, no pre-registration of your ride is needed. Our goal is to give you added flexibility to decide on any given day whether the combination of weather, your motorcycle and most importantly, your attitude, are ready for a big ride.

### STEP ONE, Choose your preferred route.

Your ride needs to be completely documented (steps outlined below) . This ride involves riding over 1,000 miles within a 24 hour time frame. Please note that this ride is more difficult than a standard SS1,000 due to the nature of some of the roads to be ridden on route.

Please keep in mind, 24hours is wall time, not riding time. So if you start your ride at 5:00 am on June 1st, you must finish it before 5 am on June 2nd.

You may start and finish this ride at any location making sure you:

1. Make the minimum Mileage of 1,000 miles AND
2. Visit Malin Head, Burr Point, Dunmore Head and Brow Head.

### STEP TWO: Get a start witness

In order to document your ride, the Iron Butt association requires that you obtain an eyewitness to document the start of your ride. Witnesses for the Compass Gold may be a Friend (but not one on the

ride with you), spouse or even gas station attendant willing to confirm, if necessary, your start or end time. If a passenger is on the ride with you, please ask your witnesses to sign the form for them also.

We will allow quite a bit off leeway regarding where you obtained the witness in relation to the start or finish location. We recognise that you may encounter difficulties. Therefore, you may obtain a witness from within the locality of the start and finish. For instance, you may be able to get a spouse or partner sign your witness form at your home if this is close to the start/finish location.

Make sure that you inform potential witnesses that the Iron Butt Association may be auditing certain aspects of your ride and may contact them to verify the information provided. Receipts are your primary concern, however, a good witness has "saved" many rides, so try to pick the best witness possible to see you start or end your ride. Keep in mind that a witness who doesn't bother to respond to a phone call or letter is as good as having no witness at all!

Try to remember that you are a salesperson each time you approach someone to sign your witness form. If someone doesn't want to provide their home address - suggest they give a business address. According to experienced riders, taking a few minutes to explain your ride to potential witnesses will get them involved. Most people will actually feel honoured to sign your witness form. However, attitude plays a key role, if someone refuses to sign your book, don't argue, move on to the next person.

### **STEP THREE: Collect receipts and Photographic evidence**

Before the start, you will want to try gas stations to find one that has a receipt with a good location, time and date on it to document the start of your ride. Many riders use the same location for the finish of their ride.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Date and time is most important for your start and end receipts. They are much less critical on the other ride receipts. We know there are mistakes on many station clocks - spend your time concentrating on the start and end receipts.**

Fill up your tank and obtain a computer printed gas receipt with a legible date and time stamp. You may also elect to use a bank ATM receipt with a time and date stamp for your start time but please leave with your tank full.

**\*\*\* THE COMPUTER TIME STAMP WILL BE YOUR OFFICIAL STARTING TIME \*\*\***

**The following log entries and completed witness forms are mandatory:**

Log entries must be made at each gas stop A log entry includes the following information; DATE, TIME, LOCATION (eg. Dublin) and ODOMETER reading. A receipt must accompany each log book entry (please note, that the receipts from these fuel stops, where possible should include a date stamp - we do NOT care about time stamps on these receipts, do not waste time worrying about time stamps, the only time stamps that are critical are the start/finish receipts and Compass locations!).

This ride poses some difficulties regarding receipts so a hybrid evidence system is employed.

## **Compass Point receipts:**

Near each Compass location you will obtain a receipt and copy the time as printed on the location receipt onto a piece of card, plastic, paper etc and include this in the photo at the relevant photo locations. eg: your receipt says "07:48:33"...you copy "07:48:33" onto your photo board/sheet. **THEREFORE MAKE SURE YOU CARRY A MARKER PEN AND SOMETHING TO WRITE THE INFORMATION ONTO. A PIECE OF A4 SIZE WHITE PVC AND A BLACK CRAYON IS IDEAL.** We would recommend the use of plastic sheet to write on as wind and rain plays havoc with paper.....bitter experience by test rider!!!

## **These are the Location evidence requirements.**

Malin Head N55.38084 W7.37405: Get a receipt from Carndonagh. An ATM is available at N55.25136 W7.26046 but you may use any location in Carndonagh. Continue the short distance to Malin Head and take a Photograph of the public Information Board at the top car park. Make sure you hold the Carndonagh Receipt time Information ( which you have copied onto A4 size plastic or paper) so that it is visible in the photo.

Burr Point N54.48883 W5.43471: Get a receipt from Kircubbin. An ATM is available at N54.48804 W5.53406 but you may use any location close by. Continue the short distance to Burr Point and take a Photograph of the large "E" in the car park. Make sure you hold the Kircubbin Receipt time Information ( which you have copied onto A4 size plastic or paper) so that it is visible in the photo.

Dunmore Head N52.11072 W10.46426: Get a receipt from Dingle. An ATM is available at N52.14139 W10.26775 but you may use any location in Dingle (or close by). Continue the short distance to Dunmore Head and take a Photograph of the Stone Marker which is on the left of the road down to the Beach, just after the car park. Make sure you hold the Dingle Receipt time Information ( which you have copied onto A4 size plastic or paper) so that it is visible in the photo.

Brow Head N51.45567 W9.75852: Get a receipt from Schull. An ATM is available at Brosnans Eurospar N51.526937 W9.546052 but you may use any location in Schull (or close by). Continue the short distance to Brow Head and take a Photograph of the two boulders at the end of the track marking the start of the grassy walk to the head. Make sure you hold the Schull Receipt time Information ( which you have copied onto A4 size plastic or paper) so that it is visible in the photo.

The Photo locations stated above are as close to the Actual compass points as you can ride. However, If the weather is good ( and you are sure you have time!) you could take a few moments to walk to Dunmore or Brow head. However.....this is a difficult ride with not much "free time"..do not bother with sightseeing unless you are supremely confident of finishing the ride on time!!

*SPOT USERS:*

*If you have a spot tracking system you may use this to enhance and even replace your receipts in the event you cannot obtain a receipt. The use of spot is as follows.*

*Create a tracking page at [spotwalla.com](http://spotwalla.com). You should also add [admin@ibaireland.org](mailto:admin@ibaireland.org) , IN ADDITION TO YOUR OWN MOBILE NUMBER, to the contacts who receive your OK messages in your spot account. When you reach each of the 4 destinations, send an OK message. When you receive the OK message to your own phone, you know the message has been successfully sent. You may dispense with the receipts( but NOT the photos) if you use this spot method(WARNING: USING ONLY SPOT IS AT YOUR OWN RISK)*

In order for the verification team to account for your time, **log entries must be made at each stop longer than 30 minutes** (for example you decide to stop at a roadside rest stop for a nap or get a Hotel room during the ride). Each entry for extended stops must include the approximate length of the stop or the start time and ending time. Meals that take longer than 30 minutes are considered rest stops - where possible please try and obtain a restaurant receipt. Obviously, many types of stops, for example stop in a rest area, will not generate any kind of receipt - this is acceptable, but please account for the time in your trip log.

WARNING: If your motorcycle is equipped with a large fuel-tank, please note that you must stop at least once every 350 miles for fuel (this is purely for documentation for your ride). Although we know it is possible to ride greater distances non-stop, we will not accept a claim of this type.

At the end of your ride, before the 24 hour time period is up, obtain a computer printed gas receipt with a legible location, date and time stamp.

**\*\*\* THE RECEIPT WILL BE YOUR OFFICIAL ENDING TIME \*\*\***

**STEP FOUR: Get an end witness:**

After you get the fuel receipt, find at least one eyewitness to document your ending time. Like the start, the witness may be a friend (but not one on the ride with you), spouse or even gas station attendant willing to answer a letter from the IBA about your start or end time.

**STEP FIVE: Prepare Copy and Submit your documentation.**

Print your Photographs onto plain printer paper in order to include these with your other documentation. **You may ,if you desire, scan all the documents and receipts and email them along with the photos (or link to the photos) to Admin @ ibaireland.org.**

**COPY your receipts and number the copies to correspond to your trip log.**

**COPY your witness forms and log.**

**\*\*\* Retain your original documentation - only send copies! \*\*\***

If needed, write a short note about any problems with your ride, for example, "The receipt from

Dublin does not have the correct date. I had the attendant write the correct date. The stations number is 0207 123 1234

We strongly caution that out on the road it may not be possible to follow these guidelines to the letter. If that happens, please explain any problem you encountered and we will do our best to work out a solution. For example, 23 hours and 35 minutes into this ride, one person could not find a gas station with a computer generated receipt (obviously, our favourite type), so he got a few locals to witness the time he arrived. His other documents clearly supported his claim of riding the distance in the time-frame he claimed so we did not hesitate to process his award.

COMPLETE the attached form. Basically, this is information where to send the awards, what name and motorcycle you want on the certificate and the basic route you would like the award to note.

FINALLY, send it to:

IBA Ireland, Chris McGaffin, 10 Kilraughts Road,  
Ballymoney, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland.

You will receive confirmation of your documentation being received.

**No Fee is due at this stage**

When we get your ride documentation, one of several people will start the verification process. Due to the extensive work involved (keying data into mileage spreadsheets, map verifications, witness contacts where needed and custom certificate preparations) and the fact that 100% of the labour involved with producing these awards is performed by volunteers, it will usually take around a month before your certificates will be ready for signature and mailed to you.

We realize this is a long time to wait for your certification. However, our certification process is very thorough. In fact, the entire certification process is what gives your certificate value. It would be very easy for the Iron Butt Association to simply take money and print up a generic "you rode a 1,000 mile day" certificate, however, the value of the entire certification program is in the fact that not just anyone can get an Iron Butt Association ride certification. The downside is this process takes time... We can only offer that when you receive your certification you know that not only you earned it, and so did any other rider that you meet with the same certification.

Before we can issue your certification, you may be asked to clarify certain aspects of your ride and/or documentation by either e-mail, phone or letter. Additionally, certain aspects of your ride are subject to audit by yet another set of IBA volunteers charged with insuring only people that rode the miles get the award. Should your package get tagged for that audit, it too may delay the final determination of your claim for the award.

If you have any questions about this ride, you may send e-mail to [admin@ibaireland.org](mailto:admin@ibaireland.org).

**Make sure you are 100% certain you understand these rules BEFORE you start your ride**

Iron Butt Association Ireland  
April 2017

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## RIDER & WITNESS INFORMATION

Start of ride	Witness
Rider Name:	Witness Name:
Pillion Name:	
Date:	Witness Address:
Time:	Witness Telephone or email:
Location:	Witness Signature:
Odometer:	
End of ride	Witness
Rider Name:	Witness Name:
Pillion Name:	
Date:	Witness Address:
Time:	Witness Telephone or email:
Location:	Witness Signature:
Odometer:	

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**LOGSHEET** Remember to obtain receipts for Start, Finish , Compass points, Fuel bought, don't forget your Photographs.  
Remember to refuel your bike at the end of the ride

Receipt/Photo/restperiod	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	FUEL Litres	ODOMETER
#1					
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Checklist of documents needed for CompassGold :

\_\_\_ Copies of Witness forms (starting and ending, others)

\_\_\_ Copies of all Receipts Start/Finish, Carndonagh, Kircubbin, Dingle, Schull and Fuel (do not send originals!)

\_\_\_ Copies of your Photos- Malin, Burr Point, Dunmore Head, Brow Head (all on 1 A4 sheet is fine)

\_\_\_ Copies of your spot track (if applicable)

\_\_\_ Explanation of any problems encountered.

**FEE SCHEDULE**

**No payment is due when you submit your paperwork.** If your ride passes the verification process you will be informed and then instructed to forward payment .

CompassGold certificate only £23 (€27)

IBA Ireland Pin Badge (if desired) £6.50 (€8)

Address to mail certificates to:

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Contact phone number(s), best time to reach you:

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your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_



If you have completed an Iron Butt Association ride before, what is your IBA#? \_\_\_\_\_

Name you want on certificate: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For example, Jonathan J. Smith, SR or John Smith)

Your age (only used for statistics): \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One (only used for statistics): Male Female

Did you do this ride with anyone else or in a group? Y/N If so, who:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of start: \_\_\_\_\_ (for example, 05 August 2013)

Motorcycle make/model ridden: \_\_\_\_\_  
Note: this is used on your certificate. For example, do you want us to list your Honda Gold Wing as a Honda GL1500 or do you want us to list it as a Honda Gold Wing. You may also include a model year if you want, for example; 2003 Honda Gold Wing.

Miles Ridden according to your odometer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Note: These will probably be changed by the verification team.

If you used a GPS (Global Positioning Device) and noted your Mileage, please enter that reading here: \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: The following is used only for the people that do the certificates to make them more understandable. Answer the following questions to make your certificate reflect your ride.*

Sample wording of a Compassgold Certificate (please keep this format in mind as you answer the following questions):

**This is to certify that , beginning on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011, Jack Carson rode a Honda ST1300 a total of 1,055 miles within 24 hours starting in Belfast and continuing to Malin Head, Burr Point, Dunmore Head and Brow head before finishing back in Belfast. During this epic ride, Jack reached the North, South, East and Westernmost points of mainland Ireland. The holder of this certificate provided all evidence required by the Iron Butt Association and therefore have shown themselves capable of solving the equation of time, distance and endurance to complete the Compass Gold.**

Name of start Point \_\_\_\_\_

Intermediate Points: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of end Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Finally, you must certify that what you are telling us is accurate:

I (print name): \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that the Statements in this application for certification are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send the package to:

**Chris McGaffin  
IBA Ireland  
10 Kilraughts Road  
Ballymoney  
Co. Antrim  
N. Ireland  
BT53 7HL**

**Remember no payment is due at this stage.**

**Should you decide to tackle the CompassGold We wish you the best of luck and look forward to hearing about your ride!**