

## Governments SaddleSore 1000 Rules

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Following are the guidelines for earning a Certificate of Completion for visiting the Assembly and Parliament Buildings of England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland WHILST also completing 1,000 miles or more within 24 hours. If you are not currently a member of the Iron Butt Association, completion of this ride will provide you with IBA membership.

You may also 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, however, if they would like a pin or plate frame, you will need to add that in on the fee schedule page.

There are three prime steps to earning a Governments SS1000 Certificate.

- 1. Choose a safe route.**
- 2. Collect and track receipts.**
- 3. 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) and cover a minimum distance of 1,000 miles in 24 hours or less. The minimum distance between the government buildings is less than 1,000 miles so YOU MUST ADD distance to reach the required 1,000 miles. This can be achieved by your choice of start/finish locations or the addition of a "spur" onto your route. For example you may reach your last government building and then continue riding for several hours before obtaining a finish receipt 100 miles away.

Please keep in mind, 24 hours is wall time, not riding time. So, if you start your ride at 5:00 pm on June 1st, you must finish it before 5 pm on June 2nd. The Total time also includes your ferry travel time so you will need to choose your ferry crossing carefully.

A safe ride should be your primary goal. [If this is your first attempt at a 1,000 mile day](https://ironbutt.org/25tips.html), we highly recommend that you study the Iron Butt Association's 25 long distance riding tips located on the IBA Forum at: <https://ironbutt.org/25tips.html>.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Unless your speedometer has been calibrated, do NOT depend on your own odometer readings for official mileage! Most Japanese motorcycles register at least four percent more miles than actually travelled. Over the course of a 24 hour period, this error can be quite severe - as much as 40 miles. IN ALL CASES, mileage will be verified with either Google Maps, Garmin BaseCamp or MyRoute App or other computer mapping products.

Motorcycling comes with risk and riding 1,000 miles or more increases your risk substantially. It is imperative you understand the risk you are taking and minimize the possibility of an accident by practicing safe motorcycle habits. No one, not even the most experienced long distance rider, can safely fight off fatigue. If you are tired, the only option is to stop and rest. Ignoring the symptoms of fatigue can be fatal. The SaddleSore rides enjoy a fantastic safety record but to continue this record requires you to do your part. If you are tired, having a bad day, or facing other hurdles that are impacting your riding skills, please stop and rest so that you may enjoy motorcycling another day!

Please remember that the Iron Butt Association is dedicated to the sport of safe, long-distance motorcycle riding. It does not condone, nor will it tolerate unsafe activities such as excessive speed (in many counties, riding more than 20 miles per hour above the speed limit may also get you charged with dangerous driving. Dangerous driving is a serious charge in any jurisdiction. Reckless motorcycle operation, riding while fatigued or otherwise impaired, the use of stimulants to maintain alertness, or any other activity that results in riders exceeding their personal limits will not be condoned. Any rider found to have engaged in these or other unsafe activities, as determined in the sole discretion of the IBA, will have their certification refused. If the certification is already issued and we find out about these infractions after the fact, the certification will be revoked. For these purposes, the IBA will consider as an admission of violating this policy any public statements made by the participant that describe participation in unsafe activities during a ride subject to certification.

## STEP TWO: Collect receipts and Photographic evidence

Before the start, you will want to check out, petrol stations or ATM to find one that has a legible Dated Business Receipt (DBR) with a good Location, Time and Date on it to document the start of your ride.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Date and time is most important for your Start and Finish 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.**



DBR Example

To be clear about the odo/receipt photo this is a good example.

Note that:

Bike's live odometer is visible.

Receipt has site location visible.

Receipt has date/time visible.

Preferably fill up your tank and obtain a computer printed petrol receipt with a legible date and time stamp. NOTE: Many fuel stations in Europe are printing an "invoice number" which is actually the time of the transaction for example, you might see Inv# 113557 which means 11:35:57 am. You may also elect to use a bank ATM receipt with a time and date stamp for your start time but be aware that many ATMs do not list a location and thus is ineligible for a receipt. Please try to leave with your tank full.

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

The following log entries and completed are mandatory:

Log entries must be made at each petrol stop A log entry includes the following information: DATE, TIME, LOCATION (i.e. London) and ODOMETER reading. A receipt must accompany each log -sheet 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 and finish receipts!).

Obtain a computer generated receipt from the immediate vicinity of The Houses of Parliament (London), the Welsh Assembly (Cardiff), The Scottish Parliament (Edinburgh), the Northern Ireland Assembly (Belfast) and the Republic of Ireland Oireachtas or Dáil Éireann (Dublin). These receipts should be

obtained as close to the actual building as possible. Any computer generated receipt (ATM, Garage, Shop etc) will be sufficient. There are ATM's within a couple of hundred yards of all of the buildings.

Take a Photograph showing YOU (and any Pillion Passenger) at each of the five Government Buildings. The building or entrance to the building should be clearly visible in the background. For example, at Stormont you may take a photo from the entrance gates. Please give consideration to the sensitive nature of these buildings and the visiting public when parking. However, the buildings are all accessible by road 24 hours and taking adequate photographs is not a problem except for Stormont where the gates are closed at night and the building is set well back. A photograph of Stormont entrance gates at night is sufficient.

The Buildings are located at the following locations

Dublin:	N53 20.449	W6 15.318
Belfast:	N54 36.182	W5 50.022
Edinburgh:	N55 57.125	W3 10.431
London:	N51 30.036	W0 07.568
Cardiff:	N51 27.837	W3 09.761

In order for the verification team to account for your time, **log entries must be made at each stop longer than 20 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 20 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 petrol receipt with a legible location, date and time stamp.

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

### **STEP THREE: Prepare Copy and Submit your documentation.**

Print your Photographs onto plain printer paper in order to include these with you other documentation.

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

COPY your log-sheet.

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

If needed, write a short note about any problems with your ride, for example, "The receipt from London 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 petrol 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 timeframe 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, post it to:

**IBA Ireland, Graeme Ferguson, 44 Finlaystown Road, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, BT 44 8EA**

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, 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 [ironbuttireland @ gmail.com](mailto:ironbuttireland@gmail.com)  
Make sure you are 100% certain you understand these rules BEFORE you start your ride.

Iron Butt Association Ireland  
January 2023

# Governments SS1000



## RIDER AND RIDE INFORMATION

<b>Start of ride</b>	
<b>Rider Name:</b>	
<b>Pillion Name:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Time:</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	
<b>Odometer:</b>	
<b>GPS mileage (If applicable)</b>	
<b>End of ride</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Time:</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	
<b>Odometer:</b>	
<b>GPS mileage (If applicable)</b>	

# IBA Ireland SS1000



## LOG-SHEET

Remember to obtain receipts for Start, Finish, Fuel bought Receipts from the location of Government Buildings and keep your ferry ticket. Don't forget your Photographs. Remember to refuel your bike at the end of the ride.

RECEIPT/ Photo/ ferry ticket/ 20min+ rest	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	FUEL	ODOMETER	GPS (if applicable)
#01 Start receipt Plus Photo						
# 02						
# 03						
# 04						
# 05						
# 06						
# 07						
# 08						
# 09						
# 10						
# 11						
# 12						
# 13						
# 14						
# 15						
# 16						
# 17						
# 18						
# 19						
# 20 End receipt, Plus photo						

Checklist of documents needed for Governments SS1000:

\_\_\_ Copy of Start and Finish form.

\_\_\_ Copies of Receipts including those from the vicinity of the government buildings (do not send originals!)

\_\_\_ Copies of your Photos (all 5 on 1 A4 sheet is fine)

\_\_\_ 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.

SS1000 certificate only	£30 (€35)
Additional copy of certificate at the same time	Free
Additional copy of certificate at another date	£4 (€5)
IBA Ireland Pin Badge (if desired)	£7 (€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 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 2023)

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, 1993 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:

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*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 Governments SS1000 Certificate (please keep this format in mind as you answer the following questions):

*This is to certify that on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011, Jack Carson rode a Honda ST1300 a total of 1,068 miles visiting the Government and assembly buildings of England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland in less than twenty-four hours starting in Castlebar and continuing to the Houses of the Oireachtas, Dublin, Northern Ireland Assembly, Belfast, the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, the Houses of Parliament, London and the Welsh Assembly, Cardiff, before finishing in Birmingham, therefore completing the Governments SaddleSore 1000.*

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Then post the package to:

**IBA Ireland, Graeme Ferguson, 44 Finlaystown Road, Ballymena, Co. Antrim BT44 8EA**

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

**Should you decide to tackle the Governments SS1000, we wish you the best of luck and look forward to hearing about your ride!**