## **COY/IOY MASCOT COMPETITION**

The Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year program is designed to promote visitation between the Chapters by getting folks riding, visiting other Chapters and having fun. One way we do this is by introducing Mascots at the annual Kentucky Operations Meeting in January or early February. All the Chapter Couples and Individuals will receive a ticket for their respective Mascot and have a chance to be the first to acquire the new Mascot at the Ops meeting. The Couple and Individual with the winning ticket will start the Mascot chasing fun which will continue through December 31<sup>st</sup>. At the next Ops meeting, the Couple and Individual who earned the most Mascot points during the year by capturing the Mascot will receive it as a permanent reminder of all the fun had throughout the year.

**Please Note** You are NOT required to participate in the Mascot competition. In fact, you are not required to do ANYTHING in particular in your role as COY or IOY. Ideally, you will want to visit other chapters and get more involved in KRR. But that is NOT a requirement. You can do as little or as much as you want to do during your time in this role. If you attend a meeting or event at which the Mascot is available, you can simply elect not to take a ticket for the drawing to capture him. No one will judge you for this or be disappointed that you abstain. It is just a fun little tradition and a way to create friendly competition while spreading the word about KRR. Nothing, absolutely nothing, is required of you as COY or IOY – you have already done the work by being a great Chapter member and are simply being honored for those contributions!

In the event you choose to participate, the rules for the competition are set forth below.

## **COMPETITION RULES**

1. **Moving the Mascot**. Once you acquire the Mascot, it must be moved. Moving is just another term for making the Mascot available to other COYs/IOYs. Most COYs/IOYs enjoy taking the Mascot with them on social outings and posing for photographs with him in unique and interesting places to document his journey throughout the year. With that in mind, we want to encourage participants to keep the Mascot for a bit of time – 2 weeks is ideal. However, we also want to make sure that there are a sufficient number of opportunities for other participants to capture the Mascot during the year, so those with the Mascot must not keep him for an extended period. Although there is no hard deadline by which the move must take place, all participants are encouraged to be respectful of their fellow COYs/IOYs and move the Mascot every few weeks. There are a few different ways in which this can happen.

a. You can take the Mascot to the meeting of another Chapter. As a reward for doing so, the COY or IOY will be given 1 Mascot point for traveling with the Mascot in order to make him available.

b. You can make the Mascot available at your own Chapter meeting. Although this does not necessarily achieve the goal of encouraging Chapter visitation, if it is more convenient for the possessor of the Mascot to simply take him to their own Chapter meeting, that is acceptable. However, no Mascot points will be awarded for making the Mascot available at your own Chapter meeting.

c. You can take the Mascot to a KRR event. As a reward for traveling with the Mascot, 1 Mascot point will be awarded to the possessor.

## 2. Capturing the Mascot.

a. Each eligible Couple or Individual in attendance at a meeting or event at which the Mascot is available will receive a ticket for a drawing, the winner of which will capture the Mascot at that event. If there is only one eligible Couple or Individual present, the Mascot is awarded to them by default. Any Couple or Individual attending the meeting or event, other than the one who made the Mascot available at the event, is considered eligible. In the instance of Couples, it is enough for only 1 of the 2 partners to be in attendance in order to be eligible.

b. If there are no eligible Couples or Individuals at the meeting or event, the current possessor will retain the Mascot. If the possessor traveled in order to make the Mascot available, they will be awarded 1 Mascot point for that effort and an additional point for winning him again by default. If he was simply available at their own Chapter meeting, no points will be awarded.

c. If the COY or IOY is unable to either take the Mascot to another Chapter or make it available at their own meeting, another member of the COY or IOY's Chapter may make the Mascot available either at their own meeting or that of another Chapter. No Mascot points are awarded in the event someone other than the COY or IOY makes the Mascot available.

d. After capturing the Mascot, you must inform Miles or Dean and Lora of this fact by completing a 2025 Mascot Score Sheet found in the Mascot bag in a Ziploc baggy and sending a copy or picture by email or text. Place the original form back into the baggie until the Mascot is moved again. Miles: 859.699.3754

Dean & Lora: 502.457.2176

Email: mepc@kyroadriders.org

e. You must also email Roger Early, KRR Webmaster within 48 hours to let him know when and where you will make the Mascot available next – at what Chapter meeting or event you will have him up for grabs.

Roger: Email: webmaster@kyroadriders.org

3. **Earning Mascot Points**. There are a few different ways to earn points in the Mascot Competition. Although some have already been mentioned, the following is a more detailed list.

a. 1 Mascot point will be awarded to the current possessor of the Mascot for traveling to another Chapter's meeting or qualifying KRR Event to make him available.

b. 1 Mascot point will be awarded to each eligible Couple or Individual present at the meeting where the Mascot is available to capture.

c. 1 additional Mascot point will be awarded for capturing the Mascot by winning the drawing.

d. 1 Mascot point will be awarded to the possessor of the Mascot if they traveled to make the Mascot available but no other eligible Couple or Individual was present at the event in order to claim him and the possessor captures him again by default.

e. No Mascot points are earned by the possessor in the event someone other than the COY or IOY makes the Mascot available.