



Terms and conditions

The following are the Terms and Conditions for participation in the 2nd Annual Toronto International Biker Poetry Contest, hereafter referred to as “The Contest”.

Motorcyclists are invited to submit original poetry writings for a chance to compete in 2020 Toronto International Biker Poetry Contest readings at the 2020 Toronto International Spring Motorcycle Show (The Show), Saturday April 4th, 2020 at the Toronto International Centre, and must agree to the terms and conditions outlined below. There are two categories:

Submissions by:	Prize Money for Winners
Biker Men	\$200 cash
Biker Ladies	\$200 cash

Cash prize winnings will be presented on stage to the two winners at the end of the readings. The winning poems will be published on the Show’s web-site www.motorcyclespringshow.com along with photos from The Show.

Subject matter must relate to motorcycling in some way. As the Spring Show is a family Show we ask that no obscene words be used. Mild language is permitted for artistic impact but the selection committee may ask you to edit anything we deem unsuitable for public recitation, if chosen.

Submit entries to poetry@motorcyclespringshow.com. See below for agreement to these Terms.

All submissions must be the original unpublished work of the entrant, who, by submitting, affirm that the work is original and authentic, and not previously published or posted online. Poems may be submitted in the body of an email or as an attachment that is a Word document or a PDF file.

Individual entrants may submit up to three original works of poetry. Each poem should not exceed 250 words, and can be as little as 10 words. Each will be considered individually by the Selection Committee.

Entrants should submit a photo of themselves, either a head shot or a photo with a motorcycle. This may be used in advance media promotions. All finalists will be required to supply a photo if they have not already done so.

Entrants may be residents of Canada or the United States. If selected for a reading at the Toronto International Spring Motorcycle Show, travel arrangements are the responsibility of the entrant(s). Contest is not open to Show staff and their immediate families.

All poems submitted become the property of The Contest and The Toronto International Spring Motorcycle Show, and may be used in pre-Show promotions and/or future promotions, publications or other media outlets. All photos submitted become the property of The Contest and the Toronto

International Spring Motorcycle Show and may be used in pre-Show promotions and/or future promotions, publications or other media outlets.

Submissions for the contest begin January 1, 2020 and must be received by March 22nd. After March 22nd all entries will be reviewed by the Selection Committee, and the 5 finalists in each category will be chosen and notified of their selection. The five finalists in each of the three categories will be invited to recite their poetry on stage at the Show (scheduled time to be announced) on Saturday April 4th at the Toronto International Centre. The Show will provide 2 complimentary admission tickets for each finalist to attend The Show and The Contest, with a guest, on Saturday, April 4th. As the Contest finals are a live reading, if any of the selected finalists is unable to attend The Show on April 4th they may assign a friend/relative to read their poem at the Show, otherwise they forfeit their position as a finalist and another poem will be selected.

The winner in each category will be chosen by a panel of judges. Audience reaction is also encouraged and will be taken into account in the event of a tie. The decision of the judges is final and not subject to dispute by any participants or members of the audience. Finalists are encouraged to present their poems in a dramatic and passionate fashion to portray their feelings. Poetry readings may be web-cast live from the Show. Finalists may be interviewed by media present at the Show. Other follow up interviews are possible depending on the interest by the media. Follow up interviews are an opportunity for the winner(s) and not required by The Contest or The Show, but at the discretion of the winner(s).

These terms may be updated from time to time to add new information, at the discretion of The Contest and The Show.

Please sign and date this form and submit a pdf along with your poetry submission(s).

I agree to the Terms and Conditions as stated above and swear that I am the author of my poem(s) which is/are original and unpublished.

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Name (print)	City of residence	email address

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Signature	Date

In lieu of submitting this form, participants may instead write on their email submission "I agree to the Biker Poetry Contest Terms and Conditions posted online at www.motorcyclespringshow.com". Please include your name and city of residence in that email.