

## Hosting a Ride & Tie (R&T)

*Ride & Tie events and endurance rides* are basically the same sport with one important twist: R&T adds an extra human to the human/equine team. For the Ride Manager, most other details are the same including the course and vetting criteria. Adding a R&T is a great way to increase interest and participation. R&T resources available can be found: on the R&T website [www.rideandtie.org](http://www.rideandtie.org); Facebook page; YouTube channel; and, the Ride Manager's manual. Following is a quick checklist to help you add a R&T to your event.

1. **Ride Manager:** The endurance ride manager may designate someone else to be the R&T Ride Manager to handle all the communication and coordination with, and ensure the event is run according to the Association's Rules of Ride & Tie.
2. **Sanctioning:** (for questions or assistance you can contact the R&T Sanctioning Officer, Rhonda Venable at [runsalong@hotmail.com](mailto:runsalong@hotmail.com))
  - a. Sanctioning involves filling out a form and agreeing to use the Association's liability insurance. This insurance is required even if held with an endurance event that is also insured. Insurance charges are based on the number of teams at the rate of \$10 per team up to \$100 per day. Requests to add additional insureds must be provided to the Sanctioning Officer no later than 15 days prior to the event. ***If you have no entries or have to cancel your event for whatever reason, you can cancel the R&T insurance up to 24 hours before the event is scheduled to begin and incur absolutely no financial obligations to Ride and Tie.***
  - b. Requests for sanctioning should be made sixty (60) days in advance of the event. You may submit the online form or download the printable form (both available on the website) and submit to the Sanctioning Officer at [events@rideandtie.org](mailto:events@rideandtie.org).
  - c. After you submit the sanctioning form, a certificate of insurance will be emailed to you and to the other insured before the event.
  - d. There must be one ride & tie with a minimum distance of 20 miles. You are then welcome to offer other distances as well as Equathon.
3. **Entry Forms/Flyers:** Submit the following documents either along with, or subsequent to sanctioning form for inclusion on the Association's website and newsletter(s):
  - a. an event flyer with date(s), event distance(s), address/directions, camping information, etc.
  - b. an entry form
  - c. link to your event website (if available)
4. **Membership:** For insurance purposes, ride managers and individual participants **MUST** be current Ride & Tie members.
  - a. Ride Managers are given a complimentary membership for the year they manage a ride; however, it is their responsibility to fill out the form and submit it.
  - b. Participants: The ride manager must ensure that all competing team members are members prior to the start of the event. They may request a current membership list from [www.rideandtie.org/contact-us](http://www.rideandtie.org/contact-us) or check the status of individual participants on the website. If the competitor is not a current member, he/she must fill out a membership form and pay the appropriate fee. If, due to faulty or slow reporting of memberships, the competitor joined but was not yet listed, the Ride and Tie Association will refund the second payment in full by mail following the ride.
5. **Waiver:** All competitors must sign a waiver. You may design your own or use the R&T template. (see website and/or appendix of Ride Managers manual)
6. Include Ride & Tie in all ride briefings, award ceremonies (including providing awards), and activities (such as meals). This greatly enhances the experience for both endurance riders and ride & tiers.
7. **Vetting:** A licensed veterinarian must check each horse before, during and after the event. The head veterinarian sets all criteria for R&T which is normally identical to that set for endurance. Except at the discretion of the veterinarian for a horse having metabolic problems, R&T does not require a mandatory hold at mid-ride vet checks. Once the horse has successfully passed the vet check, it is allowed back on the course. The head veterinarian, typically allows R&T horses to go through vet checks without removing tack, but may require tack be removed for any horse he/she deems in need of an exam requiring the removal of tack. Ride Managers and veterinarians often ask endurance riders to allow R&T horses to "break" in line because they do not have a hold time at the vet check and the other human partner may already be back out on trail.
8. **Timers:** Ensure that your timers know the rules of R&T. The team's final ride time does not end until ALL members have crossed the finish line. Mid-ride times (in and out) may be recorded for both horse and runner in order to keep track of the teams, but that data is not used by R&T. Unlike endurance, there is no time limit for a ride unless specified by the Ride Manager or the head veterinarian
9. **Upon completion of the event**, the following items must be submitted within two weeks (see website and/or appendix for referenced forms):
  - a. Financial summary form with sanctioning fees to: Ride & Tie Association, 4710 Kingsway, Anacortes, WA 98221-3210
  - b. Membership form and fees to: Ride & Tie Association, 6746 Back Rd, Maurertown, VA 22644
  - c. Ride results form to: Bob Heltibridle at [bobheltibridle@gmail.com](mailto:bobheltibridle@gmail.com) or online at <https://forms.gle/PbfjVKoPjbyVeuVe9>