



# Ride & Tie and Equathon Shanghai Trails Endurance

◆ SAT-SUN, March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ◆  
Pierce Ranch - Pierce TX

RIDER #1 INFORMATION	RIDER #2 INFORMATION
Rider #1 Name:	Rider #2 Name:
Street Address:	Street Address:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:
Phone #:	Phone #:
Email Address:	Email Address:
T-Shirt Size:	T-Shirt Size:

**Please note:** If your entry is received by March 12th, your t-shirt will be included in order for completion tees. Entries received after March 12th are not guaranteed a t-shirt and may receive some other completion award.

R&T Association #:	<input type="checkbox"/>	First R&T	
R&T Association #:	<input type="checkbox"/>	First R&T? Yes / No	

### HORSE INFORMATION

Horse's Name:	Breed:
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Mare <input type="checkbox"/> Gelding <input type="checkbox"/> Stallion	Age: _____
Color: <input type="checkbox"/> Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut <input type="checkbox"/> Bay <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Horse Owner: _____	

All participants must be members of the Ride and Tie Association ([www.rideandtie.org](http://www.rideandtie.org)). Membership is \$25 per person for an entire year and may be included with race registration. **R&T membership is FREE for FIRST TIME Ride & Tie members.**

Ride & Tie/Equathon Distance/Day (Below distances are estimates, exact mileage will be known 2 weeks prior to ride date)		Entry Fee Pay this amount per day/distance	Subtotal
Saturday	Sunday		
<input type="checkbox"/> Equathon 11-12 ride/6-7 run	<input type="checkbox"/> Equathon 11-12 ride/6-7 run	\$100	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equathon 14-15 ride/11-12 run	<input type="checkbox"/> Equathon 14-15 ride/11-12 run	\$120	
<input type="checkbox"/> R&T 6-7 Miles	<input type="checkbox"/> R&T 6-7 Miles	\$ 80	
<input type="checkbox"/> R&T 11-12 Miles	<input type="checkbox"/> R&T 11-12 Miles	\$100	
<input type="checkbox"/> R&T 22-25 Miles	<input type="checkbox"/> R&T 22-25 Miles	\$120	
*Ride & Tie membership fee of \$25 for individual		<input type="checkbox"/> Rider #1	<input type="checkbox"/> Rider #2
*free annual membership for first-time members!			
<b>TOTAL DUE =</b>			

➤➤MAKE SURE TO SIGN & RETURN all forms.<<

Mail entry with payment, signed liability releases, membership form if new or renewing, and copy of current Coggins to:

**Cindy Kovalchuk, 617 County Rd 52, Rosharon, TX 77583**  
Cindy's phone: 281-961-5810 Email: [cindyatsaddlebrook@yahoo.com](mailto:cindyatsaddlebrook@yahoo.com)

We will strive to use the best footing and water sources on the ranch as we lay out miles of trail for your enjoyment. Keep in mind, Pierce Ranch is a working cattle/agricultural/drilling/waterfowl enterprise with no established horse trails. There could be hazards such as barbed wire, post holes, uneven and sudden changes in terrain; gopher & ant mounds, hog wallows, erosion and boggy areas; ditches, culverts, cattle guards; ruts and wash-outs. Wildlife abounds including deer, hogs, armadillo and alligator; even a panther and gorilla have been seen. Please be vigilant, adjust speed according to ever-changing conditions.

*Negative Coggins required on all equines entering the ranch. Riders are responsible for any vet fees that may be individually incurred. Dog Owners – Please Be a Considerate Camper. Non-generator area will be designated.*

## Ride & Tie Liability Release

This release must be signed and returned with your ride entry.  
No cross-outs or additions are permitted.

As a participant in a ride sponsored by the Ride and Tie Association, I agree to abide by the rules of the Ride & Tie Association. In consideration for permission to enter and participate in the Ride and Ties, I do hereby for myself, my heirs and assigns, release and hold harmless ride management, ride personnel, all property owners over whose land the ride crosses, the Ride & Tie Association, their agents, officers, servants, employees and officials, from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any kind, for injury or death sustained by me or my horse, and damage to my property, incurred during this ride, arising from negligence or any other fault. "Ride" includes from the time I and my horse arrive at base camp until the time that we leave the premises, as well as the actual event. "Horse" means the animal(s) I am riding, driving, or have entered. I understand that horseback riding is an inherently dangerous activity and am aware that 1) the ride involves being in areas for extended periods of time far from communications, transportation, medical and veterinary assistance; 2) that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards, which ride management cannot anticipate, modify, or eliminate; 3) that both my own horse and those of other contestants can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable, and can panic, bite, rear, kick, strike, stumble or fall; 4) that as a result of participating in the ride, I or my horse may be injured, die, or my property damaged. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and my horse and for any other party or animal that accompanies me; I recognize that the ride is a strenuous activity and I represent that I and my horse are in adequate physical and mental condition to participate. I recognize that my participation in the ride is voluntary.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE LIABILITY RELEASE, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Rider #1 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider #1  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider #2/Equathon Runner  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rider #2 / Equathon Runner  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if junior rider)

## **RULES OF RIDE & TIE**

### **Violation of any rule may result in disqualification.**

1. Each team will consist of two persons who are current members of the Ride and Tie Association and one horse. Throughout these Rules "horse" means "horse, pony or mule."
2. The horse must be at least five years old.
3. No pregnant or lactating mares will be allowed to compete.
4. No foreign substance or medication may be given or administered to any horse within 72 hours before starting the event or one hour after finishing the event. This includes ointments or solutions for topical use that contain local anesthetics. All medications administered during the two weeks prior to the race must be declared in writing to the veterinarian conducting the pre-race examination.
5. All horses must be submitted for a pre-race examination.
6. There will be a predetermined number of vet checks where the horses will be observed and examined. There will be no mandatory time holds. Cut-off time limits for each check point may be established. Pulse, respiration, mucous membrane color and capillary refill, surface factors, attitude and soundness will be considered as part of the criteria for passing through to the next check. Vet check criteria will be announced prior to the races start and will be determined by the Head Veterinarian after consideration of weather, terrain, and other factors.
7. All horses must be presented to the veterinarians for a post-race veterinary examination within one hour of finishing. Horses must pass this examination for any member of that team to be eligible for completion awards. No abuse of a horse will be tolerated.
8. All decisions of the Veterinarian staff regarding the health and safety of the horse are final.
9. Artificial ties are illegal. Hand ties may be allowed at the Race Director's discretion. Any decision to allow hand ties will be announced at the pre-race briefing.
10. Each team must tie its horse and switch from rider to runner and runner to rider at least six (6) times during an event. Teams may tie as many times as they desire anywhere along the trail as long as the ties do not obstruct the trail or are not made in designated "No Tie Areas." A required tie will occur at each vet check. A team must exchange at least twice between vet checks. Where vet checks are so close that two exchanges may be impractical, the Race Director may allow one exchange between two specific vet checks. If a runner on a team has not been overtaken by his partner before the next vet check, then the runner must wait at the vet check for his/her partner to arrive in order to meet the required vet check tie.
11. With the exception of securing a loose horse, no person other than the team members and designated race officials may handle a team's horse on the trail during the race. Designated team crew may work with the horse at any vet check specified by race officials to be open to crews. Race officials may require crew to obtain a pass. Only contestants may take a horse through the vet checks during the race.
12. It is not permissible for both members of a team to use their horse at the same time for forward movement. "Tailing" (meaning the rider dismounts, grips the horse's tail and allows the horse to pull him/her) is allowed but it is not permissible for one team member to ride while another tails.
13. No pacing by an un-entered horse or runner is allowed for any contestant.
14. Riders shall be responsible for their horse's behavior prior to and during the event. If, at the discretion of the race management, any horse becomes unruly or jeopardizes the safety of other competitors, the team may be disqualified from the event.
15. Teams must pass and report to any trail marshals who are positioned along the course. Competitors inadvertently off course must return to the point at which they left the marked trail and complete the course correctly. Teams must stay on the marked trail.

16. Any protest must be filed in writing with the Race Director within two hours of the completion of the race. Prior to the start of the awards ceremony, the Race Director shall decide on the protest. An appeal of his decisions must be filed in writing within seven days to the President of the Ride and Tie Association, whose final decision cannot be appealed.
17. A team has not completed the race until both human teammates and their horse have reached the finish line.
18. These rules apply to a sanctioned race. A race may be of any distance, but to be sanctioned there must be a Ride & Tie race of at least 20 miles in length included within the same event.
19. Competitors under 16 years of age must wear approved safety helmets while mounted during a race (helmet approval by AHSA, PCA, ANSIZ90.4, or Snell)

## What Is Equathon?

You'll see another exciting option at some of the Ride & Tie's this year called Equathon. Grab your favorite endurance rider or runner and compete in this fast-growing sport! It's kind of like a Ride & Tie, but the rider never has to get off the horse. Basically the horse and rider do the ride, say a 12-mile loop, reach pulse criteria, then the runner tackles the 12-mile loop. Sounds like fun, right! If you are really an exercise fanatic, you can do the Equathon as a solo or "Iron" team. Run your horse in the 12-mile race, jump off and allow your horse to reach pulse criteria, then run the 12 miles on foot. Now doesn't that sound like a hoot?

## Shanghai Trails 2021 - COVID-19 Precautions!

1. This ride will be conducted in compliance with current CDC guidelines and any local/state mandates. • **IMPORTANT-** Please do not attend if showing signs of illness to include, but not limited to, fever, cough, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of sense of smell or taste.
2. Pre entries are encouraged to minimize wait time and congregating at the registration table.
3. If you need to visit registration to complete your entry, be mindful of social distancing and do not crowd the table.
4. Registration and ride meetings will be outdoors with plenty of room to social distance. Ride information such as start time, loop order, etc. will be posted on whiteboard so you don't need to attend meeting if that's all you need. If you need more information or have questions, attend the short, outdoor pre-ride meeting the night before the ride. Bring your own chair and social distance, or wear a mask.
5. P&R and Vet Checks: Keep at least 6 feet apart (which you should do anyway around other horses). Wear your mask when presenting your horse to the Pulse taker and Veterinarian.
6. Vet cards will be kept in ziplock baggie and presented to P&R/vet staff to remove from baggie. Don't put vet cards in bras, pants, chaps or mouth. Ride staff will have latex gloves & sanitizer available.
7. One horse/one handler for P&R and vet checks, please. Traffic flow will be one-way by entering at barn and exiting from arena with plenty of room to social distance.
8. Meals: The Boy Scouts will provide Saturday night dinner *TO GO* to guests with pre-purchased tickets. The meal will be packaged in *TO GO* container that you can pick up and

take to your camp area. There will be a food truck for other meals besides the Saturday Boy Scout dinner. Be sure to social distance when ordering/picking up your TO GO meal from Boy Scouts and food truck. Plan to eat at your own campsite.

9. Riders please remove tack to eliminate the need for the veterinarian to move saddles, pads and breast collars to examine the horse properly.
10. Anytime a person will be closer than 6 feet, they will wear face covering. Please do not hug your friends that you haven't seen in a long time, that will be hard but we know you are used to this by now.
11. • Ride management will provide hand sanitizer in common areas but it is each person's responsibility to take care of themselves. Portapotties will have hand sanitizer and riders will be encouraged to wash hands whenever possible. Horse/well water available in camp, bring your own drinking water.
12. We are happy to be on Pierce Ranch again, it is 33,000 acres of beautiful native woods and prairie. Being outside riding a horse is a great way to social distance. Wear a mask when not social distancing. And wash your hands.