



## 2025 Old Dominion Ride & Tie and Equathon

1794 Happy Valley Road, Orkney, VA 22845

Ride & Tie 55/20/12/6 Mile

Equathon 20/12, 12/12, 12/6 Mile

FRIDAY, June 13, 2025

SATURDAY, June 14, 2025

*The Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization, Inc. mission is to support, host, and sponsor endurance riding in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to support the sport of endurance riding nationwide. Our three expanded primary goals are: Competition & Training; Education; and Trails Advocacy.*

**Awards:** In keeping with our philosophy that "To Finish is to Win", each contestant that passes the final veterinary examination after crossing the finish line will receive a completion award.

**Entries:** **NO WALK IN or on-site registration** will be available. Entries must be paid in full and received with all release forms and a copy of current (within last 12 months) Coggins no later than June 10. Please only bring horses that are entered in the ride and tie. **(ONLY HORSES ENTERED IN EVENTS FOR THAT DAY ARE PERMITTED ON TRAIL.)**

**All participants MUST be members of the Ride and Tie Association.** Individual membership: \$35, Family Membership: \$50. One day memberships are also available. Checks payable to The Ride and Tie Association. Member sign up is available on-line or you may download membership forms from website [www.rideandtie.org](http://www.rideandtie.org).

**Cancellation/Refunds:** You must advise the RM directly via text or email if you are cancelling. No show/no advise=No refund. You will receive a full refund if you cancel on or before June 2. If you cancel on/before June 9, you will receive a full refund, less \$50 for ride expenses. No refunds will be issued if you cancel after June 9.

**Dinners:** Friday night meal is included in your entry fee; Sunday brunch is included IF you are entered in the 100. Extra meals may be purchased in advance.

**Ride Camp:** Ride camp will be located at The Old Dominion base camp in Orkney Springs, VA. There will be water available for horses; however, there will NOT be any human water. If possible, please bring water with you to the ride camp for you and your horse. Also, we request that you do not run generators after 10:00 p.m. **DOGS MUST REMAIN ON LEASH AND/OR CONFINED IN YOUR CAMP SITE AREA!**

### **Directions to Base Camp:**

**From the North** on I-81 South, take Exit 273 (Mt. Jackson), turn right at the top of the ramp onto Mt. Jackson Rd. Go to the T, turn left onto Rte 614 for 1.1 miles, then a right (west) onto Rt 263 (Orkney Grade). Stay on 263 for about 11 miles, taking it slow on winding, downhill grade as you enter Orkney Springs. As the grade levels out, take your first left onto Happy Valley Road. Go ½ mile; turn right at right hand bend in road to reach the entrance of the Base Camp field about 200 yards down on your left.

**From the South** on I-81 North, take Exit 269 (to avoid traffic in Mount Jackson), turn right off exit ramp and then left onto Rt 11 North, continue about 2 miles, then turn left onto Rt 263, following this road about 11 miles. Follow the above directions from that point.

**Vet-in:** Vet-in will be from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. the day prior to your event. **There will be no morning vet-ins.**

**Ride & Tie Briefing:** A meeting will be held at approximately 7:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday for all riders/runners to review up-to-date trail conditions, markings and the locations and logistics of the check points and holds. Questions from participants will be answered at this time.

**Riding the trail: HELMETS ARE REQUIRED WHILE MOUNTED!** Once the event has begun, the rider is free to choose his/her own pace as long as the veterinary committee has ensured at the mandatory checks that the horse is recovering to the safe parameters of temperature, pulse and respiration, and that there are no signs of excessive fatigue or lameness which would endanger the horse. **The terrain may have sections that are rocky and challenging. Plan to ride accordingly. Shoes are required and pads are recommended. Hoof boots count as shoes. No smoking on the trail.**

**Questions:** Janice Heltibridge, 540-233-0710 or [janiceheltibridge@gmail.com](mailto:janiceheltibridge@gmail.com)

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**Sanctioned by the Ride & Tie Association. Ride & Tie rules available on request or at [www.rideandtie.org](http://www.rideandtie.org).**

*For information about the Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization, Inc. and all we do, check out [www.OldDominionRides.org](http://www.OldDominionRides.org).*