

NON-DISABLED (ND) RIDERS WITHIN RDA SESSIONS POLICY



(Please note, where reference is made to riders this also includes drivers and vaulters)

Introduction

Increasingly, groups may want to be able to have a ND rider alongside someone disabled, as they feel this benefits the latter. Most often this occurs when riding with a family member or fellow pupil from school where it is seen to benefit the rider, or for the more advanced riders, with ND peers where it may benefit their training.

All activity within RDA must ultimately be for the benefit of the disabled rider. Therefore, when deciding whether to take on ND riders, the Group should be able to show that the inclusion of a ND rider is to the benefit of a disabled rider. This is a key point that ensures that this activity does not redefine the objectives of RDA in any way.

Criteria

1. Groups are to be allowed to ride a ND rider within an RDA session, but this remains an option for the group and is not a requirement. The decision to do this within any particular RDA Member Group would be entirely at the discretion of the Group Trustees (i.e. if they felt that including this was inappropriate to their group, this activity would not take place).
2. ND riders would need to be coached / supported within the same regulations as those currently in place for all RDA riders i.e. a non-disabled rider would have to comply with the same RDA regulations.
3. The RDA Coach will need to be competent with ND riders and therefore would need to have appropriate qualifications for non-disabled riders, e.g BHSAI, UKCCL2, ABRSTC, as well as their RDA qualification.
4. Group charitable funds/assets should not be used for the benefit of an ND rider and therefore it is expected that the ND rider would pay a commercial rate for the ride, ensuring that their costs are covered.
5. When allowing a ND rider to ride within RDA sessions, this must not be at the exclusion of disabled riders already on a waiting list for the Group's RDA sessions. Exceptionally, there may be a good reason to do this, which the Trustees can agree to if they are comfortable it will ultimately be to the benefit of a disabled rider.
6. Consideration should be given as to whether the changes would detract from the group's ability to raise funds.

Groups wanting to include ND riders in RDA sessions must:-

- A. Firstly have confirmation of the Group Trustees decision to have ND riders within their RDA Sessions, by way of Trustee Meeting minutes.
- B. Have a suitably qualified RDA Coach for both disabled and non-disabled riders.
- C. Ensure any ND rider attending RDA sessions completes the standard RDA Rider Application Form before taking part and pays the appropriate fees for the sessions.
- D. Complete the "Non-Disabled Riders in RDA Sessions" Form and sends it to the Finance Manager at National Office, enabling the insurance company to understand the non-disabled riding within Groups that need insurance cover and a copy sent to the Regional Coach.

As with all RDA activity, the coach responsible for the session has responsibility for the Health & Safety of the session. If s/he felt that the presence of an ND rider in any way endangered riders / volunteers, or created a risk, then s/he should stop it from taking place.

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Group Name: _____

Group Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Non-Disabled Rider Name	Application Form Date

I hereby certify that the Group Trustees have agreed to have non-disabled riders within RDA sessions at the Group and that the criteria required within the RDA Policy for ND Riders have all been met.

Trustee Signature

Trustee Name

Date: _____

Please send this form to the Finance Manager at RDA National Office, with a copy sent to your Regional Coach.