

Rules for Participation in the 2027 Heart of Dixie Ride

Motorcycle

- 1. This Ride is a self-guided motorcycle Ride that has stops throughout the state of Alabama. **It is designed to be a fun Ride, not a race.**
- 2. The Ride is open to *all types of two and three wheeled motorcycles* (but not autocycles, such as Slingshots). All participants must be at least 18 years old. Riders (motorcycle operators) must be licensed to operate a motorcycle. Riders are to be safety conscious and obey traffic laws. Participants are to register for the Ride via the Ride web page. For a passenger to take part as a Ride participant, the passenger will need to register separately from the rider (i.e. motorcycle operator). When both riders and passenger are registered, both of their tour flags (placards) must be displayed in the photos submitted for both to receive tour stop credit. There is a \$30.00 registration fee (per person) to participate in the Ride.
- 3. Registration on the Ride website will open on August 1st 2026. Registration will close on January 1, 2026, or when the number of registered riders reaches 2,200 (whichever occurs first). All the Ride Markers will be placed in the mail before the end of March 2027.
- 4. Participants in the Ride will visit tour stops that may include roadside attractions, historical sites, memorials, unique geography, bike friendly businesses that sponsor the Ride, and non-profit organizations that the Ride helps support. Our sponsors help make the Ride possible. When you make a sponsored stop, be sure to let them know you are on the Ride.
- 5. For the tour, there will be fifty (50) regular tour stops
- 6. Riders may start riding the tour upon receipt of their tour Marker. The 2027 tour will end on December 31st, 2027. The tour stop locations will be posted on the tour stops webpage. To be considered a Ride Finisher, registered participants must submit qualifying pictures for All Ride stops.
- 7. Registered Riders/Passengers will be provided with a Ride Marker (placard). Each Ride Marker will have a unique number. The participants are to take a picture of their motorcycle and their Ride Marker at the tour stop. Ensure that the picture shows the tour

stop in the background (i.e. signage, statue, etc.) and that your ride flag number is clearly visible in the picture.

- 8. If it is unsafe to take the picture, do not take it. If conditions make it impossible and/or unsafe to get your motorcycle in the picture, but you can get a picture of your Marker and yourself in the picture safely, do so and immediately notify the Ride Administrator of the conditions that made it impossible and/or unsafe to take the picture. If you submit a picture without your motorcycle, you and your rally flag must be in the picture.

- 9. Up to (2) of your pictures may be without your motorcycle in the picture. The intent of this is to allow the rider to take a qualifying picture if conditions make it impossible or unsafe to get a motorcycle in the picture. Conditions such as construction, mud, debris, etc. could arise. Therefore, this provision allows riders to still receive credit for up to five stops.

- 10. **If you lose your tour Marker** you are to notify the Ride Administrator. Upon notification, you will be sent an invoice with the amount of \$7.00 for a replacement Ride Marker to be mailed to you. While waiting for your replacement, you may submit up to n (5) stop pictures with a hand-made tour flag. For the hand-made tour flag, use an 8/12 inch by 11-inch piece of paper. Write your Marker number on it with a marker and ensure that the number can be clearly seen in the picture you upload.

11. Participants shall submit their pictures via the Picture Submission E mail hodmotorcycle@gmail.com The Ride Administrator would have the final say regarding if pictures submitted meet the requirements of the Rules for Participation. Picture requirements include:

- A. Do not upload all your pictures at one time. Upload them as you go.
- B. Pictures may only be uploaded in jpeg/jpg format.
- C. Pictures submitted shall **not** be altered in any way by the submitter. A participant that uses photo editing software to alter a picture may be dismissed from Ride participation.
- D. Take your pictures in high resolution. Low resolution or thumb nail size pictures often make the Marker number not legible, thus disqualifying the submission.
- E. At least three quarters of your bike should be visible in the picture. The tires and the top of your bike should be in the picture. Do **not** only show the windshield or a trunk.
- F. Be sure to check your pictures while still at the Ride stop to ensure that your Marker number is clearly visible. Check for sun glare, fingers covering numbers, grainy picture quality, etc. Submit a good picture so you can receive credit for the stop.
- G. You do not need to rename your picture files. If you want to rename your picture files, do **not** use special characters in the name. Letters and numbers are fine. Special characters in the file name may cause the picture to not be visible when uploaded to the PSP. If not visible, you will

not receive credit for the stop. (Bad Name Example: Tour Stop # 15) (Good Name Example: Tour Stop 15)

H. Be very careful to enter your Marker number correctly when placing it in the subject line. If you enter the wrong Marker number, you will **not** receive credit for the picture upload.

I. Do **not** use a photocopy of your tour flag. Use the original flag sent to you.

12. Prizes are to be as follows Riders must complete all stops, Once completed rider will be Sent a Custom-Made Patch

13. By registering for the tour, you agree to have your email address included on the email list for the distribution of the Ride stop locations that are subject to change, so be sure to read the notification of any changes. If a Ride stops location needs to be changed, a new stop location that is nearby will be selected.

14. All stops must be in daylight, no after dark pictures.

15. Emails must have stop number and rider number.

The following “disclaimer and photo release” applies and will be part of the on-line registration process.

Disclaimer and Photo Release

1. I understand that riding a motorcycle is subject to both foreseeable and unforeseeable risks and dangers. I further understand that operating a motorcycle is an activity that contains inherent risk of serious personal injury, dismemberment, paralysis, loss, property danger, and possible death. I hereby knowingly and freely accept the risks of all personal injury and property damage to both myself, my passenger, and to others arising from my participation in the Motorcycle

2. I do hereby release, discharge, waive, hold harmless and agree that my dependents, successors, heirs, executors, and assigns do release, discharge, waive, hold harmless against, and indemnify American Legion China Post 1, its owners, employees, officers, agents, affiliates, directors, and assigns (collectively, “released parties”) from any and all claims, whether civil or criminal, including claims of death, bodily injury, illness, loss or property damage, however caused, arising from or related to a activity or event.

3. I fully understand that I may encounter riding conditions and roads that I have not traveled before, have no prior knowledge of, and therefore will ride within a manner that is considered safe for those riding conditions. I agree to ride within my riding ability. I certify that I am in good health and have no mental or physical impairments that may affect my safety or the safety of others. I further certify (operator only) that I am a licensed motorcycle operator and that I hold a currently valid, state issued motorcycle license or endorsement to my driver’s license. I agree to ride in a safe manner and obey all traffic laws. American Legion China Post 1 highly recommends that all riders/passengers in the Ride wear a Department of Transportation (DOT) approved helmet and other protective clothing/gear.

4. I understand that conditions at designated Ride stop locations may change due to weather, construction, acts of God, and other reasons. If a Ride stop becomes unsafe, I understand that I am not to put myself or anyone else in an unsafe situation. I shall report the unsafe condition to the Heat of Dixie Administrator.

5. I understand that participation in the Heart of Dixie tour may be denied to anyone who behaves or rides in a way that endangers others.

6. I understand that Ride participants are not to consume or be under the influencer of intoxicants, alcohol, or drugs that could affect their normal mental or physical ability while riding on the Ride. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in dismissal from the Heart of Dixie Ride.

7. I understand that submission of photos is an essential requirement of participation in the Heart of Dixie Motorcycle tour.

8. I understand and agree that all photos that I submit to will become the property of the Heart of Dixie Ride and will not be returned.

9. I understand and agree that shall not be considered to be in default or breach of this Agreement, and shall be excused from performance or liability for damages to any other party, if and to the extent it shall be delayed in or prevented from performing or carrying out any of the provisions of this Agreement, arising out of or from any act, omission, or circumstance by or in consequence of any act of God, labor disturbance, sabotage, failure of suppliers of materials, act of the public enemy, war, invasion, insurrection, riot, fire, storm, flood, ice, earthquake, explosion, epidemic, breakage or accident to machinery or equipment or any other cause or causes beyond such Party's reasonable control, including any curtailment, order, regulation, or restriction imposed by governmental, military or lawfully established civilian authorities, death, incapacitation, serious illness, or any other unpreventable condition – medical, legal, or otherwise – that prevents from fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement.

10. I hereby hold harmless, release, and forever discharge from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

If you understand and agree to all the above statements,

Print name

Sign and Date