



## **Membership Application, Rider Rules and Regulations and Indemnification**

### ***Statement of Purpose***

As part of its environmental recreation activities, Field Institute of Taos, a 501(c)3 organization, has established Team F.I.Taos, a local cycling team. Through education, training and competition, Team F.I.Taos provides a fun, supportive environment focused on mentoring youth, families, and individuals. Team F.I.Taos offers team members opportunities to experience interpersonal growth, social development, improve physical and mental health, and develop skills for participation in a lifelong activity contributing to a healthy lifestyle. Team F.I.Taos promotes a positive image for Field Institute of Taos and all Team F.I.Taos sponsors.

### ***Goals***

Team F.I.Taos:

- is an inclusive program spanning all ages, abilities, and a variety of cycling disciplines (including mountain, road, and track).
- encourages participation and recognizes that successes come at every level of competition.
- is designed to promote the enjoyment of cycling in a fun, supportive group atmosphere.
- aims to introduce cycling and racing to all ages through education and development of essential skills, which promote road and trail safety and encourage enjoyment of the sport, especially in the Taos area.
- supports and encourages youth, family, and individual participation in cycling for the promotion of physical fitness and teamwork as well as mentorship opportunities.
- encourages those who race at any competitive level to achieve their personal best through training and participation as part of a team.
- supports USA Cycling, Inc. and its affiliated organizations through paid membership and participation in sponsored events.

### **Rider Rules and Regulations**

- All Team F.I.Taos members will be required to read and sign the attached application and indemnification, and agree to abide by all Rider Rules and Regulations.
- All riders on Team F.I.Taos will be required to pay annual membership fees.
- All riders must behave in a manner appropriate to Team F.I.Taos and the sponsors they represent. This means proper sportsmanship at all times (before, during, and after an event or training ride). Any violations of this rule could mean disciplinary action to the team (i.e. loss of sponsorship funds or termination of the team) or to the individual rider.
- More experienced riders are strongly encouraged to take on mentorship roles.

- Team F.I.Taos is registered as club #11561 with USA Cycling, Inc. (United States Cycling Federation and National Off Road Bicycle Association) and is subject to their rules, Bylaws and Policies.
- All riders on Team F.I.Taos are encouraged to be licensed under the USA Cycling, Inc. organization. These licenses need to be in good standing in order to race for Team F.I.Taos. Riders need to apply for the license under the club name "Team F.I.Taos. Licenses can be obtained directly from USAC's website. [www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)
- All riders must obey all rules and regulations as published in the NORBA Rulebook and the USCF Road and Track Rulebook. Copies of the Rulebook are available at the USAC website. [www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)
- Any equipment, including but not limited to bicycles, wheels and racks provided by Team F.I.Taos to any rider without cost, will at all times remain the sole property of the Team. At the end of the racing season or when a rider ceases to be a member of the Team for any reason, whichever is sooner, the rider will be responsible for returning the equipment to the Team in excellent working order (subject to reasonable and expected wear and tear). Riders are responsible for loss, theft, or damage caused by the rider's own negligence. Team equipment is issued at will and may be taken back by the Team at will.
- All riders seeking race reimbursement ("*Hooked on Racing Program*") must wear Team F.I.Taos uniforms at all times while in any race or competition. No Team F.I.Taos rider (in "*Hooked on Racing Program*") in any USAC category will be allowed to wear another club or team jersey during competition during the year (with the exception of riders competing for a collegiate team during collegiate races). Other riders are encouraged to wear Team F.I.Taos jerseys to promote participation and team visibility.
- Team F.I.Taos Managers will be responsible for organizing and recruiting team members that will represent the team in a professional manner. Riders violating these Rider Rules and Regulations will be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or termination. Disciplinary action by the Team Managers will be honored by the Team, as long as it is warranted under these Rider Rules and Regulations. Should action be taken against a rider, the Team Manager will notify the F.I.T. Board of Directors prior to any suspension or termination.
- Riders shall not discriminate against or harass any team member, sponsor representative, suppliers, rider, official, or spectator based upon race, sex, religion, disability, or affectional preference.
- Team F.I.Taos riders are subject to United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) protocol for testing. The USADA protocol is adopted and incorporated herein by reference ([www.usantidopingagency.com](http://www.usantidopingagency.com)). Any rider found by USADA to have violated the USADA protocol will be subject to immediate termination and exclusion from Team F.I.Taos.
- ALL RIDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR HELMETS WHICH COMPLY WITH USAC POLICIES (SEE USAC POLICY I, SECTIONS 1 AND 2) AT ALL TIMES WHEN RACING OR TRAINING WHETHER OR NOT THE RACE OR TRAINING RIDE IS SANCTIONED BY USAC.
- ALL RIDERS RIDE AT THEIR OWN RISK. NEITHER TEAM F.I.TAOS OR FIELD INSTITUTE OF TAOS, ITS MEMBERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND ATTORNEYS ASSUME ANY LIABILITY TO ANY RIDERS RIDING AS MEMBERS OF TEAM F.I.TAOS. CYCLING IS AN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS SPORT WHERE SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH CAN AND DO OCCUR. THUS, ALL TEAM MEMBERS ASSUME THEIR OWN RISK WHEN RIDING FOR TEAM F.I.TAOS. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL RIDERS HAVE SOME FORM OF MEDICAL INSURANCE BEFORE RACING ON THE TEAM. THE TEAM DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY MEDICAL OR ACCIDENT INSURANCE TO ITS MEMBERS.



**TEAM F.I.TAOS COMPLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

READ BEFORE SIGNING

In exchange for being allowed to participate in any way in Team F.I.Taos program, its related events and activities, I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, acknowledge, and hereby contract and agree that:

The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular skills, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist. I realize that injuries are a common and ordinary occurrence of this sport. I EXPRESSLY AGREE that I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of Team F.I.Taos immediately. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY PROMISE TO RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS Field Institute of Taos and Team F.I.Taos, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity ("Releasees"), FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY for personal injury, death or property damage which results IN ANY WAY associated with my presence or participation in the sport, including any caused by NEGLIGENCE or otherwise, conditions on trails or roads or any other activities related to bicycle racing and training and ACCEPT MYSELF THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY AND ALL such damages or injury of any kind which may result to ME OR MY CHILD(REN).

In addition, the parent/guardian signing below represents to FIT and TFT that they have the authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of said CHILD(REN) and on behalf of any other parents or guardian of said CHILD(REN) and AGREES TO DEFEND AND COMPLETELY INDEMNIFY and hold harmless FIT and TFT from any and all claims arising form the child(ren)'s participation in bicycle racing and/or training and this agreement is entered into on behalf of said CHILD(REN) or any other parent/guardian thereof, even after the CHILD(REN) has attained majority or from third parties injured by the CHILD(REN), and hold FIT and TFT its representatives, agents, affiliates, officers, directors, servants, and employees harmless from any such claim, legal action, harm, injury, damages, or loss of persons and/or property.

I have carefully read the foregoing COMPLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY and INDEMNITY AGREEMENT and understand its contents, including the jurisdictional agreement. I ACKNOWLEDGE and understand this is a COMPLETE RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, that it includes any and all claims by my children(ren) or by me or anyone on my child(ren)'s behalf for any reason, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, and that I am contractually agreeing to these terms FREELY, FULLY AND WITHOUT RESERVATION in exchange for the right to have myself and/or my child(ren) participate in bicycle racing and/or training with Team F.I.Taos.

*I AM AWARE THAT THIS CONTRACT IS LEGALLY BINDING AND THAT I AM RELEASING LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT.*

x \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

**FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITYAGE**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my child and our heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law. x \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE (print name)

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **Additional Information for Team F.I.Taos Members:**

- All Team Members are strongly encouraged to join the Taos Cycle Club for 2010 ([www.taoscycleclub.com](http://www.taoscycleclub.com)). Try to be involved in the Club as much as possible as they support our Team. This is a good way to give back to the local cycling community beyond our Team.
- You are expected to “give back” to Team F.I.Taos in some way...through assisting with fundraising (try to bring in at least one sponsor), helping arrange travel for a race, leading a junior training ride (or other training ride), putting on a social event, or planning for future events.
- Let’s really build a sense of team spirit by encouraging each other and supporting team members when you are not racing. It’s amazing how much a few people yelling on the side of a course can help! Please participate in organized team activities as much as possible (rides, informal brainstorm/training discussions, social events, and races)!
- **When purchasing a USA Cycling license and registering for a race, please put “Team F.I.Taos” under your team/sponsor name!** Let’s get the team name out there and build recognition and a positive image!
- Support our sponsors! Know their shops and products, shop there, introduce yourself to the owners and thank them for supporting us. Part of the deal is that we, as a sponsored team, show our appreciation by sending people into their shops and being positive representatives for their products and services. Remember to say “Thank You!” No sponsorship “deals” are available until membership requirements are met.
- Juniors are encouraged to participate in Field Institute of Taos after school mountain bike programs.
- Coaching is available through your Team Managers (certified USA Cycling coaches). Please contact them directly for pricing.
- Scholarships - All Juniors may qualify for discounted jerseys. Other funds may be available to juniors for equipment, travel, etc. Some Team equipment may also be available for juniors to use. Contact Team Managers for information on scholarship availability.
- Additional Team items available for purchase include t-shirts, shorts and extra jerseys.
- Our jerseys are awesome and have sponsor logos for all sponsors who contributed \$500 or more. 2010 membership prices are: \$85 for Adults (over 18) \$45 for Juniors (18 and under)

### **Benefits of being on the Team!**

**Weekly Junior training rides (June through August) \* Other group rides may be organized by Team members, for Team members \* Sponsorship deals \* Option to join Hooked on Racing Program and qualify for race entry fee reimbursement \* \* Team support at selected races \* Social events, cycling topics talks \* Support and encouragement from teammates**



## Membership Application 2010

ALL 2010 MEMBERSHIP FEES MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

FEES: *Adults \$85 (includes jersey) - Juniors (18 and under) \$45 (includes jersey or t-shirt)*

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: *FIELD INSTITUTE OF TAOS P.O. Box 486 Arroyo Seco, NM 87514*

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Name

Nickname

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Address

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Phone

Email

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Racing Category

Age

(The following info may be used on your bio for team webpage.

Previous racing experience (cycling) and background:

Other athletic experiences:

Riding goals for this season:

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Any events you are focused on for this season? Which ones?

How many races do you plan on competing in this season?

What do you like to do before a big ride/race?

What do you like to do after a big ride/race?

What one word best describes your riding style?