



Membership Application 2017

ALL 2017 MEMBERSHIP FEES (including cost of jersey) MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

FEES: *Adults \$85 (includes jersey + waterbottle or socks)*

Juniors 18 and under \$45 (includes jersey or t-shirt + waterbottle)

DISCOUNTED MEMBERSHIP available by request \$45 (includes membership & t-shirt only)

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

Name

Nickname

Address

Phone

Email (main form of communication)

Racing Category (if applicable)

Age

(The following info may be used the Team F.I.Taos website)

Previous (cycling) background and racing experience (if any):

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?

Are you interested in skills and/or maintenance clinics this summer?

This is page 1 of a 6-page application. Pages 1-5 must be completed, signed, and returned.



2017 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 FITaos, a local cycling team. Through education, training and competition, Team FITaos provides a fun, supportive environment focused on mentoring youth, families, and individuals. Team FITaos 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 FITaos promotes a positive image for Field Institute of Taos and all Team FITaos sponsors. Team FITaos also supports the Taos Composite High School Mountain Bike Team.

Goals

Team FITaos:

- is an inclusive program spanning all ages, abilities, and cycling disciplines (including mountain, road, and cyclocross).
- 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.

Rider Rules and Regulations

- All Team FITaos 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 FITaos will be required to pay annual membership fees.
- All riders must behave in a manner appropriate to Team FITaos 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 FITaos Rider Rules and Regulations (continued)

- Team FITaos 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 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 FITAOS OR FIELD INSTITUTE OF TAOS, ITS MEMBERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND ATTORNEYS ASSUME ANY LIABILITY TO ANY RIDERS RIDING AS MEMBERS OF TEAM FITAOS. 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 FITAOS. 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.
- Any equipment, including but not limited to bicycles, wheels and racks provided by Team FITaos to any rider without cost, will at all times remain the sole property of the Team. At the end of or during the racing season or when a rider ceases to be a member of the Team for any reason, whichever is sooner, (or on the request of the Team Manager) 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 must be returned to the Team upon request.
- All riders seeking race reimbursement ("*Hooked on Racing Program*") must wear Team FITaos uniforms at all times while in any race or competition. No Team FITaos rider (in "*Hooked on Racing Program*") will be allowed to wear another club or team jersey during competition during the year (with the exception of riders competing for a high school or collegiate team during high school or collegiate races). All Team FITaos members are strongly encouraged to wear Team FITaos jerseys to promote participation and team visibility. Race reimbursement will only be issued after riders have met all requirements outlined in "*Hooked on Racing Race Reimbursement Policy.*"
- All riders on Team FITaos 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 FITaos. **Riders need to apply for the license under the club name "Team FITaos."** Licenses can be obtained directly from USAC's website. 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
- Team FITaos Manager 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 Manager 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 FIT 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 FITaos 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). Any rider found by USADA to have violated the USADA protocol will be subject to immediate termination and exclusion from Team FITaos.

Team FITaos Rider Rules and Regulations (continued)

- Team members grant Team FITaos, Field Institute of Taos, its agents, representatives and assigns, the absolute right and permission to use, sell, and publish photographs of them.
- All are required to sign at the bottom of the statement that they have read and understand these **Rider Rules and Regulations** and. The rider should keep a copy for him or herself. A copy should be provided to the Team Manager: Susie Fiore P.O. Box 486 Arroyo Seco, NM 87514
- All riders must pay their membership fees in full at the time this application is submitted.
- Team FITaos may not sponsor or promote a race or non-competitive event without the written consent of the Field Institute of Taos Board of Directors.
- These Rider Rules and Regulations are subject to periodic change upon the discretion of the Field Institute of Taos Board of Directors in conjunction with the Team Manager. Riders will be subject to such changes once notice of the changes is sent via email to Team members.

THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. READ IT CAREFULLY. BY SIGNING THIS FORM, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THESE RIDER RULES AND REGULATIONS.

YOU WILL ALSO BE GIVING UP ANY LEGAL RIGHT YOU MAY HAVE TO BRING A LAWSUIT AGAINST FIELD INSTITUTE OF TAOS AND TEAM FITAOS, ITS SPONSORS, MEMBERS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, ATTORNEYS, EMPLOYEES AND MANAGERS.

YOUR SIGNATURE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES THAT YOU ARE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT VOLUNTARILY AND OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL AND NOT UNDER COERCION OR DURESS.

YOUR SIGNATURE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THESE RIDER RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Rider:

Rider's name	signature	date
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Parent or Guardian's name (if rider is under age 18)	signature	date
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TEAM FITAOS COMPLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

READ BEFORE SIGNING

In exchange for being allowed to participate in any way in Team FITaos 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 FITaos 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 FITaos, 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 from 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 FITaos.

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

_____ 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.

_____ Date Signed: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

(print name)

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR REFERENCE

Additional Information for Team FITaos Members:

- You are expected to **“give back” to Team FITaos** in some way...by assisting with fundraising (try to bring in new sponsors), doing local trail maintenance, leading a junior training ride (or other training ride), putting on a social event, volunteering at a Team event, or planning for future events.
- Let's really **build a sense of team spirit** by encouraging each other & supporting team members at all times. 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, clinics, informal brainstorm/training discussions, social events, & races)!
- **When purchasing a USA Cycling license & registering for a race, please put “Team FITaos” under your team/sponsor name!** Let's get the team name out there & build recognition and a positive image!
- **Support our sponsors!** Know the shops & products, shop there, introduce yourself to the owners & 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 & being positive representatives for their business. No sponsorship “deals” are available until membership requirements are met. A written “thank you” at the end of the season goes a long way. Remember to say “Thank You!”
- Juniors are encouraged to participate in Field Institute of Taos **after school bike programs & summer cycling programs** and to sign up for the **weekly junior ride series**.
- **Scholarships** - All Juniors receive discounted membership (including 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 Manager for information on scholarship & Team equipment availability.
- **Additional Team items available for purchase** include t-shirts, shorts, vests, socks, water bottles, & additional jerseys.
- Our jerseys are always awesome and have sponsor logos for all sponsors who contributed \$500 or more.
- 2017 Membership prices are: \$85 for Adults (18 and over) \$45 for Juniors (under 18) \$40 by request (includes t-shirt and membership only)

Benefits of being on the Team!

Weekly mountain bike rides (June-August) * Road rides * Monthly grass-roots, local fun races (TSV Hill Climb Series or ??) * Women's Mountain Bike rides * Other group rides may be organized by Team * Option to join Hooked on Racing Program and qualify for race entry fee reimbursement * Team support at selected races * Social events * Cycling clinics * Support and encouragement from teammates