



Program Overview

The USA Cycling Center of Excellence (COE) designation is awarded to select junior and under-23 development teams which excel in the development of young cycling athletes. Centers of Excellence must meet strict requirements and may qualify for grants from the USA Cycling Foundation based upon quantified results.

The current COE designated programs have consistently demonstrated the ability to develop young riders into nationally competitive athletes, and annually place riders in USA Cycling Regional and National development camps, and in the USA Cycling National Development Program.

Since the program's inception in 2002, the USA Cycling Foundation has distributed over \$555,000 in support of these grass-roots development efforts. Grants are made possible by the generous donations to the USA Cycling Development Foundation.

Application Process

Any prospective, current USA Cycling Club/Team may submit a one-page overview of the organizational mission, vision and history, a completed, signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and the specific information requested in the COE Annual Report to be considered for designation. Designation is for a two-year period, and programs will only be considered for grant awards after completing at least one year as a USA Cycling Center of Excellence. Returning COE's must complete and return the annual report by January 30, 2018 to be considered for a grant.

COE Designation and Grant Awards

Programs meeting the criteria specified in the MOA will be considered for designation as a USA Cycling Center of Excellence, and grants for returning COE's will be considered based on the results and information provided in the annual summary. The USA Cycling Athletics Department works with USA Cycling Foundation staff to review and approve designation and grant awards. Questions should be directed to: Steve McCauley, 719-434-4260 smccauley@usacycling.org

2018-19 USA Cycling Center of Excellence Memorandum of Agreement

Between

USA Cycling

And

(Club/Team Partner)

1) Recitals

- A) Whereas, USA Cycling (USAC) is the national governing body for the sport of cycling in the United States, headquartered in Colorado Springs, CO; and
- B) Whereas, the mission of USAC is sustained success in international competition; and growing the sport of competitive cycling in the USA, and
- C) Whereas, USAC endeavors to promote the growth and development of sport programs in the United States which are capable of producing elite national and world class cycling athletes; and growing the sport of cycling in the local community; and
- D) Whereas _____ is a Club/Team member in good standing with USAC, having met the minimum requirements for a USAC Center of Excellence.

2) Definitions

- A) USA Cycling Center of Excellence shall mean any cycling club, team or program specifically recognized as a USAC Center of Excellence.
- B) USACF shall mean the USA Cycling Foundation.
- C) USAC shall mean USA Cycling.
- D) COE shall mean Center of Excellence.

3) Mutual Agreements

Both parties agree to the following:

- A) Recognize the need for full accountability to constituents of USA Cycling, its Foundation and the local Center of Excellence.
- B) Conduct a year-round public relations campaign to promote USA Cycling, its Foundation, the local Center of Excellence teams and programs, and competitive junior cycling in general.
- C) Provide annual calendars in as timely a manner as possible to include qualification events/procedures, camp dates, race/program schedules and event qualifiers.

4) It is agreed that (Club/Team) will:

- A) Adhere to the following minimum requirements:
 - i) Maintain articles of incorporation and by-laws as a non-profit organization
 - ii) Provide organization's IRS 990 and audited financial statements upon request
 - iii) Maintain a board of directors

- iv) Maintain established mission & goals
- v) Provide annual evidence of:
 - a. USAC Club/Team membership (Minimum 2 years for COE new applicant)
 - b. USAC coach's licensing and certification documents
 - c. USAC Insurance
 - d. Schedules of training and competitive events
 - e. Club/team roster (Minimum 10 riders for new applicant)
 - f. Staff roster
 - g. Board roster
 - h. Athlete competitive and physiological testing if available
 - i. Non-discrimination policy
- B) Adhere to the USAC Code of Conduct.
- C) Cooperate in the broad purposes of the USAC mission including the sound planning of athlete development programs, services, training, regional and national scheduling in conjunction with USAC Competition and Development department and National Development Program coaches and staff.
- D) All COE affiliated coaches remain members in good standing of the USAC Coaches Association.
- E) Provide a digital rendition of the team jersey for use on the USAC webpages.
- F) Send intermediate and advancing level junior and U23 athletes to USAC regional athlete development camps, and coordinate with the USA Cycling Junior Athlete Development manager for qualifying of advanced athletes to any available national athlete development camps.
- G) Send a minimum of one representative coach to (at the expense of the COE), the bi-annual USAC Coaching Association Summit meeting.

5) It is agreed that USAC will:

- A) Provide _____ as a designated Center of Excellence the right to utilize USAC Center of Excellence logos and emblems.
- B) Provide _____ as a designated Center of Excellence, representation on USA Cycling's Center of Excellence web page, and direct links back to _____ home pages.
- C) Provide _____ as a designated Center of Excellence program news updates through the COE web page news feed.
- D) List and endorse _____ as a designated Center of Excellence in all periodicals, web page information, coach's publications and other media opportunities when applicable.
- E) Provide mailing list of junior and under-23 riders to _____ for surrounding areas on an annual basis.
- F) Provide consideration for financial grants on an annual basis upon receipt of quantified seasonal results in the following areas:
 - i) Licensed Junior riders and coaches
 - ii) Regional and National Camp rider participation (Junior and U23 Graduates)
 - iii) Coaching Summit participation
 - iv) Collegiate Cycling team placements of program graduates

- v) National Development Program placement of current and graduate riders
 - vi) National and World Championship results
- G) Provide assistance and consulting from national team coaches with team planning, race scheduling and general athlete development programming.

6) Failure to Comply

- A) USAC reserves the right to withhold program grants and/or terminate the partnership should a Center of Excellence partner fail to comply with one or more of the terms of this agreement.

7) Length of Terms

- A) This Memorandum of Agreement is entered into for the 2017-18 seasons.

8) Confidentiality

- A) The parties acknowledge that the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT are confidential and therefore agree to take whatever measures are reasonably necessary to preserve such confidentiality, unless disclosure is required by law.

9) Relationship of Parties

- A) This agreement does not constitute a partnership, agency, employment or joint venture between USAC and the Center of Excellence. The Center of Excellence may not purport to act on behalf of USAC.

10) Indemnification

- A) USACF & USAC shall have no liability for any actions on the part of the Center of Excellence; its coaches, athletes, officers, directors or employees, trustees or agents that result in damages, losses, liability or attorney's fees. The Center of Excellence agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the USACF, USAC, and its coaches, officers, directors or employees, trustees or agents from any and all damages caused by or arising out of the course of operation.

The signature of the authorized representatives of USAC and _____ shall constitute USAC's and _____ acceptance of the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement as set forth above.

USAC

COE Director

Signature

Date

Signature

Date