2017 USA Cycling

RaceClean Year-End Report

In 2017, USA Cycling continued to expand and improve the RaceClean program. Thanks to funding provided by the anti-doping surcharge on higher racing categories, we were able to create a meaningful deterrent to doping by testing a wide range of top level amateur events throughout the United States. We exceeded our goal of 200 tests funded by anti-doping surcharges, despite the rising cost of testing.

RaceClean testing resulted in three anti-doping rules violations for 2017, though due to the timeframe of the adjudication process more could be announced in the future. We finished 2016 with a total of 6 anti-doping rules violations on 185 total tests (3.2%). But it is essential to understand that the success of the program is not measured by the number of rules violations found, but by the extent to which our community avoids doping due to the presence of a credible threat of getting caught.

We are proud of the fact that our RaceClean program has been touted as a program to be modeled by other sports, and in 2017 USA Cycling began advising other national governing bodies on how to implement a similar model in their sports.

Funding Source Distribution

The U.S. anti-doping landscape includes a wide range of testing above and beyond the testing funded by anti-doping surcharges, including testing at domestic UCI registered events like our National Championships and national calendar events (Pro Road Tour, Pro XCT, etc.). However,
this report is **focused only on the amateur testing funded by USA Cycling’s anti-doping surcharges or direct contributions to the RaceClean program**. For further clarification, see the pyramid on the [RaceClean webpage](#).

In 2017, we collected $139,630 for RaceClean amateur testing. $8,500 was contributed from two local associations (LAs) - Texas Bicycle Racing Association (TXBRA) and Florida Bicycle Racing Association - and $131,130 came from anti-doping surcharges, which are determined by racing discipline and category as follows:

- Cat 1 for cyclocross, road, and track: $25 per athlete
- Cat 1 for mountain bike: $5 per athlete
- Cat 2 and 3 for cyclocross, road, and track: $5 per athlete

In aggregate, the RaceClean funding was generated as follows:

![2017 Funding by Discipline and Category](#)

**Testing Distribution**

Our objective with testing distribution is to spend the money within the groups that pay the fees, with groups defined by racing category, discipline, gender, and geography (or to be more specific, the home state of the athletes who paid surcharges). While a
perfectly correlated distribution is not practically feasible, we achieved a very proportional distribution this year which was a good improvement over 2016.

![2017 Testing Distribution by Group](image)

Note: Cat 1/2 in this chart includes non-age group cat 1 fields, cat 2 fields, and combined cat 1/2 fields, as well as open fields that featured 1s and 2s but also other categories. The masters categories in this chart represent all masters age groups. ‘Other’ refers to cat 3 and 4 fields, and to combined 2/3/4/5 fields.

Men represented 68 percent of tests while women represented 32 percent. We over-indexed on testing women in 2017 due to a range of practical constraints.

With respect to testing by discipline, we were much closer to matching distributed tests across all disciplines in 2017. You may recall in 2016 we did not test MTB or track proportionately, but we rolled the 2016 MTB and track surcharge revenue into 2017 and made up for the disparity in 2017.
With respect to geography, we largely met our distribution objectives. In the map below, the states which are colored red saw athletes from those states tested. States with a star indicate that testing occurred at an event in that state. Overall, athletes from 36 states were tested at events in 25 states.
As much as possible, we sought to lower the cost per test using a range of tactics, including conducting multiple tests at a single event and piggybacking amateur testing onto elite events where USADA was testing already.

Results

In 2016, we aimed to triple the number of amateur tests over 2015. We exceeded that goal by 50 tests, ending with 185 amateur tests. In 2017, despite increasing costs, we pushed our target even higher to 200 amateur tests. As we reported earlier, we exceeded our goal once again and finished with 211 amateur tests conducted in 2017.

To date, three anti-doping rules violations have been announced from 2017 RaceClean testing, but this number could grow as some cases require significant time before resolution to ensure due process for the athlete. Because anti-doping rule violations are not necessarily resolved and announced in the order of testing, we cannot conclude that
these will be the only sanctions from this testing time period. If there are additional 2017 positives, we will announce them.

The USADA PlayClean Tipline

The USADA PlayClean Tipline was a huge success again in 2017, and that success can be fully attributed to our committed members. Thank you to each and every one of you who reported your suspicions throughout the year. Your tips were used to direct USADA’s testing (which is incremental to RaceClean testing) and to help build intelligence for future years. We strongly encourage you to continue providing your tips to the tip line so we can continue to strengthen our anti-doping testing efforts and to ensure a level playing field for all our members.