

Whitman Cycling Racing Club Contract 2018-2019

Allegro Sponsorship form and Racing Club Contract Due December 5, 2018

Mission statement: to promote cycling at all levels at Whitman College; to create a close-knit, supportive and invested community on campus; to foster an inclusive environment that works to close the gender gap in the larger sport of cycling; to act as a positive force in the Greater Walla Walla community and in the larger cycling community; and to excel at regional and national level races.

The Whitman Cycling Club is self-run, and so it cannot afford, financially or in spirit, to have club members half-heartedly committed to the club. This drains both the club's budget and energy. In order for the club to function properly, members need to be excited to ride, to learn, race, and give back a bit of what they take. Additionally, the club strives to be an inclusive and welcoming environment for students of all backgrounds and ability levels. Club members are expected to show respect to everyone else on the club regardless of race, color, national origin, class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, creed, or the presence of any disability.

By signing this Club Member Contract, you are confirming that you are EXCITED about the club and want to HELP OUT and be an ACTIVE participant. You are stating your intention to be an involved and responsible member of the Whitman Cycling club. Being an involved member includes (but is not limited to) participating in and helping with:

- Race weekends (at least 3)
- Club and group rides
- Club fundraisers
- Club social events
- Club meetings
- Volunteering (Home Race, Gran Fondo, TOWW, etc--at least 1, contingent on club's involvement in these events)
- Being active cyclists (riding your bike! yay bikes!)

Additionally, all club members are expected to abide by safe riding practices and be aware of their surroundings at all time. Cycling is a dangerous sport and all club members need to recognize this in order to ensure everyone's safety. Follow the rules of the road--not only for your safety, but because your actions on the road reflect on Whitman College, Whitman Cycling, our generous sponsors, and cyclists in general.

Planning ahead is important in fulfilling these responsibilities. While absences may be pardoned for serious unforeseen obligations, members are expected to budget their time to make room for their duties. On a related note, punctuality is also very important. With dozens of active members, the amount of paperwork to be dealt with is aided greatly by prompt responses to club requests. These can include e-mail responses, delivering checks, and turning in forms.

Club members are expected to attend a MAJORITY of club events. If a club member's participation falls into question, their membership may be reconsidered and put on "Member" status by the Co-Captains. This includes revocation of club sponsorship (including retroactive charges on any sponsorships utilized), and the addition of a pay-per-weekend race system. Additionally, it is expected that club members will travel with the club and stay in the club's accommodations during race weekends unless explicit permission for an alternative arrangement is given by club leadership.

To ensure smooth race weekends and enhance member knowledge of bike mechanics, all club members will be responsible for knowing how to complete the three following tasks prior to their first race weekend:

1. Remove both front and rear wheels from their bicycles,

2. Change a tire and tube,
3. Clean their drivetrain (chain, gears)

*The Club will provide mechanic workshops for teaching of these skills.

Additionally, Club Members understand that their membership includes financial dues:

- \$100 to be collected along with this signed contract
 - This payment goes towards food on race weekends/events, transportation to race weekends and nationals, and investing in club gear/upkeep.
- Minimum clothing purchase of one jersey per year (~\$60)

Club benefits include (subject to changes):

- Discount at Allegro Cyclery (see Allegro Partnership Contract)
- Discount on Orbea Bicycles (see Allegro Partnership Contract)
- Limited subsidized registration for the Tour of Walla Walla Stage Race
- Free travel and race registration at Collegiate Races
- Occasional discounts on other gear

Members will not receive Club or sponsor benefits until this contract has been submitted. Additionally, if you fail to meet the above requirements at any time during the season, club leadership reserves the right to revoke both Club and sponsorship benefits.

By signing this contract, you confirm that you understand and accept the privileges and responsibilities involved with being a Club Member. You also state your intent to be an ENTHUSIASTICALLY involved Member of the Whitman Cycling Club.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____