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2022 - 2023 MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

Membership in CdV offers the following benefits to all members "In good standing".

- Discount off bike parts at FSB (***RIDER ONLY***)
- 15% off retail for a race level bike at FSB (*Once a Year*) (TBD)
- POC Helmet/Sock order once a year through FSB (December 1-10th)
- Access to team specific electronic communications - CdV Slack, Private CdV Facebook Group, Private Strava Team Page
- Regular club coordinated training rides
- Club supported professional clinics
- Corporate Membership to Brenda Athletics Club
- Team deal pricing from club sponsors (i.e. Rudy Project)
- Club discount to Running Warehouse
- Special event discounts/subsidy (i.e. local charity rides, varies by year)
- **BASIC RACE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**
 - 2 race minimum to receive reimbursement, 50% of fees. (Total clothing/race reimbursement capped at \$300); After the 2 race minimum is met, races will be reimbursed at the stated 50% reimbursement level, with the exception of Early Bird races (EB's will count towards the 2 race min. requirement, but fees for these events are not reimbursable).
 - 50% 2nd-kit subsidy (max 1 kit) after completion of 10 qualifying races
 - Prizes awarded at membership meetings to Cat 5 and Cat 4 road race podium finishers (1st, 2nd, & 3rd place). Fields must have a minimum of 10 starters, current year kit must be worn during the race and a podium photo must be submitted to racedirector@ciclistasdelvalle.org.
 - Ironman, Half-Ironman and endurance events may be exempt from minimums and will be reimbursed at level negotiated with RD IN ADVANCE OF THE EVENT.

SUPPORTED RIDER & ACTIVE RACER BENEFITS:

ENHANCED RACE REIMBURSEMENT AND BENEFITS FOR SUPPORTED RIDERS:

Supported Rider positions are competitive and a signed Supported Rider Agreement is required before initiation of race season.

- Complimentary membership
- 2x Kit clothing credit
- Race Director and Board will set limit for supported rider Gift Card to FSB
- Race reimbursement; races 1-15, 50% of fees; races 16 and up Negotiated support for regional and national travel expenses
- Other material support as negotiated with Race Director (RD)

Members receiving Enhanced Reimbursement that do not fulfill the terms of the "CdV Supported Rider Agreement" shall forfeit a portion of RRP funds requested equal to the complimentary clothing supplied. Value is determined by RD.

MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS:

Ciclistas del Valle exists primarily due to the generous support of our sponsors. As such, all team members are expected to follow the following guidelines. Violation of these guidelines may result in the loss of benefits.

- **Wear your current team kit for all races and team sponsored events and rides.**
- Advocate for our sponsors at all times. Under no circumstances shall a member of Ciclistas del Valle publicly state negative comments about team, sponsors, and events. This would include social media such as Twitter, Facebook, blogs and other forms of publicly accessible electronic platforms.
- Members shall not advocate for companies or products that are competitors to our current sponsors during races, team rides and team promotional events.

Any member who announces or makes public separation from CdV during the membership year shall receive no further reimbursement or club benefit after the date of such announcement or separation.

2022-2023 RACE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM (RRP):

Ciclistas del Valle (CdV) offers its members who race a generous reimbursement plan. The idea is to offset some of the costs of racing and to encourage club members to participate in as many races as feasible. In order to encourage, attract and develop active racing members, reimbursement will be supplied at a varying scale based on the LEVELS listed on page one.

CdV members must satisfy some nominal requirements in order to qualify for reimbursement. Reimbursement policy is determined by the Ciclistas del Valle Race Director (RD) each season and is dependent on the club's budget and the number of club members who participate in races. Since it is difficult to forecast members racing volume before any racing season, the RD maintains the right to modify the reimbursement policy during the season. Nonetheless, all efforts shall be made to equitably distribute reimbursement funds while promoting as much racing as possible.

CdV primarily supports in-district racing (e.g., races listed on the NCNCA calendar). In district racing provides the most racing per support dollar for the team. Some of the club's monies may be used for out-of-district support to allow racers to gain experience in unique events, e.g., stage races. Out-of-district support is done on a first-come, first-serve basis, and requires approval of RD prior to the event.

EXPENDITURES AND EVENTS ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT:

- Registration fees for USAC/USAT sanctioned races (except Early Birds);
- Registration fees for other in-district races as approved by the RD;
- Disciplines covered under this program include Road, Mountain Bike, CX, Track and Tri
- Maximum reimbursement is 50% of fees paid up to \$30 per race; \$45 for triathlons and stage races (after completing 2-event minimum).
- Reimbursement requests for all other events or values will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and must be approved by the Race Director (RD).
- 50% of the cost of a 2nd kit (jersey and bibs/shorts only) after completing ten (10) qualifying events.
- \$300 maximum reimbursement per member.

IN-DISTRICT SUPPORT:

For the racing season, CdV's goal is to reimburse pre-registration entry fees. Preregistration fees include the advertised price of the race plus online fees but do not include late fees incurred for race-day registration. The actual percentage of reimbursement will depend on the total amount of reimbursement requests received.

ACTIVITIES NOT REIMBURSED UNDER THE SCOPE OF THE RRP:

Skills Clinics, Practice Races, & Training Races; Charity Rides; Century/Double Century Rides; Registration fees for a race in which you did not actually participate (e.g. DNS; did not start), or did not complete (DNF). Reimbursement for a DNF may be considered if there are mitigating circumstances (e.g. involved in a crash). Consideration will be given on a case-by-case basis.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT AND IRONMAN RACE REIMBURSEMENT/TRAVEL:

- Proposals for out-of-district races MUST be submitted to the RD for consideration and preapproved AT LEAST one (1) month prior to the event (requests are typically reimbursed as a percentage of the total requested);
 - Provide RD with a detailed cost proposal broken out into categories - race registration fees, lodging, miles driven;
 - Email your proposal to: racedirector@ciclistasdelvalle.org;
- Acceptance or denial of out-of-district proposals remains at the discretion of the RD.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RACE REIMBURSEMENT YOU MUST:

- Be a current CdV club member in good standing at the time of reimbursement;
- Purchase a current year USAC/USAT license and be listed as racing for the **Funsport Bikes Cycling Team**;
- Race a minimum of two (2) races (EBs count towards 2-race minimum);
- Race in the CURRENT KIT (bib/shorts and jersey, or skinsuit);
- Satisfy a minimum of four (4) hours of volunteer service to the club in the current year (volunteering at the TLRR is the primary method for completing this requirement);
- Submit a completed RRP form by the deadline stated on the form. Forms submitted past the deadline **will not** be considered for reimbursement.
- Supported Riders must comply with the terms of the SRA.

CLOTHING REIMBURSEMENT:

Clothing reimbursement is limited to one additional kit purchased and does not apply to initial kit included with CdV membership or any complimentary kit supplied at no cost; accessories such as vests, jackets, arm warmers, gloves, shoe covers, etc. are not eligible for reimbursement. To qualify for the uniform reimbursement you must ride a minimum of ten (10) in-district races in your respective category.

REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT:

Reimbursement paperwork can be submitted anytime between September 1 and October 31 each membership year. Reimbursement forms are available on the CdV Yahoo Groups page or from the RD by request. RRP forms can be submitted by email (preferred) or delivered to the RD. RRP forms will be verified for accuracy and checks will be written and distributed to individual members after October 31.

FINAL NOTES:

Most in-district races & race series will be covered under the RRP. However, the goal of the RRP is to encourage racing in mainstream venues while providing maximum exposure for our sponsors. Obscure, one-day events with low athlete participation may not qualify for reimbursement. If in doubt, please consult with the RD before paying registration fees to ensure the race can be considered a qualifying event. CdV encourages all racers to purchase an annual racing license. You must list **Funsport Bikes Cycling Team** as your team name on the entry form in order to qualify for race reimbursement. All reimbursements are subject to the approval of the RD and CdV Board of Directors. Race reimbursement is not guaranteed and is subject to the budget availability each year.