

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS – GULF COAST VELO, INC.

This DECLARATION OF COVENANTS OF GULF COAST VELO made this 24TH day of May, 2018.

1. **DEFINITIONS.** The terms used in this DECLARATION, and in the ARTICLES and the BYLAWS, shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

1.01 ARTICLES mean the Articles of Incorporation of the CLUB, as same may be amended from time to time.

1.02 CLUB mean GULF COAST VELO, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit.

1.03 BOARD mean the Board of Directors of the CLUB.

1.04 BYLAWS mean the Bylaws of the CLUB.

1.05 COMMON EXPENSES mean all expenses properly incurred by the CLUB

1.06 DECLARATION shall mean and refer to this Declaration of Covenants of GULF COAST VELO.

1.07 MEMBER shall mean members current in their dues.

2. **MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT.** The CLUB promotes the concept of safe riding and racing. All CLUB members are representing the CLUB itself as well as paying sponsors who expect the highest level of conduct associated with their brand. The Board of Directors, with a unanimous vote, can revoke a membership for any violation of the Member Code of Conduct.

2.01 Obey all traffic laws.

2.02 No reckless riding that could endanger other club members or riders during training or racing.

2.03 No insulting, bullying or unsportsmanlike conduct between club members, other riders, pedestrians, or motor vehicle operators.

2.04 Do not leave a CLUB member who is injured or has mechanical problems with their bicycle.

2.05 Do not litter while riding.

2.05 Respect other's property.

2.06 Abide by all USA Cycling rules and regulations during racing events.

2.07 Abide by the [USADA Athlete Pledge for Clean Sport and Fair Competition](#).

2.08 Abide by the ride leader's direction

2.09 Use good judgement in all situations

3. **MEMBERSHIP.** Prospective members must have a current member reference and complete a

membership application which is subject to approval by a majority vote of the BOARD. Applications for membership can be denied by a majority vote of the Board for any reason. Club memberships can be revoked by a majority vote of the Board. Memberships are for the calendar year and expire on December 31st.

4. **DUES.** The deadline to pay annual dues is January 31st. Dues not paid by February 28th will result in forfeiture of CLUB membership.

5. **MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS, RIDE or RACE.** The benefits of each membership type may be amended by a majority vote of the BOARD.

5.01 Ride Membership.

5.01.01 Annual membership fee.

5.01.02 Participation at all club events

5.01.03 Club discounts from sponsors

5.01.04 Eligibility to purchase GCV club or race kit and clothing

5.02 Race Membership. All club racers must have a USAC race license.

5.02.01 Annual membership fee.

5.02.02 Participation at all club events

5.02.03 Club discounts from sponsors

5.02.04 Eligible for reimbursement of approved race entrance fees and logistics as annual CLUB budget allows. Any Racer who does not finish (DNF) a race, except in the case of injury or a mechanical failure, will not qualify to be reimbursed for race fees and logistical expenses.

5.02.05 Eligibility to purchase GCV club or race kit and other club accessories.

6. **RELEASE AND INDEMNITY.** All CLUB members must sign a "RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

7. **FLORIDA CLEAN RIDE.** The CLUB will be registered as a Florida Clean Ride Club to promote fair competition at the amateur level. The Florida Bicycle Racing Association (myFBRA.org) administers the Florida Clean Ride Fund. The FBRA is the local association for USA Cycling in the state of Florida.

8. AMENDMENT.

8.01 This DECLARATION may be amended from time to time upon the approval of not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes of the entire membership of the CLUB.

8.02 No amendment shall discriminate against any Member.

9. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

9.01 Conflict with ARTICLES or BYLAWS. In the event of any conflict between the ARTICLES and the BYLAWS and this DECLARATION, this DECLARATION, the ARTICLES, and the BYLAWS, in that order, shall control.

9.02 Gender. Unless otherwise so required, the use of the singular include the plural and the plural shall include the singular, and the use of any gender shall be deemed to include all genders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, DECLARANT has executed this DECLARATION this ____th day of May, 2018.

GULF COAST VELO, INC., a FLORIDA CORPORATION

BY: as its President

BY: as its Secretary