



REPORT

Dear Member:

My name is Jon Whiteman and I am the USA Cycling Risk Protection Manager. I run the SafeSport and RaceClean programs for USAC here in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Our RaceClean program was established in 2013 to combat doping in American cycling. Since its launch, Local Associations, Race Directors and USA Cycling members have contributed funds which, along with matching grants from USA Cycling, were used to conduct anti-doping tests in our country.

In 2016, this model will evolve.

We have implemented \$5, \$25 and \$50 member surcharges on upper category race membership (surcharge amount dependent on highest race category held) to help us fund an expanded RaceClean program and to remove the financial burden on Local Associations to fund anti-doping efforts. This will allow us to significantly increase the amount of testing we can conduct in amateur racing, while simultaneously providing more resource to our Local Associations to fund grass roots development.

How much more testing will we conduct? This year we expect to triple the amount of testing at the amateur level, from 45 tests in 2015 to at least 135 in 2016. Of important note, these 135 tests will just be the amateur tests funded by RaceClean member surcharges – there will be significantly more testing done at the elite and professional level funded by other sources. To be perfectly clear on this point, our RaceClean surcharges are only spent on the level from which the funds are collected. Funds taken from amateur racers will only be spent on testing amateur racers.

I will send out monthly updates sharing how many tests we had that month, what kind of tests were given (in vs. out of competition) and any other pertinent information to inform you of how your surcharge is being spent. This information will also appear on the [RaceClean page](#) of our website. This email is our first update. There will be improvements to these updates, with additional information as we conduct more tests

and progress through the year.

In January, we had nine (9) amateur level tests conducted which were funded by RaceClean member surcharges. This is just a start, but is already 50% more than the six (6) tests conducted in January of 2015 and represents 20% of our total 2015 RaceClean tests. Expect to see this monthly total increase as we get into road and mountain bike season.

Drug testing and anti-doping efforts are complex and multi-faceted. This can create confusion. My goal is to simplify this process and be as transparent with you as possible with how your money is being spent to help keep the sport we all love free from doping. If you have questions or suggestions, I welcome your feedback.

Warm regards,

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