

## Queens of Dirt Race Team Application

Queens of Dirt (QOD) Racing, is growing and we invite you to apply for membership!

QOD has a two-tiered membership system that includes: 1) race team members and 2) club/junior members. This fosters a supportive, inclusive environment to facilitate more women racing.

To apply for a QOD race team or QOD club/junior member position, review the information below and send a short paragraph about yourself (name, previous team or bike experience) and why you want to be a part of the race team or club/junior team. Race team applicants should include a race resume (brief history/plans for racing). Please email completed applications to [kirsten.jensen13@gmail.com](mailto:kirsten.jensen13@gmail.com). These applications will be reviewed by current team members at our next team meeting Monday, November 13th.

***APPLICATIONS ARE DUE at the very latest by Friday November 10th, 2017.***

### **Queens of Dirt Mission Statement**

*We aim to support and encourage the growth of female off-road cycling and racing in our community and in the Pacific Northwest, focusing on mountain biking and cyclocross. We seek to recruit adult and junior female riders, and cultivate camaraderie and a love of riding and racing by providing direct support, guidance, and assistance in overcoming barriers to the sport. More specifically, we help organize and facilitate women's skills clinics, rides, community events, and mentorship. Through trail building and maintenance, we also aim to develop a practice of stewardship toward our local trails, which will help ensure access to trails for the next generation of cyclists.*

### **QOD Race Team Requirements/Info:**

Race team members are required to:

- Race a **minimum of 5 races per year (wearing the QODjersey)** either cyclocross (cx) or mountain bike (mtb) or both (one race can include racing or supporting our competitive women's Ski to Sea team)
- Participate in at **least one of EACH of the following additional events** for a total of at least **4 additional events**:
  - One team trail build day
  - QOD Women's Mountain Bike Weekend June 9-10th (pre and post event volunteer opportunities available)
  - One women's maintenance or other clinic
  - One women's or junior girls' group ride

### **Race team members receive (for personal use only):**

- Team camaraderie, team rides, and race support

- 25% off all QOD cyclocross and mountain bike clinics
- QOD merchandise/apparel at cost (this does not include the QOD racing kit)
- Excellent discounts from Jack's Bicycle Center/Liv Cycling, our title sponsors, as well as additional race team sponsors discounts/freebies

### **QOD Club/Junior Requirements/Info:**

Club/Junior members are required to:

- Volunteer in at least ONE QOD event/clinic per year
- Wear the QOD jersey while racing

### **Club/Junior team members receive (for personal use only):**

- Team camaraderie, team rides, and race support
- 25% off all QOD cyclocross and mountain bike clinics
- QOD merchandise/apparel at cost (this does not include the QOD racing kit)
- Some discounts from team sponsors

### **Queens of Dirt Team Agreements – Queens of Dirt team members agree to the following:**

1) **Good Sportsmanship.** All team members agree to practice good sportsmanship and conduct themselves in a professional/friendly/approachable manner at all cycling and non-cycling events where the Queens of Dirt are represented. "Representing the team" is defined as any time you are wearing the team jersey or at any event where you are registered as a Queens of Dirt team member, regardless of whether you are wearing the team jersey or not, while you are at the event venue or on the course. For example: helping to promote an inclusive, encouraging, supportive, welcoming, friendly environment to all women and being conscious of your role as an ambassador to the team.

2) **Wear, frequent, and represent our sponsors' and team gear proudly.** As valuable advertising "vehicles" for our sponsors, Queens of Dirt members are expected to wear the QOD jersey in all cyclocross and mountain bike races. Try to utilize Jack's Bicycle Center, our title sponsor, for all your bike needs, whenever possible. If possible, it is also preferable to ride bike brands Jack's Bicycle Center carries. When opportunities arise to refer women/girls to a bike shop, refer them to Jack's.