

Durango DEVO U14 Team

The Durango Development (DEVO U14) Team is a community-based junior program to develop middle school kids in the mountain bike race arena to promote skills, experience, and competition. DEVO U14 is for middle school age kids interested in continuing to build skills, ride for fun and begin to pursue racing. Although these youth may still be interested in other sports, this group is much more serious than DEVO Jr. meeting more often and traveling to races. Promoting the sport in a fun environment is the overall goal, but some specific training is involved.

Goals

1. Preparation of each athlete in various aspects of the sport of mountain bike riding
2. Introduce racing to those new to the sport and continue to promote racing skills to those who are already familiar with racing
4. Create an atmosphere where athletes work together as a team, while developing as participants in an individual sport
5. Provide riding sessions that encourage having fun on the bike, but also introduce training
6. Provide race support to athletes including pre-ride courses with coach and support during race.
7. Prepare each athlete for the next step in racing if they choose to race for the Devo high school team.

Specifics

The Devo U14 will meet 2 times a week (**Mon. and Fri.**) for training with a USA Cycling certified coach, Chad Cheeney. Each Friday, there will be a skill day with the Devo high school team as well as guest professional racers. As summer starts, practices will switch to Monday and Wednesday, with times to be announced later. The team will travel together to 3 races as well as help put-on a local mountain bike race in September. Bike maintenance workshops, volunteering with Trails2000, meeting and riding with local professional riders will sporadically be a part of the team program.

Includes

1. Coach led rides (2X/week) over five months (April thru August) as well as race support at 3 races.
2. Team training program (with an emphasis on fun rides)
3. Guest appearances by Fort Lewis College races as well as local professional racers
4. Devo U14 jerseys
5. Bikes, and other bike gear at cost + 15% at Second Ave Sports (2x/year, by appt.)
6. Bike Maintenance instruction
7. Racers' pictures posted on the Devo website
8. Professional photo shoot

Juniors Responsibilities

1. Complete Devo questionnaire
2. Code of conduct
3. Pay annual fee
4. Norba membership fees as well as racing fees
5. Responsible for getting themselves to and from practices and races
6. Equipment (cost + 15% at Second Ave. Sports 2x/year)
7. Volunteering time which can include fundraising, race promotion, Trails 2000, riding with Devo Jr. kids

Team DEVO Race schedule: Choose three or do all six!

April 12-13 Fruita CO Team camping

May 2-4 Nathrop Team camping

June 20-22 Crested Butte Team Condo

July 11-13 Snowmass Team Condo

August 1-3 Telluride State Championships

Sept 6-7 Breckenridge Stage Race (optional team race)

*Check usacycling.org and racemsc.com for more regional racing
DEVO Velo Swap fundraiser during Iron Horse Weekend, May 22-23*

Durango Devo -10 Town Plaza, Durango Co. 81301- 946-1350

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Application



Personal Information

Name: _____

Nickname _____

Address _____

Phone# _____ Email _____

Parents' Names, Cell and email contact

info: _____

Age: _____ Grade level: _____ School: _____

Racing Category (or unknown): _____

Norba Licence # (or see coach) _____

Experience

Previous racing experiences and background

Other athletic experiences, school, after school, summer and winter:

Hobbies: _____

How often do you usually ride/ week? _____

Have you participated in other bike groups? (ex. BMX, Miller) _____

Did you participate in winter sports? ____ Which ones? _____

Do you own a road bike? _____

Goals for your racing

Riding goals for this season: _____

Do you have any racing goals?

Are there any events that you are focused on for this season?

Participation Level

Is your family taking a vacation? Do you know when? _____

Will you be working this summer? Do you know days/hours? _____

How often do you plan to race this season _____

Are there certain months/ dates that you will not be able to participate? _____

Durango Devo Code of Conduct

1. Athletes shall treat them selves, coaches, and team members with respect and dignity and make a sincere effort to support the team and the shared goals of the team.
2. Athletes shall not use any illegal drugs, including any and all performance enhancing drugs as defined by the United States Anti Doping Agency, nor shall any athlete consume alcohol, or use any form of tobacco.
3. Athletes shall not engage in any manner of criminal activity.
4. Athletes shall wear a helmet while riding.
5. Athletes shall not take risks (willingly attempt anything which is beyond one's ability to control their bike safely).
6. Athletes shall stay on trails to limit damage and erosion to the environment.
7. Athlete's will follow all traffic laws.

Remember, you are responsible for all your actions and words while riding on the Durango Devo Team. Your behavior reflects upon the team as well as Durango itself. Think of yourselves as ambassadors for the team, the sport of mountain biking, and your community.

I have read and agree to abide by the above statement.

Athlete Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature _____ Date _____