



Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association

MABRA Championship Event Proposal

Event: MABRA CX and State (MD/DC & DE) Championships	
Proposed Date: November 26,2017	Proposed location: Taneytown, MD
Sponsoring club: T.E.A.M. FUJI(The Sports Team) & RC Velo	Club contact: Tracy Lea tlea@tracylea.net

Course Description: The course is located in Taneytown's Memorial Park. One run up, 'berms' that can be muddy, some power rises, fast sections, off camber - and most can be viewed from the race headquarters with pavilions for heat. Course receives high marks from notable area cross racers.

Course Assurances: Taneytown City Council is committed to the event. The race is one of the larger events held in Taneytown's Memorial park.

Fields Offered and Distances: All age groups per MABRA bar - 9 year old* (depending upon what happens with this class) to 65+ year olds and para classes. Category 5 - Elite men and women + single speed for men and women.

Logistical Plans: Not sure what this means. Our two teams have years of experience with this event and others. Raceworks Gruppetto chip timing service will be used.

Promoter History & BACKGROUND:

The Taneytown CX race has been the CX MABRA and State Championship event for the past 8 years. We continue to enjoy promoting this event and the RC Velo juniors gain valuable experience understanding what it takes to promote a race. The event has steadily grown to over to 400 riders with solid participation in all classes. **Promoter:** Tracy Lea and The Sports T.E.A.M. riders with co-directors: Bobby, Rob and Syd Lea
The event is co-promoted by Rock Creek Velo and is a fundraiser for Special Olympics Maryland cycling programs.

Press: The Taneytown event consistently gets front page news coverage in the Carroll County Times as well as regular looping of the race details on the town's ComCast cable channel. The town provides welcome banners and park signage for one week prior to the race. This event connects with local people not just out of town cross racers.

Local participation: Local scout troops work with us pre-race to connect their scouts to cycling. We have also used volunteers from a youth detention center to introduce them to cycling. And, maybe the best win for this year – our first ever junior racer – and first ever racer from Taneytown!

Area Impact: **Never give up is our motto:** Though we lost the cycling track at Taneytown, Mount St. Mary's University is now reviewing the track proposal due to connectivity to this event. The proposal is currently being reviewed by University staff now that there is a new President. And the town of Emmitsburg has expressed interest.