



## **CLUB OR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM/EXPENSE PROPOSAL FORM**

**PROPOSAL CATEGORY (i.e.: policy, BAR, funding):** Policy – Direction to MABRA Board

**PROPOSAL NAME (summary of action):** Establish new Juniors Committee

**PROPOSAL CONTACT (sponsoring Clubs):** Rock Creek Velo, National Capital Velo Club, Baltimore Youth Cycling, Bike Doctor Juniors, Sportif Coaching Group, Annapolis Bicycle Racing Team

**PROPOSAL DATE:** January 31, 2018

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**BACKGROUND:** Junior racers have interests and needs that are sometimes different than adult, masters and elite racers. A Juniors Committee will help support this growing part of MABRA.

**PROPOSAL (details of desired action):** MABRA members direct the Board to establish a new Juniors Committee under Bylaws § 4.01. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the MABRA Board on the recruitment, development, retention, promotion and improvement of junior races, junior teams and various resources beneficial to bike racers under the age of 19 and consistent with the overall development and success of MABRA racing. The Committee will be comprised of one representative designated by each MABRA team with more than five USAC-licensed members under the age of 19. Any other MABRA teams willing to assist in the development, promotion and improvement of junior racing may also designate a representative. The Committee Chair will be selected by a vote of the Juniors Committee.

**IMPLEMENTATION & MANAGEMENT:** The growth of licensed juniors in MABRA has presented opportunities and problems for promoters, officials and clubs. It has also been frustrating at times for parents of juniors new to bike racing. The issues that arise with junior bike racing are sometimes exclusive to juniors and sometimes in conflict with more established adult races.

The Juniors Committee will serve as a resource to develop new junior races, programs and teams and to help develop and support existing teams; it will be a sounding-board for clubs, promoters and officials who want input from and for juniors; and it will provide guidance to the MABRA Board on effective use of resources intended to promote junior cycling.