

# SWAT

## CX TEAM GUIDELINES

The experience of being a part of SWAT should be enriching. It should better your cycling experience in some way. We should be stronger and better together. We should challenge and mentor each other.

There are no Lone Wolves in this pack but it is very much a "choose your own adventure" in that each rider decides on their own level of commitment and involvement and gets what they put into it. While SWAT is an extremely supportive community, our race team expectations are high. *Club Riders* will always be encouraged to come out and give racing a try, but anyone who wants to be considered as an actual member of the current *Race Team* needs to commit to 60% of the season in advance.

SWAT has a no pressure racing model. *Race Team* members who have raced in the past may sit out multiple seasons if they choose to or need to and will always be welcomed back with open arms.

All *Race team* and *Club team* riders have the choice to race in team skinsuits, team or club kit, dirt foo shirts or swat shirts. If you are racing for SWAT as a club racer or as part of the official race team we ask that you race in one of those four options with the exception of any costume races where we encourage you to keep cross weird. We also ask that you wear team kit/shirt/or cap on all podiums.

Please remember that we are role models in our community both at the races and on the internet. Racers representing SWAT are asked to have good sportsmanship. Always congratulate the winner in your field. Do not talk shit about teammates. When possible attend your race podium even if the team didn't podium and cheer for the winners. When a teammate is on the podium all racers are required to attend the podium presentation unless they are currently racing. In the event a racer makes podium and has to leave before the podium presentation a team member should stand in with the dirt foo sign or swat flag and accept the racers prizes for them. CX racers are required to help tear down the course at least once each season to give back to the CX community.

**We know that life gets in the way and some riders schedules only allow for racing sometimes so we have different levels of participation and racing.**

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## SWAT TEAM DEFINITIONS

**RACE TEAM:** All SWAT official race teams are currently capped at 10 members. Racers on the **CX** Race Team are asked to commit to 60% of the **SoCalCross prestige series**. Racers are required to use sponsor tags and team tags (#swatcx) on social media when sponsorship applies. Teams for each discipline are separate. For example some racers may race CX for SWAT but Road or Track for another team. Being on one team does not guarantee you a spot on another.

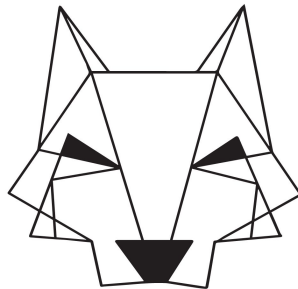
**CLUB CX TEAM:** Any SWAT club rider with Dirtfoo stripes (has finished 3 or more races, same day races count) that wants to race but can't make a commitment to an entire season can race on the club team. We are one of the few club teams that doesn't require riders to pay membership dues. In return we ask that Club racers help out and contribute by: helping set up and tear down team tent, picking up trash around area, helping tear down the course at least once, working with race team racers in their field when possible.

**CLUB RIDERS:** Tuesday and Thursday night SWAT regulars, ALC team riders

Team racers should work together as a team strategically and work for leaders when applicable. Team perks include team training rides, occasional team events like campouts and dinners, limited swag and donated product (hydration, brooks, dirt foo decals). If we get financial sponsorship or product sponsorship in the future all racers accepting any form of sponsorship will be required to sign a team contract and any violation of contract will result in suspension of sponsorship. When working together racers winning a cash purse should pay out team members that helped them win accordingly. All racers are required to attend a minimum of one official SWAT ride, event, or race per month or 12 per year (exceptions will be made for injuries, unexpected life changes, out of town racers etc but must be approved by the team captain). We need to see your commitment!

## RECRUITMENT

We recruit racers that are already racing but aren't attached to a team or aren't happy with their current team, we also may accept new racers that fill out the race applications on our website (<http://www.shewolfattackteam.com/teams.html>) most racers however start out on the club team and move up after showing commitment. All racers are asked to "reapply" via the form at the end of each season with next seasons goals and commitment as a courtesy so the team manager can plan accordingly.



**The strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack.**