## **VALLEY OF THE SUN**

## **COMMUNIQUE' NO. 1**

## PHEONIX, AZ USA - 17-19 Feb 2016

- 1. Rider #'s 271, 733, 744, and 794, crossed the centerline numerous times including after verbal official warning, USAC Rule 8B1(a). Several riders who were going to receive penalties did not finish and have not been penalized. Twenty (20) second GC penalty.
- 2. Riders #'s 221, 242, 249, 200, 264, 215, 611 and 626, crossed the centerline, USAC Rule 8B1(a). Riders warned.
- 3. The Men's 2 race and especially the entire Junior 17-18 field are admonished for poor racing etiquette. Failure to follow instruction by the Referee and Law enforcement put the race at risk and show badly on the up-and-coming Juniors. We were not impressed.
- 4. With only some minor exceptions, all the other fields raced well within the race rules and are commended.
- 5. Rider, #62 drafted behind race caravan vehicle, USAC Rule 8B4(c). Failure to comply with officials instructions, USAC Rule 8A5(a). Rider warned.
- 6. All Juniors, regardless of category, will rollout before and after the Criterium, unless otherwise instructed at the start line by the Starter Referee.

Donald M Russell Chief Referee

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