

GENERAL INFORMATION – 2008 BMX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS May 29 – June 1, 2008 – Taiyuan, CHN

The purpose of this section is to provide the membership with the information relative to the mechanism by which the Canadian Cycling Association (CCA) will select its representatives to the 2008 BMX World Championships.

- Selections for all disciplines shall take place on the dates noted in this document.
- Selection is open to any athlete possessing a Canadian passport at the time of nomination an international UCI racing license and who is a member in good standing with the CCA, their respective Provincial Sport Organization, the UCI and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.
- In all disciplines, except the BMX Challenge class, participation in the 2008 National Championships in that discipline is mandatory in order to participate at any World. *Exceptions may be considered on the basis of an injury, sickness or other exceptional circumstance approved by the High Performance Committee. The athlete must submit a written request not later than one month prior to the 2008 National Championships with adequate documentation to support non-participation. The CCA High Performance Director must give written acknowledgment and consent.*
- It is planned that all athletes selected to the World Championship in Olympic disciplines in the Elite category will be fully funded by the CCA. Athletes competing in the Junior category will be asked to contribute financially towards their attendance. The purpose for this is to enable the CCA to run a full development program with the maximum number of athletes across all disciplines and to give our Junior athlete a world-level experience as early as possible in their career. A flat rate fee of \$2000 will be asked of each Junior athlete selected to the World Championship team.
- All athletes participating in Challenge Class at the 2008 BMX World Championships shall be responsible for all costs incurred to attend the event. These athletes' personal sponsors may benefit from advertising space on their uniforms, within the constraints imposed by the UCI regulations.
- The "committee's choice" is based primarily on international results and it must take into consideration the overall National Team objectives. Based on his/her professional expertise, the National Coach makes recommendations to the High Performance Committee for discussion and approval.
- All selections in all disciplines will be made in the order they are presented in this document.
- All disputes shall be managed pursuant of the Canadian Cycling Association Appeals Policy.

SELECTION CRITERIA – 2008 BMX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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20-inch Men:

Final selection process:

- 1) Using the UCI BMX Nation Rankings available on May 1, 2008, the three male athletes who contribute to Canada's nation ranking will be automatically selected
- 2) National Champion – Elite Men, or Committee Choice if not covered through criterion #1
- 3) National Champion – Junior Men, or Committee Choice if not covered through criterion #1

20-inch Women:

Final selection process:

- 1) Using the UCI BMX Nation Rankings available on May 1, 2008, the three female athletes who contribute to Canada's nation ranking will be automatically selected
- 2) National Champion – Elite Women, or Committee Choice if not covered through criterion #1
- 3) National Champion – Junior Women, or Committee Choice if not covered through criterion #1

Participation in elite and junior cruiser category:

Only athletes who have been selected to compete in the 20-inch class will have the option to compete in the Cruiser category at the 2008 BMX World Championships. These athletes must notify the CCA High Performance Manager (athletes@canadian-cycling.com) of their intent prior to the 2008 BMX World Championships registration deadline.

Athletes wishing to compete in the Challenge category at the 2008 World Championships:

Athletes must apply to the CCA High Performance Manager (athletes@canadian-cycling.com) no later than April 11, 2008, with the following information for each athlete:

- athlete's name
- mailing address
- telephone number
- email address
- gender
- UCI code
- age
- 20" class and/or cruiser class
- jersey size

In order to be eligible for the worlds, athletes must have a 2007 world championship or national championship plate (W or N plate), or be ranked in the top-16 of the 2007 CCA National BMX Ranking.

If more than 16 athletes apply, they will be given priority in the following order: W 1-8, N 1-8, National Ranking 1-16. In the event of a tie, the tiebreaker will be the **2008 National Championship** results.

Any exceptional cases must be presented to the CCA in writing by the relevant provincial association by April 11, 2008.

Note: In case of any wording discrepancies between the English and French versions of the selection criteria, the English wording takes precedence.

The Canadian Cycling Association reserves the right to review (and change) any selection criteria or decision related to the selection process in the case of rule, policy or procedural changes from the UCI that affect previously published criteria or team selection decisions.