

**GENERAL INFORMATION - 2007 MTB MARATHON WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
August 12, 2007 - Verviers-Eupen, BEL**

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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 2007 MTB Marathon 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, participation in the 2007 National Championships in that discipline is mandatory in order to participate at any World Championship or to be considered for the 2008 CCA National Team List. *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 2007 National Championships with adequate documentation to support non-participation. The CCA High Performance Director must give written acknowledgment and consent.*
- Athletes must meet the minimum performance standards outlined in this document In order to be considered for selection. In certain circumstances, athletes who have not been able to meet these criteria may still be considered for selection by the High Performance Committee on a case by case basis. The intent of the minimum performance criteria and the selection criteria is to only send athletes to World Championships who are capable of contributing towards a top-16 finish.
- The team quotas in this document are a guide. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team sizes if exceptional circumstances justify it.
- Selection criteria are published based on the assumption that Canada will have qualified the number of spots indicated in each disciplines selection criteria. Should the CCA be made aware following publication of this document that Canada's quota has changed, it reserves the right to modify or change the selection criteria to better reflect the new quotas. This information will be circulated to the athletes in as timely a fashion as possible.
- 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.
- Once final selections have been made for any World Championship, all final preparation programs are mandatory requirements for those selected athletes. Failure to commit to the final preparation program could result in an athlete being replaced for the event they have been selected to.
- Should the level of performance of athletes or teams in a given discipline not be considered adequate for World Championships participation, the CCA reserves its right to:
  - Reduce the number of athletes being sent to World Championships in a given category;

- Not enter athletes at major competitions; or
  - Not pay for the expenses of those athletes.
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- It is planned that all athletes selected to the World Championship in Olympic disciplines in the junior, espoir and elite categories will be fully funded by the CCA. However, the CCA reserves the right to charge back expenses to athletes should a particular project run over budget in the planning process. Any change in the funding of a particular team to a World Championships will be communicated to the athletes as soon as possible.
  - All athletes participating solely in non-Olympic disciplines at World Championships shall be responsible for the costs of attending the project, and may be asked to contribute to the costs of sending support staff. These athletes' personal sponsors may benefit from advertising space on their uniforms, within the constraints imposed by the UCI regulations.
  - All disputes shall be managed pursuant of the Canadian Cycling Association Appeals Policy.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA - 2007 MTB MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS** **August 12, 2007 - Verviers-Eupen, BEL**

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### **Elite Men and Elite Women Marathon:**

The CCA does not send a team to the Marathon World Championships, but will enter eligible individual Canadian athletes who apply in writing by July 15, 2007. In order to be eligible, athletes must be ranked on the UCI Marathon individual classification, and they must have participated in the 2007 MTB Marathon National Championship or, if this event is not organized, in the 2007 MTB XC National Championship.

In the event that more Canadian athletes apply than the maximum number allowed by the UCI, priority will first be given to the highest ranked athletes on the UCI marathon individual classification as of August 1, 2007.

Participation in this event is entirely at the athlete's own cost, including but not limited to athlete travel, accommodations, meals and national team uniform and CCA on-site representation

***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.***