

2007 PAN AM GAMES SELECTION CRITERIA

Introduction:

The Canadian Cycling Association (CCA) is committed to providing quality competition and training opportunities for our next generation of Olympians. National Team Program long-term strategies include the selection and preparation of athletes who will represent Canada at 2007 Pan American Games. The ultimate goal of the CCA is to provide the athlete with the appropriate experience to not only excel during their performances but also to prepare them for a long career as a successful cyclist.

The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) has tasked the CCA to select the team of athletes that will represent Canada at the 2007 Pan Am Games in Rio di Janeiro, Brazil in July 2007. The COC sets the maximum funded team they will support to the 2007 Pan Am Games. The CCA creates and publishes the selection criteria under the auspices of the COC policies and procedures. This event has been sanctioned by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI).

Conditions of participation:

- Competitors must be 19 years old by December 31, 2007.
- Athletes must be Canadian in possession of a valid Canadian passport at the time of nomination.
- Athletes must possess a 2007 UCI international racing license.
- Athletes must be members in good standing with the CCA, COC, UCI and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.
- An athlete will be removed from consideration if he/she is in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by UCI, WADA, CCES or PASO.
- Athletes will only be allowed to use equipment that meets with the rules and regulations of the UCI.

Schedule of events:

MTB XC	July 14
BMX	July 15
ITT	July 15
Road race	July 21
Track	July 22-25

Selection Date:

The CCA has set an entry deadline of June 11, 2007. This is one week prior to the COC deadline of June 18, 2007. Should the CCA High Performance Committee (HPC) feel that additional time is necessary to select the final team, this decision will be communicated to long-listed team members via email and with a posting on the CCA website.

Team size:

The CCA has received confirmation from the COC that our maximum team size will be twelve (12) athletes. All athletes nominated to the 2007 Pan Am Games team will have the right to enter other events on the cycling program as long as the maximum number of starters per event is not exceeded. This decision will be made by the HPC in consultation with the relevant national coach.

Through the qualification process identified by PASO and approved by the UCI, Canada has qualified athletes in the events cited below:

- Men's Sprint
- Men's Individual Pursuit
- Men's Madison
- Men's Road
- Women's Road
- Men's MTB
- Women's MTB
- Men's BMX
- Women's BMX

Selection Process:

For each of the twelve (12) positions for which the CCA is eligible to nominate an athlete to the 2007 Pan Am Games team, the selection will be deemed Committee Choice.

The HPC will be tasked with reviewing athlete's performances throughout the 2007 season leading up to the CCA established nomination deadline of June 11, 2007 and will have the sole authority to make decisions regarding the final nomination of the team. The HPC will take into consideration the following factors when nominating the team:

- Medal potential of athletes being considered for inclusion on the team.
- The ability of an athlete to have a positive impact and/or play a key role in putting another Canadian athlete into medal-winning position.
- The opportunity that an athlete can use this event as a tool to prepare themselves for future major Games or World Championships medal winning performances.

- Assessment and evaluation of the respective National Coach.
- Obligations of team members with their professional teams.
- Scheduling conflicts with other events and priorities on the international calendar.

The HPC will nominate reserve athletes in case a selected athlete is unable to participate at the Pan Am Games due to injury, illness or suspension. Should an athlete need to be replaced, and the selected athlete has declared their inability to attend the 2007 Pan Am Games no later than one week prior to their departure to Brazil, then that athlete will be replaced with an athlete named to the reserve list as per the order of reserves determined by the HPC. Should a selected athlete declare their inability to attend the 2007 Pan Am Games less than one week prior to their departure or after their arrival into Brazil then this athlete will be replaced by an athlete already selected to the 2007 Pan Am Games team in another event or discipline, as per the decision of the National Coach, or if no athlete is available the CCA reserves the right not to name a replacement.

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 or policy changes from the UCI, COC or PASO that affect previously published criteria or team selection decisions.