

GENERAL INFORMATION - 2008 CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS January 26-27, 2008 - Treviso, ITA

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 Cyclo-Cross 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.
- 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 - 2008 CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Final selection date: January 8, 2008

Maximum size of team, as per UCI rules pertaining to maximum quota per nation

Elite men: 4 riders

Espoir men: 5 riders

Junior men: 5 riders

Women: 5 riders

All athletes should be aware that participation in the 2008 Cyclo-Cross World Championships is entirely self-funded, and that they may be asked to contribute to the costs of support staff.

Athletes wishing to attend this event must participate at the 2007 Cyclo-Cross National Championships.

To be eligible for consideration for selection athletes must meet one of the following:

Minimum performance standards:

Elite Men / Women

- 1) Finish within 105% of the winner's time at the 2007 Elite Cyclo-Cross National Championships
- 2) Accumulate 100 UCI Cyclo-cross points by January 1, 2008
- 3) Be the highest ranked Canadian rider on the UCI Cyclo-Cross Individual Classification on January 1, 2008

U23 men:

- 1) Finish within 105% of the U23 winner's time at the 2007 Elite Cyclo-Cross National Championships
- 2) Accumulate 50 UCI Cyclo-cross points by January 1, 2008

Junior men:

- 1) Finish within 105% of the Junior winner's time at the 2007 Elite Cyclo-Cross National Championships

Selection criteria:

Elite Men:

- 1) 2007 National Champion
- 2) Top-ranked rider on the UCI rankings, as of January 1, 2008, or Committee Choice
- 3) Next ranked rider on the UCI rankings, as of January 1, 2008, or Committee Choice
- 4) Committee Choice

U23 Men:

- 1) 2007 National Champion
- 2) Top-ranked rider on the UCI rankings, as of January 1, 2008, or Committee Choice
- 3) Next ranked rider on the UCI rankings, as of January 1, 2008, or Committee Choice
- 4) Next ranked rider on the UCI rankings, as of January 1, 2008, or Committee Choice
- 5) Committee Choice

Junior Men:

- 1) 2007 National Champion
- 2) 2nd place at 2007 National Championships
- 3) 3rd place at 2007 National Championships
- 4) Committee Choice

- 5) Committee Choice

Elite Women:

- 1) National Champion
- 2) Top-ranked rider on the UCI rankings, as of January 1, 2008, or Committee Choice
- 3) Next ranked rider on the UCI rankings, as of January 1, 2008, or Committee Choice
- 4) Next ranked rider on the UCI rankings, as of January 1, 2008, or Committee Choice
- 5) Committee Choice

Should Canada have more athletes interested than the number of positions available, final decisions will be made by the CCA High Performance Committee. Interested athletes will have to work closely with the CCA to ensure all logistics are in line with approved policies and guidelines.

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.