

GENERAL INFORMATION - 2008 TRACK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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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 2008 Track 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 a thletes 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 TRACK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Participation at the World Championships will be limited to those riders, born in 1990 or earlier, who have earned enough points through participation at the World Cup events and other events on the international calendar to qualify the country for the World Championships. Selection to the World Cups will be offered to athletes who have met the CCA performance standards in the previous world cup season, or who have met the time standards at a CCA evaluation camp or at a nother officially recognized event where electronic timing and race commissaires are present.

Athletes nominated through World Cup placings will have priority over athletes meeting the time standards. For team events, the national coach will have final say on the team's composition. An athlete may be replaced during the World Cup season if his or her performances do not meet expectations. The CCA cannot guarantee that a complete team of all eligible athletes will be entered in each World Cup: team composition will be based on the strategic considerations of each event and the budgetary constraints of the CCA.

Individual events (Sprint / 500m / Kilo / Keirin / Points Race / Scratch Race / Individual Pursuit)

In all cases, selection will be based on the UCI Individual Classification to be released after the conclusion of UCI World Cup #4 in February 2008. Should Canada qualify for the 2008 World Championships, then the highest ranked Canadian on the UCI Individual Classification after UCI World Cup #4 will be selected to the team. Should Canada be allowed to enter more than one athlete in a particular event, that selection will be deemed Committee Choice.

Team events (Madison / Olympic Sprint / Team Pursuit)

Priority will be given to the team of riders who have qualified the country through the World Cup events. In the event that multiple riders have qualified the country, a training camp will be used to evaluate all riders and the National Team Head Coach will make his final decision based on performances at this camp.

Minimum performance criteria: Competition results

Any athlete who has finished in the top 10 in an Olympic discipline in a world cup in the previous season will be offered World Cup selection. In the event that more than athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available, priority will be given to the athlete who finished highest in the world cup standings or, in the event of a tie, in the UCI ranking.

Minimum performance criteria: Time standards

Athletes must meet the time standards outlined in Table 1 in CCA/UCI sanctioned competition or training camps with electronic timing in order to be considered to the World Cup team.

TABLE 1 (times based on a 250m track)

Discipline	Distance	Basestandard	103% of Standard
Sprint/Keirin Men	Flying 200 m	10.6	10.9
Sprint Women	Flying 200 m	11.7	12.1
Team sprint men	750 m	46.0	47.4
Individual Pursuit Men	4,000 m	4:35.0	4:43.2
Individual Pursuit Women	3,000 m	3:45.0	3:51.7

The proposed standard refers to an estimate of the time required to place an athlete among the top-8 in that respective event at a major international competition (World Cup, World Championships or Olympic Games). To compensate for the different track conditions that exist in Canada, a correction factor of 3% has been added to the proposed standard.

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.