



ITT	August 13
Track	August 15-19
BMX	August 20-21
MTB XC	August 22-23

**Team size:**

The team size for the Olympic Games will be determined by the UCI qualification process, as outlined in the UCI rulebook. Under the UCI qualification process there are separate qualification procedures and timelines for men's road, women's road, track, mountain bike and BMX:

<b>Discipline:</b>	<b>Qualification begins:</b>	<b>Qualification ends:</b>	<b>Quota announced:</b>
Women's road	June 1, 2007	May 31, 2008	June 6, 2008
Men's road	October 1, 2006	October 15, 2007	October 31, 2007
Track	April 1, 2007	March 31, 2008	April 14, 2008
Mountain bike	January 1, 2006	December 31, 2007	January 11, 2008
BMX	January 1, 2006	May 31, 2008	June 6, 2008

The UCI qualification criteria for the 2008 Olympic Games are available online at: <http://www.uci.ch/includes/asp/getTarget.asp?type=FILE&id=MzI3NjA>

**Selection Dates:**

The CCA has set a team nomination deadline of **June 23, 2008**. Should the CCA High Performance Committee (HPC) feel that additional time is necessary to select the final team, this decision will be communicated to affected eligible athletes via email and with a posting on the CCA website.

The CCA will nominate its final selection of the team in each discipline as early as possible based on the schedule of events that count towards eligibility and selection, as follows:

<b>Discipline:</b>	<b>Final selection date:</b>
Women's road	June 15, 2008
Men's road	June 15, 2008
Track	June 15, 2008
Mountain bike	June 23, 2008
BMX	June 15, 2008

**Pre-selection:**

In certain circumstances, subject to a recommendation from the National Coach and approval from the High Performance Committee, an athlete may be pre-selected to the Olympic team to allow time to prepare for the Games. In general, an athlete who has been injury-free over the last year and who has finished among the top-5 in the previous elite

world championship will be given strong consideration for pre-selection. Each case will be dealt with individually by the High Performance Committee.

**Appeals:**

In the event of an appeal, the CCA appeals process will be applied and shall be expedited to respect COC and UCI deadlines. If both parties are in agreement, the CCA Appeals Policy can be bypassed and the matter can be brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Center of Canada who will then manage the appeal process.

**Decision making authority:**

Final decision making authority under these criteria rests with the CCA High Performance Committee. The HPC is advised by the national team coaches and high performance staff and avails itself of all available information.

**Performance readiness:**

It is implicit that all athletes selected to the Games team will prepare in such a way as to be at peak fitness for the Games. The CCA attempts to provide a preparation environment to ensure peak performance for its athletes, but accepts that some athletes may choose to conduct some or all of their preparation outside the CCA program. However, the CCA reserves the right to perform testing on athletes nominated for the Olympic Games in order to assess their fitness. The CCA also reserves the right to remove an athlete from the team in case of injury or inability to perform at an appropriate level, and to replace that athlete with a nominated reserve athlete or to not replace that athlete at all.

**Anti-doping violations:**

Any athlete implicated in an anti-doping violation procedure launched by the CCES, the UCI or by WADA will be immediately provisionally suspended and will be ineligible for selection or, if already selected, will be removed from selection until cleared of any wrongdoing.

Any athlete guilty of any anti-doping violation in the past, in any sport, will not be eligible for selection. An athlete may apply for reinstatement according to a reinstatement procedure available by request from the CCES. Reinstatement will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and will not be granted for any athlete who has tested positive for any substance other than those listed under the Specified Substances in the WADA Prohibited List. More information is available upon request.

**Alternates:**

In announcing the final selection for the 2008 Olympic Games, where appropriate and indicated in the selection criteria, the CCA will also announce alternate athletes who may be called to replace an athlete who is unable to compete at the Games, for whatever

reason. These athletes' information will be submitted to the COC at the same time as the selected athletes' information.

In no circumstances will an alternate be included in the Games team after the date upon which the team travels to the Games. Only in exceptional circumstances would an alternate be included in the team in the week prior to traveling to the Games.

**Announcements:**

All announcements regarding Games selection will be communicated directly to the affected athletes by email and posted on the CCA website.

**Amendments and unforeseen circumstances:**

The CCA reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the best teams possible for the 2008 Olympic Games.

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all National Team Members, circulated to our Provincial and Territorial members and posted on the CCA website. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of the internal nomination procedure unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance

The purpose of this section is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. The purpose of such changes must be in order to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this document rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have otherwise been selected. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.

In the event of a change to this document the CCA shall inform the COC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

**Coach selection:**

The CCA High Performance Committee will nominate the coaches and other staff that will accompany the Canadian team in Beijing. In general, the coaches and staff will be selected from among CCA national team coaches and other high performance staff. Should it be necessary to select an individual from outside the CCA, the HPC will select that individual according to the expertise and qualities required. The HPC may initiate an open selection process, if it becomes necessary to select individuals from outside the CCA.

## ***APPENDIX A – INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES***

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### **WOMEN'S ROAD:**

#### **Qualification to the pool of eligible athletes:**

At the end of 2007, all Tier-1 and Tier-2 athletes (not including Tier-2B athletes) are automatically eligible for selection to the 2008 Olympic Games team. Additional athletes can qualify to the pool by:

- Finishing top-3 at the Elite World Championships in 2006 or 2007
- Finishing top-16 at the Elite World Championships in 2007
- Contributing to a top-16 finish at the Elite World Championships in 2007
- Finishing top-3 in the final general classification at an elite UCI event during the period of Jan. 1, 2007 – June 1, 2008
- Twice finish top-16 overall at a UCI World Cup event or top-8 in the final classification (general or stage) at other elite UCI events (not including any ITT/criterium stages or events) during the period of Jan. 1, 2007 – June 1, 2008
- Finishing top-3 in the elite road race or time trial at the 2007 Pan Am Games
- Finishing top-3 in the elite road race or time trial at the 2007 Road Pan Am Championships

#### **Selection process – Road Race:**

As per the UCI qualification criteria, should Canada qualify three starters for the 2008 Olympic Games, the Canadian Cycling Association, from the pool of eligible athletes, will nominate the final team to the 2008 Olympic Games through the following process:

- 1) The first position will go to the athlete with the highest placing in a World Cup event beginning with the first World Cup event in Europe in 2008 and concluding with the World Cup event in Montreal in 2008. In case of a tie, the athlete who is ranked higher on the UCI Individual Classification, using the rankings that will be released immediately following the Montreal World Cup will be selected. In the unlikely event of a further tie, the position will be selected as High Performance Committee Choice, based on information communicated from the National Coaches and the High Performance Program Manager.
- 2) The next available position will go to the next athlete with the highest placing at a World Cup event beginning with the first World Cup event in Europe in 2008 and concluding with the World Cup event in Montreal in 2008. In case of a tie, the athlete who is ranked higher on the UCI Individual Classification the rankings that will be released immediately following the Montreal World Cup, will be selected. In the unlikely event of a further tie, the position will be selected as High Performance Committee Choice, based on information communicated from the National Coaches and the High Performance Program Manager.
- 3) The next available position will be selected as High Performance Committee Choice based on information communicated from the National Coaches and the High Performance Program Manager.

As per the UCI qualification criteria, should Canada qualify two starters for the 2008 Olympic Games, the Canadian Cycling Association, from the pool of eligible athletes, will nominate the final team to the 2008 Olympic Games through the following process:

- 1) The first position will go to the athlete with the highest placing in a World Cup event beginning with the first World Cup event in Europe in 2008 and concluding with the World Cup event in Montreal in 2008. In case of a tie, the athlete who is ranked higher on the UCI Individual Classification, using the rankings that will be released immediately following the Montreal World Cup will be selected. In the unlikely event of a further tie, the position will be selected as High Performance Committee Choice, based on information communicated from the National Coaches and the High Performance Program Manager.
- 2) The next available position will be selected as High Performance Committee Choice based on information communicated from the National Coaches and the High Performance Program Manager.

**Selection process – Time Trial:**

Should Canada be awarded a start position in the Time Trial event, this position will be selected as High Performance Committee Choice from the group of athletes selected to the 2008 Olympic Games team, based on a recommendation from the National Coach and a review of past performances in individual time trial events.

**MEN'S ROAD:**

**Qualification to the pool of eligible athletes:**

At the end of 2007, all Tier-1 and Tier-2 athletes (not including Tier-2B athletes) are automatically eligible for selection to the 2008 Olympic Games team. Additional athletes can qualify to the pool by:

- Finishing top-3 at the Elite World Championships in 2006 or 2007
- Finishing top-16 at the Elite World Championships in 2007
- Contributing to a top-16 finish at the Elite World Championships in 2007
- Finishing top-3 in the final general classification at an elite UCI event during the period of Jan. 1, 2007 – June 1, 2008
- Twice finish top-8 in the final classification (general or stage) in UCI elite Continental Tour events or top-16 in the final classification (general or stage) in UCI Pro Tour events (not including any ITT/criterium stages or events) during the period of Jan. 1, 2007 – June 1, 2008
- Finishing top-3 in the elite road race or time trial at the 2007 Pan Am Games
- Finishing top-3 in the elite road race or time trial at the 2007 Road Pan Am Championships

**Selection process – Road Race:**

As per the UCI qualification criteria, Canada can enter three riders in the Road Race at the 2008 Olympic Games. From the pool of eligible athletes, the Canadian Cycling

Association will nominate the final team to the 2008 Olympic Games through the following process:

- 1) The first position will be selected as High Performance Committee Choice based on information communicated from the National Coaches and the High Performance Program Manager.
- 2) The next available position will be selected as High Performance Committee Choice based on information communicated from the National Coaches and the High Performance Program Manager.
- 3) The next available position will be selected as High Performance Committee Choice based on information communicated from the National Coaches and the High Performance Program Manager.

**Selection process – Time Trial:**

Canada is able to enter one rider in the Time Trial event at the 2008 Olympic Games team. This position will be selected as High Performance Committee Choice from the group of athletes selected to the 2008 Olympic Games team, based on a recommendation from the National Coach and a review of past performances in individual time trial events.

**MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TRACK – INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (Sprint, Keirin, Individual Pursuit, Points Race):**

**Qualification to the pool of eligible athletes:**

At the end of 2007, all Tier-1 and Tier-2 athletes (not including Tier-2B athletes) are automatically eligible for selection to the 2008 Olympic Games team. Additional athletes can qualify to the pool by finishing among the top-3 at a UCI World Cup event during the 2007/08 World Cup season, twice finishing top 8 in UCI World Cup events during the 2007/08 season, or achieving a World Championship result as indicated in the table below:

Event	Gender	Max # of starters at worlds per nation	Result
Sprint	M & W	3	Top-16
Individual Pursuit	M & W	2	Top-12
Keirin	M & W	2	Top-12
Points Race	M & W	1	Top-8

**Selection process:**

As per the UCI Track qualification criteria to the 2008 Olympic Games, if Canada qualifies through Criterion no. 1, the athletes who have been crowned World Champions or World Cup Champions or “B” World Champions will be automatically nominated by CCA to the final team for the 2008 Olympic Games.

As per the UCI Track qualification criteria to the 2008 Olympic Games, if Canada qualifies through Criterion no. 2, athletes will be nominated to available positions based

on international performances at World Cups and the World Championships during the 2007-08 season (April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008).

In the event that multiple riders have achieved comparable international results, the coach designated by the CCA HPC will evaluate all riders to arrive at a final decision. Evaluation may be conducted through international results or through a selection camp at the discretion of the HPC.

### **MEN'S TRACK – TEAM EVENTS (Team Sprint, Team Pursuit):**

#### **Selection process:**

As per the UCI Track qualification criteria to the 2008 Olympic Games, if Canada qualifies through Criterion no. 1, the athletes who have been crowned World Champions or World Cup Champions will be automatically nominated by CCA to the final team for the 2008 Olympic Games.

As per the UCI Track qualification criteria to the 2008 Olympic Games, if Canada qualifies through Criterion no. 2, the team with the best international performances at World Cups and the World Championships during the 2007-08 season (April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008) will be nominated.

In the event that multiple riders have achieved comparable international results, the coach designated by the CCA will evaluate all riders and submit a recommendation to the HPC for their approval. Evaluation may be conducted through international results or through a selection camp at the discretion of the CCA.

### **TRACK – MADISON**

As per the UCI Track qualification criteria to the 2008 Olympic Games, a nation that qualifies for the Madison is also automatically awarded qualification in the Men's Points Race and cannot be awarded any additional quota spots even if it has qualified for the Men's Points race as well. The implication of this is, even if Canada qualifies for both the Madison and the Men's Points Race, it will only be awarded quota spots for two athletes.

In this event, the CCA will evaluate three options :

1. Entering one of the Madison athletes in the Men's Points Race;
2. Replacing one of the Madison riders with a Men's Points Race rider;
3. Entering an athlete in another event (the Men's Road Race) in order to enter him in the Men's Points race without changing the composition of the Madison team.

The final decision will be based on the potential to achieve a medal-winning performance in each of the three disciplines affected (Madison, Points Race and Road Race). Performances will be evaluated through World Championship, World Cup and other sanctioned international results during the 2007-08 track season (April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008) and international results deemed significant by the HPC that took place during

the 2007 and 2008 road seasons. If necessary, a selection camp may be organized at the discretion of the CCA.

### **MTB – WOMEN:**

#### **Qualification to the pool of eligible athletes:**

At the end of 2007, all Tier-1 identified athletes are automatically eligible for nomination to the 2008 Olympic Games team. All other athletes wishing to be considered for the 2008 Olympic team will have to qualify into the pool of eligible athletes in order to be given consideration for inclusion on the 2008 Olympic Games team. Additional athletes can qualify to the pool by:

- Finishing top-3 at the Elite World Championships in 2006, 2007 or 2008
- Finishing top-16 at the Elite World Championships in 2007 or 2008
- Finishing top-3 at a UCI XCO World Cup event during the period of January 1, 2007 – June 8, 2008
- Finishing top-12 and within 108% of the winner's time at a UCI XCO World Cup event during the period of January 1, 2007 – June 8, 2008.

#### **Selection criteria – Women:**

As per the UCI qualification criteria, Canada can enter two athletes in the Mountain Bike event for the 2008 Olympic Games. The Canadian Cycling Association, from the pool of eligible athletes, will nominate the final team to the 2008 Olympic Games through the following process:

- 1) The first position will go to the athlete who, as of June 23, 2008, has the highest number of UCI points, using the UCI Points Table on page 54 of Chapter 4 of the UCI rule book, counting a maximum of two events from the 2008 XCO World Cup schedule and the 2008 XCO World Championships. In the case of a tie, the decision will revert to High Performance Committee Choice, based on information communicated from the National Coach and the High Performance Program Manager.
- 2) The second position will be determined by High Performance Committee Choice, based on information communicated from the National Coach and the High Performance Program Manager.

### **MTB MEN:**

#### **Qualification to the pool of eligible athletes:**

At the end of 2007, all Tier-1 identified athletes are automatically eligible for nomination to the 2008 Olympic Games team. All other athletes wishing to be considered for the 2008 Olympic team will have to qualify into the pool of eligible athletes in order to be given consideration for inclusion on the 2008 Olympic Games team. Additional athletes can qualify to the pool by:

- Finishing top-3 at the Elite World Championships in 2006, 2007 or 2008
- Finishing top-16 at the Elite World Championships in 2007 or 2008

- Finishing top-3 at a UCI XCO World Cup event during the period of January 1, 2007 – June 8, 2008
- Finishing top-16 and within 107% of the winner's time at a UCI XCO World Cup event during the period of January 1, 2007 – June 8, 2008.

**Selection criteria – Men:**

As per the UCI qualification criteria, Canada can enter two starters in the Mountain Bike event for the 2008 Olympic Games. The Canadian Cycling Association, from the pool of eligible athletes, will nominate the final team to the 2008 Olympic Games through the following process:

- 1) The first position will go to the athlete who, as of June 23, 2008, has the highest number of UCI points, using the UCI Points Table on page 54 of Chapter 4 of the UCI rule book, counting a maximum of two events from the 2008 XCO World Cup schedule and the 2008 XCO World Championships. In the case of a tie, the decision will revert to High Performance Committee Choice based on information communicated from the National Coacs and the High Performance Program Manager.
- 2) The second position will be determined by High Performance Committee Choice, based on information communicated from the National Coach and the High Performance Program Manager.

**BMX WOMEN:**

**Qualification to the pool of eligible athletes:**

At the end of 2007, all Tier-1 identified athletes are automatically eligible for nomination to the 2008 Olympic Games team. All other athletes wishing to be considered for the 2008 Olympic team will have to qualify into the pool of eligible athletes in order to be given consideration for inclusion on the 2008 Olympic Games team. The qualification process is based on performances at the UCI BMX World Championships. Athletes must reach the semi-finals in the Elite Women's Championship category once at the UCI BMX World Championships in 2006, 2007 or 2008.

**Selection criteria – Women:**

As per the UCI qualification criteria, should Canada qualify two starters for the 2008 Olympic Games, the Canadian Cycling Association, from the pool of eligible athletes, will nominate the final team to the 2008 Olympic Games through the following process:

- 1) The first position will go to the athlete who is the highest ranked Canadian rider on the UCI Overall Ranking, using the ranking to be released following the completion of the 2008 BMX World Championships.
- 2) The second position will be determined by High Performance Committee Choice, based on information communicated from the National Coach and the High Performance Program Manager.

As per the UCI qualification criteria, should Canada qualify one starter for the 2008 Olympic Games, the Canadian Cycling Association, from the pool of eligible athletes, will nominate the final team to the 2008 Olympic Games through the following process:

- 1) High Performance Committee Choice, based on information communicated from the National Coach and the High Performance Program Manager.

### **BMX MEN:**

#### **Qualification to the pool of eligible athletes:**

At the end of 2007, all Tier-1 identified athletes are automatically eligible for nomination to the 2008 Olympic Games team. All other athletes wishing to be considered for the 2008 Olympic team will have to qualify into the pool of eligible athletes in order to be given consideration for inclusion on the 2008 Olympic Games team. Athletes must qualify out of the Elite Men's moto round at the 2008 UCI BMX World Championships in order to enter into the pool of eligible athletes.

#### **Selection criteria – Men:**

As per the UCI qualification criteria, should Canada qualify one starter for the 2008 Olympic Games, the Canadian Cycling Association, from the pool of eligible athletes, will nominate the final team to the 2008 Olympic Games through the following process:

- 1) High Performance Committee Choice based on a recommendation from the National Coach.

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