

SELECTION POLICY FOR CANADIAN MTB CYCLING TEAMS FOR 2009 Issued May 8th 2009 Effective from May 8th 2009

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INTRODUCTION

This Policy is in two parts. **Part A** sets out the background and procedure for selection of riders to all MTB Pools and Teams. **Part B** sets out the general Selection Criteria and **Schedules 1 to 3** set out the Specific Selection Criteria for each Category for selection to a Pool or a Team, namely:

Schedule 1 – Domestic Projects

Schedule 2 – World Cup Projects

Schedule 3 – World Championships and Pan Am Championships

PART A - GENERAL

Part A of this Policy sets out the scope and purpose of the Policy, who it applies to, the procedure of the Canadian Cycling Association (CCA) Selection Committee, the eligibility and communication requirements for riders seeking selection and how this Policy can be amended.

1. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF POLICY

1.1 This Policy is issued by the CCA to clearly set out the process and criteria on which riders will be selected to be members of the Canadian Cycling Pools and Teams for the period 18 April 2009 to 30 September 2009.

1.2 Subject to clauses 1.4 and 12.4, this Policy covers the selection of riders to Pools and Teams for the following Events:

Event Date	Event	Category
20 Apr – 4 May	European Spring World Cup Project	Elite and U23 Men and Women
June 22 nd	Canmore AB, Talent ID Camp	Junior Men and Women
July 6 th	Bromont QC, Talent ID Camp	Junior Men and Women

13-14 July	Mount Ste Anne World Championship – recon and info Camp	Elite, U23, Junior, Men and Women
21 July- 2 Aug	Canadian World Cup Development Project	Elite, U23, Junior Men and Women
28 Aug – 7 Sept	World Championships	Elite, U23, Junior Men and Women
7 Sept – 21 Sept	World Cup Finals European Project	Elite, U23 Men and Women

1.3 The CCA may decide at any time in its discretion not to select or enter a Team or to limit the Team size in any one or more of the Events specified in the table in clause 1.2. This decision may be made for any reason including, but not limited to, the decision by the Event organizer not to invite the CCA to enter a team in an Event or financial constraints of the CCA. Riders seeking selection to Teams for these Events will be notified as soon as practicable if the CCA decides not to select a Team under this clause.

2. APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

2.1 This Policy shall take effect on May 8th 2009.

2.2 This Policy applies to all members of the CCA and all riders wishing to be considered for selection to the Road Teams

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 The words used in this Policy shall have the following meanings:

Selection Committee means the committee appointed by the CCA board of directors to select riders in each Category. The members of the Selection Committee may differ between the different Categories but all Selection Committees will include the CTO and the National Team Coach.

CTO means the CCA's Chief Technical Officer.

Category means the category of riders as specified in this policy namely Elite, U23 (men only), U19 and U17 riders.

CCES means the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport

Due Date means the date by which any written applications for exemption to the pre-condition requirements set out in clause 8.1 must be received by the CTO as specified in each projects selection criteria.

Event means the different events held at competitions for the cycling sport. For example for Road includes both time trial and road race events unless specified otherwise.

Elite means the Category of riders aged 23 years and above for men, and aged 19 years and above for women, as specified in the UCI Cycling Regulations.

Eligible means a rider that has satisfied the requirements in clause 5 of this Policy, and in terms of eligibility to be selected for Teams also means the rider has satisfied the requirements in the applicable Schedule for the rider's Category.

In Writing means a written letter that is posted or an electronic letter (email).

National Team Coach means the person appointed as coach for the different sports of cycling.

Canadian Team means the men's and women's teams of riders that are selected to represent Canada in Events in each Category as defined in this Policy, also referred to as "the Team".

Pool is a group of riders from which a Team is selected.

SDRCC – Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada

Sport Coordinator means the person who assists the National Team Coach for the different sports of cycling.

Sports of Cycling means road, mountain bike, para - cycling, track and BMX.

Selection Criteria means the criteria specified in Part B of this Policy including the Specific Selection Criteria set out in Schedules 1 to 7 inclusive.

Selection Date means the date that selections made by the CCA Selection Panel are announced, as specified in Schedules 1 to 7.

Specific Selection Criteria means the criteria listed in Schedules 1 to 7 inclusive.

UCI means the International Cycling Union, which is the international association of national cycling federations of which the CCA is the national federation of Canada.

UCI Cycling Regulations means the regulations issued by UCI from time to time that regulate the sport of cycling.

Under 17, U17 or "Cadet" means the Category of riders aged under 17 years of age as specified in the UCI Cycling Regulations.

Under 19, U19 or "Junior" means the Category of riders aged 17 and 18 years of age as specified in the UCI Cycling Regulations.

Under 23, U23 or "Espoir" means the Category of male riders aged 19-22 years of age as specified in the UCI Cycling Regulations.

4. SELECTION Committee

4.1 The Selection Committee will have sole authority to select riders from Pools to Canadian Teams.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 To be eligible for consideration for selection to a Pool or Team, each rider seeking selection must:

- a. Be a Canadian citizen at the time of application for their CCA license, (including UCI International License) unless specified otherwise in the UCI Cycling Regulations;
- b. Have a current racing license issued by the CCA or another federation affiliated with the UCI with the license marked 'CAN';
- c. Complete and sign the application form for selection in **Appendix 2** and return it to the CTO by the due date. The CTO may at his/her discretion accept the above after this time.
- d. Have read, signed, and returned to the CCA the execution page of the CCA Athlete Agreement by the due date. It is a condition of this Agreement that the rider agrees to participate in and meet all competition, training and participation requirements as determined by the CTO or National Coach.
- e. Comply with the communication requirements set out in clause 5.2 of this Policy.
- f. Be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by the UCI and/or CCES pursuant to the Canadian Policy against doping in Sport and the rules, regulations and policies of the UCI, CCA and the World Anti-Doping Code.
- g. The athlete must not be under suspension or any other sanction by any recognized body for any doping or doping-related offence.

5.2 Communication

- a. Each rider who has indicated their wish to be considered for selection must ensure their full contact details have been provided to the CCA CTO and or Sport Coordinator. This information will be used for monitoring of a rider's progress, to be able to communicate important information regarding selection, and the administration of the Teams to a rider and for the rider to ensure compliance with the obligations of providing whereabouts information in accordance with the CCES Canadian Policy against doping in Sport and the World Anti-Doping Code.

- b. The contact details and any other correspondence should be forwarded to:
 - i. Jacques Landry, copied to Nicholas Vipond (mtb@canadian-cycling.com)
 - ii. Chief Technical Officer
 - iii. Email jacques.landry@canadian-cycling.com
 - iv. Phone 1-613-248-1353
 - v. Fax 1-613-248-9311
- c. The contact details will be forwarded to the National Team Coach and Sport Coordinator for his/her attention. It is then the Coach's and/or Coordinator's responsibility to contact the rider as soon as practicable.
- d. Once the rider has been contacted, it is then the ultimate responsibility of the rider to communicate with the National Team Coach as to the progress of their training and competition program and to provide a record of current results and performances achieved, particularly those relevant to the Specific Selection Criteria.

6. AMENDMENT TO THIS POLICY

- 6.1 This Policy, including the Selection Criteria, may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for. All amendments must be approved by the CCA Board of Directors. If approved, the CTO will notify in writing any amendment or supplement and will endeavor to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any such amendment or supplement.

PART B - SELECTION CRITERIA

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

Part B of this Policy sets out the selection objective and general criteria for selection to Teams.

7. SELECTION OBJECTIVE

7.1 The objective of the Selection Committee is to select the Teams to compete in the Events and Categories as specified in this Policy.

8. PRE-CONDITIONS TO SELECTION:

8.1 In addition to the eligibility requirements (clause 5), and subject to clause 8.2 (Exemption) any pre-conditions to selection are specified in **Schedules 1 to 4**.

8.2 **Exemption:** A rider may be exempted from any pre-condition requirement in clause 8.1 only on approval of a written application to the CTO setting out the reasons for not meeting this requirement. This application must be made by the Due Date as specified in **Schedules 1 to 4**, the Selection Committee will determine the application and advise the rider of the outcome as soon as practicable and not less than seven (7) days after receipt of the request.

9. SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

9.1 Any rider who is Eligible and has met the pre-conditions (clause 8), if any, and seeks selection to a Team must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out below in **Schedules 1 to 4** for each Category (as the case may be) in order to be considered for inclusion in the Pool and selection to the Team:

Schedule 1 – Domestic Projects

Schedule 2 – World Cup Projects

Schedule 3 – World Championships and Pan Am Championships

Schedule 4 – Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, and Pan Am Games

10. OTHER FACTORS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED TO ACHIEVE THE BEST TEAM PERFORMANCE

10.1 In addition to the Specific Selection Criteria, the Selection Committee **may** take into account any one or more of the following other factors in selecting riders for any Team:

- a. The rider's international sanctioned competition results for any events in the 12 month period prior to the selection of the Pool or Team, (as the case may be);

- b. Consistent and successful individual performances of the rider in the 12 month period prior to the selection of the Pool or Team (as the case may be) in domestic and international sanctioned competition;
- c. The rider's UCI individual classification for specific Events for the 12 month period prior to the selection of the Pool or Team (as the case may be);
- d. The rider's UCI World Cup points and results for the 12 month period prior to the selection of the Pool or Team (as the case may be);
- e. The rider's ability to work in a team structure;
- f. The rider's technical ability including their racing approach (aggressive vs passive), bicycle handling skills, racing skills and tactics;
- g. The results of any of the rider's sports science tests including biomechanical and physiological;
- h. Consideration of the performance of any rider who has been involved in an intense training or competition program;
- i. Consideration of the nature of the course on which the Event is being held;
- j. The effect of environmental conditions on performances in time trial and road events;
- k. The rider's attendance, performance, attitude and conduct in training whilst a member of national team program (project competition and training camp);
- l. The rider's demonstrated understanding and respect for the position on a Canadian Team;
- m. The rider's demonstrated willingness to promote cycling in a positive manner;
- n. The rider's demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results; and
- o. The rider's proven ability to be reliable.

11. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

11.1 In considering the performances and results of riders at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under this Policy, the selection committee may in its discretion, give weight to extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Policy.

11.2 For the purposes of this Policy, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, attend training camps or perform at an optimum level arising from any one or more of the following:

- a. Injury or illness (Documented at the time the incident occurred and accompanied by a certified medical explanation);
- b. Travel delays caused by carriers;

11.3 Riders unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Policy must advise the CTO of the extenuating circumstances in writing of this fact and the reasons thereof, with as much advance notice as possible (ideally seven (7) days) prior to the commencement of the events, trials, or other attendances upon which selection may be considered under this Policy.

11.4 In the case of injury or illness, riders are required by the selection committee to provide a doctor's certificate and/or undergo a medical examination by a medical practitioner/s nominated by the CCA and to provide the opinion and/or report of such practitioner to the selection committee. A failure to agree to such request results in the selection committee being prevented from considering the injury or illness as extenuating circumstances.

11.5 A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made on a case by case basis. This decision will be made by the selection committee and CTO; and will be documented accordingly.

12. OTHER SELECTION MATTERS

12.1 **Factors Pertaining to Team Size:** Where more than the number of riders permitted by the maximum Pool or Team size as specified in the relevant Schedule achieves the Specific Selection Criteria, the Selection Committee shall make a determination on which riders are to be selected. For this reason, achievement of the Specific Selection Criteria does **not** guarantee selection to a Pool or Team.

12.2 **Additional Riders:** Additional riders (up to the maximum number of riders specified in the relevant Schedule) may be added to a Pool or Team after the Selection Date at the discretion of the selection committee.

12.3 **Removal from a Pool or Team:** A rider may be removed from a Pool or Team in accordance with clause 14 of this Policy.

12.4 **Right to Vary or Not Enter Teams:** The CCA reserves the right to enter a smaller Team or no Team at all in any Category for any Event.

13. SELECTIONS FOR START LIST

13.1 Once a Team is selected for any Event, the CTO and/or the relevant National Team Coach will have complete discretion to determine from amongst the Team, the riders to start in each event on the basis of the performances, fitness, and health of the riders and the nature of the course or Event.

13.2 The determination and maximum number of riders to start in each event will be in accordance with the permitted starting numbers/quotas set out by the UCI for each discipline.

14. REMOVAL FROM A TEAM

14.1 A rider may be removed from a Canadian Pool or Team if s/he:

- a. breaches or fails to comply with this Policy or any term of the CCA Rider Agreement;
- b. breaches or fails to comply with:
 - i. the CCA athlete agreement and/or National team policy;
 - ii. violation under the CCES Canadian Policy against doping in Sport);
 - iii. the rules of any event, competition or activity in which the rider has been selected to participate;
 - iv. any reasonable instruction or request by the CTO or National Team Coach;
- c. brings him/herself, another rider in a Pool or Team, the Pool or Team as a whole, an official, CCA, or cycling generally, into disrepute;
- d. has a significant illness or injury which in the opinion of the National team Coach and/or CCA appointed coach will prevent the rider from continuing to meet the Selection Criteria on which he or she was selected to the Pool or Team; or
- e. fails to consistently maintain the level of performance and/or results, or to maintain any one or more of the other factors set out in the applicable Selection Criteria.

15. APPEALS

15.1 All appeals should follow the CCA "Appeals Policy" . http://www.canadian-cycling.com/cca/documents/appeals_policy.pdf

15.2 There is no right to appeal a rider's non-selection to a Pool.

SCHEDULE 1 – Domestic Projects

1. GENERAL

1.1 Events: This Schedule covers selection for the Domestic Projects Pools and Teams for the following Events, subject to clauses 1.3 and 12.4 of this Policy (right not to enter team):

Event Date	Event	Category
June 22 nd 2009	Canmore, AB Talent ID Camp.	Junior and U 17 Men and Women
July 6 th 2009	Bromont, QC Talent ID Camp	Junior and U 17 Men and Women
13-14 July 2009	Mount Ste Anne World Championship – recon and info Camp	Elite, U23, Junior, U17 men and women

1.2 Sanctioned Competition or Authorized Event: In order to be considered for selection to the Domestic Project, Pools and Teams riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule while participating in a UCI sanctioned competition or a CCA authorized event and while using a Mountain Bike that complies with the UCI Cycling Regulations.

1.3 Other Factors: Any selection to a Pool or Team for any one of the Events is subject to this Policy (including clause 10 (Other Factors), 11 (Extenuating Circumstances) and 12 (Other Selection Matters)).

1.5 Time Period: Riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule during the time period commencing 1 October 2008 and for the Pools concluding midnight (EST STD) on 1 June 2009 and for the Teams concluding midnight (EST STD) on 1 June 2009.

2. Canmore Nordic Center, AB - Talent ID Camp

2.1 Selection: Athletes will be selected by their home province or territory (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut)

2.2 Team Size: To be confirmed based on provincial selections

2.3 Eligibility: Male and female athletes 18 and under as of Dec 31/09

2.4 Selection Date: June 8th 2009

2.5 Selection Criteria: Criteria will be based on recommendations from the PSOs. Each PSO may recommend up to 2 male and 2 female athletes they feel will be at a level to represent Canada at the world championships in the next 2 years.

2.6 Funding: Partially Funded Camp

3. Bromont, QC - Talent ID Camp

3.1 Selection: Athletes will be selected by their home province (Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador, PEI, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia)

3.2 Team Size: To be confirmed based on recommendations

3.3 Eligibility: Male and female athletes 18 and under as of Dec 31/09

3.4 Selection Date: June 22nd 2009

3.5 Selection Criteria: Criteria will be based on recommendations from the PSOs. Each PSO may select up to 2 male and 2 female athletes they feel will be at a level to represent Canada at the world championships in the next 2 years.

3.6 Funding: Partially Funded Camp

4. Mount Ste Anne World Championships – Recon and Info Session

4.1 Selection: *Criteria To be Confirmed before the end of May*

4.2 Team Size:

4.3 Eligibility:

4.4 Selection Date:

4.5 Selection Criteria:

SCHEDULE 2 – World Cup Projects

1. GENERAL

1.1 **Events:** This Schedule covers selection for the Domestic Projects Pools and Teams for the following Events, subject to clauses 1.3 and 12.4 of this Policy (right not to enter team):

Event Date	Event	Category
20 Apr – 4 May	European Spring World Cup Project	Elite and U23 men and women
21 July- 2 Aug	Bromont and Mont Sainte Anne World Cup Selection	Elite, U23, Junior Men and Women
7 Sept – 21 Sept	World Cup Finals European Project	Elite, U23 Men and Women

1.2 **Sanctioned Competition or Authorized Event:** In order to be considered for selection to the World Cup Project, Pools and Teams riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule while participating in a UCI sanctioned competition or a CCA authorized event and while using a Mountain Bike that complies with the UCI Cycling Regulations.

1.3 **Pre-Condition:** All riders seeking selection to a World Cup Project must complete a high level of competition participation period of at least one (1) month in an approved Team training and racing program prior to the 2009 Canadian Championships.

1.4 **Other Factors:** Any selection to a Pool or Team for any one of the Events is subject to this Policy (including clause 10 (Other Factors), 11 (Extenuating Circumstances) and 12 (Other Selection Matters)).

1.5 **Time Period:** Riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule during the time period commencing 1 October 2008 and for the Pools concluding midnight (EST STD) on the 21st June 2009 for the Canadian World Cup project, and the 3rd of August 2009 for the World cup final project.

2. European Spring World Cup Project

CCA will select from the Pool of athletes having met the 09 carding criteria and are members of the 09 National Team List. The final team selection will be at the discretion of the National Team coach. The carding prioritization will also be considered.

2.1 **Selection:** This selection is already passed

2.2 **Team Size:**

2.3 **Eligibility:**

2.4 Selection Date: The names of riders selected to the Team will be announced not later than April 9th 2009

2.5 Selection Criteria: In considering the riders to be selected to the Team the selection shall take into account, in the order presented:

- The athletes potential to meet the sports performance objectives as outlined in the 2009-2012 High Performance Quad plan
- The athletes potential to contribute to qualifying quotas for World Championships or Olympic Games
- The athletes UCI standings up to April 9th 2009
- The athletes competitive readiness for major events outlined in the seasons National Team Program
- The athletes contribution to overall team results in major National Program events
- The athletes placing in any UCI sanctioned events where an apparent depth and quality of field is present.
- The athletes training environment and competitive readiness as a whole

3. Bromont and Mont Sainte Anne World Cup Selection

The Canadian Cycling Association will be sending a Selection Team to the World Cups in Mont Ste Anne and Bromont as part of the High Performance Mountain Bike Program. Athletes will be selected to the team through the process outlined in this document.

Objective: To select a team of athletes who have the best potential to score UCI points for Canada. To provide experience to athletes who will represent Canada at the 2009 World Championships.

3.1 Junior Men XCO

Eligibility: All male athletes aged 17 and 18, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 6 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria

1. Any athlete who placed top 20 in the Junior Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
2. Any Junior Male Athlete who places top 3 at a Canada Cup Junior Men's XCO race by June 22nd 2009

3. The 3 highest ranked riders based on Canada Cup points achieved at the Canada Cups listed below or next best ranked rider if already in the pool of eligible athletes.

MTB World Championships Junior Qualification Events 2009

1. Canada Cup - Mount Tremblant, Quebec – May 23, 2009
2. Canada Cup - Hardwood Ski and Bike, Barrie, Ontario – May 31, 2009
3. Canada Cup - Canmore, Alberta – June 20, 2009

3.2 Junior Women XCO

Eligibility: All female athletes aged 17 and 18, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 4 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

- 1) Any athlete who placed top 20 in the Junior Women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- 2) Any Junior female Athlete who places top 3 at a Canada Cup Junior Women's XCO race by June 22nd 2009.
- 3) The 3 highest ranked riders based on Canada Cup points achieved at the Canada Cups listed below or next best ranked rider if already in the pool of eligible athletes.

MTB World Championships Junior Qualification Events 2009

1. Canada Cup - Mount Tremblant, Quebec – May 23, 2009
2. Canada Cup – Hardwood Ski and Bike, Barrie, Ontario – May 31, 2009
3. Canada Cup - Canmore, Alberta – June 20, 2009

3.3 Espoir Women XCO

Eligibility: All female athletes aged 23 and under, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI licence with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 3 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

1. Any athlete who placed top 8 Elite Women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO race at the Beijing Olympic Games, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
2. Any athlete who placed top 16 in the U23 Women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a

similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.

3. Any U23 female XCO athlete who places top-30 at a 2009 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by June 22nd, 2009
4. The top three ranked U23 women on the overall 2009 Women's Canada Cup Series as of June 22nd 2009 or next best ranked rider is already in the pool of eligible athletes
5. Any U23 athlete who placed top 8 in the Junior Women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.

3.4 Espoir Men XCO

Eligibility: All male athletes aged 23 and under, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI licence with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 4 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

1. Any athlete who placed top 12 Elite Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO race at the Beijing Olympic Games, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
2. Any athlete who placed top 20 in the U23 Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
3. Any U23 male athlete who places top-40 at a 2009 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by June 22nd 2009.
4. The top 3 ranked U23 Men on the overall 2009 men's Canada Cup Series as of June 22nd 2009, or next best ranked rider if the top 3 are already in the pool of eligible athletes
5. Any U23 athlete who placed top 12 in the Junior Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.

3.5 Elite Women XCO

Eligibility: All female athletes aged 23 and older, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI licence with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 2 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

1. Any athlete who placed top 5 Elite Women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO race at the Beijing Olympic Games, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
2. Any athlete who placed top 5 in the Elite women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
3. Any elite female athlete who places top-12 at a 2009 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by June 22nd 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event will be nominated first. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next best result at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event would be nominated.
4. Any elite female athlete who is ranked among the top-24 on the UCI MTB XCO Individual Classification to as of June 22nd 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
5. The leader of the 2009 Canada Cup series as of June 22nd 2009 or next best if the leader is already in the pool is all ready in the pool of eligible athletes.
6. Any elite women who has earns 200 points on the UCI XCO individual rankings as of June 22nd 2009

3.6 Elite Men XCO

Eligibility: All female athletes aged 23 and older, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI licence with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 2 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

1. Any athlete who placed top 8 Elite Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO race at the Beijing Olympic Games, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
2. Any athlete who placed top 8 in the Elite Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
3. Any elite male athlete who places top-16 at a 2009 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by June 22nd 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event will be nominated first. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next best result at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event would be nominated.
4. Any elite male athlete who is ranked among the top-40 on the UCI MTB XCO Individual Classification as of June 22nd 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
5. The leader of the 2009 elite men's overall Canada Cup Series as of June 22nd 2009 or next best ranked rider is already in the pool of eligible athletes.

6. Any elite man who has earned 200 points on the UCI XCO individual rankings as of June 22nd 2009

4. World Cup Finals European Project

Objective: to score UCI points and provide additional experience for athletes who are capable of top results at the 2010 world cups.

4.1 Elite Men XCO

Eligibility: All male athletes aged 23 and older, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 2 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

1. Any athlete who placed top 8 Elite Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO race at the Beijing Olympic Games, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
2. Any athlete who placed top 8 in the Elite Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
3. Any elite male athlete who places top-16 at a 2009 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by August 3rd, 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event will be nominated first. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next best result at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event would be nominated.
4. Any elite male athlete who is ranked among the top-24 on the UCI MTB XCO Individual Classification to be released following Bromont UCI MTB XCO World Cup. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
5. Any athlete who placed top 4 in the Elite Men's race at the 2009 Canadian MTB XCO Championships.
6. The winner of the 2009 elite men's overall Canada Cup Series or next best ranked rider is already in the pool of eligible athletes.
7. Any Canadian Elite Male who has 250 UCI Points Based on the 2009 UCI XCO individual points standings as of Aug 3rd 2009

3.6 Elite Women XCO

Eligibility: All female athletes aged 23 and older, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI licence with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 2 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

1. Any athlete who placed top 5 Elite Women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO race at the Beijing Olympic Games, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
2. Any athlete who placed top 5 in the Elite women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
3. Any elite female athlete who places top-12 at a 2009 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by August 3rd, 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event will be nominated first. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next best result at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event would be nominated
4. Any elite female athlete who is ranked among the top-16 on the UCI MTB XCO Individual Classification to be released following Bromont UCI MTB XCO World Cup. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
5. Any athlete who placed top 4 in the Elite Women's race at the 2009 Canadian MTB XCO Championships.
6. The winner of the 2009 elite women's overall Canada Cup Series or next best if the leader is all ready in the pool of eligible athletes.
7. Any Canadian Elite Male who has 250 UCI Points Based on the 2009 UCI XCO individual points standings as of Aug 3rd 2009

3.6 Under-23 Men XCO

Eligibility: All male athletes aged 19 to 22, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 2 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

1. Any athlete who placed top 12 Elite Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO race at the Beijing Olympic Games, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.

2. Any athlete who placed top 16 in the U23 Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
3. Any U23 male athlete who places top-40 at a 2009 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by August 3rd, 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event will be nominated first. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next best result at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event would be nominated
4. Any athlete who placed top 3 in the U23 Men's race at the 2009 Canadian MTB XCO Championships.
5. The top ranked U23 on the overall 2009 men's Canada Cup Series or next best ranked rider is already in the pool of eligible athletes

3.7 U23 Women XCO

Eligibility: All female athletes aged 19 to 22, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 2 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

1. Any athlete who placed top 8 Elite Women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO race at the Beijing Olympic Games, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
2. Any athlete who placed top 12 in the U23 Women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
3. Any U23 female athlete who places top-30 at a 2009 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by August 3rd, 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event will be nominated first. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next best result at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event would be nominated
4. Any athlete who placed top 3 in the U23 Women's race at the 2009 Canadian MTB XCO Championships.
5. The top ranked U23 on the overall 2009 Women's Canada Cup Series or next best ranked rider is already in the pool of eligible athletes

3.8 Junior Men XCO

Eligibility: All male athletes aged 17 and 18, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 2 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

1. Any athlete who placed top 20 in the Junior Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
2. The winner of the Junior Men's race at the 2009 Canadian MTB XCO Championships.
3. The 2 highest ranked riders based on Canada Cup points achieved at the Canada Cups listed below or next best ranked rider if already in the pool of eligible athletes.

MTB World Championships Junior Qualification Events 2009

1. Canada Cup - Mount Tremblant, Quebec – May 23, 2009
2. Canada Cup - Hardwood Ski and Bike, Barrie, Ontario – May 31, 2009
3. Canada Cup - Canmore, Alberta – June 20, 2009

3.9 Junior Women XCO

Eligibility: All female athletes aged 17 and 18, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of Canadian

Maximum team size: 2 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

- 1) Any athlete who placed top 20 in the Junior Women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- 2) The winner of the Junior Women's race at the 2009 Canadian MTB XCO Championships.
- 3) The 2 highest ranked riders based on Canada Cup points achieved at the Canada Cups listed below or next best ranked rider if already in the pool of eligible athletes.

MTB World Championships Junior Qualification Events 2009

1. Canada Cup - Mount Tremblant, Quebec – May 23, 2009
2. Canada Cup – Hardwood Ski and Bike, Barrie, Ontario – May 31, 2009
3. Canada Cup - Canmore, Alberta – June 20, 2009

SCHEDULE 3 – World Championships, Pan-AM Championships

1. GENERAL

1.2 **Events:** This Schedule covers selection for the International Pools and Teams for the following Events, subject to clauses 1.3 and 12.4 of this Policy (right not to enter team):

Event Date	Event	Category
18 Mar – 22 Mar	2009 Pan Am Championships, Santiago Chile	Elite and U23 Men and Women
28 Aug – 7 Sept	2009 World Championships, Canberra, Australia	Elite, U23, Junior Men and Women

1.2 **Sanctioned Competition or Authorized Event:** In order to be considered for selection to these Championship Projects, Pools and Teams riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule while participating in a UCI sanctioned competition or a CCA authorized event and while using a Mountain Bike that complies with the UCI Cycling Regulations.

1.3 **Pre-Condition:** All riders seeking selection to a Championship project must complete a high level of competition participation period of at least one (1) month in an approved Team training and racing program prior to the 2008 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships.

1.4 **Other Factors:** Any selection to a Pool or Team for any one of the Events is subject to this Policy (including clause 10 (Other Factors), 11 (Extenuating Circumstances) and 12 (Other Selection Matters)).

1.5 **Time Period:** Riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule during the time period commencing 1 October 2008 and for the Pools concluding midnight (EST STD) on 3rd August 2009.

2. 2009 Pan Am Championships – Santiago Chile

2.1 **Selection:** *This selection has already passed*

3. 2009 World XCO Championships – Canberra Australia

3.1 Introduction

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 2009 MTB World Championships. The primary objective of the selection process is to

choose athletes with the highest potential to win medals at the 2009 Mountain Bike World Championships in Canberra, Australia.

- 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 /Territorial Sport Organization, the Union Cycliste International, (UCI) and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).
- All Tier 1 athletes selected to the World Championship in Olympic disciplines will be fully funded by the CCA. Tier 2 Athletes in Olympic disciplines will be partially funded. Tier 3 and junior athletes in Olympic disciplines will be self-funded. The purpose of this funding model is to enable the CCA to provide opportunities for the maximum number of athletes across all disciplines and to give our Junior and Tier 3 athletes experience at the world-level as early as possible in their career.
 - Tier 2 estimated athlete contribution \$1500.00
 - Tier 3 and Junior estimated athlete contribution \$2500.00
- All athletes participating in Downhill and Trials events at the 2009 MTB World Championships shall be responsible for all costs incurred to attend the event including all expenses related to travel, accommodations, team clothing and support staff. These athletes' personal sponsors may benefit from advertising space on their uniforms, within the constraints imposed by the UCI regulations.

3.2 Selection Procedure

The selection criteria in each category and discipline are outlined in this document.

Athletes who meet one of the criteria set forth in this document will be nominated to the Pool. The National Team Coach shall select athletes from this Pool for the purpose of selection to the World Championship Team based on items mentioned in clause 10.1 of this document. The National Team Coach makes selection recommendations to the Selection Committee and the CTO for discussion and approval.

All disputes shall be managed pursuant of the Canadian Cycling Association Appeals Policy.

3.3 Selection Announcement Dates

The Canadian Cycling Association will endeavor to announce athlete selections in a timely manner as outlined below in order to provide the best possible preparation time and to provide partially funded athletes with time to secure funding from their province, teams, sponsors and/or supporters. The Canadian Cycling Association reserves the right to change these announcement dates in the event that more time is needed to ensure due process and fairness in selection.

- The selection for Junior Men and Junior Women will be announced by July 17th, 2009
- The selection for Espoir and Elite athletes will be announced by August 7th, 2009

World Class Standards and Consistency of Selection

In some cases, the selection criteria include international performance standards based on the previous Olympic Games and World Championships. In some categories, the international criteria exceeds the most recent result achieved by Canada at the event. The intent of this criteria is to communicate to athletes and coaches the minimum standard of excellence required for Canada to achieve success internationally.

The selection criteria has been written in this manner as to provide a reasonably consistent selection criteria that athletes and coaches can plan for each year. The criteria will be reviewed annually with improvements added to this process. The intent is to provide athletes and coaches with a stable core of basic criteria that may be used to plan long-term goals and performance expectations leading to the achievement of international success.

3.4 Maximum team size:

The CCA has estimated a team size of 20 XCO athletes in the 2009 National Team Program Overview. The CCA reserves the right to either increase or decrease the team size in any category or event based on performances during the 2009 season. As mentioned in clauses 1.3 and 12.4 of this document.

3.5 Elite Men XCO

Eligibility: All male athletes aged 23 and older, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 4 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

8. Any athlete who placed top 8 Elite Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO race at the Beijing Olympic Games, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
9. Any athlete who placed top 8 in the Elite Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
10. Any elite male athlete who places top-16 at a 2009 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by August 3rd, 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event will be nominated first. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next best result at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event would be nominated.
11. Any elite male athlete who is ranked among the top-24 on the UCI MTB XCO Individual Classification to be released following Bromont UCI MTB XCO World Cup. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.

12. Any athlete who placed top 4 in the Elite Men's race at the 2009 Canadian MTB XCO Championships.
13. The winner of the 2009 elite men's overall Canada Cup Series or next best ranked rider is already in the pool of eligible athletes.

3.6 Elite Women XCO

Eligibility: All female athletes aged 23 and older, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI licence with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 4 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

8. Any athlete who placed top 5 Elite Women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO race at the Beijing Olympic Games, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
9. Any athlete who placed top 5 in the Elite women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
10. Any elite female athlete who places top-12 at a 2009 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by August 3rd, 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event will be nominated first. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next best result at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event would be nominated
11. Any elite female athlete who is ranked among the top-16 on the UCI MTB XCO Individual Classification to be released following Bromont UCI MTB XCO World Cup. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
12. Any athlete who placed top 4 in the Elite Women's race at the 2009 Canadian MTB XCO Championships.
13. The winner of the 2009 elite women's overall Canada Cup Series or next best if the leader is all ready in the pool of eligible athletes.

3.6 Under-23 Men XCO

Eligibility: All male athletes aged 19 to 22, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 3 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

6. Any athlete who placed top 12 Elite Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO race at the Beijing Olympic Games, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
7. Any athlete who placed top 16 in the U23 Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
8. Any U23 male athlete who places top-40 at a 2009 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by August 3rd, 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event will be nominated first. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next best result at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event would be nominated
9. Any athlete who placed top 3 in the U23 Men's race at the 2009 Canadian MTB XCO Championships.
10. The top ranked U23 on the overall 2009 men's Canada Cup Series or next best ranked rider is already in the pool of eligible athletes

3.7 U23 Women XCO

Eligibility: All female athletes aged 19 to 22, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 3 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

6. Any athlete who placed top 8 Elite Women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO race at the Beijing Olympic Games, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
7. Any athlete who placed top 12 in the U23 Women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
8. Any U23 female athlete who places top-30 at a 2009 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by August 3rd, 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event will be nominated first. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next best result at a UCI MTB XCO World Cup event would be nominated
9. Any athlete who placed top 3 in the U23 Women's race at the 2009 Canadian MTB XCO Championships.
10. The top ranked U23 on the overall 2009 Women's Canada Cup Series or next best ranked rider is already in the pool of eligible athletes

3.8 Junior Men XCO

Eligibility: All male athletes aged 17 and 18, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 3 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

4. Any athlete who placed top 20 in the Junior Men's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
5. The winner of the Junior Men's race at the 2009 Canadian MTB XCO Championships.
6. The 2 highest ranked riders based on Canada Cup points achieved at the Canada Cups listed below or next best ranked rider if already in the pool of eligible athletes.

MTB World Championships Junior Qualification Events 2009

1. Canada Cup - Mount Tremblant, Quebec – May 23, 2009
2. Canada Cup - Hardwood Ski and Bike, Barrie, Ontario – May 31, 2009
3. Canada Cup - Canmore, Alberta – June 20, 2009

3.9 Junior Women XCO

Eligibility: All female athletes aged 17 and 18, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 3 athletes

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

- 4) Any athlete who placed top 20 in the Junior Women's race at the 2008 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- 5) The winner of the Junior Women's race at the 2009 Canadian MTB XCO Championships.
- 6) The 2 highest ranked riders based on Canada Cup points achieved at the Canada Cups listed below or next best ranked rider if already in the pool of eligible athletes.

MTB World Championships Junior Qualification Events 2009

1. Canada Cup - Mount Tremblant, Quebec – May 23, 2009
2. Canada Cup – Hardwood Ski and Bike, Barrie, Ontario – May 31, 2009
3. Canada Cup - Canmore, Alberta – June 20, 2009

Team Relay

The MTB National Team Head Coach will make this decision following final selection of the team. Since 2008 the team relay at the world championship counts toward the overall UCI nation ranking, therefore it is mandatory that athletes selected to the relay team participate in this event.

4.0 World Championships DH, Canberra AUS

4.1 Please See intro in section 3.0 World Championships XCO, Canberra AUS

Maximum team size:

As per UCI regulations, Canada has qualified the following maximum number of entrants in the DH discipline for the 2009 MTB World Championships:

CATEGORY:	MAX # OF STARTERS:
Elite Men	6
Elite Women	7
Junior Men	7
Junior Women	7

Elite Men Downhill

Eligibility: All male athletes aged 19 and older, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 6 athletes

Funded: Fully self-funded

Athletes will receive automatic nomination to the team based on the following prioritized criteria:

- 1) Any athlete who medaled in the Elite Men's race at the 2008 MTB DH World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- 2) Any elite male athlete who places top-16 at a 2009 UCI MTB DH World Cup event by June Aug 3rd, 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB DH World Cup event will be nominated first. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next best result at a UCI MTB DH World Cup event would be nominated
- 3) Any elite male athlete who is ranked among the top-30 on the UCI MTB DH Individual Classification to be released following UCI MTB DH World Cup #7. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.

- 4) Any Elite Male Athlete who finishes in the top 4 at the 2009 Canadian National DH championships
- 5) The elite male athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points at the following class-2 DH events listed on the 2009 CCA National Calendar:
 - a. Mt. Tremblant
 - b. Bromont

Elite Women DH

Eligibility: All female athletes aged 19 and older, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI licence with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 7 athletes

Funded: Fully self-funded

Athletes will receive automatic nomination to the team based on the following prioritized criteria:

- 1) Any athlete who medaled in the Elite Women's race at the 2008 MTB DH World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2008 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- 2) Any elite female athlete who places top-12 at a 2009 UCI MTB DH World Cup event by Aug 3rd 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB DH World Cup event will be nominated first. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next best result at a UCI MTB DH World Cup event would be nominated
- 3) Any elite female athlete who is ranked among the top-30 on the UCI MTB DH Individual Classification to be released following UCI MTB DH World Cup #7. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
- 4) Any Elite Female Athlete who finishes in the top 3 at the 2009 Canadian National DH championships
- 5) The elite female athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points at the following class-2 DH events listed on the 2009 CCA National Calendar:
 - a. Mt. Tremblant
 - b. Bromont

Junior Men DH

Eligibility: All male athletes aged 17 or 18, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI licence with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 7 athletes

Funded: Fully self-funded

Athletes will receive automatic nomination to the team based on the following prioritized criteria:

- 1) Any athlete who medaled in the Junior Men's race at the 2008 MTB DH World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2008 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- 2) Any junior male athlete who places top-32 at a 2009 UCI MTB DH World Cup event by Aug 3rd 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB DH World Cup event will be nominated first. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next best result at a UCI MTB DH World Cup event would be nominated
- 3) Any junior male athlete who is ranked among the top-50 on the UCI MTB DH Individual Classification to be released following UCI MTB DH World Cup #7. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
- 4) Any Junior Male Athlete who finishes in the top 3 at the 2009 Canadian National DH championships
- 5) The junior male athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points at the following class-2 DH events listed on the 2009 CCA National Calendar:
 - a. Bromont
 - b. Mt. Tremblant

If quota spots remain, additional athletes may be nominated as Selection Committee choice up to the maximum team size of 7 athletes.

Junior Women DH

Eligibility: All male athletes aged 17 or 18, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI licence with a nationality designation of CAN

Maximum team size: 7 athletes

Funded: Fully self-funded

Athletes will receive automatic nomination to the team based on the following prioritized criteria:

- 1) Any athlete who medaled in the Junior Women's race at the 2008 MTB DH World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar

level of performance during the 2009 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.

- 2) Any junior female athlete who places top-20 at a 2009 UCI MTB DH World Cup event by Aug 3rd 2009. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB DH World Cup event will be nominated first. In the event of a further tie, the athlete with the next best result at a UCI MTB DH World Cup event would be nominated
- 3) Any junior female athlete who is ranked among the top-30 on the UCI MTB DH Individual Classification to be released following UCI MTB DH World Cup #7. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
- 4) The junior female athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points at the following class-2 DH events listed on the 2009 CCA National Calendar:
 - c. Bromont
 - d. Mt. Tremblant

5.0 World Championships Trials, Canberra AUS

Athletes will be nominated to the World Championships in the following prioritized order:

- 1) Highest Ranked Canadian on the UCI ranking as of August 9th 2009
- 2) Any athlete who appears on the UCI Individual Classification as of August 9th 2009
- 3) Athletes who submit an application to the CCA no later than Aug 1st, 2009 and who's nomination is approved by the CTO