

GENERAL INFORMATION – 2008 MOUNTAIN BIKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 16-22, 2008 – Val Di Sole, ITA

The purpose of this section is to provide the membership with the information relative to the mechanism by which the Canadian Cycling Association (CCA) will select its representatives to the 2008 MTB World Championships.

- 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).
- It is planned that all athletes selected to the World Championship in Olympic disciplines in the Elite and U23 category will be fully funded by the CCA. Athletes competing in the Junior category will be asked to contribute financially towards their attendance. The purpose for this is to enable the CCA to run a full development program with the maximum number of athletes across all disciplines and to give our Junior athlete a world-level experience as early as possible in their career. A flat rate fee of \$2000 will be asked of each Junior athlete selected to the World Championship team.
- All athletes participating in Downhill and Trials events at the 2008 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.
- The "committee's choice" is based primarily on performances at sanctioned UCI events, with an emphasis on World Cup performances. Extenuating circumstances such as injury or mechanical failure will also be considered provided the athlete has a strong history of exceptional performances at sanctioned UCI events. Based on his/her professional expertise, the National Coach, or designated individual, 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.
- All disputes shall be managed pursuant of the Canadian Cycling Association Appeals Policy.

SELECTION CRITERIA – 2008 MOUNTAIN BIKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS June 16-22, 2008 – Val Di Sole, ITA

CROSS COUNTRY (XCO):

Maximum team size:

The CCA has set a maximum team size of 15 XC athletes. Thirteen positions are accounted for through the criteria in this document. The CCA reserves the right to add two wild-card selections to the team based on performances during the 2008 season. These will be decided based on recommendations of the MTB National Team Head Coach.

Team Relay

The MTB National Team Head Coach will make this decision following the conclusion of UCI MTB XCO World Cup #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 Canadian

Maximum team size: 3 athletes

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 2007 MTB XCO 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 male athlete who places top-16 at a 2008 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by June 9, 2008. 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
- 3) Any elite male athlete who is ranked among the top-20 on the UCI MTB XCO Individual Classification to be released following UCI MTB XCO World Cup #5. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
- 4) The elite male athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points at two of the following three class-1 XCO events listed on the 2008 CCA National Calendar:
 - Bromont (May 17)
 - Mt. Tremblant (May 24)
 - Hardwood Hills (June 1)

If quota spots remain, up to two (2) additional athletes may be nominated as Committee's Choice.

Elite Women XCO

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

Maximum team size: 3 athletes

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 2007 MTB XCO 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 2008 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by June 9, 2008. 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
- 3) Any elite female athlete who is ranked among the top-20 on the UCI MTB XCO Individual Classification to be released following UCI MTB XCO World Cup #5. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
- 4) The elite female athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points at two of the following three class-1 XCO events listed on the 2008 CCA National Calendar:
 - Bromont (May 17)
 - Mt. Tremblant (May 24)
 - Hardwood Hills (June 1)

If quota spots remain, up to two (2) additional athletes may be nominated as Committee's Choice.

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 Canadian

Maximum team size: 3 athletes

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

- 1) Any athlete who medaled in the Under-23 Men's race at the 2007 MTB XCO 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 male under-23 athlete who places top-16 at a 2008 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by June 9, 2008. 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

- 3) Any male under-23 athlete who finishes top-3 in the Under-23 XCO event at the 2008 MTB Pan Am Championships. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
- 4) The male under-23 athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points at two of the following three class-1 XCO events listed on the 2008 CCA National Calendar:
 - Bromont (May 17)
 - Mt. Tremblant (May 24)
 - Hardwood Hills (June 1)

If quota spots remain, up to two (2) additional athletes may be nominated as Committee's Choice.

Under-23 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 Canadian

Maximum team size: 1 athlete

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

- 1) Any athlete who medaled in the Under-23 Women's race at the 2007 MTB XCO 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 under-23 female athlete who places top-12 at a 2008 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event by June 9, 2008. 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
- 3) Any female under-23 athlete who finishes top-3 in the Under-23 XCO event at the 2008 MTB Pan Am Championships. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
- 4) The female under-23 athlete who scores the most UCI points at two of the following three class-1 XCO events listed on the 2008 CCA National Calendar:
 - Bromont (May 17)
 - Mt. Tremblant (May 24)
 - Hardwood Hills (June 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 Canadian

Maximum team size: 2 athletes

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 2007 MTB XCO 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) The junior male athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points at two of the following three class-1 XCO events listed on the 2008 CCA National Calendar:
 - Bromont (May 17)
 - Mt. Tremblant (May 24)
 - Hardwood Hills (June 1)

If quota spots remain, up to one (1) additional athlete may be nominated as Committee Choice.

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: 1 athlete

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 2007 MTB XCO 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) The junior female athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points at two of the following three class-1 XCO events listed on the 2008 CCA National Calendar:
 - Bromont (May 17)
 - Mt. Tremblant (May 24)
 - Hardwood Hills (June 1)

DOWNHILL (DH):

Maximum team size:

As per UCI regulations, Canada has qualified the following maximum number of entrants in the DH discipline for the 2008 MTB World Championships:

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

Elite Men DH

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

Maximum team size: 6 athletes

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 2007 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 male athlete who places top-16 at a 2008 UCI MTB DH World Cup event by June 9, 2008. 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-20 on the UCI MTB DH Individual Classification to be released following UCI MTB DH World Cup #3. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
- 4) The elite male athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points at the following class-2 DH events listed on the 2008 CCA National Calendar:
 - Bromont (May 17)
 - Mt. Tremblant (May 24)

If quota spots remain, additional athletes may be nominated as Committee's Choice up to the maximum team size of 6 athletes.

Elite Women DH

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

Maximum team size: 7 athletes

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 2007 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 2008 UCI MTB DH World Cup event by June 9, 2008. 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-20 on the UCI MTB DH Individual Classification to be released following UCI MTB DH World Cup #3. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
- 4) The elite female athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points at the following class-2 DH events listed on the 2008 CCA National Calendar:
 - Bromont (May 17)
 - Mt. Tremblant (May 24)

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

Junior Men DH

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

Maximum team size: 7 athletes

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 2007 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 2008 UCI MTB DH World Cup event by June 9, 2008. 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-40 on the UCI MTB DH Individual Classification to be released following UCI MTB DH World Cup #3. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
- 4) The junior male athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points at the following class-2 DH events listed on the 2008 CCA National Calendar:
 - Bromont (May 17)
 - Mt. Tremblant (May 24)

If quota spots remain, additional athletes may be nominated as Committee's 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 license with a nationality designation of Canadian

Maximum team size: 7 athletes

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 2007 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 female athlete who places top-12 at a 2008 UCI MTB DH World Cup event by June 9, 2008. 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-20 on the UCI MTB DH Individual Classification to be released following UCI MTB DH World Cup #3. 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 2008 CCA National Calendar:
 - Bromont (May 17)
 - Mt. Tremblant (May 24)

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

TRIALS (TR):

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

- 1) James Barton
- 2) Any athlete who appears on the UCI Individual Classification following the 2008 UCI Trials World Cup in Barcelona, ESP
- 3) Athletes who submit an application to the CCA no later than April 15, 2008 and who's nomination is approved by the High Performance Committee

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.