

# SELECTION POLICY FOR CANADIAN MTB CYCLING TEAMS FOR 2012

Effective from February 1, 2012

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

## 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 4** set out the Specific Selection Criteria for each Category for selection to a Pool or a Team, namely:

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## 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 MTB Pools and Teams for the period 1 February 2012 to 31 October 2012.

1.2 Subject to clauses 1.3 and 12.4, this Policy covers the selection of riders to Pools and Teams for the following Events:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>
Feb 19-27	National Training Camp	Palm Springs, CA	Elite
March 1-5	U23 Development Project	Austin, Texas	U23
Mar 11-19	South Africa World Cup	Pietermaritzberg	Elite
April 4-8	Pan American Champs	Mexico	U23/Elite
April 10-16	Houffalize World Cup	Houffalize, Belgium	Junior/Elite
May 8-14	Czech World Cup	Czech Republic	U23/Elite
May 14-21	La Bresse World Cup	La Bresse, France	U23/Elite
June 18-25	MSA World Cup	Mont Ste. Anne, Quebec	Junior/U23
June 26-Jul 1	Windham World Cup	Windham, New York	Junior/U23
Aug 27-Sept 3	DH World Champs	Austria	Junior/Elite
Sept 2-10	XC World Champs	Austria	Junior/U23/Elite

1.3 The CCA may decide at any time in its discretion not to select or enter a Team or to vary 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 February 1, 2012.

2.2 This Policy applies to all members of the CCA and all riders wishing to be considered for selection to the Mountain Bike 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 High Performance Committee to be part of the process of selecting riders in each Category. The members of the Selection Committee may differ between the different Categories but all Selection Committees will include the HPD and the National Team Coach.

**Category** means the category of riders as specified in this policy namely Elite, U23 and Junior. In Mountain Bike: Elite = riders aged 23 and above, U23 = riders aged 19 to 22, Junior = riders aged 17 and 18.

**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 HPD 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 Road Teams also means the rider has satisfied the requirements in the applicable Schedule for the rider's Category.

**HPD** means the CCA's High Performance Director

**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, BMX and Cyclocross.

**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. In the case of mountain bike, specific races may also include U23 women events.

#### 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 MTB Pool or Team, each rider seeking selection must:

- a. Be a Canadian citizen and 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 HPD by the due date. The HPD 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 HPD 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 HPD 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:  
  
Jacques Landry, copied to Nicholas Vipond ([nicholas.vipond@canadian-cycling.com](mailto:nicholas.vipond@canadian-cycling.com))  
High Performance Director – Head Coach  
Email [jacques.landry@canadian-cycling.com](mailto:jacques.landry@canadian-cycling.com)  
Phone 1-613-248-1353  
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 High Performance Committee. If approved, the HPD 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 HPD 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 XCO

**Schedule 2** – World Cup Projects and Continental Champs XCO

**Schedule 3** – World Champs, Pan Am Games, Test Events

**Schedule 4** – Downhill, 4X, Trials and Marathon programs

### **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 in the team-based events including working as part of a team and contributing towards a team result;
- 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 performance in mountain bike 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 HPD 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 HPD; 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 vary team size or not enter a Team in any Category for any Event.

## 13. SELECTIONS FOR START LIST

13.1 Once a Team is selected for any Event, the HPD 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 HPD 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](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 in Part A of this Policy (right to vary team size or not to enter team):

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CATEGORY
Feb 19 - 27	National Training Camp	Palm Springs, CA	Elite
March 1-5	U23 Development Project	Austin, Texas	U23
TBA	National Talent ID Camps	TBA	Cadet/Junior

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)).

1.4 **Time Period:** Riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule during the time period commencing 1 February 2012 and for the Pools concluding midnight (EST STD) one week prior to the Selection Date specified in this Schedule. Selections for events that take place prior to the 2012 racing season (i.e. Spring racing projects) shall be selected based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and the HPD.

1.5 **Cancellation Policy:** Any athlete who accepts their position on a National Team project and who, for any reason, later cancels or declines to compete will not receive a refund for any project fees paid or owing.

### 2. National Team Training Camp

2.1 **Category:** Elite

2.2 **Objective:** Preparation for the 2012 Olympic Games.

2.3 **Team Size:** 8

The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.

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

2.5 **Selection Date:** Selection Already Completed

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Elite race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
- Top 3 ranked elite female and male riders on Olympic Qualification points as of selection date.
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD. This may include U23 riders from the 2011 season.

2.7 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

2.8 **Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded and self funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Each athlete's funding level, for this particular project, will be outlined in the invitation for the camp.

### 3 U23 Development Project – Austin, Texas

3.1 **Objective:** This is a development project intended to provide U23 riders with high level competition that enhances training, tactics and skills.

#### 3.2 **Team Size:** 12

The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.

3.3 **Eligibility:** Male and female athletes in the U23 category for the 2012 season.

3.4 **Selection Date:** Selection Already Completed

#### 3.5 **Selection Pool Qualification:**

Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection based on:

#### **U23 Women Selection Pool Criteria – U23 Development Project**

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the U23 race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
- Any rider who represented Canada at the 2011 UCI World Mountain Bike Championships in either the U23 or Junior Category.
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD. This may include Junior riders from the 2011 season.

#### **U23 Men Selection Pool Criteria – U23 Development Project**

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the U23 race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
- Any rider who represented Canada at the 2011 UCI World Mountain Bike Championships in either the U23 or Junior Category.

- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD. This may include Junior riders from the 2011 season.

### 3.6 Selection of Team:

In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

3.7 **Funding:** This is a self-funded project.

## 4 National Talent ID Camps - TBA

National Talent ID Camps will be held in conjunction with Canada Cup or National Championship events. A complete schedule of Talent ID Camps will be released as a separate bulletin to each provincial association prior to the first Canada Cup event of the season.

4.1 **Objective:** The National Talent ID Camps are development projects intended to introduce U17 and Junior athletes to the National Team Mountain Bike Program and staff.

4.2 **Team Size:** 12

4.3 **Eligibility:** Male and female athletes 18 and under as of Dec 31/2012 who are recommended by their Provincial Association one week prior to the Camp.

4.4 **Selection Date:** One week prior to each Camp. Provinces will send a list of nominated athletes to [Nicholas.vipond@Canadian-Cycling.com](mailto:Nicholas.vipond@Canadian-Cycling.com)

4.5 **Selection Pool Qualification:** The selection pool criteria will be based on recommendations from the PSOs.

4.6 **Selection of Team:** U17 and Junior riders will automatically qualify for this project if their home province recommends them for the camp. Preference given to cadets and first year juniors with potential to make the National Team in the future.

4.7 **Funding:** This is a self-funded project.

## SCHEDULE 2 – World Cup and Continental Championships

### 1. GENERAL

1.1 **Events:** This Schedule covers selection for World Cup Project Pools and Teams for the following Events, subject to clauses 1.3 and 12.4 in Part A of this Policy (right to vary team size or not to enter team)

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CATEGORY
Mar 11-19	South Africa World Cup	Pietermaritzberg, RSA	Elite
April 4-8	Continental Champs	Mexico	U23/Elite
April 10-16	Houffalize World Cup	Houffalize, Belgium	Junior/Elite
May 8-14	Czech World Cup	Czech Republic	U23/Elite
May 14-21	La Bresse World Cup	La Bresse, France	U23/Elite
June 18-25	MSA World Cup	Mont Ste. Anne, Quebec	Junior/U23
June 26-Jul 1	Windham World Cup	Windham, New York	Junior/U23
July 24-29	Val D'Isere World Cup	Val D'Isere, France	Olympic Team Only
Aug 27-Sept 3	DH World Champs	Austria	Junior/Elite
Sept 2-10	XC World Champs	Austria	Junior/U23/Elite

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 Schedule 2 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 be in a highly competitive state of condition prior to participating in a World Cup event. Athletes may be asked to provide evidence that they have met this pre-condition using racing results and/or documentation of completed training activities under the guidance of an NCCP certified cycling coach. The CCA reserves the right, at the discretion of the HPD and National Team Coach, to deny selection to athletes who lack adequate preparation and/or skill level for world class competition for any event in Schedule 2.

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), clause 11 (Extenuating Circumstances) and clause 12 (Other Selection Matters) of Part B.

1.5 **Time Period:** Riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule during the time period commencing February 1, 2012 and for the Pools concluding midnight (EST STD) one week prior to the Selection Date, unless stated otherwise stated.

1.6 **Cancellation Policy:** Any athlete who accepts their position on a National Team project and who, for any reason, later cancels or declines to compete will not receive a refund for any project fees paid or owing.

## World Cup #1 – South Africa, March 11-19, 2012

### 1 Category: Elite Women XCO World Cup #1 – South Africa

- 1.1 **Objective:** To score World Cup points, UCI points and Olympic Qualification Points.
- 1.2 **Team Size:** 1 athlete. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.
- 1.3 **Eligibility:** All female athletes aged 23 and older, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN.
- 1.4 **Selection Date:** February 15, 2012
- 1.5 **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.
- Any athlete ranked among the top 3 Canadians on the Olympic Points Ranking as of selection date.
  - Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.
- 1.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.
- 1.7 **Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded or self funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Athlete fees for this particular project will be outlined in the invitation for the project.

### 2 Category: Elite Men XCO World Cup #1 – South Africa

- 2.1 **Objective:** To score World Cup points, UCI points and Olympic Qualification Points.
- 2.2 **Team Size:** 1 athlete. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.
- 2.3 **Eligibility:** All male athletes aged 23 and older, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN
- 1.8 **Selection Date:** February 15, 2012
- 2.4 **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.
- Any athlete ranked among the top 3 Canadians on the Olympic Points Ranking as of selection date.
  - Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.
- 2.5 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

- 2.6 **Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded or self funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Athlete fees for this particular project will be outlined in the invitation for the project.

## 2012 Continental Cycling Championships, Mexico April 4-8, 2012

### 1 Category: U23 Female XCO Continental Cycling Championships – Mexico

- 1.1 **Objective:** To score UCI points. To increase race fitness, skill and tactical knowledge at the international level.
- 1.2 **Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.
- 1.3 **Eligibility:** All female athletes aged 19 to 22, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN.
- 1.4 **Selection Date:** February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- 1.5 **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.
- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the U23 Women's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
  - Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2011 UCI World Mountain Bike Championships in the Junior or U23 category.
  - Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.
- 1.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.
- 1.7 **Funding:** This project is self funded.

### 2 Category: U23 Male XCO Continental Cycling Championships – Mexico

- 2.1 **Objective:** To score UCI points. To increase race fitness, skill and tactical knowledge at the international level.
- 2.2 **Team Size:** 6 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

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

2.4 **Selection Date:** February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the U23 Men's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
- Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2011 UCI World Mountain Bike Championships in the Junior or U23 category.
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

2.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

2.7 **Funding:** This project is self funded.

## 2 **Category: Elite Women XCO Continental Cycling Championships – Mexico**

2.1 **Objective:** To score UCI points. To increase race fitness, skill and tactical knowledge at the international level.

2.2 **Team Size:** 1 athlete. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

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

2.4 **Selection Date:** February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Elite Women's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
- Top 3 elite female riders on Olympic Qualification points as of selection date.

2.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

2.7 **Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded or self funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Athlete fees for this particular project will be outlined in the invitation for the project.

**3 Category: Elite Men XCO Continental Cycling Championships – Mexico**

3.1 **Objective:** To score UCI points.

3.2 **Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

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

3.4 **Selection Date:** February 28, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Elite Men's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
- Top 3 elite male riders on Olympic Qualification points as of selection date.

3.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

3.7 **Funding:** This project will offer elite athletes funded, partially funded or self funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Athlete fees for this particular project will be outlined in the invitation for the project.

## **World Cup #2 – Houffalize, Belgium – April 10-16, 2012**

**7 Category: Junior Women XCO World Cup #2 – Houffalize, Belgium**

7.1 **Objective:** To gain international experience.

7.2 **Team Size:** 1 athlete. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

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

7.4 **Selection Date:** February 29th, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Junior Women's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.

- Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2011 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships.
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

7.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

7.7 **Funding:** This is a self funded project.

**Category: Junior Men XCO World Cup #2 – Houffalize, Belgium**

7.8 **Objective:** To gain international experience.

7.9 **Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

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

7.11 **Selection Date:** February 29, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Junior Men's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
- Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2011 World Mountain Bike Championships.
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

7.13 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

7.14 **Funding:** This is a self funded project

**9 Category: Elite Women XCO World Cup #2 – Houffalize, Belgium**

9.6 **Objective:** To score World Cup points, UCI points and Olympic Qualification points for Canada.

9.7 **Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

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

9.9 **Selection Date:** February 29, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Elite Women's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
- Top 3 elite male riders on Olympic Qualification points as of selection date.
- Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2011 World Mountain Bike Championships.
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

9.11 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

9.12 **Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded or self funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Athlete fees for this particular project will be outlined in the invitation for the project.

10.1 **Category:** Elite Men XCO World Cup #2 – Houffalize, Belgium

10.2 **Objective:** To score World Cup points, UCI points and Olympic Qualification points for Canada.

10.3 **Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

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

10.5 **Selection Date:** April 4, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the U23 Women's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
- Top 3 elite male riders on Olympic Qualification points as of selection date.
- Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2011 World Mountain Bike Championships.
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

10.7 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

**10.8Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded or self funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Athlete fees for this particular project will be outlined in the invitation for the project.

## World Cup #3 and #4 – Czech-FRA- May 8-21, 2012

**11 Category: U23 Female XCO World Cup #3 and #4 – Czech-FRA**

**11.1Objective:** Score UCI points. To gain international experience.

**11.2Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

**11.3Eligibility:** All female athletes aged 19 to 22, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN.

**11.4Selection Date:** April 11, 2012

**11.5Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the U23 Women's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
- Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2012 Continental Cycling Championships and finished on the lead lap.

**11.6Selection of Team:** Athletes will be automatically selected to the team based on their ranking from the 2012 Continental Cycling Championships.

**12 Category: U23 Male XCO World Cup #3 and #4 – Czech-FRA**

**12.1Objective:** To score U23 World Cup points and UCI points. To gain international experience.

**12.2Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

**12.3Eligibility:** All male athletes aged 19 to 22, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN.

**12.4Selection Date:** April 11, 2012

**12.5Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the U23 Men's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
- Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2012 Continental Cycling Championships and finished on the lead lap.

**12.6 Selection of Team:** Athletes will be automatically selected to the team based on their ranking from the 2012 Continental Cycling Championships.

**12.7 Funding:** This is a self funded project.

**10 Category: Elite Women XCO World Cup #3 and #4 – Czech-FRA**

**10.6 Objective:** To score World Cup points, UCI points and Olympic Qualification points for Canada.

**10.7 Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

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

**10.9 Selection Date:** April 11, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Elite Women's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
- Top 3 elite male riders on Olympic Qualification points as of selection date.
- Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2011 World Mountain Bike Championships.
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

**10.11 Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

**10.12 Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded or self funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Athlete fees for this particular project will be outlined in the invitation for the project.

**11 Category: Elite Men XCO World Cup #3 and #4 – Czech-FRA**

**10.1 Objective:** To score World Cup points, UCI points and Olympic Qualification points for Canada.

**10.2 Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

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

**10.4 Selection Date:** April 11, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Elite Men's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
- Top 3 elite male riders on Olympic Qualification points as of selection date.
- Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2011 World Mountain Bike Championships.
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

**10.6 Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

**10.7 Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded or self funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Athlete fees for this particular project will be outlined in the invitation for the project.

## World Cup 5 and 6 Project – MSA and Windham – June 18 – July 1

**11 Category:** Junior Women XCO World Cup #5 and #6 – MSA-Windham.

**11.1 Objective:** To increase race fitness, skill and tactical knowledge at the World Cup level.

**11.2 Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.

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

**11.4 Selection Date:** Immediately following the completion of all XCO competition at the National Championships. Athlete and Parent meeting to be held in the registration area at competition venue at 6:00pm for all junior riders who placed in the Top 2 on the officially posted results.

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

- Top 2 riders at the 2012 National Championships

**11.6 Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

**11.1 Funding and Project Information:** Project fees and information for the MSA and Windham World Cup will be posted to the CCA website at least one month prior to the MSA and Windham World Cup. If an athlete is selected they will be required to pay a project fee (Estimated at \$600) prior to the commencement of the project. This fee includes ground transport from Nationals to the World Cups and back to Quebec City after Windham. Accommodations are included.

Flights to Nationals (via Quebec City) and the flight home from Quebec City after the Windham World Cup (including any change fees), meals and incidentals are the responsibility of the athlete.

This project is self-funded for all athletes.

**11.2 Remaining start allocation for riders without 20 points:** After the team has been selected the CCA, at its discretion, may choose to allocate extra start positions at the MSA and Windham World Cups for riders who do not have the necessary 20 UCI points required to enter the event. These positions will be determined solely on order of finish at the National Championships.

## **12 Category: Junior Men XCO World Cup #5 and #6 – MSA-Windham.**

**12.1 Objective:** To increase race fitness, skill and tactical knowledge at the World Cup level.

**12.2 Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.

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

**12.4 Selection Date:** Immediately following the completion of all XCO competition at the National Championships. Athlete and Parent meeting to be held in the registration area at competition venue at 6:00pm for all junior riders who placed in the Top 2 on the officially posted results.

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

- Top 2 riders at the 2012 National Championships

**12.6 Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

**12.7 Funding and Project Information:** Project fees and information for the MSA and Windham World Cup will be posted to the CCA website at least one month prior to the MSA and Windham World Cup. If an athlete is selected they will be required to pay a project fee (Estimated at \$600) prior to the commencement of the project. This fee

includes ground transport from Nationals to the World Cups and back to Quebec City after Windham. Accommodations are included.

Flights to Nationals (via Quebec City) and the flight home from Quebec City after the Windham World Cup (including any change fees), meals and incidentals are the responsibility of the athlete.

This project is self-funded for all athletes.

**12.8 Remaining start allocation for riders without 20 points:** After the team has been selected the CCA, at its discretion, may choose to allocate extra start positions at the MSA and Windham World Cups for riders who do not have the necessary 20 UCI points required to enter the event. These positions will be determined solely on order of finish at the National Championships.

### **13 Category: U23 Female XCO World Cup #5 and #6 – MSA-Windham.**

**13.1 Objective:** To score U23 World Cup points and UCI points. To gain international experience.

**13.2 Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

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

**13.4 Selection Date:** June 6, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the U23 Women's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- Any U23 female who placed in the top 20 at a 2012 U23 World Cup event.
- Any U23 female who has been selected to represent Canada at a 2012 U23 World Cup event.
- The top ranked U23 female based on points earned at the 2012 Baie-St.-Paul and Hardwood Canada Cups only or next best ranked rider if already in the pool of eligible athletes.
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

**13.6 Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

**13.7 Remaining start allocation for riders without 20 points:** After the team has been selected the CCA, at its discretion, may choose to allocate extra start positions at the MSA and Windham World Cups for riders who do not have the necessary 20 UCI points required to enter the event. These positions will be determined solely on order of finish at the National Championships.

**14 Category: U23 Male XCO World Cup #5 and #6 – MSA-Windham.**

**14.1 Objective:** To score U23 World Cup points and UCI points. To gain international experience.

**14.2 Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

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

**14.4 Selection Date:** June 6, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the U23 Men's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- Any U23 male who has placed in the top 45 at a 2012 World Cup event.
- Any U23 male who has represented Canada at a 2012 U23 World Cup event.
- The top ranked U23 male based on points earned at the 2012 Baie-St.-Paul and Hardwood Canada Cups only or next best ranked rider if already in the pool of eligible athletes.
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

**14.6 Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

**14.7 Remaining start allocation for riders without 20 points:** After the team has been selected the CCA, at its discretion, may choose to allocate extra start positions at the MSA and Windham World Cups for riders who do not have the necessary 20 UCI points required to enter the event. These positions will be determined solely on order of finish at the National Championships.

## World Cup Events – XCO - Athletes without 20 UCI Points

1. **Selection:** National federations are permitted to enter up to 6 riders per category in XCO and DHI who have not earned the requisite 20 UCI Points normally required for entry. Entries under this allowance are the property of the Canadian Cycling Association. The CCA reserves the right to distribute or not distribute these spots at their discretion based on athlete performance and suitability to the competition. All riders selected in this manner must, according to UCI regulations, wear the uniform of the National Team.

Rankings from the most recent National Championships shall determine the order in which these positions are allocated.

- 1.1 **Eligibility:** All licensed riders over the age of 17 as of December 31, 2012.
- 1.2 **Code of Conduct:** All athletes competing internationally under this allowance must sign and adhere to the athlete code of conduct. Violation of the conditions set out in this agreement could result a loss of future national team opportunities.
- 1.3 **Selection Date:** Expressions of interest must be received 30 days prior to each World Cup. Please email Mountain Bike Coordinator, Nicholas Vipond [Nicholas.vipond@canadian-cycling.com](mailto:Nicholas.vipond@canadian-cycling.com)
- 1.4 **Selection Criteria:** Entries to World Cup events will be awarded based on ranking at the most recent National Championships in addition to factors listed in Clause 10.1 of Part B.
- 1.5 **Non- National Team riders competing at World Cup events:** With the exception of athletes competing for UCI Trade Teams or athletes who consistently earn points contributing to Olympic Qualification, athletes competing at a World Cup event who are not part of the National Team project are not eligible for assistance from the National Team under any circumstance. This includes services provided at on-site race registration, mechanical services (before/after the race and during the race itself), feeding/soigneur support. This policy is in place to honour the service level we wish to provide to athletes who have been selected to the official National Team project.

## World Cup Events –DHI - Athletes without 20 UCI Points

2. **Selection:** National federations are permitted to enter up to 6 riders per category in XCO and DHI who have not earned the requisite 20 UCI Points normally required for entry. Entries under this allowance are the property of the Canadian Cycling Association. The CCA reserves the right to distribute or not distribute these spots at their discretion based on athlete performance and suitability to the competition. All riders selected in this manner must, according to UCI regulations, wear the uniform of the National Team.

Rankings from the most recent National Championships shall determine the order in which these positions are allocated.

**2.1 Eligibility:** All licensed riders over the age of 17 as of December 31, 2012.

**2.2 Code of Conduct:** All athletes competing internationally under this allowance must sign and adhere to the athlete code of conduct. Violation of the conditions set out in this agreement could result a loss of future national team opportunities.

**Selection Date:** Expressions of interest must be received 30 days prior to each World Cup. Please email Mountain Bike Coordinator, Nicholas Vipond [Nicholas.vipond@canadian-cycling.com](mailto:Nicholas.vipond@canadian-cycling.com)

### **2.3 Selection Pool Criteria:**

1. Any Worlds team member from last year.
2. By submitting an expression of interest to the DH National Team Coach and MTB Coordinator.

### **2.4 Selection of the team from Selection Pool.**

1. Riders who represented Canada at the 2011 World Championships
2. All other riders selected based on the expert opinion of the DH National Team Coach and MTB National Team Head Coach and criteria 10.1 (other factors) of the 2012 National Team Selection Policy.

**2.5 Non- National Team riders competing at World Cup events:** With the exception of athletes competing for UCI Trade Teams, athletes competing at a World Cup event who are not part of the National Team project are not eligible for assistance from the National Team under any circumstance. This includes services provided at on-site race registration, mechanical services (before/after the race and during the race itself), feeding/soigneur support. This policy is in place to honour the service level we wish to provide to athletes who have been selected to the official National Team project.

## SCHEDULE 3

### World Championships XCO

#### 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
September 2-10, 2012	World Championships – Saalfelden, Austria	Junior, U23, Elite

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 2012 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 February 2012 and for the Pools concluding midnight (EST STD) one week prior to the Selection Date, unless stated otherwise.

## 2012 World XCO Championships

2 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 2012 MTB World Championships. The primary objective of the selection process is to choose athletes with the highest potential to win medals at the 2012 Mountain Bike World Championships in Saalfelden, Austria.

- Selection for the World Championships 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).
- The World Championship Team will offer fully funded, partially funded and self funded positions based on athlete performance, the athlete's classification on the 2012 National Team list and the National Team Mountain Bike Program budget. Athletes will be notified of the exact costs associated with the project at the time of selection. As we have seen in the last two World Championships, the majority of XCO athletes on this project can anticipate self-funded positions at a cost of approximately \$1000-\$1500.00 plus the athlete's airfare.

### 3.1 Selection Procedure

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

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

### 3.2 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.

Selection Date: July 19, 2012

### 3.4 Team Size:

The CCA reserves the right to either increase or decrease the team size in any category or event based on performances during the 2012 season as mentioned in clauses 1.3 and 12.4 of this document.

## 2012 World Championship Selection

### 4. **Category:** Junior Women XCO 2012 World Championship Selection

4.1 **Objective:** Medal performances.

4.2 **Team Size:** 3 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.

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

4.4 **Selection Date:** July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Junior Women's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- Winner of the 2012 Hardwood Canada Cup or next best rider if the winner is already in the pool.
- The winner and second place finisher at the 2012 National Championships or next best rider if these riders are already in the pool.

4.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

**5. Category: Junior Men XCO 2012 World Championship Selection**

5.1 **Objective:** Medal performances.

5.2 **Team Size:** 3 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.

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

5.4 **Selection Date:** July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Junior Men's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- Winner of the 2012 Hardwood Canada Cup or next best rider if the winner is already in the pool.
- The winner and second place finisher at the 2012 National Championships or next best rider if these riders are already in the pool.

5.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

**6. Category: U23 Female XCO 2012 World Championship Selection**

6.1 **Objective:** Medal performances.

6.2 **Team Size:** 3 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.

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

6.4 **Selection Date:** July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the U23 Women's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- Any U23 female athlete who places top 20 at a 2012 U23 World Cup in Europe.
- Any U23 female who finishes in the top 15 at a 2012 U23 World Cup in North America.
- The 2012 XCO U23 National Champion.

- The top ranked U23 on the overall 2012 Women's Canada Cup Series as of selection date (excluding results from Canada Cup #1 as this date conflicts with a World Cup) or next best ranked rider if already in the pool of eligible athletes.
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

6.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

## 7. Category: U23 Male XCO 2012 World Championship Selection

7.1 **Objective:** Medal performances.

7.2 **Team Size:** 3 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.

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

7.4 **Selection Date:** July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the U23 Men's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- Any U23 male who places in the top 45 at a 2012 U23 World Cup in Europe.
- Any U23 male who places in the top 30 at a 2012 U23 World Cup in North America.
- 2012 National Champion.
- The top ranked U23 on the overall 2012 men's Canada Cup Series as of selection date (excluding results from Canada Cup #1 as this date conflicts with a World Cup) or next best ranked rider if already in the pool of eligible athletes
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

7.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

## 8 Category: Elite Women XCO 2012 World Championship Selection

8.1 **Objective:** Medal performances.

8.2 **Team Size:** 4 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

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

8.4 **Selection Date:** July 26, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Elite women's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012.
- Any elite female athlete ranked among the top 5 Canadians on the UCI MTB XCO individual Classification as of selection date.
- Any elite female athlete who placed top 30 in a 2012 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event or World Championship in Europe.
- Any elite female athlete who placed top 20 in a 2012 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event or World Championship in North America.
- The 2012 XCO National Champion.
- The leader of the 2012 elite women's overall Canada Cup Series (excluding results from Canada Cup #1 as the date conflicts with a World Cup) or next best if the leader is all ready in the pool of eligible athletes as of selection date.
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

8.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

## 9 **Category: Elite Men XCO – World Championships**

9.1 **Objective:** Medal performances.

9.2 **Team Size:** 4 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD.

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

9.4 **Selection Date:** July 26, 2012

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

- Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Elite Men's race at the 2011 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
- Any elite male athlete currently ranked among the top 5 Canadians on the UCI MTB XCO individual Classification as of selection date.
- Any elite male athlete who placed top 45 at a 2012 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event in Europe.
- Any elite male athlete who placed top 35 at a 2012 UCI MTB XCO World Cup event in North America.
- The 2012 XCO National Champion.

- The leader of the 2012 elite men's overall Canada Cup Series (excluding results from Canada Cup #1 as the date conflicts with a World Cup) or next best ranked rider if already in the pool of eligible athletes as of selection date.
- Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

9.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

#### **10 Team Relay– World Championships**

The MTB National Team Head Coach and HPD will make this decision following final selection of the XCO 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.

At the sole discretion of the National Team Head Coach and the HPD, riders may be selected to participate on the relay without having qualified for the team in an individual event.

## SCHEDULE 4

### NATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM

#### 2012 World Championships DHI Event Selection Procedure

The DH Team is an important component of Canada's team at the World Championships. As most athletes and supporters of DH are aware, the Canadian Cycling Association at present does not receive any government funding to support DH as it is not currently an Olympic sport. Despite this, the Canadian Cycling Association endeavors to contribute to DH by providing a paid coach and mechanic as well as allowing access to IST support. The CCA also contributes heavily on the logistical side for all DH athletes. At the World Championships, DH athletes pay project fees that represent only a portion of the actual cost incurred for all of the support staff, hotels, vehicles and logistical support provided. We understand that these costs may seem expensive to some, however, all athletes and supporters should be aware that the CCA does everything possible to keep these costs to a minimum while still providing World Class service to its athletes.

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 2012 MTB World Championships DHI event. The primary objective of the selection process is to choose athletes with the highest potential to win medals at the 2012 Mountain Bike World Championships in Saalfelden, Austria.

- 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).
- Athlete's personal sponsors may benefit from advertising space on their uniforms, within the constraints imposed by the UCI regulations.
- Athletes taking part in the World Championships must stay in the National Team accommodations and work under the direction of the National Team DHI coach for the duration of the Championships. All athletes must sign and adhere to the National Team Code of Conduct throughout the Championships.

**FUNDING:** All athletes participating in Downhill, 4X and Trials events at the 2012 MTB World Championships shall be responsible for all costs incurred to attend the event including all expenses including travel, accommodations, team clothing and logistical support. All athletes must pay the project fee prior to participating in the World Championships. All athletes are required to pay the same fees regardless of which CCA services the athlete may or may not choose to access.

Athletes who compete in DHI as professionals on a UCI trade team; or attend World Cups on a regular basis (3-4/year); or who finish in the top 10 at the World Championships will be charged a reduced project fee to be set by the CCA.

**Cancellation Policy:** Any athlete, who accepts their position on the DHI, 4X or Trials team for the World Championships and who, for any reason, later cancels or declines to compete at the World Championships will not receive a refund for any project fees paid or owing.

## 1. 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 DHI shall select athletes from this Pool for the purpose of selection to the World Championship Team based on items mentioned in Clause 10.1 in Part B of this document. The National Team Coach DHI makes selection recommendations to the Selection Committee and the HPD for discussion and approval.

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

### 1.1 Selection Dates

The Canadian Cycling Association will endeavor to announce athlete selections in a timely manner as outlined in the selection document in order to provide the best possible preparation time and to provide self 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.

### 1.2 Maximum team size

The CCA has allows a maximum of 16 DHI athletes to attend the 2012 World Championships DHI. Additional athletes may be added to the World Championship team based solely on the expert opinion of the DHI National Team Coach and the CCA High Performance Director (HPD).

The CCA reserves the right to either increase or decrease the team size in any category or event based on performances during the 2012 season. As mentioned in clauses 1.3 and 12.4 of this document.

# DHI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION

## 1 Category: Elite Men World Championships DHI Selection

1.1 **Objective:** Medal performances.

1.2 **Team Size:** 4 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.

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

1.4 **Selection Date:** July 12, 2012

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

- Any athlete who medaled in the Elite Men's race at the 2011 MTB DHI World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- Any elite male athlete who places top-25 at a 2012 UCI MTB DHI World Cup event by July 11th, 2012. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB DHI 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 DHI World Cup event would be nominated.
- Any elite male athlete who is ranked among the top-35 on the UCI MTB DHI Individual Classification to be as of July 26<sup>th</sup> (Nationals to be included in ranking). If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
- Any Elite Male Athlete who finishes in the top 2 at the 2012 Canadian National DHI championships or next best if already selected.
- The elite male athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points as of August 1, 2012 or next best rider if already in the pool.

1.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B. If quota spots remain, additional athletes may be nominated at the discretion of the National Team DHI Coach and HPD up to the maximum team size of 4 athletes.

## 2 **Category: Elite Women World Championships DHI Selection**

2.1 **Objective:** Medal performances.

2.2 **Team Size:** 4 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.

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

2.4 **Selection Date:** July 12, 2012

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

- Any athlete who medaled in the Elite Women's race at the 2011 MTB DHI World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- Any elite female athlete who places top-15 at a 2012 UCI MTB DHI World Cup event by July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB DHI 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 DHI World Cup event would be nominated.
- Any elite female athlete who is ranked among the top-25 on the UCI MTB DHI Individual Classification as of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (Nationals to be included in ranking). If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
- Any Elite Female Athlete who finishes in the top 2 at the 2012 Canadian National DHI championships
- The elite female athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points as of July 12, 2012 or next best rider if already in the selection pool.

2.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B. If quota spots remain, additional athletes may be nominated at the discretion of the National Team DHI Coach and HPD up to the maximum team size of 4 athletes.

### 3 **Category: Junior Men World Championships DHI Selection**

3.1 **Objective:** Medal performances.

3.2 **Team Size:** 4 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.

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

3.4 **Selection Date:** July 12, 2012

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

- Any athlete who medaled in the Junior Men's race at the 2011 MTB DHI World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- Any junior male athlete who places top-35 at a 2012 UCI MTB DHI World Cup event by July 12th, 2012. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB DHI 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 DHI World Cup event would be nominated
- Any junior male athlete who is ranked among the top-50 on the UCI MTB DHI Individual Classification as of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (Nationals to be included in ranking). If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
- Any Junior Male Athlete who finishes in the top 2 at the 2012 Canadian National DHI championships
- The junior male athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points as of August 1, 2012 or next best rider if already in the selection pool.

3.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B. If quota spots remain, additional athletes may be nominated at the discretion of the National Team DHI Coach and HPD up to the maximum team size of 4 athletes.

### 4 **Category: Junior Women World Championships DHI Selection**

4.1 **Objective:** Medal performances.

4.2 **Team Size:** 3 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.

- 4.3 **Eligibility:** All female athletes aged 17 or 18, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI license with a nationality designation of CAN
- 4.4 **Selection Date:** July 12, 2012
- 4.5 **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.
- Any athlete who medaled in the Junior Women's race at the 2011 MTB DHI World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
  - Any junior female athlete who places top-25 at a 2012 UCI MTB DHI World Cup event by July 12th, 2012. If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, athletes with the highest placing at a UCI MTB DHI 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 DHI World Cup event would be nominated
  - Any junior female athlete who is ranked among the top-35 on the UCI MTB DHI Individual Classification to as of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (Nationals to be included in the ranking). If more athletes meet this criterion than spots remaining, the athlete ranked highest would be nominated.
  - Top 2 finishers at the 2012 DHI National Championships or next best if already in the selection pool.
  - The junior female athlete who scores the most Canada Cup points as of July 12th, 2012 or next best if already in the selection pool.
- 4.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B. If quota spots remain, additional athletes may be nominated at the discretion of the National Team DHI Coach and HPD up to the maximum team size of 3 athletes.
- 4.7 **Team Size:** The CCA reserves the right to fill or not fill the team quota in each category at its own discretion.
- 4.8 **Funding:** As mentioned in the introduction to this selection document, all members of the World Championship Team are required to pay a project fee of approximately \$1500-\$1800 prior to competing at the World Championships. Riders must pay with fee, prior to competing, regardless of whether or not they choose to access all of the services provided.
- 4.9 **Cancellation:** Any athlete who accepts their position on the DHI Development Team for the World Championships and who, for any reason, later cancels or declines to compete at the World Championships will not receive a refund.

## 4X WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION

- 5 **Category:** Elite Men World Championships 4X Selection
- 5.1 **Objective:** Medal performances.
- 5.2 **Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.

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

5.4 **Selection Date:** July 12, 2012

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

- Athletes have at least one UCI point in a DHI event and have provided a written expression of interest to the National Team DHI Coach prior to July 12, 2012.
- Riders with a history of competing successfully in 4x events at the national or international level.

5.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

## **6 Category: Elite Women World Championships 4X Selection**

6.1 **Objective:** Medal performances.

6.2 **Team Size:** 2 athletes. The CCA reserves the right to increase or decrease team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.

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

6.4 **Selection Date:** August 1, 2012

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

- Athletes have at least one UCI point in a DHI event and have provided a written expression of interest to the National Team DHI Coach prior to July 12, 2012.
- Riders with a history of competing successfully in 4x events at the national or international level.

6.6 **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10.1 of Part B.

# NATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM

## 2012 World Championships Trials Event Selection Procedure

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 2012 MTB World Championships Trials event. The primary objective of the selection process is to choose athletes with the highest potential to win medals at the 2012 Mountain Bike World Championships in Saalfelden, Austria

### 7 National Trial Team selection

#### 7.1 Selection:

- 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 athletes participating in Downhill, 4X and Trials events at the 2012 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.
- All athletes must sign and adhere to the National Team Code of Conduct throughout the Championships.

7.2 **Team Size:** Up to 3 riders per category Elite Men and Women, Junior Men and Women in each of 20inch and 26inch

7.3 **Eligibility:** All licensed riders over the age of 17 as of December 31, 2012.

#### 7.4 Selection Procedure:

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

- 1 Highest Ranked Canadian on the UCI ranking as of July 12, 2012.
- 2 Any athlete who appears on the UCI Individual Classification as of July 12, 2012.
- 3 Athletes who submit an application to the CCA no later than July 12, 2012 and who's nomination is approved by the CCA HPD.

7.5 **Selection Date:** July 12, 2012

# NATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM

## 2012 World Championships MARATHON Selection Procedure

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 2012 MTB MARATHON World Championships event.

### 8 National Marathon Team selection

#### 8.1 Selection:

- 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 athletes participating in the 2012 MARATHON 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.
- Athletes taking part in the MARATHON World Championships must stay in the National Team accommodations and work under the direction of a National Team coach for the duration of the Championships if this service is provided by the CCA. All athletes must sign and adhere to the National Team Code of Conduct throughout the Championships.

8.2 **Team Size:** Up to 15 riders per category Elite Men and Women.

8.3 **Eligibility:** All licensed riders over the age of 19 as of December 31, 2012 with a valid UCI license issued by the CCA.

#### 8.4 Selection Procedure :

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

1. Any Canadian rider finishing in the top 50% of the Field at the 2011 MTB Marathon World Championships and has shown the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2012 season.
2. Any Canadian who appears on the 2012 UCI XCM Ranking as of August 31, 2012
3. Any Canadian Rider who places in the Top 5 at the 2012 Canadian XCM Championships in the Elite Men's or Women's category.

8.5 **Selection Date:** August 31, 2012