

## 2006-09-13 2007 BMX WORLDS PARTICIPATION FOR CHALLENGE ATHLETES

September 13, 2006 (Ottawa ON) – As the 2006 BMX season winds down, the CCA would like to clarify the process for athletes to compete in the challenge classes at the 2007 BMX World Championships in Victoria, BC.

Please note that participation in the 2007 world championships will be for selected junior and elite athletes only. The selection criteria and team size for the 2007 worlds will be published in December, 2006.

As published in the 2006-07 National Team selection document

[http://www.canadian-cycling.com/English/teams/national/documents/2006-07\\_worlds\\_criteria\\_en\\_FINAL\\_MODS.pdf](http://www.canadian-cycling.com/English/teams/national/documents/2006-07_worlds_criteria_en_FINAL_MODS.pdf)

the following athletes will be eligible to represent Canada in the challenge classes in Victoria:

As host country, Canada will have the right to enter up to 32 athletes per class in the challenge categories. Athletes must apply to the CCA no later than May 15, 2007. In order to be eligible for the worlds athletes must have a 2006 world championship or national championship plate from the 2006 season (W or N plate), or be ranked in the top 32 of the 2006 CCA National BMX Ranking. If more than 32 athletes apply, they will be given priority in the following order: W 1-8, N 1-8, National Ranking 1-32. In the event of a tie, the tiebreaker will be the 2006 National Championship results.

This registration deadline will be extended to June 4, 2007.

The CCA will publish a list of eligible athletes in each of the 2007 worlds challenge age classes (according to each athlete's 2007 age) after the final edition of the 2006 national ranking is published in October. For the girls and boys 5-7 age classes, four-year-old athletes who appear on the final 2006 national ranking will be included where appropriate; any remaining spots will be held for new five-year-old athletes who appear on the 2007 national ranking by June 3, 2007.

In order to simplify the registration process, riders will be asked to submit their entry to their provincial associations, who will then forward them to the CCA by the June 4 deadline. The appropriate entry forms will be circulated to each provincial association after the list of eligible riders is published.

Each challenge athlete will be responsible for all expenses related to attending the 2007 World Championships, including entry fees and the cost of the national team jersey. These fees will be detailed on the entry form. An 8cm x 8cm square on the left breast of the jersey will be left blank for the riders to affix the logo of a sponsor if they wish. These logos must be pre-approved by the CCA.

If you have any questions, please contact CCA High Performance Director Kris Westwood at [kris.westwood@canadian-cycling.com](mailto:kris.westwood@canadian-cycling.com).