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CCC BMX calendar update and National Championship explanation

The UCI has recently made some changes to the classes of UCI BMX races (please see UCI regulations for information on the new classes). With the new classes came some changes to the international calendar. Unfortunately, the continental championship event to be held on July 3rd conflicted with the Red Deer UCI event. We have now corrected the conflict moving Red Deer to July 10th 2010.

In 2010 we have moved forward with plans to move the National Championship to late August; this will solve a couple of issues we have been experiencing the few season. The first issue being hosting the National Championships early in our season before all riders have had optimal preparation. Our hope is that we have now created a level playing field for all athletes no matter which province they are from. The National Championship which was previously used as the final selection for the World's team will now be used to select a National ID Pool team for the following year.

Another challenge with moving the date to after the World Championships is that the UCI points attached to National Championships (class 6 event) will be counted towards the 2011 season, meaning that athletes will be missing the chance to earn UCI points from the National Championships in 2010. After consultation, a decision was made to sanction the Abbotsford May 23rd event as a class 6 event in 2010 for championship categories to receive points for a class 6 event in the 2010 UCI year. **Although it's a class 6 event, there will be no national champion title awarded at this event.** The National Championship titles will be awarded at the August event in Airdrie

FAQ:

Q: Why does the UCI calendar say Canadian National championships Abbotsford BC May 23rd?

A: In order to attach the class 6 points to the Abbotsford race the UCI required the name of the event to be Canadian National Championships. The Canadian National Championships in Airdrie, will be posted on the 2011 UCI calendar.

Q: I'm a second year junior do I have to race Elite in Airdrie?

A: Yes, All events after August 1st count for the 2011 UCI ranking and second year junior athletes therefore are required to move up to their 2011 class. 16 year old athletes have the option to move up to Junior.

Q: How does this affect me as a Challenge Rider?

A: As a challenge rider, you will now have longer to prepare for the event. However if you are in the 16 class you will have the option of racing 16 or Junior



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