



Alberta Nationals MTB Race Association
#203 502 Bow Valley Trail
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AMBRA Junior/U23 Bursary

As of January 2019, XCO mountain bike racing in Alberta is not as popular as other Provinces or in other countries. This does not seem right, given the mountains that border the province and surround Canmore, and the world class racing facility that is the Canmore Nordic Centre. It has been the goal of AMBRA to increase the popularity of XCO racing in Alberta.

The typical progression of a mountain biker racer is at a young age, taking part in a club and learning skills through their programming. At some point, if they warrant, they will receive sponsorship that will help them in their endeavours. However, there is a period from between the time an athlete leaves a club (typically to go to university or train elsewhere) and where they will receive sponsorship. That transition can often result in an athlete giving up the sport, due to cost.

Financial demands for a budding athlete are significant and on a yearly basis consist of race and training bike purchases, travel and accommodation for National races, race entrance fees, and others. It is proposed by AMBRA to provide financial support to qualifying Alberta athletes, as funding allows.

Criteria for selection consideration:

- Alberta resident, between 17-23 years of age, as of December 31 in the qualifying year.
- Will attend a minimum of 4 National level XCO mountain bike races in the qualifying year.
- For athletes under 18 years of age, they must be deemed ready to attend National level races by their coach, based on the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) Model. The coach must provide written proof referring back to the LTAD principles.
- Holds a valid UCI license.
- Financial support from the bike club or team that a rider races for will be a consideration for support. Full disclosure of that amount is required.
- Must be available 2 times a year in Canmore, AB to ride with younger kids in the Rundle Mountain Cycling Club Rampage and/or Amp programs.
- Practice the 7 **TRUE SPORT PRINCIPLES:**
 - Go For it
 - Play Fair
 - Respect Others
 - Keep it Fun
 - Stay Healthy
 - Include Everyone
 - Give Back

Monies will be provided to athletes in either a lump sum or in stages, once receipts for expenses are provided for the events being attended.



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Application Process:

- Complete and submit the application to Dwayne Brown at Dwayne_Brown@transalta.com before April 21, 2019.
- An AMBRA board member will contact you to review your application, if required.
- Successful candidates will be contacted to commence a discussion regarding distribution of funds.

Checklist of documents required:

- Completed application, including declaration and signature.
- Sports Resume that outlines your path to sport success.
- Name and Signature of Parent of Guardian, if under 18.

Surname

Given Name(s)

Date of Birth

Permanent Home - Mailing Address

Permanent Home - Physical Address if different than above

Home Phone

Mobile Phone

Email

Social Media Accounts (blog, twitter...)

Current team affiliation

What is your Canadian residency status (Citizen, Permanent Resident ...)



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Did you attend XCO National Championships in 2018? If so, what place did you come in?

List other Teams or Associations you represent, including financial support from these Organizations

List the National Level Races you are committed to attending in the qualifying year (4 minimum)

Goals

Provide a brief description of the goals you have set for the upcoming season.



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Short Essay

Tell us how which of the True Sport principles is best reflected in your sport efforts, and describe how.
(Go For It, Play Fair, Respect Others, Keep It Fun, Stay Healthy, Include Everyone, Give Back)

Declaration and Signature

My signature is a declaration that I have correctly answered all questions, and that all information is true and complete; and that I will notify the Alberta Nationals Mountain Bike Race Association if my plans change significantly and I will not be pursuing this plan as described.

Date

Signature

If you are under 18 years of age:

Name of Parent of Guardian

Signature of Parent of Guardian