### MTB National Championships

Location: Oro, ON

Dates: July 20th to 21st

#### Team Size

The desired team size will be 4 female and 4 male athletes. The ABA reserves the right to vary the team size of the project based on interest level, athlete performance level and logistical considerations.

#### Selection Date

Notification of selection to the team will be made the week of July 1st.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible for selection to the event athletes must:

* Possess a current ABA license.
* Be less than 23 years of age and at least 15 years of age as of December 31st, 2019.
* Demonstrate a commitment to Team Alberta and the Canada Games program
* Athletes must email Head Coach Sean Kelly at skelly@csicalgary.ca with an expression of interest and include their results from the 2018 National and Provincial Championships and also indicate if they had participated in any National or Provincial Team Projects in 2018. This must be completed by June 1st.

#### Selection Criteria

Athletes will be selected to the Nationals Championships objectively by points, and subjectively by committee selection. Selection will be made in the following priority:

#### Men

1. 1st U-23 on Points

2. 1st U-19 on Points

3. 1st U-17 on Points

4. U-17 or U-19 Committee selection

**Women**

1. 1st U-23 on Points

2. 1st U-19 on Points

3. 1st U-17 on Points

4. U-17 or U-19 Committee selection

#### Selection by Points

Points can be earned at the Bear Mountain Canada Cup, the Mountain Maiden Alberta Cup MTB race and the Canmore Canada Cup. Points can only be obtained in the Men’s and Women’s categories listed in Table 1 and will be awarded by placing as indicated in Table 2. Athletes can apply their best three results out of the four events listed. Ties will be broken by the placing results at the Canmore Canada Cup.

#### Selection by Committee

The racing committee will select the remaining position. The committee selections are not restricted to the Expert categories or the races identified. Selections may be made from the sport category for both men and women if performances in those categories warrant their selection to the team and also include other Canada Cup events.

#### Table 1

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| Age Group | Selection Category  |
| U-23 | Elite |
| U-19 | Junior Expert  |
| U-17 | U-17 Expert  |

#### Table 2

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| **Place**  | **Points** |
| 1 | 20 |
| 2 | 15 |
| 3 | 12 |
| 4 | 10 |
| 5 | 8 |
| 6 | 6 |
| 7 | 4 |
| 8 | 2 |
| 9 | 1 |

***Athlete Appeal Process***

The ABA has a policy document in place that includes a specific procedure for handling an appeal from a Coach or Athlete. This document is available upon request