**Missoula Pro XC 2019**

Location**:** Missoula Montana USA

Dates:June 6-10

**Description of Project**

The Missoula Pro XC race is one of only a very few UCI junior events that is within a reasonable driving distance from Alberta. This race gives our athletes the opportunity to race against some of the best competition in North America. The project this year will is focused on getting athletes ready for the Western Canada Summer Games that are held in August in Saskatchewan. This will allow riders who are eligible for the games to be eligible for this project. The project will depart Thursday, June 6th and return after racing has finished either late June 9th or early June 10th. The project will include housing, coach and mechanical support and race entry. Athletes must express interest in racing by sending an email to Head Coach Sean Kelly at skelly@csicalgary.ca by May 20th.

**Team Size**

The desired team size will be 4 females 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 May 27th.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for selection to the event athletes must:

* Possess a current ABA license.
* Be less than 20 years of age and at least 15 years of age as of December 31st, 2019. Born between 2000-2005.
* Demonstrate a commitment to Team Alberta and the Western Canada Games program

**Selection Criteria**

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

Men

1. 1st U20 on Points

2. 1st U19 on Points

3. 1st U17 on Points

4. Committee selection

Women

1. 1st U20 on Points

2. 1st U19 on Points

3. 1st U17 on Points

4. Committee selection

**Selection by Points**

Points will be earned at the following events: Bear Mountain Canada Cup #1 and the Coulee Cruiser AB Cup #1. Points can only be obtained in the Elite or Junior Expert categories and will be awarded by placing as indicated in Table 1. Ties will be broken by the number of 1st place finishes, number of 2nd place finishes, number of 3rd place finishes, etc.

**Selection by Committee**

The racing committee will select the remaining positions and will consider results outside of the selection events listed in this document. If athletes do not have points from the selection races they can apply to the committee selection and are asked to include their most recent race results.

## 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.

Table 1

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| Place | Canada Cup | Alberta Cup |
| 1 | 50 | 20 |
| 2 | 45 | 15 |
| 3 | 40 | 12 |
| 4 | 35 | 10 |
| 5 | 32 | 8 |
| 6 | 29 | 6 |
| 7 | 26 | 4 |
| 8 | 23 | 2 |
| 9 | 21 | 1 |
| 10 | 19 |   |
| 11 | 17 |   |
| 12 | 15 |   |
| 13 | 12 |   |
| 14 | 10 |   |
| 15 | 8 |   |
| 16 | 6 |   |
| 17 | 4 |   |
| 18 | 3 |   |
| 19 | 2 |   |
| 20 | 1 |   |