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## Junior and Para Canadian Road National Championships and Coupe de l'Avenir

**Location:** Beauce, Quebec

**Dates:** June 23 to July 6, 2026

- Arrival Montreal (YUL) on June 23 and Departure from Montreal (YUL) on July 6

**Race Dates:**

- **Nationals:** June 25-28, 2026
- **Coupe de l'Avenir:** July 1-5, 2026

### **Team Size**

The desired team size will be 4 female, 4 male athletes, and 4 Para athletes. The ABA reserves the right to vary the team size of the project based on interest level, athlete performance level and logistical considerations. The first alternate for Road Nationals will also be asked to race at Coupe de l'Avenir for Team Alberta.

### **Selection Date**

Notification of selection to the team will be made on June 3rd, 2026. Mandatory team meeting will be June 8 at 17:00.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for selection to the team athletes must:

- Possess a current ABA license.
- Be born between 2008 and 2011 inclusive (ages 15-18 in 2026).
- There is no age restriction for Para athletes.
- Fill in the expression of interest found at [this link](#) before May 15. (<https://forms.gle/ZkYAzQKZC39A5Wv59>)
- U17 and U19 athletes are to upload videos of the following 4 skills to <https://forms.gle/BEF66kJhUcQMzfPi9>. It can be 1 video with all the skills or separate videos. Maximum video size is 10 MB.
  - Taking a feed at 25 km/hr or faster
  - Bunny hop over a water bottle
  - Taking off a jacket while riding
  - Cornering at speed



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### Para Selection Criteria

Para athletes interested in attending the National Championships are asked to contact Petrina at [coach@albertabicycle.ab.ca](mailto:coach@albertabicycle.ab.ca). Priority will be given to athletes with national race experience, then provincial race experience. If you are a Para athlete, parent, or coach unsure of how to become involved in racing please reach out to Petrina.

### U19 and U17 Selection Criteria

Athletes will be selected to the team objectively by both points and results, as well as subjectively by committee selection. Selection will be made in the following priority:

#### Men and Women

- Priority 1: Top 10 in a UCI ranked race between January 1, 2026, and June 1, 2026
- Priority 2: First U19 in Points at Qualifying Races
- Priority 3: First U17 in Points at Qualifying Races
- Priority 4: Committee selection
- Note: Should more than 1 athlete meet Priority 1 then that would eliminate Priority 4

### Qualifying Races - Selection by Points

Points will be earned at the **Hay City Classic** Road Race and all stages in the **Stieda Classic**. Points will be awarded in Cat ½ for men and Cat 1/2/3 for Women, as indicated in Table 1 below. The ABA will issue a Temporary License Upgrade for the Qualifying Races provided you have completed the 2026 EOI.

Points will only be awarded to U19 and U17 racers in the category, so if a U19 racer is 12<sup>th</sup> overall, but the second placed athlete born between 2008 and 2011 they will receive 18 points. Points earned in the season can be viewed [this link](#).

**Table 1: Points allocated for finishing result**

Place	Points
1	20
2	18
3	16
4	14
5	12
6	10



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### **Selection by Committee**

The committee will consider riders' participation in the Qualifying Races, mechanical mishaps, as well as skillset, performance displayed at the ABA training events, and overall commitment to Team Alberta.

### **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 on the ABA website.

### **Services**

The Alberta Bicycle Association will provide 1 coach and 1 mechanic at each race as well as a caravan car (for races that have caravans), accommodation, ground transportation, and logistical support. Athletes racing the Coupe de l'Avenir will also have their registration and food on race days covered.

### **Project Fees**

There will be a project fee based on services mentioned above. Athletes are also responsible for their flights, baggage costs, food/meals, and registering for Nationals.