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## Junior Men Tour de l'Abitibi

**Location:** Abitibi, Quebec

**Project Dates:** July 9 to 17, 2023

**Race Dates:** July 11 to 16, 2023

### Team Size

The desired team size will be 6 U19 male athletes made up of 2 from Alberta, 2 from Saskatchewan, 2 from Manitoba. Should there not be 2 athletes from a province who are deemed ready to race this race, or who choose to race on another team, the provincial coaches will select additional riders.

### Selection Date

Notification of selection to the team will be made the week of June 26.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for selection to the team athletes must:

- Possess a current ABA license.
- Be less than 19 years of age and at least 17 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023; however, exceptions may be made for second year U17 racers who meet the criteria below.

### Selection Criteria

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

### Selection by Points

Points will be earned at the May 13 **Hay City Classic**, June 3-4 **RMCC Road Race**, June 11 **Pigeon Lake Road Race**, and **Road Nationals**. Points will be awarded for every stage of these events but not the overall GC. Points can only be obtained in the Men's Elite Cat 1-2 or 3 field and will be awarded by placing as indicated in Table 1. Priority will be given to male athletes in Cat 1-2. Ties will be broken by the number of 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes, number of 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, number of 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes, etc.

**Table 1**

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

**Selections:**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> on Points
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> on Committee selection

**Selection by Committee**

The ABA Racing Committee will select the remaining positions on the team. The committee will consider riders' participation in the qualifying events and mechanical mishaps.

**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.

**Services**

The Alberta Bicycle Association will provide 1 coach, 1 mechanic, lodging, ground transportation, logistical support, food, and entries.

**Project Fees**

There will be a fee for this project for the services mentioned above. Athletes are also responsible for booking and paying for their own flights, baggage fees and race food.