



Re.: National Championships athlete exemption criteria

This document provides guidance and consistency for athletes requesting exemption to any National Championship. All exemption requests are to be sent to the Chief Technical Officer. While there are exceptions to every rule, the CTO and selection committees are to follow the following guidelines as much as possible in order to review an athlete's National Championship exemption request.

While the CCA understands the importance of our top athletes being ready for major international races, we are also quite concerned about the negative impact of not having our top level athletes present at their National Championships. That said, we do expect our top athletes to be present at their National Championships.

Athletes may be considered for national championship exemption if one of the following items is met:

Road:

Men:

- Valid medical documentation stating the athlete's inability to compete. It is understood that upon presentation of this documentation to the CTO of the CCA, an athlete is expected not to compete for a period of at least one week (7days) following the national championships.
- Athlete is member of a Pro-Tour or Continental team, is tier 1/2 Own the Podium (OTP) listed and will be competing in Europe in a UCI continental or world stage race within 10days after the completion of the national championship road race event.
- Athlete is member of a Pro-Tour team or Continental team, is tier 1/2 Own the Podium (OTP) listed and will be competing in Europe in a UCI continental or world one-day race within 5 days after the completion of the national championship road race event.
- Athlete is member of a Pro-Tour team or Continental team, is tier 1/2 Own the Podium (OTP) listed and will be competing in the Americas in a UCI continental or world stage race within 7 days after the completion of the national championship road race event.
- Athlete is member of a Pro-Tour team or Continental team, is tier 1/2 Own the Podium (OTP) listed and will be competing in the Americas in a UCI continental or world one-day race within 2 days after the completion of the national championship road race event.

Women:

- Valid medical documentation stating the athlete's inability to compete. It is understood that upon presentation of this documentation to the CTO of the CCA, an athlete is expected not to compete for a period of at least one week (7days) following the national championships.
- Athlete is member of a UCI team, is tier 1/2 Own the Podium (OTP) listed and will be competing in Europe in a UCI sanctioned stage race within 10days after the completion of the national championship road race event.
- Athlete is member of a UCI team, is tier 1/2 Own the Podium (OTP) listed and will be competing in Europe in a UCI sanctioned one-day race within 5 days after the completion of the national championship road race event.
- Athlete is member of a UCI team, is tier 1/2 Own the Podium (OTP) listed and will be competing in the Americas in a UCI sanctioned stage race within 7 days after the completion of the national championship road race event.
- Athlete is member of a UCI team, is tier 1/2 Own the Podium (OTP) listed and will be competing in the Americas in a UCI sanctioned one-day race within 2 days after the completion of the national championship road race event.

MTB:

Men/Women:

- Valid medical documentation stating the athlete's inability to compete. It is understood that upon presentation of this documentation to the CCA, an athlete is expected not to compete for a period of at least one week (7days) following the national championships.
- Athlete is tier 1/2 Own the Podium (OTP) listed and will be competing in the Americas in a UCI sanctioned race within 3 days after the completion of the national championship MTB XCO race event.
- Athlete is tier 1/2 Own the Podium (OTP) listed and will be competing out of the Americas in a UCI sanctioned race within 5 days after the completion of the national championship MTB XCO race event.

BMX:

Men/ Women:

- Valid medical documentation stating the athletes inability to compete. It is understood that upon presentation of this documentation to the CTO of the CCA, an athlete is expected not to compete for a period of at least one week (7days) following the national championships.

- Athlete is tier 1/2 Own the Podium (OTP) listed and will be competing in Europe in a UCI sanctioned event 5 days after the completion of the national championship BMX event.
- Athlete is tier 1/2 Own the Podium (OTP) listed and will be competing in the Americas in a UCI sanctioned event 3 days after the completion of the national championship BMX event.

Track:

Men/Women:

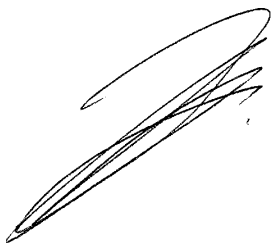
- Valid medical documentation stating the athlete's inability to compete. It is understood that upon presentation of this documentation to the CTO of the CCA, an athlete is expected not to compete for a period of at least one week (7days) following the national championships.

NOTE: So long as track national championships are scheduled in the summer months the sole aforementioned point only applies for exemption.

Important:

The CTO of the CCA will review all requests on a case by case basis however; for any case to be considered the athlete must provide either valid medical documentation or a letter from their employer stating that their athlete will not be present due to being mandated to take part in an event that falls in line with the aforementioned criteria. The CTO will seek the advice of the High Performance Committee for any cases that are not clearly within the above criteria.

Failure to participate at the National Championships without valid justification may jeopardize the athlete's selection into a Team selection.



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