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2008 ROWING CANADA AVIRON NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

NATIONAL TEAM OBJECTIVE

The objective of the National Team is to win Gold medals at the Olympic Games.

The goal of the 2008 National Rowing Team is to develop athletes for the 2012 Olympic Team and to win gold medals at the 2008 FISA World Senior and Junior Rowing Championships and 2008 FISA World Under 23 Championships.

SELECTION PRINCIPLE

The objective of the National Team Selection Criteria is to select crews that have potential to achieve RCA's National Team objective. In this document, the term "crews" includes single scullers. Please see the RCA Selection Policy for further information (http://bongo4u.com/sites/rowingcanada/files/NTSelectionPolicy_E.pdf)

SECTION 1 - SELECTION IN 2008

2008 FISA World Rowing Senior Championships Linz, Austria July 22 - 27

Crews selected to represent Canada must have the potential to finish in the top six.

2008 FISA World Rowing U-23 Championships Brandenburg, Germany July 17 - 20

Crews selected to represent Canada must have the potential to finish in the top six. Under 23 National Team crews are open to athletes who are born in 1986 or later.

2008 FISA World Rowing Junior Championships Linz, Austria July 22 - 27

Crews selected to represent Canada at the 2008 World Rowing Junior Championships must have the potential to finish in the top six. Junior National Team crews are open to athletes who are born in 1990 or later.

All National Team crews are open to Canadian citizens who are registered with RCA, have a valid passport and have completed all RCA published selection requirements.

SECTION 2 – INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

2.1 FISA World Senior and U23 Championships

The selection camp for these events will commence on May 1 for Canadian based athletes and June 1 for US based athletes. The selection camp will conclude and selection will be determined by June 16. Athletes wishing to be considered for these teams must contact the Program Coach to request an invitation by April 1st 2008. Crews will be formed based on the following:

- a) Training and racing performance,
- b) Data from RCA's 2007 – 2008 Ergometer monitoring program
- c) Technique and coachability
- d) Compatibility with other athletes

Information on the Ergometer monitoring program can be found at the following website: http://www.rowingcanada.org/sites/rowingcanada/files/08_Erg_notice_En.pdf

Heavyweight Women will be based in London, Ontario. Heavyweight Men, Lightweight Men and Lightweight Women will be based in locations to be determined at a later date.

Assessment of a crew's potential will be made based on a crew's performance over a variety of distances against RCA's Gold Medal Standard Times using the Time Trial method.

Lightweight athletes must be prepared to meet the following weight maximums during selection:

Lightweight Men:	72.5 kg
Lightweight Women:	60 kg

2.2 FISA World Rowing Junior Championships

Selection for the 2008 FISA World Rowing Junior Championships will be primarily based on results in Singles and Pairs at the RCA Junior Speed Orders in Welland, ON (June 2—3, 2008). Additional supporting considerations will be based on results from a combination of the following:

- a) Data from RCA's 2007-2008 Ergometer monitoring program
- b) Racing at the National Rowing Championships (NRC) in Welland, ON (November 1-4, 2007)
- c) Performance at the March training camp at Shawnigan Lake, BC (invitation only, based on results from NRC and/or 2007-2008 Ergometer monitoring program)

Athletes must be in attendance at the Junior Speed Orders to be considered for selection. Consideration will be given to those athletes with exceptional circumstances **(Exceptional circumstances must be submitted in writing to the Team Manager and Junior Team Leaders for approval).**

Formation of crews will be guided by RCA Development Program coaches and Junior Team Leaders at the conclusion of the regatta.

2.3 Crew Nominations

Crews will be nominated for National Team selection by the RCA Program Coaches to the VP High Performance for consideration and review. Only crews nominated by the RCA Program Coaches shall be considered for selection. The final decision to select a crew for a National Team shall rest with the VP High Performance and is not official until written notification from the VP High Performance has been received by the crew or posted on the RCA website.

Once a crew has been selected, the individuals within that crew may be changed if performance evaluation by the RCA Program Coach responsible demonstrates that another combination is faster or if there is an injury that necessitates a change. Changes and change deadlines will follow current FISA regulations.

2.4 Special Circumstances

If because of injury, illness, prohibitive causes or extenuating circumstances an athlete is unable to meet any of the requirements in this selection procedure, the athlete may still be considered for any of the Canadian National Rowing Teams. He/she must advise the appropriate Program Coach, National Team Coordinator and VP High Performance in writing of injury, illness, cause or circumstance as soon as possible. Permission to forego the relevant requirement in this selection procedure must be obtained in writing from the VP High Performance. In the case of illness or injury, a medical report must be submitted from a doctor to RCA's Medical Director, Dr. Richard Backus.

2.5 Coxswains Selection

Coxswains interested in being considered for any team will be selected by the National Program Coach based on the following criteria:

- a) Athlete and coach input on ability,
- b) Past racing experience and results,
- c) Compatibility with athletes in a selected crew,
- d) Compatibility with coach of the selected crew and
- e) Commitment to the program.

SECTION 3 - ATHLETE AGREEMENT

Athletes wishing to contest for any 2008 RCA National Team shall sign an Athlete Agreement with RCA **by January 31, 2008**. This agreement outlines the responsibilities of both RCA and the athlete and their relationship with each other. This will assist in providing parameters that are important in avoiding misunderstandings and incidents potentially damaging to the athlete, RCA and the sport of rowing. Failure to sign the agreement by this date will result in immediate termination of all RCA National Team

services (including coaching, the use of RCA equipment). An athlete signing the agreement after January 31, 2008 may be readmitted to or permitted the benefit of RCA coaching and other services at the sole discretion of the VP High Performance.

SECTION 4 - APPEALS TO RCA'S INTERNAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

4.1 Request for Review

Athletes, coaches, coxswains and crews may request a review of any decision during the selection process that affects their selection to any of the 2008 CNRTs using the following procedure:

A written request for selection review, with rationale, must be delivered to the VP High Performance within 24 hours of the initial written selection notification. The VP High Performance must consider the request and respond in writing to the individual or crew within 48 hours of receiving the written request.

The VP High Performance reviews the request by considering what would best maximize performance or team structure, relying upon the basis of the written materials before him and oral submissions made to him during the review investigation.

4.2 Formal Appeal – RCA Procedure

Prior to initiating a formal appeal, it is recommended that appellant(s) seek advice from RCA's Athlete Representatives, the contact information for whom can be obtained from the National Team Coordinator.

All further appeals shall be in accordance with the RCA Appeal Policy (<http://15625.vws.magma.ca/2006files/AppealPolicy2006.pdf>) found in 'Schedule D' of RCA's 2008 Athlete Agreement.

4.3 Formal Appeal – Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada

Any athlete, or crew, upon exhaustion of the RCA Appeal Procedure has the right to continue the appeal to the SDRCC "ADRSPORTRED" Program. Please see www.adrsportred.ca/tribunal/index_e.cfm

SECTION 5 - FUNDING

5.1 Senior, Under 23, Junior, Pan American Games

The selected teams for the 2008 World Rowing Senior Championships may be subject to an assessment to cover expenses. This information will be announced by April 15th. An assessment will be required for the World Rowing U23 and Junior Championship Teams.

- The amount of the assessment will be announced by April 15th

- A deposit of \$1500 must be received by the National Team Coordinator prior to June 1st from all selection participants. Non-selected participants will have their deposit returned
- Nominated athletes must pay the assessment balance to the National Team Coordinator in full by June 15th.

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