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THE 2005 CANADIAN CYCLING SEASON READY TO GO

December 3, 2004 (Ottawa, Ontario) – The Canadian Cycling Association (CCA) is proud to present the 2005 provisional calendar of cycling events across the nation. A total of 38 events in 5 disciplines will be presented from May to November. Boosted by the amazing results of our Olympians in Athens, more than 10,000 athletes, from 5 to 65 years old, will participate in national calendar events throughout the season.

The event listed below represent the National Calendar for 2005. The CCA would like to thank all the organizers that applied to be on the National Calendar.

Road

13 events are set on the calendar for 2005. Most of them are sanctioned by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), the international governing body of cycling, including the only road World Cup in North America in Montréal, Québec. Also, the CCA is proud to announced the launch of a new national series with more than 10 000\$ in cash for Elite men and women. Furthermore, two major Games including cycling events will take place in Canada this year: the Canada Summer Games and the World Master Games.

International events

May 28	La Coupe du Monde Cycliste Féminine de Montréal Montréal, Québec	Road Race
May 30 - June 5	Le Tour du Grand Montréal Montréal, Québec	Stage Race
June 8-12	GP International Féminin du Canada (TBC)	Stage Race
June 14-19	GP Cycliste de Beauce St-Georges, Québec	Stage Race
July 19-24	Tour de l'Abitibi (TBC), Québec	Stage Race

National Championship

July 7-10	Kamloops Tim Horton National Championship (part of the National Series) Kamloops, British Columbia	Time Trial Criterium Road Race
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National Series

July 15-17	Tour of Delta Delta, British Columbia	Stage Race
July 20	Tour of Gastown Vancouver, British Columbia	Criterium
July 22-24	Tour of White Rock White Rock, British Columbia	Road Race



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August 6 (TBC)	Classique Montréal-Québec St-Augustin, Québec (TBC)	Road Race
August 12-14	Jewel of Widerness Elliot Lake, Ontario (TBC)	Stage Race

Major Games

July 23-24 July 30	World Master Games Edmonton, Alberta	Time Trial Criterium Road Race
August 8 August 10 August 12	Canada Games Regina, Saskatchewan	Time Trial Criterium Road Race

Mountain Bike

The mountain bike scene is still well represented with a total of 13 events in 2005, all of them sanctioned by UCI. Canada is a powerhouse of mountain biking: we are ranked #1 in women's cross-country (XC) and #10 in the men's XC. Canada will host two World Cup events this year, including its first ever Marathon World Cup, on June 18, in Mont-Sainte-Anne, near Québec City.

International events

June 18	Mont-Sainte-Anne World Cup Beaupré, Québec	MX
June 23-26	Mont-Sainte-Anne World Cup Beaupré, Québec	XC, 4X, DH
August (TBC)	Master World Championship (TBC)	XC, DH

National Championship

June 11-12	Mont-Sainte-Anne Tim Horton National Championship Beaupré, Québec	XC
June 19	Mont-Sainte-Anne Tim Horton National Championship Beaupré, Québec	DH

National Series

May 21-22	Canada Cup Bromont Bromont, Québec	XC, DH
May 28-29	Canada Cup Mont-Tremblant St-Jovite, Québec	XC, DH
June 5	Canada Cup Hardwood Hills Oro Station, Ontario	XC
July 30-31 (TBC)	Canada Cup Fernie Fernie, British Columbia	XC, DH
August 6-7	Canada Cup Calgary Calgary, Alberta (TBC)	XC, DH
August 13-14 (TBC)	Canada Cup Sun Peaks Kamloops, British Columbia	XC, DH



Major Games

July 22	World Master Games Edmonton, Alberta	XC
August 13	Canada Games Regina, Saskatchewan	XC

BMX

BMX is the newcomer among the cycling disciplines governed under the CCA. This discipline will grow really fast in the next couple of years, now that it is officially an Olympic sport. The debut is set in Beijing for the 2008 Olympic Games. Canada will be the host of 2 international events in 2005. At the national level, a Western and an Eastern National series will take place as well. Canada will be the host of the World Championship in 2007.

International events

May 28	Ridge Meadows International Ridge Meadows, British Columbia
July 9	Crabtree International Crabtree, Québec

National Championship

June 18	Airdrie National Championship Airdrie, Alberta
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Western National Series

May 28-29	Ridge Meadows, British Columbia
June 19	Airdrie, Alberta
July 16 (TBC)	Calgary, Alberta
September 24-25	Abbotsford, British Columbia

Eastern National Series

July 10	Crabtree, Québec (TBC)
August 6-7	Pointe du Lac, Québec
August 27-28	Milton, Ontario

Track

Although our participation in track racing is small, the success of Lori-Ann Munzer at the last Olympics shows that we have been able to accomplish a lot with a few riders. Look for the number of track cyclists to increase over the next couple years.

National Championship

June 29-July 3	Calgary Tim Horton National Championship Calgary, Alberta (TBC)
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Cyclo-Cross

This fall discipline is growing steadily across the country. Attractive to both roadies and mountain bikers, it presents one of the few opportunities to see some of our top athletes compete head-to-head.

National Championship

November 5 Hardwoods Hill National Championship
Oro Station, Ontario

To seek for more information regarding the 2005 cycling calendar, please go at www.canadian-cycling.com or contact Rémi Bérubé, the Competition Co-ordinator at competition@canadian-cycling.com