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## Team Alberta BMX Selection Criteria

The criteria are organized by Section as follows:

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- Section B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
- Section C – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

### SECTION A: PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 2026 Alberta Provincial BMX Team will continue to build on the foundations from 2025 with the goal of developing Alberta athletes to compete at the highest levels of national and international competition while developing future Canadian National BMX Team members. The provincial team will be comprised of three tiers designed to focus on athlete development:

Competition-High Performance Team ('HP Team')	Competition-Development Team ('Comp-Dev Team')	Development Team ('Devo Team')
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comprised of athletes who have demonstrated elite-level competitiveness at the Canadian, US, and/or World stage.</li><li>• Riders in this group exhibit advanced technical skills and a strong competitive record.</li><li>• Athletes aged 14 to 18, with exceptional 13-year-olds considered through the Affiliate Program</li><li>• These riders are trending towards future National Team projects.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comprised of athletes who have shown success within Alberta and Canada but require targeted skill development to compete at a higher national/international level.</li><li>• Riders in this group possess National Team potential but must refine specific aspects of their performance.</li><li>• Athletes aged 14 to 18, with top-performing 13-year-olds considered through the Affiliate Program</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focused on Alberta's top 11 to 13 year-old male and female riders.</li><li>• These athletes are highly competitive within their age categories but require foundational skill development to maximize long-term potential.</li></ul>

### Section B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### High Performance Team (HP Team)

The HP Team program is offered to athletes born in **2012–2008**. Programming will contain a strong focus on refining technical ability, race tactics, and mental skills required for the highest level of competition. The ABA reserves the right to vary the team size and each project based on interest level, athlete performance level, and logistical considerations.

#### Competition-Development Team (Comp-Dev Team)

The Comp Dev Team program is offered to athletes born in **2012–2008**. This program will be comprised of athletes who have shown success within Alberta and Canada but require targeted skill development to compete at a higher national/international level. If athletes do not meet the level of skill development based on the evaluation criteria for the HP Team, they may be placed on the Comp-Dev Team and invited to specific projects and training sessions designed to enhance skills identified by the BMX Head Coach during evaluations and/or race competition. At any point during the season, members of the Comp-Dev Team may be invited to transition to the HP Team and be entitled to all benefits of that tier going forward.



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### **Development Team (Devo Team)**

The Development Team program is offered to athletes born in **2015-2013**. This program will be comprised of athletes who have shown a promising level of talent and skill with high-level results provincially and/or nationally. The program will be focused on skill development, and athletes assigned to the Devo Team will be encouraged to train hard to improve individual skill levels and race performance. to increase their results.

### **Affiliate Program**

The Affiliate Program is designed for athletes of the minimum age of 13-years-old that have shown exceptional skill development and race performance outside of Provincial level competition at a young age, (e.g., USA BMX Nationals, World BMX Championships). Each year, only one male and one female may be accepted as an Affiliate for each team (HP Team and Comp-Dev Team). Candidates for the Affiliate Program will be identified by the High-Performance BMX Coach as athletes who have the skill set that would benefit from training with the respective team's programming. Due to the age of the athletes, they are not eligible to be a part of the HP Team or Comp-Dev Team, however, they will be named as an Affiliate and be invited to participate in projects.

### **Selection Date**

Notification of selection to the HP, Comp Dev, and Devo Teams will be made by January 31, 2026.

### **Program Specific Benefits**

#### **HP Team**

Target team size: 12 athletes

- Team Alberta jersey & pants – personalized with athlete name and Factory/Race Team logo/sponsors (if required)
- Race training on the day prior to each Alberta Cup Race, Alberta Grands/Provincial Championships, and the Canadian National Championships
- High Performance training camps at locations throughout Alberta and select locations in western Canada (dates and location TBD)
- Mental Performance workshops/webinars throughout the season
- Targeted High Performance Camps (dates and location TBD)
- Canada Cup and National Championships race fees paid
- Rock Hill Project (Note: applicable to Junior athletes only and includes Carolina National race fees – Canadian National Team selection project)
- Race support at Canada Cup events, Alberta Grands, Alberta Provincial Championships, and the Canadian National Championships

#### **Comp Dev Team**

Target team size: 12 athletes

- Team Alberta jersey provided – personalized with athlete name and Factory/Race Team logo/sponsors (if required)
- Race training on the Friday prior to each Alberta Cup Race, Alberta Grands/Provincial Championships, and the Canadian National Championships
- Competition Development training camps at locations throughout Alberta and select locations in western Canada (dates and location TBD)
- Invitation to Canada Cup projects (individual specific and requires Coach discussion)

#### **Devo Team**

Target team size: 16 athletes

- Team Alberta jersey provided – personalized with athlete name and Factory/Race Team logo/sponsors (if required)
- Race training on the Friday prior to each Alberta Cup Race, Alberta Grands/Provincial Championships, & the Canadian National Championships
- Targeted development camps (dates and locations TBD)



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### SECTION C: SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Athletes' selection to the High-Performance Team for the 2026 season is based on four objectives: Athlete Application, Rider Technical Ability Assessment (skills evaluation), 2025 race season placement and/or points, and The BMX Head Coach professional discretion.

#### Priority Ranking\*

Priority 1: Top 2 in the 2025 Canada Cup Series

Priority 2: Top 2 in 2025 Canadian BMX Championships

Priority 3: Top 2 in 2025 Alberta Junior/Junior Devo Series

Priority 4: Results in the 2025 Alberta Provincial Championships

The Alberta BMX Head Coach will consider cumulative prior year Season Points Matrix analysis, an athlete's Rider Technical Ability Assessment scores (if available), race transponder data and statistics, dedication to the sport, commitment to training, and coachability to make final team selections.

\* All 2026 team selections are determined and finalized by the BMX Head Coach.

#### Project Fees

Each project may incur project fees that are not covered by the ABA (e.g., travel, accommodation, funds toward a project, etc.). This information will be communicated to athletes and parents prior to the project and will be dependent on the actual project fees and activities.

#### Athlete Requirements

- Possess a valid 2026 ABA issued UCI license
- Be a resident of Alberta
- Complete a current Cycling Canada Respect in Sport Module
- Adhere to the Alberta Bicycle Association's Code of Conduct
- Sign a contract accepting the expectations and conditions for the 2026 Alberta BMX Team

#### Competition Expectations:

	2026 Canadian BMX Championships	2026 Canada Cup BMX Series	2026 Alberta Provincial Championships	2026 Alberta Cup Series
Competition-High Performance Team	Yes	Yes <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>3</sup>
Competition-Development Team	Yes	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>3</sup>
Development Team	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes

Note 1: Athletes competing in the Junior Devo and Junior categories are expected to represent Alberta in the 2026 Canada Cup BMX Series and qualify for a year end standing. The following events scheduled to take place in Alberta are considered mandatory:

- Canada Cup 7 & 8: Cochrane (August 8-9, 2026)
- Canada Cup 9 & 10: Airdrie (August 22-23, 2026)
- Canada Cup 11: St. Albert (August 30, 2026)



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Note 2: Comp Dev Team athletes in the Junior Devo and Junior categories are encouraged to represent Alberta in the full 2026 Canada Cup BMX Series and qualify for a year end standing. The Canada Cup events scheduled to take place in Alberta (noted above) are considered mandatory.

Note 3: For the 2026 Alberta Cup series, it is recognized that due to scheduling conflicts with the Canada Cup series and/or the 2026 UCI World BMX Championships, some athletes may not have enough races to qualify for Grands. In any situation outside of an athlete's control that may impact their ability to meet the 2026 Athlete Requirements, athletes are encouraged to communicate openly with the BMX Head Coach.

**Jersey Requirements:**

A season-long jersey requirement plan is currently under development and will be communicated prior to the application closing.