



2008 Age Group Performance Committee Report

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Committee Overview:

The committee is dedicated to providing funding for Age Group athletes to compete at the Canadian and World Championships. The Triathlon Canada Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) recognizes the 'Active for Life' stage and the desire to have athletes compete at a very high level in Age Group National and World Championships. The funding of Age Group Performance Athletes enhances the continued participation and success of these athletes.

Age Group Performance:

Ten Triathlon Manitoba athletes competed in the 2008 Vancouver BG Triathlon World Championships June 5-8.

Twelve Triathlon Manitoba athletes competed at the Canadian Triathlon Championships in Kelowna, BC, with podium finishes in their respective age-groups by Patrick Peacock, Mickey Stokotelný, Merv Cavers (Gold) in the Olympic distance race, and Lana Marcine (Silver) in the Sprint distance race. Patrick finished third overall in his race.

Funding Summary: Event (number of athletes funded)

Age Group Olympic Distance Nationals (6)

Age Group Olympic Distance World Championships (3)

Recommendations and Considerations for 2009 AGPC:

As qualifying spots for World Championships are being distributed throughout Canada, discuss the Age Group Canadian Championships role as the premier event for funding and Provincial Team participation.

Discuss need to raise profile of Provincial Age Group Triathlon Team (review criteria, promote team concept) or abandon team concept in favour of individual athletes competing at nationals.

As new national and world championship events (such as Off-Road and Sprint) are being held, the Age Group Performance Committee should review the goals and purpose of the committee with respect to funding these events.

Create an application form for requesting Age Group Performance Funding. The intent of this form would be to identify performance athletes race intentions (a present requirement for funding that is often overlooked by athletes), and desire to receive funding.