



**Provincial Program - Annual Report
Annual General Meeting
November 19, 2025**

MCA Staff + Board

Nick Bergen- Head Coach and Provincial Program Manager

Don Rose – Director of High Performance

Accomplishments

- Canada Summer Games St. Johns:
 - Gold in Men's MTB Cross Country- Soren Weselake
 - Bronze in Men's Road Time Trial – Soren Weselake
 - 9th in Men's MTB Cross Country- Tyler Hartle
 - 11th in Men's MTB Sprint- Loic Savard
 - 11th in Women's MTB Cross Country- Mia Sawatsky
 - 16th in Women's MTB Cross Country- Pinja Hyytiainen
 - 15th in Women's MTB Sprint- Pinja Hyytiainen
 - 10th place in Men's Road Race- Marcus Huebner
 - 7th place in Men's Road Race- Tyler Hartle
 - 7th place in Men's Time Trial- Tyler Hartle
 - 13th place in Women's Time Trial- Addy Champagne
 - 20th place in Women's Road Race- Rielle Champagne

Strong Canada Summer Games Team - lots of valuable experience for our athletes who learned lots competing at this high level.

- Provincial Program Athlete signed to PNW trade team for 2026 season
- Provincial Program maintained its athlete numbers at 29 total athletes for the 2025



season

- Athletes in the Provincial Program all grew in fitness and race craft this season with many local podiums and out of province race experiences.
- Devo ONE program was successful in bridging the gap from KOM to the Provincial Program with 10 athletes from Devo ONE now in the Provincial Program.
- Provincial Coach completed Competition Development Certification (requirement for Provincial attendance at Canada Summer Games)

Issues Resolved

- Some Team Projects were cancelled with short notice in 2025 due to athletes pulling out of them at the last second. We have established a new non-refundable deposit which financially commits you to your decision to attend a project.
- Coach Nick had spent lots of time with the administration of planning projects. We have established a plan for a provincial program parent volunteer to organize team project logistics like accommodations and travel itineraries.
- For the 2025 season the coach has spent 80% of his time doing admin work and 20% coaching. We have planned to flip that ratio to 75% coaching, 25% admin. This will be done by identifying an organizer for Tour de Riding Mountain, a parent led group to plan team projects, office staff support for grant writing, and streamlining registration, forms, by using Activity Messenger.

Goals for Next Year

- Athlete Development—technical/tactical/physical/mental. Individual athlete periodized training plans aligned with comp schedules and calendar
- Performance Pathway—Manitoba serves as a bridge between club-level + national-level programs.
- Improve communication with parents, athletes and staff by presenting a full calendar year plan for the program.
- Hold Seminars for Provincial Program Athletes every two to three weeks on topics such as race tactics, leadership in a race, reading a race, training zones/periodization and annual training plans. Speakers will be Leah Kirchmann, Adam Smith, Mitch Ketler and more.



I would like to thank the Provincial Program Committee for their continued work and support:

Don Rose (Chair), Brett Zagozewski (Parent Rep), Garret Penner (Master Athlete Rep), Kyle Zorniak (Male Athlete Rep), and Aimee Gauthier (Female Athlete Rep). We have two new athlete reps joining us for the 2026 season: welcome Isla Thomas and Nevin Howanyk

I would also like to thank assistant coaches and support riders who have assisted with training, and event organizing this past year: Wayne Bishop, Brent Burley, Eryn Guenter, Aggie Giegel, and Blake Stefanec.