Provincial Program - Annual Report
Annual General Meeting
November 25, 2026

MCA Staff + Board

Nick Bergen- Head Coach and Provincial Program Manager

Don Rose – Director of High Performance

Accomplishments

- Provincial Program maintained its athlete numbers at 29 total athletes for the 2026 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.
- Notable out of province results:

  -Max Bundoc: Chicago Grit- Brookfield Cat 4: 1st place

  -Isla Thomas: Canadian National Road Championships Criterium: 1st U17, 5th Juniors/U17 inclusive.

  -Kyle Azarasnky: Canadian National Cyclocross Championships: 5th U17 men

  -Kyle Azaransky: Hard Wood Cross: 4th U17 men

  -Graham Zagozewski: Canmore Enduro: 3rd
- Six U17 and U15 athletes rode a 200 km ride at our Rushing River Training Camp
- Devo ONE program was successfully relaunched in September, with 9 new athletes joining for cyclocross season and 6 devo One athletes for winter season
- Our rural programming expanded to two new athletes, one based near Steinbach and the other based in Morden area. Four total rural athletes in program now.
- Hired on two new coaches, Maia Dalling who assistant coaches the Provincial Program and runs the Devo ONE program, and Blake Stefanec our Provincial Program Mountain

bike coach. Both Maia and Blake are working towards NCCP Comp Dev certification.

- Total provincial program coaches and support staff now equal 5 total.
- Provincial Program Athlete Kyle Azaransky signed with VeloSport Team for the 2027 race season.
- Provincial Program Athlete Pinja Hyytiainen signed with the trade team Milton Revolution Racing Women's team for 2027 season.
- Provincial Program Alumni Adam Smith represented Canada at the U23 Road World Championships in Montreal.

Issues Resolved

- Due to a younger team of athletes in the 2026 season instead out of province team trips and race projects we focused on skill and technical development in province with a team mountain bike camping trip at Falcon lake and a road training camp at Rushing River. The local in province projects were equitable, effective and involved the entire team of athletes.
- Coach Nick reduced his time with administrative duties which allowed him to be more coaching face forward to 80% coaching and 20% admin, effectively flipping time spent in 2025 which was 80% admin and 20% coaching.
- Relaunched our Devo ONE program, essential to bringing athletes up the development pipeline.

Goals for Next Year

- Rebuild a robust and competitive Team Manitoba that travels and races together out of province as a team

- Have more Manitoban athletes join National team camps

-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 during the 2026 season:

Don Rose (Chair), Brett Zagozewski (Parent Rep), Garret Penner (Master Athlete Rep), Zev Rochon (Male Athlete Rep), and Isla Thomas (Female Athlete Rep).

I would also like to thank assistant coaches and support riders who have assisted with training, and event organizing this past year: Ness Dalling, Maia Dalling, Garret Penner, Blake Stefanec, Wayne Bishop and Aggie Gigiel.