

## **2006 24-Hour National Team Selection**

### **Team Selection Criteria**

(All performances must be on a certified road or track, unless the selection committee grants an exemption under Paragraph III below)

**I. A Standards:** To qualify for full funding\* to the 24-hour National team and compete at The I.A.U. World Challenge in Taipei, Taiwan on February 25-26, 2006 as a member of that team, the following standards must be met. The top 6 male and female A Standard performances will be offered spots on the team.

[\***NOTE:** this means full funding if sufficient team sponsorship is obtained; at present sufficient team sponsorship has not been obtained to provide full funding for A standard athletes; efforts to obtain this sponsorship are ongoing]

**a. Men:** 140 miles or better in a road or track event between February 1, 2004 and November 13, 2005.

**b. Women:** 125 miles or better in a road or track event between February 1, 2004 and November 13, 2005.

**II. B Standards:** Additional athletes may also be named, provided they meet the following standards:

**a. Men:** 130 miles or better in a road or track event between February 1, 2004 and November 13, 2005.

**b. Women:** 115 miles or better on a road or track event between February 1, 2004 and November 13, 2005.

c. If there are fewer than 3 athletes of either sex who meet the A standard, accepting a position on the team, then athletes meeting the B standard will be named to the team in rank order based on performance, until at least 3 athletes of each sex have accepted positions on the team .

d. Additional athletes meeting the B standard may be named beyond those outlined in II C at the direction of the selection committee and/ or team manager.

e. Funding levels for B standard athletes have yet to be determined and may vary depending on whether an athlete is named under II.c or II.d.

### **III. General:**

a. Performances at uncertified road events will only be considered if there is substantial evidence supporting the accuracy of the course—this includes international events where, e.g., the accuracy of the course is well established, although measurement documentation may not be readily available.

b. Team members are expected not to compete in an event prior to the 2006 24-hour World Challenge that would compromise their ability to deliver a top effort at that event.