**ACU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS APPLICATION 2023**

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Event organisers are invited to apply to host an ACU National Championships event in 2023. Events for 2023 include 50km road, 100km road, 24 Hour, 48 Hour, Short Trail (approx. 45-50km), Long Trail (approx. 80km-90km), and XL Trail (approx. 120-170km).

There is no fee payable to ACU for hosting a Championships event in 2023.

ACU will provide specific national championship medals/trophies for 1st through 3rd place in each event. The championship event will be noted as such on ACU’s Events Listing webpage.

Note: the Short Trail and Long Trail Championships for 2023 and 2024 have been awarded. This occurred prior to the latest ACU Executive election in November 2022.

Applications open 24 January 2023 and close 12 February 2023. Successful applicants will be announced by 20 February 2023. Should there be no successful application for one or more of the championships at 20 February, ACU will consider applications for vacant championships from event organisers throughout the remainder of the calendar year.

Factors influencing the awarding of the Championships include:

* Quality of the course (e.g., terrain, surface, topography, scenery)
* Location\* (e.g., ease of access for ACU members to reach the event, ability to showcase a region of Canada).
* Time of year (weather for running; whether the event conflicts with known IAU World Championships or Continental Championship events\*\*)
* Provision of a suitable timing system for the type and size of event
* Size of venue (ability to host adequate number of participants and without congestion on the course)
* Events with promotional capacity (e.g., internet presence such as website, social media sites, live race updates on event day)
* Benefits to ACU members (e.g., expo, discounted entry)
* Events/race directors with a known history

\*Regional events are encouraged to apply. Being located near a major centre is not a requirement. All factors are taken into consideration in choosing a Championships venue.

\*\*IAU World and Continental Championships dates and locations change from year to year and are listed on the IAU calendar. Efforts will be made to list those applicable to Canadians on ACU’s Events Listing webpage. ACU appreciates that it might be difficult to plan around these international events; this is only one of the factors contributing to an application.

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| Event Name |
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| Event Website |
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| Is the Event Listed\* with ACU for 2023?  \*Event Listing is mandatory for hosting National Championships. See separate application. |
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| Race Director’s (RD) Name |
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| RD’s ACU Member Number (membership with ACU is mandatory for the RD) |
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| Email Address |
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| Phone number |
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| Which Championships are you applying to host for 2023? (50km road, 100km road, 24hr, 48hr, XL Trail) |
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| Event date(s) |
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| Location of Event (town/park, province) |
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| Please list the number of participants in the event for each of the past four years (list by year) |
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| Are there constraints on participant numbers? If so, please explain |
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| Please describe your timing system |
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| Will the event have doping control? (Doping control is mandatory for athletes attempting some IAU World Bests/Records.) |
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| Please describe any additional benefits to event participants and any additional information you wish to share in support of your application |
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| **National Championships Requirements**   * Follow all published listing requirements and ACU/IAU guidelines for road, track and trail events. (e.g., rules regarding pacing and crewing at track events).   Road and track events must be IAU-labelled events. ACU can assist if requested.  Furnish results in the requisite format to ACU within one week of the event. Results for IAU-labelled events will be forwarded to the IAU by ACU, on behalf of the event.  Display and distribute any ACU promotional material provided.  Provide discount on event entry fee to ACU members.  The event organiser will have a dedicated volunteer/staff member to provide race updates to the ACU Facebook page, including final results as soon as known. |
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| RD Signature |
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| Date |
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Please return application and any supporting documentation to president@canultra.ca

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