Association of Canadian Ultramarathoners
Association canadienne des ultra-marathoniens

ACU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS APPLICATION 2024

Event organisers are invited to apply to host an ACU National Championships event in 2024. Events for 2024 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).

Note: The 2024 Short Trail and Long Trail were awarded to Squamish50 in 2022, so no applications for those two events are being taken for 2024.

Important Change for 2024: Only current ACU members will be eligible to compete in the National Championships event. Podium placings, awards, and rankings for the National Championships should be separate from any concurrent 'open' race you will hold.

There is no fee payable to ACU for hosting a Championships event in 2024.

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.

Applications open 24 September 2023 and close 8 October 2023. Successful applicants will be announced by 15 October 2023. Should there be no successful application for one or more of the championships at 15 October, 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).

- Course certification (measurement by A, B or C grade measurer) for road/track events (gpx only is appropriate for trail events).

- Plan to separate the National Championships event from any concurrent 'open' race, so that ACU members alone compete for National Championships titles/rankings. In addition to separate results lists, this could include starting the NC event 15 minutes before the 'open' event and having the NC entrants' bibs emblazoned with the ACU "NC2024" logo.

- 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
Event Website
Is the Event Listed* with ACU for 2024?   *Event Listing is mandatory for hosting National Championships. See separate application.
Race Director's (RD) Name
RD's ACU Member Number (membership with ACU is mandatory for the RD)
Email Address
Phone number
Which Championships are you applying to host for 2024? (50km road, 100km road, 24hr, 48hr, XL Trail)
Event date(s)
Location of Event (town/park, province)
Please list the number of participants in the event for each of the past four years (list by year)
Are there constraints on participant numbers? If so, please explain
Please describe your timing system

How do you plan to separate NC competitors from 'open' competitors at your event?
Will the event have doping control? (Doping control is mandatory for athletes attempting some IAU World Bests/Records.)
Please describe any additional benefits to event participants and any additional information you wish to share in support of your application
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.
RD Signature
Date

Please return application and any supporting documentation to events@canultra.ca