



## **2008 National Development Programs**

### **U14 — Barton Bantams**

- Bantam athletes paddling at the Nationals are assigned points based on their results in Bantam singles and doubles in the *final events* of 500 and 1000m.
- These athletes are then nationally ranked in the canoe and kayak disciplines.
- U14 athletes have the potential to be future Olympic champions like Greg Barton, '88 Double Gold Medalist.
- Barton Bantams was created to let young athletes know that they are being noticed and that they are important to the future of sprint paddling in the USA.
- Barton Bantams have their names and club name posted on the USA Canoe Kayak website [canoekayak@usoc.org](mailto:canoekayak@usoc.org)
- Each Bantam athlete has the opportunity to tally their fall paddling kilometers for a two month period beginning at a time in the fall that the club coach identifies in the Yearly Plan.
- Athletes that accumulate 200 km in the designated two month interval will receive a recognition award from USA Canoe Kayak.
- 200 Fall Km USA Canoe Kayak charts are issued at the Nationals to all clubs to post at their club training site in order to track athlete totals.
- A few of the top Barton Bantams in each discipline are offered opportunities to attend the Fall Discipline Training Camps. Contact is first made to the club coach by the National Development Director/Coach to see if the athlete is ready for the demands of such a camp.

### **U16 — National Development Team**

- Juvenile aged athletes paddling at the Nationals are assigned points based on their results in the juvenile 500m and 1000m singles *final events*.
- The athlete is then ranked in canoe or kayak based on those performances in the *final events*.
- Using the Singles Ranking Lists from the National Team Trials (April, 2008 – Oklahoma City) and the National Championships (August, 2008 – OKC) a U16 Team is named.
- A number of these athletes are then invited to attend the 2008 Fall Discipline Camps.

### **U18 — National Junior Team**

- Junior aged athletes paddling at the Nationals are assigned points based on their results in the junior 500 and 1000m singles *final events*.
- The athlete is then ranked in canoe or kayak based on those performances in the *final events*.
- Using the Singles Ranking Lists from the National Team Trials (April, 2008 – Oklahoma City) and the National Championships (August, 2008 – OKC) a U18 — National Junior Team is named.
- All of these athletes that are '09 eligible will be asked to attend the 2008 Fall Discipline Camps.

### **National Performance Squads**

- Each year a Junior Squad is selected to compete internationally at a series of regattas and training camps — 2008 National Development and Assessment Camp and Grand Prix Tour &/or to compete at the 2008 Moscow Junior World Test Regatta.



- Athletes that take part in this program in a given year have attained the highest ranking in the USA Canoe Kayak National Development Program as a junior – the first year a competitor can compete in a junior category is the year that his/her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday falls in and the last year he/she can compete as a junior is the year that his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday falls.
- Athletes nominated will be selected based on selection criteria approved by the Sprint Selection Committee.
- '09 eligible athletes are expected to attend the 2008 Fall Discipline Training Camps as part of the preparation for the Junior World Championships — Moscow, July 31 – August 2, 2009
- Kayak Men — Chula Vista, Olympic Training Center – October 16 – 21, 2008
- Kayak Women — Chula Vista, Olympic Training Center — October 23 – 28, 2008
- Canoe Men & Canoe Women at the Mississauga Canoe Club – October 30 – November 4, 2008

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