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To: BBA Membership
From: Elliot Hubbard – BBA Director
Re: UCI Nationality Definition Effort

Members,

As you may recall, at last year's AGM we advised that, on the recommendation of a BBA selected subcommittee, the BBA was preparing to approach the Union Cyclist International (UCI), our world governing body, for approval of a definition of "National" that would include those who were registered as Permanent Resident Certificate holders (PRC's). The issue arose through our efforts to bring our National Championship titles in line with UCI regulations while at the same time recognizing the unique immigration and citizenship rules of Bermuda as they impact our sport.

Following the AGM we presented to the UCI executive a paper with our request as outlined above but following its review the UCI executive denied our request. The result of this impacts two aspects of BBA activities.

Firstly, for our Championship events (MTB, TT, Road & Criterium) only those who are Bermudian will be eligible to hold the title "Bermuda National Champion". As it is the BBA's intention to continue to be inclusive such events will be open to all cyclists and the title "Champion" will be awarded to the winner of each respective race. The "Bermuda National Champion" will be the first Bermudian to finish in each respective race.

The second area of impact relates to national representation in overseas competition. Where an event requires that participants be Nationals, the BBA will only select Bermudians. Where possible, as permitted by the relevant race organizer's criteria, the BBA may elect to include those who are not Bermudian with a preference to PRC holders and those "deemed" Bermudian by the Bermuda Department of Immigration.

While we do have in hand a ruling in hand from the UCI we are actively working to determine if there are grounds under which the BBA can appeal the UCI decision. Please note that even if we do make such appeal the current position as outlined above is binding on the BBA until such time, if any, that it is amended.

We will continue to update you on this matter as it develops.

Sincerely,

Elliot Hubbard
Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elliot Hubbard', is written over a horizontal line.