

# Devinci Challenge 2009

As part of the Nations' Cup U23, which will be held in Saguenay from 4th to 7th of June 2009, the Vallée de l'aluminium team (EVA/Devinci) is holding a North American leg by leg sanction challenge, to be included in the schedule of the Fédération québécoise des sports cyclistes (FQSC). The cyclists taking part will then have the opportunity to witness one of the five stages of the only U23 World Cup leg being presented in North America. By hosting such a prestigious competition, the City of Saguenay aims to create an inescapable sporting event, which will undoubtedly attract the best young cyclists from Canada and around the world.

## Categories

Men (includes categories junior and U23)  
Women (includes categories junior, U23 and Elite)

*This challenge will serve as a preparatory event for the athletes before the Canada Games. Therefore, the cyclists' packs will be merged in a one and only ranking system. Please note that in order to add to the challenge and to increase enrolment levels, the race in the women's category will also be open to cyclists competing in the Elite category.*

## Events and Course

### Saturday 6th of June:

#### On-road race

The On-road race will take place on the same course (8.6 km loop) as the Nations' Cup, with a sharp rise and an equally long descent. The official Nations' Cup event is to kick off in the morning, followed by the first part of the Devinci Challenge in the afternoon. Finally, the first start of the individual time-trialing competition will be presented on the same race course, from 6:00 pm.

You will find the race course map by clicking on the link below:  
<http://www.coupedesnationssaguenay.com/File/parcours-03-04.pdf>

Here is the timetable for the Devinci Challenge competitions:

1:30 pm	Men	12 loops of 8.6 km	103.2 km
1:35 pm	Women	8 loops of 8.6 km	68.8 km

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

There are two ways to get to the race departure site. The first alternative is to make your way to Sainte-Cécile School (Jonquière) just before the Nations' Cup's race start at 10:00am. The other option is to access the site from Fortier Street. Please be aware that only authorized vehicles will be allowed to circulate beyond the barriers, which will be manned by the Nations' Cup Security Service team.

## Sunday 7th of June:

### Qualifier

The criterium event will be held in the morning, in downtown Chicoutimi, just before the Nations' Cup's last leg. Through an exciting course, with a very sharp rise, the athletes will cycle along Saguenay Boulevard, Salaberry Hill, Racine Street, Morin Street and, again, Saguenay Boulevard. On the Racine Street stretch, race participants will cycle through the heart of Chicoutimi's nightlife spot, with its many restaurants and bars. Cyclists will also ride along the picturesque Saguenay City Hall.

Here is the timetable for the Devinci Challenge competition:

8:30 am	Women	Duration: 50 minutes
9:45 am	Men	Duration: 60 minutes

### Registration

Registration beforehand is compulsory and can only be done on the web site

[www.competitionsfqsc.net](http://www.competitionsfqsc.net)

Costs are established at 45\$ by cyclist.

Closing date for registration: 4th of June at 11:00pm.

### Cumulative ranking

The cumulative ranking system will be compiled based on the following points:

50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, 19,18,17,16,15,14,13,12,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1

### Medals and Grants

Medals will be awarded to the first three runners-up in each leg of the competition. However, the athlete who will finish off at the top of the cumulative ranking chart for both challenges will deserve himself a jersey. As for the grants, they will be presented according to the bursary chart established in the Senior1-2 category. A prize will also be given to the top junior cyclists in the men's and women's categories.

### Selection event

This event is part of the selection process established for junior men and women athletes making up the Québec team for the Canadian On-road Championships.

### Security

Both stages of the competition will take place on closed-off circuit courses, on which private vehicles will be strictly forbidden. Police officers and volunteers will control security at all times.

## Breakdown service and Assistance

Three breakdown cars will be patrolling the race course, as arranged by the organizing committee. All spare wheels will have to be provided by the athletes. Please note that team vehicles are not authorized in the caravan.

## Vélo shop

In order to accommodate cyclists who may face equipment failure or breakdown, Ultra-Violet, a shop specializing in cycling, will remain open outside of its normal working hours. The address is 1130 Talbot Boulevard, Chicoutimi, and the telephone number is 418-696-6555.

## Housing and Accommodation

Costs relating to housing and accommodation are at the athlete's charge. A number of rooms have been reserved at L'Hôtel Chicoutimi, on Racine Street. The hotel possesses an excellent restaurant. Several other food spots and restaurants are located nearby. The Sunday racers will pass in front of the hotel and the Saturday race start will be given about 10km away. The price for one room is inclusive of breakfast. Here is the telephone number for reservations: 1-800-463-7930 or 418-549-7111.

## Medical

A car carrying a doctor and a nurse will be part of the caravan. A medical clinic will be open for the needs of the Nations' Cup at L'Hôtel Le Montagnais. This service will be accessible for the Devinci Challenge participants.

## Protocole

The medals and prize giving ceremonies will take place no later than 30 minutes after the first cyclists' crossing of the finish line, in the men's category. There are medals and grants to be awarded for each of the two stages and grants for the winners (individual) of the cumulative ranking chart as adopted by the FQSC.

## Direction



From Québec City, take the 175 north, heading for Saguenay. About 200 kilometers down, the 175 becomes Talbot Boulevard. Keep going on Talbot until reaching Jacques-Cartier Street, then take a right onto Bégin Street. Carry on straight ahead until reaching L'Hôtel Chicoutimi (460 Racine Street). A welcome committee will be there to greet you on Friday 5th of June and Saturday 6th of June between the hours of 7:00 am and 11:00 am, and on Sunday 7th of June, between 7:00 am and 8:00 am.

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