



## **Media Release**

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### **Three Saskatchewan Athletes Named to National Teams**

Kia Byers of the Wascana Racing Canoe Club and Trista Neilly of the Saskatoon Racing Canoe Club have been named to the senior national canoe/kayak team that will represent Canada in World Cup competition this summer. Byers and Neilly will race in Poland and Hungary this May and June as part of the World Cup circuit.

Tiera McLeod also of the Wascana Racing Canoe Club has been named to the national team that will represent Canada at the Pan American Canoe and Kayak Championships in Rio de Janeiro in July.

This will be Byers third year competing at World Cup events. Byers has had outstanding international competitive results as a senior national team member and was a close contender for Canada's team at the Beijing Olympics. Competing at the World Cup events will help Byers stay on track for the 2012 Olympics.

Neilly is also familiar with international competition, having been a member of the national team that represented Canada at the both the 2007 Junior World Sprint and Marathon Championships. She was also a member of the 2006 Pan American Championships Canoe/Kayak Team. Neilly is the youngest female athlete named to this year's senior national team.

McLeod has been a member of Canada's national teams for several years. She has represented Canada at the World Junior Canoe/Kayak Championships as well as the Pan Am Canoe and Kayak Championships.

All three athletes were selected to the national team based on their results at the National Team Trials held on May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> in Welland, Ontario.

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