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The Kansas City Sports Commission Congratulates Area 2017 UCI Worlds BMX Qualifiers

KANSAS CITY, MO (June 26, 2017) – The Kansas City Sports Commission, USA BMX and USA Cycling are pleased to announce that several riders from Raytown and Blue Springs have qualified for the <u>2017 UCI World BMX</u> <u>Championships</u> to be held in Rock Hill, South Carolina from July 22-29.

Millie Morgan: Millie is a 5-year-old Novice Rider who qualified at the Lone Star National, in El Paso, Texas. She will compete in the 7 under Girl Class at the UCI BMX World Championship.

Miles Hontz: Miles is a 5-year-old Intermediate Boy Rider who qualified at the Lone Star National, in El Paso, Texas. He will compete in the 6 Boy Class at the UCI BMX World Championship.

Kayden Bruns: Kayden is a 6-year-old Intermediate Boy Rider who qualified at the Lone Star National, in El Paso, Texas. He will compete in the 6 Boy Class at the UCI BMX World Championship.

Eli Staton: Eli is a 7-year-old Expert Boy Rider who qualified at the Carolina National, in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He will compete in the 7 Boy Class at the UCI BMX World Championship.

Gavin Guadagnano: Gavin is a 7-year-old Expert Boy Rider who qualified at the Lone Star National, in El Paso, Texas. He will compete in the 7 Boy Class at the UCI BMX World Championship.

Braxton Miller: Braxton is an 8-year-old Expert Boy Rider who qualified at the Carolina National, in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He will compete in the 9 Boy Class at the UCI BMX World Championship.

Lola Jonjevic: Lola is an 8-yr-old Expert Girl Rider who qualified at the Carolina National, in Rock Hill, South Carolina. She will compete in the 8 Girl Class at the UCI BMX World Championship.

Kevin Fain: Kevin is a 32-year-old Intermediate Boy Rider who qualified at the Lone Star National, in El Paso, Texas. He will compete in the 33 Boy Class at the UCI BMX World Championship.

The 2017 UCI World BMX Championships will be held on American soil for the first time since 2001, last taking place with the National Bicycle League in the infamous Kentucky Expo Center. "Back then," a USA BMX representative says, "Worlds was a bit of an underground thing. It's not what it is today."

What the UCI World Championships are today is a professionally orchestrated affair. That all starts here in the United States with the governing body - USA BMX. <u>USA BMX</u> hosted four qualifying events to field a potential 2017 US contingent of 1,086 American racers. With 27 20-inch bike categories, and 14 cruiser bike categories, plus the 47 2016 Worlds main event qualifiers, the Americans can field a team surpassing any previous roster records. While it is not expected that every class will have a full 32-plus-main-event-qualified rider group, the American sanctioning body does plan to have a massive team in 2017.

About The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation

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About USA BMX

Founded in 1977, the American Bicycle Association (ABA) is the world's largest BMX racing organization with over 70,000 members racing at more than 300 sanctioned tracks across North America. United States operations are conducted under the brand USA BMX and Canadian operations are known as BMX Canada. For more information visit www.usabmx.com.