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2006 WSBA Juniors Tour

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Seattle, WA – The Washington State Bicycle Association and Rad Racing Northwest announce the 2006 WSBA Juniors Tour. The Washington State junior road racing series is designed to decide the best all-around junior racers in Washington while providing more opportunities for junior racing statewide.

"The WSBA Juniors Tour is a UCI Pro Tour type concept aimed at providing juniors consistent competition racing in criteriums, road races, stage races and time trials," says Juniors Tour Director Dave Schilling. "And we've taken the basic parameters of the Seattle-Lance Armstrong Junior Olympics Race Series and expanded it to encompass all disciplines of road racing."

"The Juniors Tour will be the first of its kind in the US that I know of," says Schilling. "I hope other States will pick this concept up and expand the racing opportunities for juniors."

The Juniors Tour will provide consistent age- and gender-based juniors categories. "It is very important to offer categories that match the strength progression of kids," says Schilling. "This gives them the opportunity to race competitively from 10 years old on up." The categories are: A (17-18), B (15-16), C (13-14) and D (10-12).

All Juniors Tour races are part of established races including all 5 Seattle-LAJORS Series races, 2 stage races and 4 State Championship races.

A season-long points system will run for male and female racers separately in each age group. Final series category winners will be awarded "2006 WSBA Juniors Tour Champion" jerseys, trophies and prizes.

2006 WSBA Juniors Tour Calendar

April 9	Recycled Cycles Boat St Crit	Seattle
April 22-23	Tour of Walla Walla Stage Race	Walla Walla
April 30	First Rate Mortgage Seward Park Crit 1	Seattle
May 7	Junior State Road Race Championship	Longbranch
May 13-14	Omnium Stage Race Championship	Wenatchee
June 4	First Rate Mortgage Seward Park Crit 2	Seattle
July 4	Junior State Criterium Championship	Burien
July 8	Derby Days Criterium	Redmond
July 22	State Time Trial Championship	Cheney
August 26	State Hillclimb TT Championship	Crystal Mtn
August 27	First Rate Mortgage Seward Park Crit 3	Seattle
September 2	Blackberry Criterium	Bremerton

The series is sponsored by Washington State Bicycle Association, Rad Racing Northwest, Bicycle Paper, Clif Bar, and Sock Guy.

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