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## ISLAND OPEN NAMED TEAM CANADA 2006 QUALIFIER

**February 16, 2006 Victoria, B.C. Canada** – The Canadian National Martial Arts Association is pleased to announce that the Island Open Championship has been designated a qualifying event for Team Canada 2006. The tournament will be held on February 25, 2006, at Parkland Secondary in Sidney, B.C. Canada. The Island Open expects to attract over 200 competitors from Vancouver Island and the Mainland. It is an incredible opportunity for Victoria martial arts athletes to qualify for Team Canada 2006!

“We are extremely pleased to work hand in hand with Albert Labossiere, and the Island Open participants,” says Ken Marchtaler, President of CNMAA, “Mr. Labossiere has been a strong supporter of martial arts in the Greater Victoria area. By making the Island Open a Team Canada 2006 Qualifier, we will ensure that local martial arts athletes are given a chance to compete at the 2006 World Martial Arts Games in Victoria this summer.”

The Island Open Championship is rated by SKIL. The tournament promoter of the event is Albert Labossiere and Sandalwood Martial Arts. More information on the Island Open can be obtained by visiting the Island Open Championship website at <http://members.shaw.ca/IslandOpen> .

The Canadian National Martial Arts Association (CNMAA) is a non-profit society formed in August 2005, to provide a formal structure for organizing and administering the Canadian National Martial Arts Team. Their goal is to work with all recognized martial arts associations and disciplines, to provide more opportunity for Canadian martial arts athletes, and to assist with the development of standardized programs for coaches and trainers. Further information about the Canadian National Martial Arts Association can be obtained by visiting the CNMAA website at [www.cnmaa.com](http://www.cnmaa.com) .

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