



PRESS RELEASE

TEAM CANADA READY FOR THE WORLD!

June 9, 2006 Victoria, B.C. Canada – The Canadian National Martial Arts Association (CNMAA) is pleased to announce that Team Canada 2006 has surpassed 90 registered athletes as we head toward the 2006 World Martial Arts Games set for Bear Mountain Arena in Victoria, BC August 18, 19 & 20. As a result, CNMAA has realigned coaching responsibilities and has added 3 new faces to the 2006 Coaching Staff. Joining Team Canada 2006 is Dale Lee from Edmonton, Dave Lionas from Victoria, and Sukwinder Manhas from Port Alberni, BC. Lee will look after the Chinese Divisions, Lionas the Korean Forms Division and Manhas the Sparring Division.

“We are overwhelmed with the amount of enthusiasm we are getting from Western Canadian martial arts athletes,” says Ken Marchtaler, President of CNMAA, “From Prince Albert to Port Alberni, Canadians are ready to compete for their country at the very first World Martial Arts Games. With the athletes come many high-profile instructors who are rolling up their sleeves as coaches to help Canada improve our medal hopes for 2006.”

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. Their objectives are guided by the World Martial Arts Games Movement and the World Martial Arts Games Charter.

Further information about the Canadian National Martial Arts Association can be obtained by visiting the CNMAA website at www.cnmaa.com.

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