

For Immediate Release

Kyia Anderson (Malenkovich) is sad to announce that her Professional Racing career is forced to come to an end, but is looking forward to upcoming possibilities outside of racing.

Due to a significant recurring back injury that has gotten much worse in recent weeks as her training and racing was ramping up for the 2010 season, she has decided with advice of her doctors, physical therapists and friends to cease racing activities. A recent scan showed 3 torn discs, herniations and other significant injuries, which render racing at the professional level impossible. Kyia needs at least 6 months without racing and associated training to recover from the injury and not cause permanent injury.

During her career Kyia had numerous significant results including: 6th place at the World Cup Marathon in Mount Saint Anne, Canada in 2005, Selection to the Worlds Marathon Mountain Bike Team in 2005, 18th at the World Cup Cross Country finals at Mount Saint Anne, Canada in 2001, Chequamegon 40 Victory in 1999, Ore To Shore Hard Rock Victory in 2002, 3rd National Marathon in Tapatio Springs, TX, 2nd Place Marathon National in Fountain Hills, AZ, 2005, Super D podiums at the last two US National Championships, 9th place at the Canada Cup Hardwood Hills, Barrie, ONT 2008, and winning at least once nearly every local and regional upper Midwest mountain bike race that has been on the calendar over the past 15 year period. Since 2004 when her back injury first started she has still managed to be on the podium at all most every local and regional race while fighting a very difficult injury.

Kyia would like to thank the cycling community and all of her sponsors for the opportunity to race and compete, friendships and good times over the past 15 years of racing!

She looks forward to working with cyclists at various clinics, which she will continue to teach in the upcoming years and continuing her advocacy efforts to create and maintain trails.

A few photos over the years follow:



Kyia and Amy Hunter-Dillinger at one of her first of many victories in her breakout 1999 season



A younger Kyia and Doug Swanson at the races.



One of Kyia's last Expert National races before turning Pro, taking the win over Amber Neben and Kelli Emmet at the Red Wing National in 1999.



Kyia hoists the prize for her 1999 Chequamegon 40 win



Kyia headed to an 18th place finish at the World Cup Finals Mt. St. Anne Canada 2001



Cleaning the Rock Garden Single Track Escape 2007



Kyia Anderson 4th, Marla Streb 2nd, Rachel Lloyd 1st, Katie Compton 3rd and Monique Sawiki 5th
2008 National Championships Super D Mount Snow, VT



Kyia Anderson 2nd place Chequamegon 40, 2009