

## Recommended Canadian Bikes

This document is an addition to *Selecting the Right Bike and Helmet* found at <http://icanshine.org/parents/>

There are certainly differences in the bikes one can find in Canada vs the U.S. However, for the most part, if bike shops carry the big-name bike brands like we've listed, even if they don't have it in stock, they will likely be able to order it. The bigger differences in bikes you will find come when looking at the larger retail stores. Below are lists of suitable bikes likely found at bike shops and another list for what's likely found at department stores such as Sportchek and Canadian Tire. For suitable bikes found at Walmart and Target, please reference the document listed above these bikes may be available in Canada as well.

### Bike Shop Bicycles

#### **16" Tire (Current/New Bikes)**

- Electra Soft Serve
- Giant Adore
- Giant Animator
- Linus Lil Dutchi
- Louis Garneau Helium
- Raleigh Jazzi
- Raleigh MXR
- Schwinn Jamboree
- Specialized Hotrock Coaster
- Trek Precaliber

#### **20" Tire (Current/New Bikes)**

- Giant Adore
- Giant Motr
- Linus Lil Dutchi
- Liv Adore
- Liv Bella
- Louis Garneau Junior EVA
- Louis Garneau Junior F-20
- Raleigh Jazzi
- Raleigh MXR
- Specialized Hotrock Coaster

#### **24" Tire (Current/New Bikes)**

- Electra Cruiser 1
- Electra Cruiser Lux 1
- Raleigh Special 24

#### **26" Tire (Current/New Bikes)**

- Electra Townie Original 1
- Electra Cruiser 1
- Electra Cruiser Lux 1
- Giant Simple Single
- Linus Dutchi 1
- Linus Scout 1
- Liv Simple Single W
- Raleigh Gala
- Raleigh Retroglide
- Raleigh Special
- Schwinn Debutante
- Schwinn Sivica
- Schwinn Slik Chik

- Schwinn Tornado
- Specialized Daily Step Thru

It can sometimes be a challenge finding single speed 24" and 26" bicycles. While we recommend single speed bikes for learning, below is a list of geared bikes that are relatively simple and suitable (there are more listed under the *Larger Retail Store* section). You know your rider best and whether or not gears will become a distraction and frustration.

**24" Tire (Current/New Geared Bikes)**

- Electra Cruiser Lux 3i
- Giant Flourish 24

**26" Tire (Current/New Geared Bikes)**

- Bianchi Venezia Step Thru
- Electra Amsterdam Original 3i
- Electra Townie Original 3i
- Raleigh Circa 3
- Raleigh Prim
- Raleigh Special 3
- Schwinn Hornet

**Larger Retail Store Bicycles - Canada**

The table below represent bikes that can be found in Canada at larger retail stores such as Canadian Tire and Sportchek. Keep in mind that there are usually tradeoffs with the lower priced bikes that you will find at larger retail stores. These bicycles are usually of lower quality, less durable, not assembled by experienced bike mechanics, and you will likely not find staff that are very knowledgeable about the bikes they are selling. Not all of the bikes listed below will be found in stock; however, these stores have additional inventories online. Please note that online purchases will likely require some assembly.

**16" Tire (Current/New Bikes)**

- Nakamura Dream
- Smartstart Jasmine Sidewalk
- Smartstart Piston
- Supercycle Doodle
- Supercycle Illusion

**20" Tire (Current/New Bikes)**

- Supercycle Dreamweaver

**24" Tire (Current/New Bikes)**

- Schwinn Sprite

**26" Tire (Current/New Bikes)**

- Hang Ten 1 Cruiser
- Sims Charm Cruiser

**24" Tire (Current/New Geared Bikes)**

- Schwinn Sanctuary 7

**26" Tire (Current/New Geared Bikes)**

- Everyday Kensington