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2017 ROAD PROGRAM AND SELECTION POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

In this post-Olympic year, Cycling Canada is devoting resources to developing a long-term road strategy to create consistent performance at the World Championships and Olympic Games.

The long-term road program goals:

- Maximize qualifications to Road World Championships
- Alignment and collaborations with:
 - UCI trade teams
 - Provincial/Territorial Associations
 - professional athletes in decentralized programs (UCI Trade Teams)
- Increase number of Canadian women and men in WorldTour Teams
- Increase outside funding for National Team programs
- Raise the profile of cycling in Canada
- Increase investment and focus on Junior programs

In order to achieve these long-term goals the 2017 road program is designed with focus on:

- Partner-centric projects
- World Championship qualification and preparation

This lightweight sporting program will provide Cycling Canada the ability to engage more closely with the road community and through a consultative process design more extensive programs for 2018 and beyond.

For more information on Cycling Canada's road programs, please contact Road Consultant Kevin Field (kevin.field@cyclingcanada.ca).

2017 CYCLING CANADA ROAD PROGRAM

Dates	Event	Location	Categories
May 19	Chrono Gatineau UCI 1.1	Gatineau QC	Elite women
May 20	Grand Prix Cycliste de Gatineau UCI 1.1	Gatineau QC	Elite women
July 9	White Spot/Delta Road Race UCI 1.2	Delta BC	Elite women Elite men
July 18-23	Tour de l'Abitibi	Amos QC	Junior men
Sept. 8-10	Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec et Montréal	Quebec QC Montreal QC	Elite men
Sept. 17-24	UCI Road World Championships	Bergen NOR	Junior women Junior men U23 men Elite women Elite men
October	Invitational off-season camp (dates TBD)	Victoria BC	Elite women Elite men



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SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Unless otherwise specified, all selection decisions are subject to the General Selection Policy found on the Cycling Canada website.

1. CHRONO GATINEAU AND GRAND PRIX CYCLISTE DE GATINEAU

Location and Dates	Gatineau QC (May 18-19, 2017)
Selection considerations	• The Chrono Gatineau and Grand Prix Cycliste de Gatineau are an excellent competition opportunity for our developing athletes; • They are also a good points-scoring opportunity for our elite athletes whose teams are not participating
Performance objectives:	1. Providing development opportunities for NextGen athletes; 2. Providing competition opportunities for elite athletes.
Eligible athletes	Athletes born on or before Dec. 31, 1998 who are Canadian citizens and hold an elite or U23 UCI licence that shows nationality as Canadian. In exceptional circumstances second-year juniors may also be entered (athletes born in 1999).
Pool nomination deadline	May 1, 2017
Pool size	• Chrono Gatineau: 4 elite women (2 starters and 2 alternates) • Grand Prix Cycliste de Gatineau: 9 elite women (6 starters and 3 alternates) Cycling Canada reserves the right to vary the size of the pool based on changing circumstances.
Pool nomination criteria	1. Athletes in Cycling Canada's Women's Track Endurance NextGen program. 2. Elite road athletes whose teams are not competing in Gatineau. 3. Additional athletes may be nominated to the pool based on the expert opinion of the national Road Consultant that they can contribute to a team performance and will benefit from participating in the event.
Team selection deadline	May 11, 2017
Team size	Team size : • Chrono Gatineau: 2 elite women • Grand Prix Cycliste de Gatineau: 6 elite women Cycling Canada reserves the right to vary the team size or composition based on changing circumstances.
Team selection criteria	Selection to the Team will be based on athletes' international performances, athletes' availability for the event and Section 10.a of the General Selection Policy. Selection must be approved by the Road Advisory Committee. The selection recommendations will take into account: • Coaches' assessment of the athletes' ability to meet the performance objectives; • Other factors as defined in Section 10.a of the General Selection Policy.



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	Selection to the Start List of each event will be at the discretion of the National Coach, based on Section 13 of the General Selection Policy.
Funding	This is a partially funded project. Athletes may be required to cover part of the cost of participation. These costs will be communicated to the athletes at the time of nomination to the Pool. Any costs must be paid at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the project.

2. TOUR DE L'ABITIBI

Location and Dates	Amos QC (July 18-23, 2017)
Selection considerations	• The Tour de l'Abitibi is the only UCI junior event in North America; • It is also a Nations Cup event, so points earned help Canada secure more starters in the junior men's road race at the Road World Championships; • The flat nature of the event means it is not representative of the type of competition the athletes will face at the World Championships; • However, this event offers the opportunity for junior athletes to work together as a team in a stage racing environment with a high level of competition.
Performance objectives:	1. Provide athletes with the opportunity to execute deliberate team strategies in an international competitive environment; 2. Provide athletes with the opportunity to achieve international results.
Eligible athletes	Male athletes born between Jan. 1, 1999 and Dec. 31, 2000, who are Canadian citizens and hold a junior UCI licence that shows nationality as Canadian.
Pool nomination deadline	June 26, 2017
Pool size	9 athletes. Cycling Canada reserves the right to vary the size of the pool based on changing circumstances.
Pool nomination criteria	1. The 2017 Canadian junior road race champion 2. The 2017 Canadian junior time trial champion 3. Other athletes identified through performances at the Canadian road championships 4. Additional athletes may be nominated to the pool based on the recommendations of the Provincial coaches. These recommendations should be made to the National Road Consultant no later than June 24, 2017.
Team selection deadline	July 4, 2017
Team size	6 athletes
Team selection criteria	Selection to the Team will be based on Section 10.a of the General Selection Policy. Selection must be approved by the Road Advisory Committee. The selection recommendations will take into account:



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	- Coaches' assessment of the athletes' ability to meet the performance objectives; - Other factors as defined in Section 10.a of the General Selection Policy.
Funding	This is a self-funded project. Athletes will be responsible for all of the costs associated with this project. These costs will be communicated at the time of the Pool nomination. Any costs must be paid at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the project.

3. GRANDS PRIX CYCLISTES DE QUEBEC ET MONTREAL

Location and Dates	Quebec QC and Montreal QC (Sept. 8-10, 2017)
Selection considerations	- The Grands Prix Cyclistes are the only WorldTour events in Canada; - These events is an opportunity for athletes to showcase their ability on the international stage; - These events are also an opportunity for athletes to experience racing at the WorldTour level; - These events are a final preparation opportunity for athletes selected to the Road World Championships.
Performance objectives:	- Provide crucial exposure to National Team sponsors and suppliers; - Provide the opportunity for athletes to prepare for the Road World Championships - Provide athletes with the opportunity to execute deliberate team strategies in an international competitive environment; - Provide athletes with the opportunity to achieve international results.
Eligible athletes	Male athletes born before Dec. 31, 1998, who are Canadian citizens and hold an elite UCI licence that shows nationality as Canadian.
Pool nomination deadline	Aug. 15, 2017
Pool size	12 athletes. Cycling Canada reserves the right to vary the size of the pool based on changing circumstances.
Pool nomination criteria	- Elite athletes selected to the Road World Championships who are not members of WorldTour teams - U23 athletes selected to the Road World Championships - Other athletes identified through international performances in 2017 - Additional athletes may be nominated to the pool based on their ability to meet the performance objectives.
Team selection deadline	Aug. 17, 2017
Team size	8 athletes
Team selection criteria	Selection to the Team will be based on Section 10.a of the General Selection Policy. Selection must be approved by the Road Advisory Committee. The selection recommendations will take into account: Coaches' assessment of the athletes' ability to meet the performance



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	objectives; • Other factors as defined in Section 10.a of the General Selection Policy.
Funding	This is a fully-funded project.

4. ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Location and Dates	Bergen NOR (Sept. 17-24, 2017)
Selection considerations	• The Road World Championships are the most important event of the 2017 season; • Performances at the Road World Championships have the potential to affect Cycling Canada's funding; • Results at the Road World Championships can be an important stepping stone in an athlete's career.
Performance objectives:	1. Top-8 performances in elite events; 2. Provide athletes with the opportunity to execute deliberate strategies with defined performance goals in team events; 3. Provide athletes with the opportunity to achieve international individual performances; 4. Expose U23 and junior athletes to the World Championship environment.
Eligible athletes	• Junior women: Female athletes born between Jan. 1, 1999 and Dec. 31, 2000, who are Canadian citizens and hold a junior UCI licence that shows nationality as Canadian. • Junior men: Male athletes born between Jan. 1, 1999 and Dec. 31, 2000, who are Canadian citizens and hold a junior UCI licence that shows nationality as Canadian. • U23 men: Male athletes born between Jan. 1, 1995 and Dec. 31, 1998, who are Canadian citizens and hold a U23 UCI licence that shows nationality as Canadian, subject to UCI rule 9.2.013. • Elite women: Female athletes born before Dec. 31, 1998, who are Canadian citizens and hold an elite UCI licence that shows nationality as Canadian. • Elite men: Male athletes born before Dec. 31, 1994, who are Canadian citizens and hold an elite UCI licence that shows nationality as Canadian.
Pool nomination deadline	Aug. 15, 2017
Pool size	• Junior women: 6 athletes • Junior men: 6 athletes • U23 men: 6 athletes • Elite women: 9 athletes • Elite men: 9 athletes Cycling Canada reserves the right to vary the size of the pool based on changing circumstances.



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	Junior men																		
	1. The 2017 Canadian junior road race champion 2. The 2017 Canadian junior time trial champion 3. Other athletes identified through performances at the Canadian road championships, the Tour de l’Abitibi or other international events 4. Additional athletes may be nominated to the pool based on the recommendations of the Provincial coaches. These recommendations should be made to the National Road Consultant no later than June 24, 2017.																		
	U23 men																		
	1. The 2017 Canadian U23 time trial champion 2. Athletes who are members of UCI Trade Teams 3. Other athletes identified through international performances in 2017 4. Additional athletes may be nominated to the pool based on their ability to meet the performance objectives.																		
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Team selection deadline	Aug. 17, 2017																		
Team size	The team size will be determined on Aug. 15, 2017, based on the UCI qualification system. Anticipated quotas are as follows: <table><tr><td>Category</td><td>Time trial</td><td>Road race</td></tr><tr><td>Junior women</td><td>2</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Junior men</td><td>2</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>U23 men</td><td>2</td><td>4-5</td></tr><tr><td>Elite women</td><td>2</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>Elite men</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr></table>	Category	Time trial	Road race	Junior women	2	4	Junior men	2	4	U23 men	2	4-5	Elite women	2	6	Elite men	2	3
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Team selection criteria	Selection to the Team will be based on Section 10.a of the General Selection Policy. Selection must be approved by the Road Advisory Committee and the High Performance Committee. The selection recommendations will take into account: - Coaches' assessment of the athletes' ability to meet the performance objectives; - Other factors as defined in Section 10.a of the General Selection Policy.
Funding	This is a partially-funded project.

5. OFF-SEASON INVITATIONAL CAMP

Location and Dates	Victoria BC – Men Oct 18-23 Women Oct 20-25
Invitation considerations	- Our athletes are among the most talented in the world, but we can do a better job executing team strategies; - The athletes need to know and trust each other better in order to work well as a team; - The best time of year to do this is in October, before Trade Team training camps begin.
Performance objectives:	- Gain familiarity and trust among national team members - Provide media training and other opportunities for the benefit of the athletes; - Provide opportunities for athletes to meet National Team sponsors, suppliers and funding partners.
Eligible athletes	Athletes born on or before Dec. 31, 1999 who are Canadian citizens and hold an elite or U23 UCI licence that shows nationality as Canadian.
Invitation deadline	Sept. 15, 2017
Camp size	6-8 elite women 6-8 elite and U23 men
Invitation criteria	Invitations will be extended to athletes who are members of UCI trade teams and who are expected to represent Canada at major international events in 2018 and beyond. This assessment will be made by the National Road Consultant based on: 2017 performances 2018 UCI trade team rosters - Other relevant considerations.
Funding	This is a fully funded project.