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2017-18 ELITE TRACK SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

FOR SELECTION TO NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAMS

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2017-18 CONTEXT

For Canada, the 2017-18 track season represents a continuation of the development focus leading towards an ever-greater emphasis on high performance as we work towards the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Among the key considerations that guided the development of these criteria are:

- The importance of team events in athlete development and Olympic qualification
 - Placing the focus on Team Pursuit and Team Sprint
 - The Olympic qualification period won't start until 2018-19, so now is the time to experiment and prepare
- The addition of the women's and men's Madison to the Olympic program
 - An additional area that requires athlete development and a strategic approach to qualification
- A new UCI calendar
 - 5 World Cups, grouped into two pairs of back-to-back weekends in November and December, and a standalone World Cup in January
 - A home World Cup in Milton, ON
 - A consistent lineup of Olympic events at each World Cup
- The world championship qualification system
 - Obligation to participate in Pan Am Championships
 - Obligation to participate in the Junior World Championships
 - No obligation to participate in all rounds of the UCI World Cup
 - Points earned at all levels of UCI events now count towards qualification, not just World Cups and Pan Ams
- An athlete pool in transition
 - Need to fill rosters for certain events while remaining competitive in order to secure worlds qualification for targeted athletes.
- New athletes joining the National Team Program
 - Key opportunities for new athletes to taste competition at the world level
- Long-term development considerations for the next quadrennial
 - Targeting performance at the 2020 Olympics
- Financial constraints
 - Two World Championships (2017 and 2018) in the same fiscal year
 - Budget limited for remainder of season

The guiding principles to these criteria remain the same: to build towards future Olympic medal performances while respecting the considerations listed above.



PATHWAY TO THE NATIONAL TRACK PROGRAMS

Before being eligible for selection to represent Canada in major international track events, each athlete must progress through the following stages:

1. Talent ID
2. Assessment
3. Committing to the national team program
4. Being named to the Performance Pool

Talent ID:

The primary avenue for talent identification in Canada is through the provincial coaches. These coaches are the first ones who will see emerging talent at the club and provincial level, and who will help those athletes develop to the national level.

Cycling Canada also identifies prospective athletes through talent ID initiatives in partnership with other organizations, such as [RBC Training Ground](#).

But the Canadian track championships are typically where those athletes can measure themselves against the best riders in Canada, and where they will have their first contact with our national coaches.

Athletes meeting Cycling Canada time standards found on the Cycling Canada website here: <http://www.cyclingcanada.ca/track/national-team/program-policies/>, or otherwise demonstrating potential may then be invited to be assessed by the national coaches.

Assessment:

Identified athletes may be invited to be assessed by the National Coaches, either individually or as part of a camp. Based on this assessment, the number of athlete positions available and the strategic priorities of the relevant program, the athlete may be invited to either:

- Be “fast tracked” directly into the national program and coached by one of the National Coaches (with input from the Provincial Coach); or
- Continue to work with his or her Provincial Coach in consultation with the relevant National Coach, until the opportunity arises to join the national program.

It is important to note that no athlete is guaranteed a place in the national program based on time standards alone. The athlete must also show that they are able to work effectively with the coaches, fellow athletes and support staff, and they must commit to the national program.

Committing to the National Program:

Cycling Canada has invested heavily in creating an optimal environment in which our athletes can develop towards international podium performances. In order for this investment to pay off, athletes must commit to the national program.



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This commitment is different in each of Cycling Canada's track programs, some of which are 12-month programs and some of which are intermittent, part-time programs. The athletes' commitment may include some or all of the following requirements depending on the specific needs of the program:

- living full-time near the Mattamy National Cycling Centre in Milton ON;
- attending training camps or competitions, either in Milton or elsewhere;
- contributing to part of the costs of their program.

These requirements will be communicated clearly to each athlete by the National Coach.

Being named to the Performance Pool:

When selecting the team for major international events (Pan American Championships, World Cups, World Championships, Olympic Games and other major games), National Coaches choose from among athletes in the Olympic Performance Pool (OPP) and Development Performance Pool (DPP).

The OPP is made up of athletes who have demonstrated top-8 potential at the upcoming Olympic Games (ie. Tokyo 2020).

The DPP is made up of athletes with the potential to join the Olympic Performance Pool for the following Olympic Games (ie. 2024).

The minimum criteria to join the Performance Pools in each program are outlined in the Cycling Canada Carding Criteria: <http://www.cyclingcanada.ca/track/national-team/athlete-assistance-program/>.

The carding criteria refer to athletes' performances as well as assessment against the Podium Pathway. This is a tool that has been developed in collaboration with Own the Podium to determine the level of performance a future podium finisher should be achieving at each stage of his or her development. The pathway is based on an analysis of past results and future trends and can be used to plot athletes' performances over time to project how many years they may be from a podium performance.

Each program (women's endurance, men's endurance, and sprint) may also have more detailed criteria for joining the Pools, maintaining status within a Pool, and progressing from the DPP to the OPP. These criteria will be available on the Cycling Canada website and updated from time to time.

Joining a Performance Pool is not a guarantee of selection, particularly for team events where the national coach must balance the athletes' individual qualities with their ability to contribute to the team's performance.

In exceptional cases, such as injury, national coaches may request an athlete who has not met the standards be named to the pool if a case can be made for competitiveness based on carefully documented objective performance analysis of the athlete. This request must be approved by the Chief Technical Officer – Head Coach and the Track Advisory Committee. For selection to the Elite World Championships, Pan American Games, Commonwealth Games or Olympic Games, the request must also be approved by the High Performance Committee.

The list of athletes named to the Performance Pools will be published on the Cycling Canada website and updated as needed.



SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

2017-18 TRACK SEASON

The major events of the 2017-18 track season are:

- UCI Junior Track World Championships (Aug. 23-27, 2017)
- Elite Pan American Track Championships (Aug. 30-Sept. 3, 2017; Couva TTO)
- UCI World Cup I (Nov. 3-5, 2017; Pruszków POL)
- UCI World Cup II (Nov. 10-12, 2017; Manchester GBR)
- UCI World Cup III (Dec. 1-3, 2017; Milton CAN)
- UCI World Cup IV (Dec. 9-10, 2017; Santiago CHI)
- UCI World Cup V (Jan. 19-21, 2018; Minsk BLR)
- UCI Track World Championships (Feb. 18-March 4, 2018; Apeldoorn NED)
- XXI Commonwealth Games (April 5-8, 2018; Gold Coast AUS)

Selection to the Junior Track Worlds and the Commonwealth Games are covered in separate documents.

Given the considerations mentioned at the beginning of this document, Cycling Canada is taking a strategic approach to each of the major events in the track season as outlined in the selection criteria below.

These strategic considerations may change as the season progresses based on changing circumstances.



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PAN AM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Aug. 30-Sept. 3, 2017; Couva TTO

Selection considerations:

- Participation by each nation in Pan Ams is mandatory in order to qualify for world championships;
- The Pan Ams are an important points scoring opportunity: they score more points than World Cups;
- There is a relatively shallow depth of field, so development athletes may be expected to get strong results;
- Based on the strategic approach for the current track season, Cycling Canada is sending athletes to compete in the following events:
 - Women's endurance (development focus)
 - Men's endurance (performance focus)
 - Men's sprint (performance focus)
 - Women's sprint (performance focus)

Program focus and objectives:

- Women's Endurance:
 - Development focus for Team Pursuit to test new athletes
 - Performance focussed entries in individual events and Madison
 - Score points for World Championships qualification
- Women's Sprint:
 - Performance focus Olympic Performance Pool athletes only
 - Score points for World Championships qualification
- Men's Endurance:
 - Performance focus
 - Score points for World Championships qualification
- Men's Sprint:
 - Performance focus Olympic Performance Pool athletes only
 - Score points for World Championships qualification

Maximum Team size:

- 6 women's endurance
- 2 women's sprint
- 5 men's endurance
- 3 men's sprint

Cycling Canada reserves the right to vary the team size or composition based on changing circumstances.

Cycling Canada also reserves the right to enter additional, targeted riders in individual events.

Eligible athletes:

All athletes born in 1999 or earlier (UCI rule 3.2.001) who have been named to the Performance Pool and have met the **National** time standard or equivalent performance.



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Team selection:

Selection to the Team will be made from among eligible athletes, based on the recommendations of the national coaches, taking into account the performance objectives, athletes' international performances and Section 10.a of the General Selection Policy: <http://www.cyclingcanada.ca/track/national-team/program-policies/>. Selection must be approved by the Chief Technical Officer-Head Coach and the Track 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.

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.



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WORLD CUPS

- I. Nov. 3-5, 2017; Pruszków POL
- II. Nov. 10-12, 2017; Manchester GBR
- III. Dec. 1-3, 2017; Milton CAN
- IV. Dec. 9-10, 2017; Santiago CHI
- V. Jan. 19-21, 2018; Minsk BLR

Selection considerations:

- There is no requirement to participate in all rounds of the UCI World Cup;
- World Championships qualification only takes into account the best 3 World Cup results;
- Based on the strategic approach mentioned above, Cycling Canada will send different team compositions to each world cup

Performance objectives:

- Women's Endurance: develop athletes who are new to Performance Pools and qualify for World Championships
 - World Cup I: Performance focus
 - World Cup II: Not attending
 - World Cup III: Performance focus
 - World Cup IV: Mix of development and performance focus in individual events and Madison (to be confirmed)
 - World Cup V: Development focus (participation to be determined depending on qualification priorities and budget)
 - World Championships: Performance focus
- Women's Sprint: Improve performances and qualify for World Championships
 - World Cup I: Not attending
 - World Cup II: Individual OPP athletes
 - World Cup III: OPP athletes with some DPP athletes
 - World Cup IV: To be determined based on qualification situation
 - World Cup V: To be determined based on qualification situation
 - World Championships: OPP athletes, pending qualification
- Men's Endurance: Improve performances and qualify for World Championships
 - World Cup I: Not attending
 - World Cup II: Performance focus
 - World Cup III: Performance focus
 - World Cup IV: Performance focus
 - World Cup V: Not attending
 - World Championships: Performance focus
- Men's Sprint: Improve performances in individual events and qualify for World Championships
 - World Cup I: Not attending
 - World Cup II: Individual OPP athletes
 - World Cup III: OPP athletes with some DPP athletes
 - World Cup IV: To be determined based on qualification situation
 - World Cup V: To be determined based on qualification situation
 - World Championships: OPP athletes, pending qualification



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All priorities listed above are subject to change due to performance or budgetary considerations.

Maximum Team size per event:

- Women's endurance 6
 - Women's sprint: 2
 - Men's endurance: 5
 - Men's sprint: 2*
- * Pending additional athletes joining the OPP

Cycling Canada reserves the right to vary the team size or composition based on changing circumstances.

Cycling Canada also reserves the right to enter additional, targeted riders in individual events.

Eligible athletes:

All athletes born in 1999 or earlier, and athletes finishing top-4 on the 2017 UCI Junior World Championships (UCI rule 3.4.004) who have been named to the Performance Pool and have met the **International** time standard or equivalent performance.

For entry in individual events at the World Cup, riders must also have earned 250 points in the respective UCI Ranking by the registration deadline (UCI rule 3.4.004).

Team selection:

Selection to the Team will be made from among the eligible athletes based on the recommendations of the national coaches and must be approved by the Chief Technical Officer-Head Coach and the Track 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.

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.



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UCI TRACK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Apeldoorn NED (Feb. 28-March 4, 2018)

Selection considerations:

- Canada can only enter events for which we have qualified;
- The post-Olympic world championships are an opportunity to test new systems and try new athletes in a relatively weak field.

Performance objectives:

1. Top-8 results in targeted events
2. Validation of systems
3. Testing new athletes or lineups.

Maximum team size (pending the outcome of the UCI qualification process):

- 5 women's endurance
- 2 women's sprint
- 5 men's endurance
- 2 men's sprint

Cycling Canada reserves the right to vary the team size or composition based on changing circumstances.

Cycling Canada also reserves the right to enter additional, targeted riders in individual events.

Eligible athletes:

All athletes born in 2000 or earlier (UCI rule 3.2.001 and 9.2.024) who have been named to the Performance Pool and have met the **International** time standard or equivalent performance.

Athletes who are continental champions are qualified by name to the World Championships; however, this does not automatically mean they are selected to the World Championships: selection to the Team will be made from among the pool of eligible athletes.

Team selection:

Selection to the Team will be made from among eligible athletes based on the recommendations of the national coaches and must be approved by the Chief Technical Officer-Head Coach 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.

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.