

2016-2017 Cyclo-Cross Program

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ALL PROGRAMMING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the upcoming Cyclo-cross season. It is important to note that programming may change at any time due to financial circumstances, staffing, changes to the international racing calendar, etc

Introduction:

The 2015-2016 Cyclo-cross season marked the first full season of the program after hitting the 're-set' button in Spring of 2015. High Performance Manager Kris Westwood gathered together concerned and involved members of the Cyclo-cross community to a form a working group tasked with raising the overall quality of the programs offered. The program was successful in running its first Christmas Cross Camp and took the largest ever Canadian team to Europe for the Cyclo-Cross World Championships.

The Cyclo-Cross Working group will continue to work towards its strategic priorities as listed below.

National Cyclo-cross Team Strategic Priorities

- To improve communications and planning around the Canadian Cyclo-cross program;
- To improve engagement with members of the Cyclo-cross community;
- To develop a sustainable Cyclo-cross program that has value to Cycling Canada and to members of the Cyclo-cross community;
- To continue to introduce developing athletes to international competition
- To continue providing support to elite athletes at select international competitions
- To explore alternative funding opportunities, including sponsorship and fundraising;
- To identify leaders in the Cyclo-cross community who can drive these initiatives without additionally taxing Cycling Canada resources.

The objectives of the 2016 Cyclo-cross program will be:

- To place one rider in the top 10 at the World Championships;
- To win one Pan Am championships medal;
- To raise the quality of support provided to Canadian athletes in the Canadian Cyclo-cross program.

Clothing: (UCI Rule 1.3.059)

Elite Men and Women's Riders may ride in the clothing of their professional team. Those competing in the U23 Men, U23 Women and Junior Men categories must ride in the clothing of their nationality.

2016-2017 World Cup Selection Policy

Riders interested in competing at that World Cup must indicate their interest using the online form (click on the competition name below) by 23:59 EST on the indicated date (one week prior to the selection date).

Participation in World Cup events is at the athletes' own cost. Cycling Canada is responsible for completing the online entry for each World Cup, but unless otherwise stated all other logistics are the athletes' responsibility.

Date	Event	Indication of Interest Date	Selection Date
21.09.2016	WC: CrossVegas	15.08.2016	22.08.2016
24.09.2016	WC: Iowa City	15.08.2016	22.08.2016
23.10.2016	WC: Valkenburg	16.09.2016	23.09.2016
20.11.2016	WC: Koksijde	13.10.2016	20.10.2016
26.11.2016	WC: Zeven	19.10.2016	26.10.2016
18.12.2016	WC: Namur	11.11.2016	18.11.2016
26.12.2016	WC: Zolder	11.11.2016	18.11.2016
15.01.2017	WC: Fiuggi-Roma	08.12.2016	15.12.2016
22.01.2017	WC: Hoogerheide	08.12.2016	15.12.2016

For every World Cup, each country is limited to the following participation quotas;

Elite Men	8
Elite/U23 Women	8
U23 Men	6
Junior Men	6

Participation decisions will be made using the following criteria based on rankings on the selection date and results in the 12 months preceding the selection date, ranked in the order of priority listed below. It is understood that results earned at an event in the previous year, cannot qualify you for the same event the following year, even if it falls within the 12-month time frame. If the selection must prioritize between two athletes who have met criteria of equal priority, the Cyclo-cross working group will determine a neutral, fair and transparent process to do so.

Elite Men World Cup Criteria:

- 1. Top 50 UCI Ranking
- 2. Any rider finishing top 3 at the most recent National Cyclo-cross Championships;
- 3. U23 National Champion (Applicable only at Cross Vegas and Iowa City)
- 4. Any rider who finished in the top 40 at the most recent Cyclo-Cross World Championships;
- 5. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships
- 6. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;

- 7. Any rider with a top-45 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 8. Any rider with two top-10 results at UCI C2 Cyclo-cross events in the 12 months prior to the selection date (for events to apply, must be on separate weekends);
- 9. Any rider with one top-10 result at a UCI C2 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date:
- 10. Other athletes who apply by the registration deadline.

Elite/U23 Women's Criteria

- 1. Top 50 UCI Ranking
- 2. Any rider finishing top 3 at the most recent National Cyclo-cross Championships;
- 3. Any rider finishing in the top 2 at the most recent U23 National Championships;
- 4. Any rider who finished in the top 25 at the most recent Elite or U23 Cyclo-Cross World Championships;
- 5. Any rider with a top-15 at the most recent elite Continental Championships;
- 6. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 7. Any rider with a top 5 result at the most recent U23 Continental Championships:
- 8. Any rider with a top-25 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 9. Any rider with two top-10 results at UCI C2 Cyclo-cross events in the 12 months prior to the selection date (for events to apply, must be on separate weekends);
- 10. Any rider with one top-10 result at a UCI C2 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 11. Other athletes who apply by the registration deadline.

U23 Men's Criteria

- 1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent U23 National Cyclo-cross Championships;
- 2. Any rider with a Top 30 at a U23 UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 3. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 4. Any rider with one top-10 result at a UCI C2 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 5. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent U23 Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
- 6. Any rider with one top-10 result at a UCI MU Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 7. Other athletes who apply by the registration deadline.

Junior Men's Criteria

- 1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent Junior National Cyclo-cross Championships;
- 2. Any rider with a Top 25 at a Junior UCI Cyclo-cross world cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 3. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent Junior Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
- 4. Any rider with a top-10 result at a MJ Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 5. Other athletes who apply by the registration deadline.

Cycling Canada Projects

Cycling Canada will run supported projects (Project fees to apply) to the following events:

Dates	Event	Location	Athletes Quotas
Dec 20 nd - Jan 2 th	Christmas Cross Camp	Tielt-Winge,	4 Elite Men
		Belgium	4 Elite/U23 Women
			4 U23 Men
			4 Junior Men
Jan 17 th -Jan 30 th	World Championships/	Tielt-Winge	5 Elite Men
	Hoogerheidge World Cup	Belgium	5 Elite Women
			5 U23 Men
			5 U23 Women
			5 Junior Men

2016 Christmas Cross Camp Selection Policy

Riders interested in participating in the Christmas Cross Camp must indicate their interest using the online form (click on the competition name below) by 23:59 EST on the indicated date (one week prior to selections)

Date	Event	Indication of Interest Date	Selection Date
22.12.2016	Christmas Cross Camp	11.11.2016	18.11.2016

For Christmas Cross, it is limited to the following participation quotas (subject to change, based on a max camp size of 16 riders)

Elite Men	4
Elite/U23 Women	4
U23 Men	4
Junior Men	4

Participation decisions will be made using the following criteria based on rankings on the selection date and results in the 12 months preceding the selection date, ranked in the order of priority listed below. It is understood that results earned at an event in the previous year, cannot qualify you for the same event the following year, even if it falls within the 12-month time frame. If the selection must prioritize between two athletes who have met criteria of equal priority, the Cyclo-cross working group will determine a neutral, fair and transparent process to do so.

Elite Men Criteria:

- 1. Top 50 UCI Ranking
- 2. Any rider finishing top 3 at the most recent National Cyclo-cross Championships;
- 3. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
- 4. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 6. Any rider with a top-45 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;

7. Any rider with two top-10 results at UCI C2 Cyclo-cross events in the 12 months prior to the selection date (for events to apply, must be on separate weekends).

Elite/U23 Women's Criteria

- 1. Top 50 UCI Ranking
- 2. Any rider finishing top 3 at the most recent National Cyclo-cross Championships;
- 3. Any rider finishing top 2 at the most recent U23 National Cyclo-cross Championships;
- 4. Any rider who finished in the top 25 at the most recent Elite or U23 Cyclo-Cross World Championships;
- 5. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent Elite Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
- 6. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 7. Any rider with a top 5 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross U23 Continental Championships
- 8. Any rider with a top-25 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 9. Any rider with two top-10 results at UCI C2 Cyclo-cross events in the 12 months prior to the selection date (for events to apply, must be on separate weekends).

U23 Men's Criteria

- 1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent U23 National Cyclo-cross Championships
- 2. Any rider with a Top 30 at a U23 UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date
- 3. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 4. Any rider with one top-10 result at a UCI C2 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date.
- 5. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent U23 Cyclo-cross Continental Championships
- 6. Any rider with one top-10 result at a MU Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date.

Junior Men's Criteria

- 1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent Junior National Cyclo-cross Championships;
- 2. Any rider with a Top 25 at a Junior UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 3. Any rider with a top-10 result at the most recent Junior Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
- 4. Any rider with a top-10 result at a UCI MJ Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date.

2017 World Championship Selection Policy

Riders interested in competing in the World Championships must indicate their interest using the online form (click on the competition name below) by 23:59 EST on the indicated date (one week prior to selections)

Date	Event	Indication of Interest Date	Selection Date
28.01.2017	CM: Bieles	08.12.2016	15.12.2016

For World championships each country is limited to the following participation quotas;

Elite Men	5
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Elite Women	5
U23 Men	5
U23 Women	5
Junior Men	5

Participation decisions will be made using the following criteria based on rankings on the selection date and results in the 12 months preceding the selection date, ranked in the order of priority listed below. It is understood that results earned at an event in the previous year, cannot qualify you for the same event the following year, even if it falls within the 12-month time frame. If the selection must prioritize between two athletes who have met criteria of equal priority, the Cyclo-cross working group will determine a neutral, fair and transparent process to do so.

Elite Men Criteria:

- 1. Top 50 UCI Ranking;
- 2. Any rider finishing top 3 at the most recent National Cyclo-cross Championships;
- 3. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
- 4. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 5. Any rider with a top-45 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 6. Any rider with two top-10 results at UCI C2 Cyclocross events in the 12 months prior to the selection date (for events to apply, must be on separate weekends).

Elite Women's Criteria

- 1. Top 50 UCI Ranking;
- 2. Any rider finishing top 3 at the most recent National Cyclo-cross Championships;
- 3. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
- 4. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 5. Any rider with a top-25 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 6. Any rider with two top-10 results at UCI C2 Cyclocross events in the 12 months prior to the selection date (for events to apply, must be on separate weekends).

U23 Men's Criteria

- 1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent National Cyclo-cross Championships;
- 2. Any rider with a Top 30 at a U23 UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 3. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 4. Any rider with one top-10 result at a UCI C2 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 5. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent U23 Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
- 6. Any rider with one top-10 result at a UCI MU Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date.

U23 Women's Criteria

1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent National Cyclo-cross Championships;

- 2. Any rider with a Top 30 at an Elite UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 3. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 4. Any rider with a top-5 result at the most recent U23 Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
- 5. Any rider with one top-10 result at a UCI C2 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date.

Junior Men's Criteria

- 1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent Junior National Cyclo-cross Championships;
- 2. Any rider with a Top 25 at a Junior UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
- 3. Any rider with a top-10 result at the most recent Junior Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
- 4. Any rider with a top-10 result at a UCI MJ Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the proposed National Team program outlined in this document, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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