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**2019-20 TRACK PROGRAMS AND SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA**

**FOR SELECTION TO NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAMS**

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### 2019-20 CONTEXT

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The 2019-20 track season is the last stretch in the 2020 Olympic Games qualification process and an increasing 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 the development of endurance athletes and the Olympic qualification
- The World Cup calendar
  - There is a total of 6 World Cups in 2019-2020
  - The home World Cup in Milton (ON) in January 2019 (last World Cup of the season) will allow development rider to race a World Cup while the elite endurance teams are preparing for the Track World Championships in New Zealand.
  - Each World Cup will have a consistent lineup of Olympic events
- The World Championships 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
  - The necessity to accrue UCI points as a nation to secure quotas for the World Cups (and ultimately qualify for the World Championships) early in the season and for individual riders to obtain the minimum of points required to enter World Cups
- The Olympic qualification system
  - We are half way through the qualification process
  - This season's Pan Am Championships, best three World Cup performances, and World Championships will count for qualification
  - Nation's best performances count, so different athletes may contribute to qualification
  - Need to strategically target events based on periodization, depth of field, and ongoing evaluation of qualification status
- An increased pool of athletes able to compete on the international scene
  - There is a need to fill rosters for certain events while remaining competitive in order to secure Worlds' qualification for targeted athletes, especially with so many World Cups on the calendar
  - While the focus is now on qualification for the Olympic Games, there are targeted opportunities for athletes from the Development Performance Pool (DPP) and NextGen (NG) programs to compete at the World level
  - The need is also that in this second phase of Olympic qualifying the identified athletes likely to compete in Tokyo can be better placed for Olympic Periodisation rather than points gathering/travelling in unwanted periods of the season, thus providing opportunities for Next Gen/Development athletes to gain exposure.
- Long-term development considerations for the next quadrennial
  - Targeting performance at the 2024 Olympics
- Financial constraints
  - Need to target a higher number of events compared to previous year to maximize points for Olympic Qualifications
  - High costs of travel to attend World Cups in remote locations



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For more information about the Olympic Games qualification system, please refer to the following document published by the UCI :

[QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020](#)

### PERFORMANCE POOLS

When selecting the team for major international track 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) or Development Performance Pool (DPP) (which includes the NextGen (NG) subgroup).

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. Paris 2024).

The minimum criteria to join the Performance Pools in each program are outlined in the Cycling Canada Carding Criteria: <https://www.cyclingcanada.ca/resources/athlete-resources/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 whether they are trending towards 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 are listed in each program's framework and 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 High Performance Director 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 at a minimum twice a year:

- October, after the Elite Canadian Track Championships
- May, after the U17/Junior Canadian Track Championships



## SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

### KEY DATES - 2019-20 TRACK SEASON

The major events of the 2019-20 track season and selection dates are as follows:

Dates	Event	Location	Selection date
Aug. 1-4, 2019	Pan American Games	Lima PER	*
Aug. 14-18, 2019	UCI Junior Track World Championships	Frankfurt an Oder GER	*
Sept. 4-8, 2019	Elite Pan American Track Championships	Cochabamba BOL	Aug. 15, 2019
Nov. 1-3, 2019	UCI World Cup I	Minsk BLR	Oct. 11, 2019
Nov. 8-10, 2019	UCI World Cup II	Glasgow GBR	Oct. 18, 2019
Nov. 29-Nov. 1, 2019	UCI World Cup III	Hong Kong HKG	Nov. 8, 2019
Dec. 6-8, 2019	UCI World Cup IV	Cambridge NZL	Nov. 15, 2019
Dec. 13-15, 2019	UCI World Cup V	Brisbane AUS	Nov. 22, 2019
Jan. 24-26, 2020	UCI World Cup VI	Milton CAN	Jan. 3, 2020
Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2020	UCI Track World Championships	Berlin GER	Jan. 24, 2020

*\* Selections to the Junior Track World Championships and Pan American Games are covered in different selection criteria documents published on the Cycling Canada website.*

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 and financial realities.

Selection dates are subject to change.



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### **PAN AMERICAN TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Sept. 4-8, 2019; Cochabamba, BOL

#### Selection considerations:

- Participation by each nation in their continental championships is mandatory in order to qualify for the World championships;
- The Pan Ams are an important points scoring opportunity: more points are awarded at continental championships than World Cups;
- The Pan Ams are a key event in the Olympic qualification process;
- A continental champion title, in certain events, secures a quota for the World Championships if other related conditions are met;
- There is a relatively shallow depth of field depending on the event, 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: performance focus
  - Men's endurance: performance focus
  - Men's sprint: performance focus
  - Women's sprint: performance focus

#### Program focus and objectives:

- Women's Endurance:
  - Performance focus for OPP athletes only
  - Score points for World Cup season eligibility and ultimately World championships qualification, Olympics Qualification
- Men's Endurance:
  - Performance focus for OPP athletes only
  - Score points for World Cup season eligibility and ultimately World championships qualification, Olympics Qualification
- Women's Sprint:
  - Performance focus for OPP/DPP athletes only
  - Score points for World Cup season eligibility and ultimately World championships qualification, Olympics Qualification
- Men's Sprint:
  - Performance focus for OPP/DPP
  - Score points for World Cup season eligibility and ultimately World championships qualification, Olympics Qualification

#### Maximum Team size:

- Women's endurance: 6 riders max
- Men's endurance: 6 riders max
- Women's sprint: 3 riders max
- Men's sprint: 3 riders max

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



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

### Eligible athletes:

All athletes born in 2001 or earlier (UCI rule 3.2.001) who have been named to the OPP, NextGen program or DPP and have met the **National** time standard or equivalent performances.

### 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.

For the Sprint events, Cycling Canada may organize trials for eligible athletes. This will be communicated to the athletes well in advance.

Selection recommendations are made by the Program Coach and must be approved by the Head Track Coach and High Performance Director.

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 Program Coach, based on Section 13 of the General Selection Policy.

### Selection date:

Selection of the Pan Am Championships team will be finalized on or around Aug. 15, 2019.



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### WORLD CUPS

- UCI World Cup I (Nov. 1-3, 2019; Minsk, BLR)
- UCI World Cup II (Nov. 8-10, 2019; Glasgow, GBR)
- UCI World Cup III (Nov. 29-Nov. 1, 2019; Hong Kong, HKG)
- UCI World Cup IV (Dec. 6-8, 2019; Cambridge, NZL)
- UCI World Cup V (Dec. 13-15, 2019; Brisbane, AUS)
- UCI World Cup V (Jan. 24-26, 2020; Milton, CAN)

### 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: Improve performances, maximise bunch racing experience and qualify for World Championships/Olympic Games
  - World Cup I: Performance focus (Omnium)
  - World Cup II: Performance focus (Omnium)
  - World Cup III: Performance focus (Omnium)
  - World Cup IV: Performance focus (Team pursuit, Omnium)
  - World Cup V: Performance focus (Team pursuit, Omnium)
  - World Cup VI: Development focus (Team Pursuit, Omnium)
- Men's Endurance: Improve performances, maximise bunch racing experience and qualify for World Championships/Olympic Games
  - World Cup I: Performance focus (Omnium)
  - World Cup II: Performance focus (Omnium)
  - World Cup III: Performance focus (Team pursuit, Omnium)
  - World Cup IV: Performance focus (Team pursuit, Omnium)
  - World Cup V: Performance focus (Team pursuit, Omnium)
  - World Cup VI: Development focus (Team Pursuit, Omnium)
- Women's Sprint: Improve performances and qualify for World Championships/Olympic Games
  - World Cup I: Not attending
  - World Cup II: Not attending
  - World Cup III: Individual OPP/DPP athletes
  - World Cup IV: Individual OPP/DPP athletes
  - World Cup V: Individual OPP/DPP athletes
  - World Cup VI: Individual OPP/DPP athletes
- Men's Sprint: Improve performances and qualify for World Championships/Olympic Games
  - World Cup I: Not attending
  - World Cup II: Not attending
  - World Cup III: Individual OPP/DPP athletes
  - World Cup IV: Individual OPP/DPP athletes
  - World Cup V: Individual OPP/DPP athletes
  - World Cup VI: Individual OPP/DPP athletes



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All priorities listed above are subject to change due to performances, rankings, athlete availability or budgetary considerations.

### Maximum Team size per event:

- Women's endurance: 7
- Women's sprint: 3
- Men's endurance: 7
- Men's sprint: 3

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 2001 or earlier (World Cups I-IV) or 2002 or earlier (World Cups VI), and athletes finishing top-4 on the 2019 UCI Junior World Championships (UCI rule 3.4.004) who have been named to the Development Pool and have met the **International** time standard or equivalent performances.

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 program coaches and must be approved by the Track Head Coach and the High Performance Director. The High Performance Committee must also approve selection for the World Championships.

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.

Selection of the team for World Cups will be done approximately 3 weeks before the start of each World Cup.





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### UCI TRACK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- UCI Track World Championships (Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2020; Berlin, GER)

#### Selection considerations:

- Canada can only enter events for which we have qualified a quota;
- The World Championships are the most important event for Olympic qualification

#### Performance objectives:

1. Maximizing Olympic Qualification points among targeted athletes
2. The following performances for 2020 targeted athletes:
  - Women's Team Pursuit: Top 3
  - Women's Omnium: Top 5
  - Men's Team Pursuit: Top 6
  - Men's Sprint: Top 10
  - Men's Keirin: Top 6
3. The following performances for 2024 targeted athletes:
  - Women's Sprint: Top 12
  - Women's Keirin: Top 12
4. Validation of performance management systems

#### 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 2002 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 program coaches and must be approved by the Head Track Coach, High Performance Director 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.



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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.

Selection of the World championships team will be done on or around January 24, 2020.