



2020-2021 Cyclo-Cross Program

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ALL PROGRAMMING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The purpose of this document is to give 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

Cycling Canada is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact programs and policies. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, Cycling Canada will respect published programs and policies as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require programs or policies to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly affect the program or policy. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow a program or policy to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including selection decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in the relevant policy, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Cycling Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Introduction

Due to the global pandemic, Cycling Canada stated on June 30, 2020, that there will be no national team activity outside Canada before Dec. 31, 2020.

With this in mind we have made the difficult decision to cancel our 2020 Christmas Cross Camp.

Cycling Canada will enter athletes in the 2020/2021 World Cup and the 2021 World Championships if the athletes are in Europe competing in other major international events within a trade team structure that provides logistical and medical support, and if they meet the eligibility requirements below.

Eligibility requirements

To be considered for selection for World Cups or World Championships, athletes must apply to Cycling Canada by Dec 1, 2020, and must be able to complete the following requirements on or before that date:

- Provide documentation indicating which events in Europe they will be attending prior to and/or after world championships;
- Provide the name(s) of their mechanic and logistical support team. This must be at least 1 person who will support the athlete for the full duration while in Europe and who has previously worked for the National Team, a CCA or UCI Trade team in that role at an International level competition;
- Provide proof of medical insurance that includes coverage for expenses related to COVID-19;
- Provide their travel itinerary demonstrating that they meet any COVID-19-related restrictions;
- Acknowledgement that they freely accept any health risk associated with international travel during the pandemic;

- Meet all other obligations related to participation per Cycling Canada policies and UCI regulations.

Cycling Canada reserves the right to request additional information and to decline nominating an athlete who cannot demonstrate he or she will have an appropriate level of support while in Europe.

Athletes will be responsible for their own travel, logistics and support.

Cycling Canada support

Cycling Canada will enter athletes into the competitions, provide administrative support, and provide competition clothing for world championships.

At cyclo-cross worlds, Cycling Canada expects athletes' trade teams to provide accommodation and support staff. Cycling Canada will work with the trade teams to ensure there is access to accreditation, tech and start zone passes, pending allocation by the UCI.

Given these restrictions, the level of support at world championships will be lower than in a typical year.

World Cup and World Championship Pit Pass Requirements

In order to receive start-line and pit accreditation at UCI World Cups and World Championships, the National Team Program Manager must provide proof of a valid and current license of each person applying for accreditation (pit and start line passes) at the Manager's Meeting.

Furthermore, Cycling Canada requires that the applicant (staff member) has previously worked for the National Team, a CCA or UCI Trade team in that role at an International level competition.

If you are on a Professional team and your staff possesses a valid UCI Staff license from another country and the required experience, this will also be accepted.

2020-2021 World Cup Selection Policy

Riders interested in competing at any of the World Cups must indicate their interest by completing the online form before 23:59 EST on December 1st, 2020. [Click here for the online form.](#)

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 |
|------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 20.12.2020 | WC: Namur BEL | 01.12.2020 | 05.12.2020 |
| 27.12.2020 | WC: Dendermonde BEL | 01.12.2020 | 05.12.2020 |
| 03.01.2021 | WC: Hulst NED | 01.12.2020 | 05.12.2020 |
| 24.01.2021 | WC: Overijse BEL | 01.12.2020 | 05.12.2020 |

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

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| Elite Men | 8 |
| Elite Women | 8 |

Participation decisions will be made using the following criteria based on rankings on the selection date and results in the 2019/2020 season, ranked in the order of priority listed below. We will not be registering Juniors or U23 riders for 2020/2021 World Cups. 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 on the UCI Cyclo-cross Ranking;
2. Any rider finishing top 3 at the most recent Elite Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
3. Any rider with a top-10 result at the most recent Elite Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
4. Any rider with a top-10 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event;
5. Any rider with a top-30 result (must be among the top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup.

Elite Women's Criteria

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2. Any rider finishing top 3 at the most recent Elite Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
3. Any rider with a top-10 result at the most recent Elite Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
4. Any rider with a top-10 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event;
5. Any rider with a top-30 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup;
6. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent U23 Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships.

2021 World Championships Selection Policy

Riders interested in competing at the 2021 World Championships must indicate their interest by completing the online form before 23:59 EST on December 1st, 2020. [Click here for the online form.](#)

| Date | Event | Indication of Interest Date | Selection Date |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 30.01.2021 | WC: Ostende BEL | 01.12.2020 | 05.12.2020 |

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

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|-------------|---|
| Elite Men | 5 |
| Elite Women | 5 |
| U23 Men | 5 |
| U23 Women | 5 |

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U23 Men's Criteria

1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent U23 Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
2. Any rider with a Top 20 at a U23 UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup;
3. Any rider with a top-10 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event;
4. Any rider with a top-5 result at the most recent U23 Cyclo-cross Continental Championships.

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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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