2021-2022 SPECIFIC SELECTION POLICY

FOR PARA-CYCLING HIGH PERFORMANCE AND NEXTGEN PROGRAMS

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Pending approval by the High Performance Committee

PLEASE NOTE: ALL PROGRAMMING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The purpose of this document is to provide insight on National Team planning for the upcoming Para-cycling season. It is important to note that programming may change at any time due to financial circumstances, staffing, changes to the international racing calendar.

NOTE:

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.

Cycling Canada National Team selection policy
SPECIFIC conditions and criteria for selection to all national team PARA-CYCLING programs

INTRODUCTION

The following sets out the General Selection Criteria and **Schedules 1**-**4** and **Appendices 1**-**2** set out the Specific Selection Criteria for each Category, namely:

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ELIGIBILITY

Athlete eligibility for Para-cycling competition is defined in UCI rules 16.2.001 to 16.3-007.

The following athletes are eligible for selection to represent Canada as Para-cycling athletes:

- All male and female athletes holding a valid UCI licence showing the nationality as "Canadian," aged 17 or over on Dec. 31, 2021, with a functional class profile as defined for each sport class under the UCI Para-cycling rules.

The following rules apply to tandem pilots:

- Men and women cyclists over 18 years of age on Dec. 31, 2021, may race as tandem pilots, provided they have not been selected by their national federation in one of the following events (all disciplines included):
    - UCI World championships (except Masters, Para-cycling and Junior) and Olympic Games – at least 12 months preceding the Para-cycling event;
    - UCI World Cup, regional games and continental championships (ie. Parapan American Games): the same year of the para-cycling event (except Junior).

Cyclists who were members of a UCI World Team or UCI Professional Continental Team must respect a waiting period of 12 months after their contract expires before taking part as a tandem pilot. This waiting period comes on Jan. 1 the next year after the end of the contract for cyclists who were members of one of the other UCI teams described at article 1.1.041 of the UCI rules, except for UCI Continental Teams or UCI Women's Teams which are not subject to the waiting period.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR SELECTION

a. All selections are subject to clauses 1.c and 12.d (Right to Vary or Not Enter Teams) of the General Selection Policy.

b. **Sanctioned Competition or Authorized Event:** In order to be considered for selection to the Canadian Para-cycling Road Pools and Teams riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule while participating in a UCI sanctioned competition or a CC authorized event and while complying with all UCI Cycling Regulations.

c. **Other Factors:** Any selection to a Pool or Team for any one of the Events is subject to this Policy, including clauses 10 (Other Factors), 11 (Extenuating Circumstances) and 12 (Other Selection Matters) of the General Selection Policy.

d. Yearly Training Plan: Any rider applying for any CC project must provide the program coach with his or her Yearly Training Plan (YTP) and Individual Performance Plan (IPP), which are to be approved*. These documents should indicate preparation for the said project. A complete racing program leading to (and following) the project should also be submitted and discussed with the program coach. Templates can be found in the Appendix section of this document.

** Approved means that IPP's and YTP's are signed off by the national coach, the athlete, and the personal coach (if applicable)*

e. Time Period: Riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule within the time period commencing Jan. 1, 2021, and concluding midnight (EST) on the Selection Date for each Pool and Team as specified in this Schedule.

SCHEDULE 1 – HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPETITION PROGRAM

Road World Cup 1 – Ostend, BEL	**PROJECT CANCELLED** due to COVID-19 pandemic
Road World Cup 2 – Marostica, ITA	**Important Dates:**
Qualification Window to Meet Standards	*To be announced*
Team Nomination date	*Event postponed. Dates to be announced*
Athletes informed of nominations	
Appeal Period	
Competition Date	
Road World Cup 3 – Baie-Comeau, CAN	**EVENT CANCELLED**

This Schedule covers selection for the Para-cycling Categories for the Canadian Road Pools and Teams for the following events:

- Road World Cup #2 – Marostica, ITA – Dates TBA

1. ROAD WORLD CUP #2 – MAROSTICA, ITA – DATES TBA

a. Objective: Medal performances, evaluate early season performances and maximize UCI points.

b. Pool Size: The maximum size of the Pool of riders eligible for selection to the Team is 18.

c. The maximum number of participants per nation is six for road races and six for time trials for each sport class as per UCI rule 16.20.005. In case there are more riders than the number of spots allocated, the National Team coach will use the Items mentioned in Clause 10.a of the General Selection Policy (see Appendix 1) to finalize the event's selection.

d. Automatic selection to the Pool: Criteria to be posted upon announcement of competition dates.

e. Additional nominations to the pool: The National Coach may nominate up to three additional athletes to the selection Pool taking into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy and the maximum size of the Pool.

f. Selection Date: Refer to Schedule 1 table.

g. Funding: This is a self-funded event for athletes not selected to the 2021 Paralympic Games. Athletes will be informed of self-funding requirements at the time of selection.

h. Selection to the Team: In nominating riders to the Team, the National Coach and/or the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria and the Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10, 11 & 12 of the General Selection Criteria.

i. Tandem: In the case of tandem pairs, the National team coach(es) may determine the best combination (pilot/stoker) for optimal performance. For optimal performance reasons the mandate of the coach(es) will be to select the best pilot for the stoker based on items as set out in clauses 10, 11 & 12 of the General Selection Policy.

SCHEDULE 2 – ROAD AND TRACK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Road World Championships – Cascaias, POR	**Important Dates:**
Qualification Window to Meet Standards	Jan. 1 – May 9, 2021
Team Nomination date	May 9, 2021
Athletes informed of nominations	May 10, 2021
Appeal Period	May 10-12, 2021
Competition Date	June 9-13, 2021
Track World Championships – Dates and location TBA	**Important Dates:**
Qualification Window to Meet Standards	*Dates to be announced Sept. 2021*
Team Nomination date	
Athletes informed of nominations	
Appeal Period	
Competition Date	

This Schedule covers selection for the Para-cycling Categories for the Pools and Teams for the following Events:

- 2021 Road World Championships – Cascaias, POR – June 9-13, 2021
- 2022 Track World Championships – Location TBA – 2022

1. 2021 ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – CASCAIS, POR – JUNE 9-13, 2021

Those selected to Road World Cup 1 in Ostend, BEL through the High Performance Program and the Development Competition Pogram rationale listed below, are nominated for selection to the 2021 Road World Championships.

High Performance Rationale:

a. **Objectives:** Medal performances and gap analysis.
b. **Pool Size:** The maximum size of the Pool of riders eligible for selection to the Team is 14.
c. The maximum number of participants per nation is six for road races and six for time trials for each sport class as per UCI rule 16.20.005. In case there are more riders than the number of spots available, the National Team coach will use the Items mentioned in Clause 10.a of the General Selection Policy (see Appendix 1) to finalize the event's selection.
d. **Automatic Selection to the Team**: The following riders will be automatically selected to the Team:
  i. 2019 Road World Championship medalists;
e. **Automatic selection to the Pool:** The following riders will be automatically selected to the Pool:
  i. Athletes who have achieved Top 8 AND Top ½ at 2019 Road World Championships **AND/OR**;
  ii. Athletes who have medalled at a 2019 World Cup event;
f. **Additional nominations to the pool:** The National Coach may nominate up to three additional athletes to the selection Pool taking into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy and respecting the maximum size of the Pool.
g. **Selection Date:** Refer to Schedule 2 table.
h. **Funding:** This is a partially funded event. Athletes will be informed of any self-funding requirements at the time of selection.
i. **Selection to the Team:** In nominating riders to the Team, the National Coach and/or the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria and the Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10, 11 & 12 of the General Selection Policy.
j. **Tandem:** In the case of tandem pairs, the National team coach(es) may determine the best combination (pilot/stoker) for optimal performance. For optimal performance reasons the

mandate of the coach(es) will be to select the best pilot for the stoker based on items as set out in clauses 10, 11 & 12 of the General Selection Policy.

Development Rationale:

- **a. Objective:** Increase the international, high level racing exposure of development athletes (development athletes are defined as athletes who have not been carded at the SR1 level or as a past Paralympian).
- **b. Pool Size:** The maximum size of the Pool of riders eligible for selection to the Team is 10.
- **c. Automatic selection to the Pool:** The following riders will be automatically selected to the Pool:
  - I. Athletes having finished Top 8 AND Top ½ at a 2019 UCI World Cup;
- **d. Additional nominations to the pool:** The National Coach may nominate up to three additional athletes to the selection pool taking into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy and the maximum size of the Pool.
- **e. Development Team Size:** The maximum size of the Team is 6, subject to budget and competitiveness. Note there is a maximum of 6 starters/crews per nation in each class for the Time Trial and a maximum of 6 starters/crews per nation in each class for the Road Race. Given that the Cycling Canada High Performance team will attend the world cup as well, priority will be given to athletes showing the best performance potential and will be determined by the Head coach & Next Gen Coach in using Cycling Canada's Items mentioned in Clause 10.a of the General Selection Policy (see Appendix 1) to finalize the event's selection.
- **f. Selection Date:** Refer to Schedule 2 table.
- **g. Funding**: This is a self-funded event. Athletes will be informed of self-funding requirements at the time of selection.
- **h. Specific selection requirement:** Athletes may be required to provide physiological testing results and training data prior to April 8 2021. This will be done to ensure a minimum level of fitness in order to attend the Road World Cup.
- **i. Selection of Team**: In nominating athletes to the Team, the National Coach, NextGen coach and/or the Selection Committee shall take into account the Development Selection Pool criteria and the Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10, 11 & 12 of the General Selection Policy.
- **j. Tandem**: In the case of tandem pairs, the National team coach(s) may determine the best combination (pilot/stoker) for optimal performance. For optimal performance reasons the mandate of the coach(es) will be to select the best pilot for the stoker based on items as set out in clauses 10, 11 & 12 of the General Selection Policy.

2. 2022 TRACK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – DATES AND LOCATION TBA

- **a. Objectives:** Expose athletes to Track
- **b. Pool Size:** The maximum size of the Pool of riders eligible for selection to the Team is 10.
  - i. Quotas are pending UCI allocation of overall yearly points which are to be published before the championships. For the scratch races, only 2 riders per nations are allowed in the C4-5 and C1-3 races. This is in accordance with the 9.2.069 UCI rule (http://tinyurl.com/h3qnlfu).
- **c. Automatic Selection to the Team:** The following riders will be automatically selected to the Team:
  - i. Athletes selected to the 2021 Paralympics **AND/OR**;
  - ii. Athletes who have achieved the A standard between March 29, 2021 and Dec. 30, 2022.
- **d. Automatic Selection to the Pool:** The following riders will be automatically selected to the Pool:
  - i. Athletes who have achieved 95% of the B standard between Jan. 29 and Dec. 30, 2021.

e. **Additional nominations to the pool:** The National Coach may nominate up to three additional athletes to the selection Pool taking into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy and the maximum size of the Pool.
f. **Selection Date:** Refer to Schedule 2 table.
g. **Funding:** This is a partially funded project. Athletes will be informed of any self-funding requirements at the time of selection.
h. **Selection of Team:** In nominating riders to the Team, the National Coach and/or the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria and the Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10, 11 & 12 of the General Selection Policy.
i. **Tandem:** In the case of tandem pairs, the National team coach(es) may determine the best combination (pilot/stoker) for optimal performance. For optimal performance reasons the mandate of the coach(es) will be to select the best pilot for the stoker based on items as set out in clauses 10, 11 & 12 of the General Selection Policy.

SCHEDULE 3 – DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION SELECTION

Road World Cup 1 – Ostend, BEL	**PROJECT CANCELLED** due to COVID-19 pandemic
Road World Cup 2 – Marostica, ITA	**Important Dates:**
Qualification Window to Meet Standards	*To be announced*
Team Nomination date	*Event postponed. Dates to be announced*
Athletes informed of nominations	
Appeal Period	
Competition Date	
Road World Cup 3 – Baie-Comeau, CAN	**EVENT CANCELLED**

This Schedule covers selection for the Para-cycling Categories for the Canadian Development Teams for the following events:

- Road World Cup #2 – Marostica, ITA – Dates TBA

1. ROAD WORLD CUP #2 – MAROSTICA, ITA – DATES TBA

a. **Objective:** Increase the international, high level racing exposure of development athletes.
b. **Pool Size:** The maximum size of the Pool of riders eligible for selection to the Team is 10.
c. **Automatic selection to the Pool:** Criteria to be posted upon announcement of competition dates.
d. **Additional nominations to the pool:** The National Coach may nominate up to three additional athletes to the selection Pool taking into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy and the maximum size of the Pool.
e. **Development Team Size:** The maximum size of the Team is 6, subject to budget and competitiveness. Note there is a maximum of 6 starters/crews per nation in each class for the Time Trial and a maximum of 6 starters/crews per nation in each class for the Road Race. Given that the Cycling Canada High Performance team will attend the world cup as well, priority will be given to athletes showing the best performance potential and will be determined by the Head coach & Next Gen Coach in using Cycling Canada's Items mentioned in Clause 10.a of the General Selection Policy (see Appendix 1) to finalize the event's selection.
f. **Selection Date:** Refer to Schedule 3 table.
g. **Funding:** This is a self-funded event. Athletes will be informed of self-funding requirements at the time of selection.

h. **Specific selection requirement:** Athletes may be required to provide physiological testing results and training data prior to April 8 2021. This will be done to ensure a minimum level of fitness in order to attend the Road World Cup.

i. **Selection of Team**: In nominating athletes to the Team, the National Coach, NextGen coach and/or the Selection Committee shall take into account the Development Selection Pool criteria and the Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10, 11 & 12 of the General Selection Policy.

j. **Tandem**: In the case of tandem pairs, the National team coach(s) may determine the best combination (pilot/stoker) for optimal performance. For optimal performance reasons the mandate of the coach(es) will be to select the best pilot for the stoker based on items as set out in clauses 10, 11 & 12 of the General Selection Policy.

SCHEDULE 4 – CLASSIFICATION-BASED SELECTION PROCESS

This schedule covers the selection of Para-Cyclists who have yet to be classified at the international level. Subject to the availability of Classification panels, this process may be available for the following UCI events:

- Road World Cup #1 – Ostend, BEL – May 6-9, 2021
- 2022 Track World Championships – Dates and location TBA

The following criteria must be met in order to be considered for selection:

- The athlete must provide sufficient evidence to support a probable placement in a given classification. This evidence should include but is not limited to the following.
    i. Completed UCI's Medical Diagnostic Form on the para-cycling Classification page, located on the UCI website: https://www.uci.org/para-cycling/classification
    ii. Established power profile.
- The athlete must have achieved the B standard in their presumed classification, 5 weeks prior to the World Cup or Championships.

Any additional classification opportunities will be communicated to atheltes as soon as information becomes available.

The athlete's selection must be reviewed by the classification panel composed of:

- Cycling Canada's Para-cycling Head Coach
- Cycling Canada's High Performance Director

APPENDIX 1 – ROAD TIME STANDARDS

The standards for the Road time trial represent the average speed for every International event of 2019 (3 World Cups and 1 World Championship) per class. The average speed of the time trial is cumulated from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 10th place. This speed is averaged for finishing position. The A standard represents the Bronze Medal average speed, the B Standard is 97% of the A Standard, and the D standard is 90% of A standard. Although time factors are revised yearly, they cannot get slower; a previous years' time standard will stay the same if the class hasn't gone faster in the current year. If there is an increase in the average time, the standard will change and increase.

2021 NATIONAL TEAM ROAD STANDARDS									
CLASS	**A**	**B**	**D**	**Minimum Distance**	**CLASS**	**A**	**B**	**D**	**Minimum Distance**
MB	48.99	47.52	44.30	**20 km**	WB	43.45	42.15	39.10	**20 km**
MC1	39.63	38.44	36.00	**15 km**	WC1	30.67	29.75	22.00	**15 km**
MC2	41.32	40.08	37.19	**15 km**	WC2	35.91	34.83	32.32	**15 km**
MC3	43.30	42.00	39.30	**15 km**	WC3	37.75	36.62	31.81	**15 km**
MC4	44.88	43.53	41.20	**15 km**	WC4	37.78	36.65	35.30	**15 km**
MC5	45.65	44.28	42.00	**15 km**	WC5	40.07	38.87	37.50	**15 km**
MT1	29.00	28.13	26.10	**10 km**	WT1	23.95	23.20	19.00	**10 km**
MT2	35.61	34.74	33.67	**10 km**	WT2	30.03	29.13	22.00	**10 km**
MH1	23.68	22.97	21.31	**10 km**	WH1	16.50	15.95	10.40	**10 km**
MH2	33.65	32.64	27.40	**10 km**	WH2	23.75	23.04	15.00	**10 km**
MH3	39.86	38.67	34.90	**15 km**	WH3	33.04	32.05	26.90	**10 km**
MH4	40.20	39.00	34.60	**15 km**	WH4	33.61	32.61	29.60	**10 km**
MH5	39.11	37.94	35.30	**15 km**	WH5	34.74	33.70	32.30	**10 km**

Note: Road standard time will only be accepted from athletes having met the aforementioned time in the presence of a Cycling Canada accredited commissaire/official and where electronic timing was used.

APPENDIX 2 – TRACK TIME STANDARDS

The standards for the Track time trial (Kilo) is equivalent to the average time of the Bronze medals from every sea level World Championships and Paralympic Games since 2012. The standard for the individual pursuit is equivalent to the average time of the fourth-place finisher from every sea level World Championships and Paralympic Games since 2012. The track B standard is the same as the 2017 A standard.

2021 NATIONAL TEAM TRACK STANDARDS						
Men	**Individual Pursuit**			**Time Trial**		
	A	**B**	**D**	**A**	**B**	**D**
Tandem	04:21.80	04:27.0	04:32.60	01:02.5	01:03.8	01:07.0
C1	04:12.00	04:15.0	04:20.40	01:19.6	01:21.1	01:23.5
C2	03:54.30	03:57.3	04:04.10	01:16.6	01:17.7	01:20.9
C3	03:39.40	03:44.9	03:55.90	01:11.3	01:11.9	01:16.5
C4	04:47.80	04:52.6	05:04.90	01:09.0	01:09.4	01:11.9
C5	04:42.30	04:45.7	04:56.20	01:06.9	01:07.9	01:11.7
Women	**Individual Pursuit**			**Time Trial**		
	A	**B**	**D**	**A**	**B**	**D**
Tandem	03:36.70	03:40.40	03:44.20	01:09.0	01:11.5	01:15.1
C1	04:49.20	04:49.20	04:49.20	47.2	48.3	49.3
C2	04:31.70	04:37.30	04:44.90	43.4	45.7	49.1
C3	04:24.50	04:27.50	04:31.50	44.2	44.7	47.0
C4	04:13.60	04:19.10	04:26.60	40.7	41.9	44.9
C5	03:57.50	04:01.10	04:06.40	38.1	39.0	42.8

Note: Track standard time will only be accepted from athletes having met the aforementioned time in the presence of a Cycling Canada accredited commissaire/official, where electronic timing was used and on a track at sea level (below 1,000m altitude).