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2021 ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA

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NOTE REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Cycling Canada (CC) 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, CC 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.

ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS KEY DATES

Date	Category					Event
	JW	JM	UM	EW	EM	
June 8, 2021						Application deadline (using the form here)
July 17-18, 2021						Junior selection events (Quebec)
July 29, 2021						Deadline to file notice of appeal (at 11:59 pm EST)
Aug. 17, 2021						World Championships quotas based on UCI rankings
Aug. 22, 2021						Additional U23 quotas based on U23 NCup ranking
Aug. 23, 2021						Selection submitted to HPC
Aug. 24, 2021						Eligible athletes informed of selection
Aug. 27, 2021						Date for CC to confirm it will use its quota quotas
Aug. 30, 2021						Selection submitted to HPC
Aug. 31, 2021						Deadline to file notice of appeal (at 11:59 pm EST)
Aug. 31, 2021						Eligible athletes informed of selection
Sept. 4, 2021						Enrolment deadline
Sept. 6, 2021						Deadline to file notice of appeal (at 11:59 pm EST)
Sept. 8, 2021						Public announcement of team
Sept. 11, 2021						Enrolment deadline
Sept. 19, 2021						Elite men individual time trial
Sept. 20, 2021						U23 men & Elite women individual time trial
Sept. 21, 2021						Junior women & Junior men individual time trial
Sept. 22, 2021						Mixed Relay team time trial (TBD)
Sept. 24, 2021						Junior men & U23 men road race
Sept. 25, 2021						Junior women & Elite women road race
Sept. 26, 2021						Elite men's road race



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SCHEDULE A: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA

JUNIOR WOMEN	
Quota based on:	UCI Nations Cup ranking on Aug. 17, 2021
Canada's anticipated quota:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road Race: 4 athletes• Time Trial: 2 athletes (from among athletes selected for the Road Race)
Eligible athletes:	Canadian citizens born in 2003 or 2004 who hold a valid 2021 UCI road licence designating their nationality as Canadian.
Minimum performance standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All interested athletes must apply using the online form by June 8, 2021• The process for assessing these athletes can be found in Appendix A
Selection date	Preliminary nomination of 6 athletes on July 19, 2021. Final nomination of 4 starters and up to 2 alternates on Aug. 23, 2021.
Selection criteria:	<p>The Worlds team and up to 2 alternates will be selected based on assessment by the Development Road Coach the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International race results to date• Fitness• Technical ability• Tactical ability• Suitability to the World Championships course• Attitude and composure <p>The 2 time trial starters and up to 2 alternates will be nominated from among the athletes selected for the road race based on an assessment of their suitability for the event.</p>

JUNIOR MEN	
Quota based on:	UCI Nations Cup ranking on Aug. 17, 2021
Canada's anticipated quota:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road Race: 4 athletes• Time Trial: 2 athletes (from among athletes selected for the Road Race)
Eligible athletes:	Canadian citizens born in 2003 or 2004 who hold a valid 2021 UCI road licence designating their nationality as Canadian.
Minimum performance standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All interested athletes must apply using the online form by June 8, 2021• The process for assessing these athletes can be found in Appendix A
Selection date	Preliminary nomination of 6 athletes on July 19, 2021.



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	Final nomination of 4 starters and up to 2 alternates on Aug. 23, 2021.
Selection criteria:	<p>The Worlds team and up to 2 alternates will be nominated by the Road Development Coach based on the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International race results to date• Fitness• Technical ability• Tactical ability• Suitability to the World Championships course• Attitude and composure <p>The 2 time trial starters and up to 2 alternates will be nominated from among the athletes selected for the road race based on an assessment of their suitability for the event.</p>

U23 MEN	
Quota based on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UCI AmericaTour nations ranking on Aug. 17, 2021• UCI NationsCup U23 ranking on Aug. 22, 2021
Canada's anticipated quota:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road Race: 3-4 athletes• Time Trial: 2 athletes (from among athletes selected for the Road Race)
Eligible athletes:	Canadian citizens born between 1999 and 2002 who hold a valid 2021 UCI road licence designating their nationality as Canadian.
Minimum performance standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member of a UCI WorldTeam, ProTeam or Continental Team• Additional athletes may be considered for selection based on the recommendation of the Development Road Coach. Any such nominations must be approved by the Selection Committee
Selection date	Aug. 23, 2021
Selection criteria:	<p>The Worlds team and up to 2 alternates will be nominated by the Development Road Coach in the following order of priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Athletes finishing in the top 10 in a UCI WT event (stage or overall)• Priority 2: Athletes finishing in the top 10 in a UCI HC event (stage or overall)• Priority 3: Athletes finishing in the top 10 in a UCI Class 1 event (stage or overall)• Priority 4: Athletes finishing in the top 10 overall of a UCI U23 NationsCup event• Priority 5: Athletes finishing in the top 10 of a stage of a UCI U23 NationsCup event• Priority 6: Additional athletes will be nominated in the order of their UCI World Ranking on Aug. 17, 2021• If needed, additional athletes may be nominated at the discretion of the selection committee



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NOTE: It is the responsibility of the athletes to submit their results to the Development Road Coach. All results must be achieved in the 12 months preceding Aug. 17, 2021. In the event of a tie, the best result will take precedence. If there is still a tie, it will be broken by the selection committee. <p>The 2 time trial starters and up to 2 alternates will be nominated from among the athletes selected for the road race based on the following considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">International time trial results to dateFitnessTechnical abilitySuitability to the World Championships courseAttitude and composure
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ELITE WOMEN	
Quota based on:	UCI World Ranking by Nations on Aug. 17, 2021
Canada's anticipated quota:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Road Race: 3-5 athletesTime Trial: 2 athletes
Eligible athletes:	Canadian citizens born 2003 and earlier who hold a valid 2021 UCI elite road licence designating their nationality as Canadian.
Minimum performance standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Member of a UCI Women's WorldTeam or Women's Continental TeamAdditional athletes may be considered for selection at the discretion of the Selection Committee
Selection date	Aug. 23, 2021
Selection criteria:	<p>The World Championship Team will be selected to support one or more designated leaders. The leader(s) will be nominated by the selection committee based on their demonstrated ability to achieve a podium result in a major international one-day event.</p> <p>The remainder of the team and up to 2 alternates will be nominated based on their demonstrated ability to support a team leader in a major international one-day event.</p> <p>It is understood that in creating the best possible team, the best individual athletes may not be selected.</p> <p>All selections will take into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">International race results to dateFitnessTechnical abilityTactical abilitySuitability to the World Championships courseAttitude and composure



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	<p>2 time trial starters and up to 2 alternates will be nominated based on the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International time trial results to date• Fitness• Technical ability• Suitability to the World Championships course• Attitude and composure <p>These athletes may be selected from among or in addition to the athletes selected to the road race.</p>
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ELITE MEN

Quota based on:	UCI World Ranking by Nations on Aug. 17, 2021
Canada's anticipated quota:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road Race: 3-5 athletes• Time Trial: 2 athletes
Eligible athletes:	Canadian citizens born 1998 and earlier who hold a valid 2021 UCI elite road licence designating their nationality as Canadian.
Minimum performance standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member of a UCI WorldTeam or UCI ProTeam• Additional athletes may be considered for selection at the discretion of the Selection Committee
Selection date	Aug. 30, 2021
Selection criteria:	<p>The World Championship Team will be selected to support one or more designated leaders. The leader(s) will be nominated by the selection committee based on their demonstrated ability to achieve a podium result in a major international one-day event.</p> <p>The remainder of the team and up to 2 alternates will be nominated based on their demonstrated ability to support a team leader in a major international one-day event.</p> <p>It is understood that in creating the best possible team, the best individual athletes may not be selected.</p> <p>All selections will take into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International race results to date• Fitness• Technical ability• Tactical ability• Suitability to the World Championships course• Attitude and composure <p>2 time trial starters and up to 2 alternates will be nominated based on the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International time trial results to date



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fitness• Technical ability• Suitability to the World Championships course• Attitude and composure <p>These athletes may be selected from among or in addition to the athletes selected to the road race.</p>
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SCHEDULE B: GENERAL SELECTION POLICIES

1. DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

The High Performance Director (HPD) is responsible for developing and approving all national team selection processes and procedures.

Prior to publication, world championship selection policies will be circulated to the Cycling Canada Athletes Council for feedback, published in draft form on the Cycling Canada website, and submitted to the High Performance Committee for ratification.

Nomination recommendations will be prepared based on the criteria by a selection committee composed of one or more members of the High Performance Committee and the HPD. All nominations, including alternates, will be ratified by the High Performance Committee.

During the actual competition period, all final decision making authority will reside with the HPD. The starting composition for team events shall be determined on site by the coach of that event and approved by the HPD, and must come from among the athletes competing at the World Championships.

2. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION (IF) CRITERIA

The maximum size of Canada's cycling delegation at the UCI Road World Championships will be determined by the qualification system drafted by the International Cycling Union (UCI).

3. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for selection to the Canadian team, an athlete must:

- Be a Canadian citizen.
- Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before the final travel date for the World Championships
- Be in compliance with all relevant CC and UCI requirements for eligibility.
- Hold a valid UCI licence indicating nationality as Canadian.
- Sign, submit and comply with the Cycling Canada National Team Agreement no later than Aug. 30, 2021.
- Have completed all relevant UCI, WADA and CCES anti-doping requirements;
- Minors must have parental permission to participate in training programs and competitions.

4. OTHER FACTORS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED IN SELECTION

In addition to the Specific Selection Criteria, selection may take into consideration any one or more of the following additional factors:

- Individual performances and/or results in international competition of the rider in the 12-month period prior to the selection date;
- The rider's potential to contribute to future Olympic qualifying spots;
- The rider's potential to win a medal at the next Olympic Games;
- The rider's potential to compete at future Olympic Games;
- The rider's technical ability;
- The rider's tactical ability;
- The rider's physical ability / fitness;
- The rider's suitability for the course / venue / environmental conditions of the Event in consideration;



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- The rider's attitude, composure and behavior in high-pressure competitive environments;
- The results of any of the rider's sport science tests conducted by CC, including biomechanical and physiological;
- The rider's consistency and reliability in competition;
- The ability of the rider to contribute to a team result;
- The rider's attendance, performance, attitude and conduct in training whilst a member of national team program (DTE, training camp or competition);
- The rider's level of communication with CC, including sharing training programs and reports with the relevant National Coach.

5. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

In considering the performances and results of riders at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under this Policy, the selection committee may, at its discretion, give weight to extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Policy.

For the purposes of this Policy, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, attend training camps or perform at an optimum level arising from any one or more of the following:

- Injury or illness (documented at the time the incident occurred and accompanied by a certified medical explanation);
- Pregnancy;
- Travel delays caused by carriers.

Riders unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Policy must advise the HPD of the extenuating circumstances in writing of this fact and the reasons thereof, with as much advance notice as possible, ideally more than seven (7) days prior to the beginning of the events, trials, or other attendances upon which selection may be considered under this Policy.

In the case of injury or illness, riders are required to provide a doctor's certificate and/or undergo a medical examination by a medical practitioner/s nominated by CC and to provide the opinion and/or report of such practitioner to the HPD. A failure to agree to such request will result in the HPD being prevented from considering the injury or illness as extenuating circumstances.

The determination of an extenuating circumstance will be made on a case-by-case basis. Such determination will be made by the HPD and will be documented accordingly.

6. OTHER SELECTION MATTERS

- Factors Pertaining to Team Size: Where a greater number of riders achieves the Specific Selection Criteria than is permitted by the maximum Team size specified in this document, the selection committee shall determine which riders are to be nominated for selection. For this reason, achieving the Specific Selection Criteria does not guarantee selection to a Canadian Pool or Team.
- Additional Riders: Additional riders (up to the maximum number of riders specified in this document) may be added to a Pool or Team after the Selection Date, at the discretion of the Selection Committee.
- Removal from a Team: A rider may be removed from Team in accordance with Clauses 9 and/or 10 of this Policy.



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- Right to Vary or Not Enter Teams: CC reserves the right to enter a larger or smaller Team or no Team at all in any Category for any Event, regardless of the number of riders who have met the Specific Selection Criteria, for reasons including, but not limited to, CC's assessment of the athletes' ability to meet the performance objectives; budgetary restrictions; or other factors not under CC's control. CC will endeavor to notify individuals affected by such a decision as soon as practicable, with the rationale for the decision.

7. PERFORMANCE READINESS AND INJURIES

All selections made using these criteria are subject to an assessment of the athlete's performance readiness.

"Performance readiness" is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying. The final recommendation on competitive readiness will be made by the relevant head coach to the HPD, using all available information at his/her disposal including performance results and progress over the selection period, the suitability of the training and competition plan, fitness and other indicators, submitted medical documentation, consultation with the athlete's personal coach, and any other relevant performance related information.

Once selected, athletes who do not remain performance ready because of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team at any time. Any such removals are subject to the approval of the HPC. Athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level. Notification must be sent to the relevant head coach and to High Performance Director Kris Westwood (kris.westwood@cyclingcanada.ca).

Prior to the UCI registration deadline all nominated athletes shall have their current performance status evaluated by the relevant Head Coach, and their injury/health status assessed by the relevant IST staff member(s). If, having completed these assessments, an athlete is deemed to be underperforming significantly as a result of injury or illness the relevant head coach shall decide if the athlete will be recovered and will satisfy the definition of "performance readiness" indicated immediately above in order to maintain their nomination.

8. REMOVAL OF AN ATHLETE ONCE SELECTED

Besides in the case of performance readiness outlined above, an athlete may be removed from selection if she or he:

- breaches or fails to comply with this Policy or any term of the CC Athlete Agreement;
- breaches or fails to comply with:
- CC National team policy;
- the rules established by the CCES;
- the rules of any event, competition or activity in which the rider has been selected to participate;
- any reasonable instruction or request by the HPD or National Team Coach;
- brings him/herself, another rider in the Team, the Team as a whole, an official, CC, or cycling generally, into disrepute;

Removal from the team is subject to the same approvals process as for selection.



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Cycling Canada will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of the decision.

9. AMENDMENTS & UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection process to be fairly and objectively applied, the HPD, in consultation with the HPC, reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action.

10. APPEALS

Any selection decisions by Cycling Canada may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the Cycling Canada Appeals Policy, published on the Cycling Canada website. Appeals may also be brought directly to the SDRCC with the consent of all parties.

11. STAFF SELECTION (Coaches, Team Leaders)

The HPD has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including coaches, for the World Championships. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the the worlds.

12. FUNDING

Cycling Canada will endeavour to fund the majority of the costs related to World Championships participation. Nevertheless, some athletes may be required to pay a reasonable project fee to contribute to costs. This fee will be communicated at the time of selection.

13. CONTACT

For clarifications or questions on the contents of this policy, please contact High Performance Director Kris Westwood at kris.westwood@cyclingcanada.ca



APPENDIX A: Junior worlds selection process

The focus of the 2021 Junior Road program is to begin to build a community of riders and support their developmental journey towards becoming gracious champions. As such, all riders in the junior category who are interested in competing for Canada at the 2021 UCI Road World Championships are welcome to apply.

Cycling Canada will do its best to support and foster the athletes, coaches, and clubs in this stage of development with access to the national coaching team, staff, and alumni via webinars, training camps, and other opportunities.

Due to the changing restrictions of COVID-19 on local communities, the following process has been developed to be as fair as possible for athletes across Canada. These guidelines are benchmarks for athletes to strive towards, to help provide motivation to train while we wait for racing to resume.

Step One:

- All riders to complete an online form, to be submitted by June 8, 2021. The form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/UcWxXoBtRMGyFR3B6>
- Each province/territory to carry out 3-4 timed tests on the same day. Road bikes only, no aero bars, any wheels and any helmet
- If possible, a group style event (only possible if allowed under Health Orders in your province or territory)
- Dates to be set in your province or territory before the end of June.

Step Two:

- Up to 3-5 women and 3-5 men from each province/territory will be invited to the following final selection event:
 - July 17 – Classique Jules Béland road race (Drummondville QC)
 - July 18 – Individual Time Trial and/or Hill Climb (region of Bromont QC)
- A preliminary nomination of up to six athletes will be made on July 19. These athletes will be informed of their nomination status on that date.
- The 4 starters for the World Championships and up to 2 alternates will be selected from among these six athletes on Aug. 23, 2021.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Development Road Coach Richard Wooles at richard.wooles@cyclingcanada.ca.