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**FOR SELECTING ATHLETES FOR THE GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD
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INTRODUCTION


This policy is in three parts. Part A sets out the scope and purpose of the selection Policy. Part B sets out the selection objectives and general criteria for selection to Teams in all cycling sports. Part C sets out the Specific selection criteria for each gender and event at the Olympic Games.

In case of any wording discrepancies between the English and French versions of the selection policy, the English wording takes precedence.

KEY DATES

The key dates for cycling qualification, selection and competition at the 2016 Olympic Games are as follows:

Date	Sport	Event
May 31 2014	BMX	BMX Olympic qualification period begins
Sept. 2014	Track	Track Olympic qualification period begins
Jan. 1, 2015	Road	Men's road Olympic qualification period begins
May 25, 2015	Mountain Bike	Mountain bike Olympic qualification period begins
June 1, 2015	Road	Women's road Olympic qualification period begins
Dec. 31, 2015	Road	Men's road Olympic qualification period ends
Jan. 15, 2016	Road	UCI announces men's road quotas
March 6, 2016	Track	Track Olympic qualification period ends
March 7, 2016	Track	UCI announces track quotas
April 1, 2016	Track	Cycling Canada track selection date
April 15, 2016	Track	Cycling Canada track selection announcement
May 24, 2016	Mountain Bike	Mountain bike Olympic qualification period ends
May 31, 2015	Road	Women's road Olympic qualification period ends
June 1, 2016	Mountain Bike	UCI announces Mountain Bike quotas
June 6, 2016	Road	UCI announces women's road quotas
June 7, 2016	BMX	BMX Olympic qualification period ends
June 10, 2016	Mountain Bike	Cycling Canada Mountain Bike selection date
June 15, 2016	BMX	Cycling Canada BMX selection date
June 15, 2016	Road	Cycling Canada Road selection date (men and women)
June 25, 2016	Mountain Bike	Cycling Canada Mountain Bike selection announcement
June 30, 2016	Road	Cycling Canada Road selection announcement
June 30, 2016	BMX	Cycling Canada BMX selection announcement
Aug. 6, 2016	Road	Olympic Games: Women's Road Race (Fort Copacabana)
Aug. 7, 2016	Road	Olympic Games: Men's Road Race (Fort Copacabana)
Aug. 10, 2016	Road	Olympic Games: Women's and Men's Time Trial (Pontal)
Aug. 11-16, 2016	Track	Olympic Games: Track (Rio Olympic Velodrome)
Aug. 17-19, 2016	BMX	Olympic Games: BMX (Deodoro)
Aug. 20, 2016	Mountain Bike	Olympic Games: Women's XCO (Deodoro)
Aug. 21, 2016	Mountain Bike	Olympic Games: Men's XCO (Deodoro)

 = BMX  = Road  = Track  = Mountain Bike



PART A - GENERAL

Part A of this Policy sets out the scope and purpose of the Policy, who it applies to, the procedure of the Cycling Canada (CC) Selection Committee, eligibility and communication requirements for riders seeking selection and how this Policy can be amended.

1. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF POLICY

- a. This Policy is issued by CC to clearly set out the process and criteria on which riders will be selected to be members of the Canadian National Team Pools and Teams for the categories and programs and for the period defined in the specific selection criteria, subject to clauses 1.b and 12.d.
- b. Cycling Canada may decide at any time at its discretion to not select or enter a Team, or to vary the Team or Start List size in any one or more of the Olympic Events.

2. APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

- a. This Policy shall take effect on the date set out in the Specific Selection Criteria document.
- b. This Policy applies to all members of CC and all riders wishing to be considered for selection to the national team.

3. DEFINITIONS

- a. The words used in this Policy shall have the following meanings:
 - **Campaign:** National Team trip that encompasses two or more **projects**
 - **Category:** the category of riders as defined in the UCI regulations and specified in the Specific Selection Criteria document.
 - **CC:** Cycling Canada
 - **CCES:** the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport
 - **Due Date:** the date by which any written applications for exemption to the pre-condition requirements set out in clause 8.a (Part B) must be received by the HPD.
 - **Eligible:** a rider that has satisfied the requirements in clause 5 (Part A) of this Policy and the applicable requirements in the Schedule for the rider's Category.
 - **Event:** the different events held at competitions for the cycling Sport. For example the Road Sport includes both time trial and road race events.
 - **HPD- Head Coach:** CC's High Performance Director
 - **HPM:** CC's High Performance Manager
 - **In Writing:** a written letter that is posted or an electronic letter (email).
 - **Major Games:** Olympic Games, Paralympics, Pan Am Games, Para Pan Am Games and Commonwealth Games.
 - **National Team Coach:** the person appointed as coach for the different cycling Sports.
 - **Pool:** a group of riders from which a Team is selected.
 - **Project:** a competition the National Team is doing. It may be part of a **campaign**.
 - **SDRCC:** Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada
 - **Selection Committee:** the Cycling Canada High Performance Committee or a committee appointed by the HPC to select riders in each Category for world championships and major games. The members of the Selection Committee may differ between the different Categories but all Selection Committees will include the HPD and the National Team Coach.
 - **Selection Criteria:** the criteria set out in Part B of this Policy and the Specific Selection Criteria set out in the Specific Selection Criteria document.
 - **Selection Date:** the date that selections made by the CC Selection Panel are announced, as specified in the Specific Selection Criteria document.
 - **Specific Selection Criteria:** the criteria listed in the Specific Selection Criteria document.



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- **Sport Advisory Group:** a sub-committee of the High Performance Committee that advises the National Team Coach on matters of team selection for all events other than worlds and major games.
- **Sport Coordinator:** the person who assists the National Team Coach in areas including, but not limited to event logistics, for the different Sports of cycling.
- **Sports of Cycling (or Cycling Sport):** road, mountain bike, para-cycling, track, BMX, cyclo-cross and mountain bike downhill.
- **Start List:** The athletes within a Team who are selected to compete in the different Events of their Cycling Sport.
- **Team:** the group of riders selected to represent Canada in Projects in each Category as defined in this Policy, also referred to as “**Canadian Team**” or “**National Team.**”
- **UCI Cycling Regulations:** the regulations issued by UCI from time to time that regulate the sport of cycling.
- **UCI:** the International Cycling Union, which is the international association of national cycling federations of which CC is the national federation of Canada.
- **World Championships:** the UCI-sanctioned World Championship held each year in road, track, mountain bike, BMX, Para-Cycling and cyclo-cross.

4. SELECTION

- a. The Selection Committee or HPC will have sole authority to select riders from Pools to Canadian Teams for World Championships and Major Games.
- b. The Sport Advisory Group will have the authority to advise the National Coach on selection to Pools and Teams for all Projects and Programs except World Championships and Major Games.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- a. To be eligible for consideration for selection to a Canadian Pool or Team, each rider seeking selection must:
 - i. Be a Canadian citizen at the time of application for their CC license, (including UCI International License) unless specified otherwise in the UCI Cycling Regulations.
 - ii. Have a current racing license issued by CC or another federation affiliated with the UCI with the license marked ‘CAN’.
 - iii. Complete and sign the application form for selection, if applicable, and return it to the HPD or HPM by the due date set out in the Specific Selection Criteria document. The HPD or HPM may at his/her discretion accept the above after this time.
 - iv. Have read, signed, and returned to CC the execution page of the CC Athlete Agreement by the due date set out in the Specific Selection Criteria document. It is a condition of this Agreement that the rider agrees to participate in and meet all competition, training and participation requirements as determined by the HPD or National Coach.
 - v. Comply with the communication requirements set out in clause 5.b (Part A) of this Policy.
 - vi. Be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by the UCI and/or CCES pursuant to the Canadian Anti Doping Policy (CADP) and the rules, regulations and policies of the UCI, CC and the World Anti-Doping Code.
 - vii. Not be under suspension or any other sanction by any recognized body for any doping or doping-related offence.
- b. Communication
 - i. Each rider who has indicated their wish to be considered for selection must ensure their full contact details have been provided to the CC HPD, the Sport Coordinator and the National Coach. This information will be used for monitoring the rider’s progress, to communicate important information regarding selection and the Teams, and to ensure compliance with whereabouts obligations in accordance with the CCES CADP and the World Anti-Doping Code.



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- ii. Any rider applying for any CC project will need to provide the program coach with his or her YTP (Yearly Training Plan) with details indicating the planned preparation for the said project. A complete racing program leading up to and following the project should also be submitted and discussed with the program coach.

- iii. The rider's contact details and any other correspondence should be forwarded to:

High Performance Director – Head Coach Jacques Landry, and copied to the relevant **sport coordinator** (see below)

Email: Jacques.Landry@CyclingCanada.ca

Phone: 1-613-248-1353 ext. 2614

Fax 1-613-248-9311

Sport coordinators :

- Track and road : Dave Haanpaa (dave.haanpaa@cyclingcanada.ca)
- Off-road: Jennifer Mahoney (jennifer.mahoney@cyclingcanada.ca)
- Track and Road Assistant: Jessika Grand Bois (Jessika.grandbois@cyclingcanada.ca)

Program coaches :

Track:

- Craig Griffin (Women's Endurance): craig.griffin@cyclingcanada.ca
- Ian Melvin (NextGen/Men's Endurance): ian.melvin@cyclingcanada.ca
- Erin Hartwell (Sprint): erin.hartwell@cyclingcanada.ca
- Cameron Jennings (NextGen/Women's Endurance): cameron.jennings@cyclingcanada.ca

Road:

- Denise Kelly (Women's Road): denise.kelly@cyclingcanada.ca
- Luc Arseneau (Men's Road Development) : Luc.Arseneau@CyclingCanada.ca
- Kevin Field (Elite Men's Road Manager): kfield@gmail.com

Mountain bike:

- Dan Proulx (Elite): dan.proulx@cyclingcanada.ca
- Ian Hughes (Development) : ian.hughes@cyclingcanada.ca

BMX:

- Ken Cools (Head Coach): ken.cools@cyclingcanada.ca
- Adam Muys (NextGen): adam.muys@gmail.com

- iv. The contact details will be forwarded to the National Team Coach and Sport Coordinator for his/her attention. It is then the Coach's and/or Coordinator's responsibility to contact the rider as soon as practicable.
- v. Once the rider has been contacted, it is then the ultimate responsibility of the rider to communicate with the National Team Coach as to the progress of their training and competition program and to provide a record of current results and performances achieved, particularly those relevant to the Specific Selection Criteria.

6. AMENDMENT TO THIS POLICY

- a. This Policy, including the Selection Criteria, may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for. All amendments must be approved by the High Performance Director. If approved, the HPD will notify in writing of any amendment or supplement and will endeavor to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any such amendment or supplement.

PART B - SELECTION CRITERIA



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Part B of this Policy sets out the selection objectives and general criteria for selection to Teams.

7. SELECTION OBJECTIVE

- a. The objective is to select the Teams to compete in the Categories and Events as specified in the Specific Selection Criteria document.

8. PRE-CONDITIONS TO SELECTION:

- a. In addition to the eligibility requirements (clause 5 – Part A), and subject to clause 8.b – Part B (Exemption) any pre-conditions to selection are specified in the Specific Selection Criteria document.
- b. **Exemption:** A rider may be exempted from any pre-condition requirement in clause 8.a – Part B only on approval of a written application to the HPD setting out the reasons for not meeting this requirement. This application must be made by the Due Date as specified in the Specific Selection Criteria document. The Selection Committee will determine the application and advise the rider of the outcome as soon as practicable and not less than seven (7) days after receipt of the request.

9. SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

- a. Any rider who is Eligible and has met the pre-conditions (clause 8 – Part B), if any, and seeks selection to a Team must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in the Specific Selection Criteria document in order to be considered for inclusion in the Pool and selection to the Team.

10. OTHER FACTORS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED TO ACHIEVE THE BEST TEAM PERFORMANCE

- a. In addition to the Specific Selection Criteria, the Selection Committee **will** take into consideration any one or more of the following additional factors in selecting riders for any Team:
 - i. Consistent and successful individual performances of the rider in the 12-month period prior to the selection to pool or team in international competition;
 - ii. The rider's UCI individual classification for specific Events for the 12-month period prior to the selection of the Pool or Team (as the case may be);
 - iii. The rider's potential to contribute to Olympic qualifying spots leading into the next Olympic / Paralympic Games;
 - iv. The rider's ability to work within a team structure when selected to a National Team project;
 - v. The rider's technical ability and bicycle handling skills;
 - vi. The rider's tactical ability, in particular the ability to read and react to the race and racing style, that can lead to individual or team performances;
 - vii. Consideration of the performance of any rider who has been involved in an intense training or competition program;
 - viii. The rider's attendance, performance, attitude and conduct in training whilst a member of national team program (project competition and training camp);
 - ix. The rider's demonstrated understanding and respect for their position on a Canadian Team; including sharing training programs and reports with the relevant National Coach;
 - x. The rider's demonstrated willingness to promote cycling in a positive manner;
 - xi. The rider's demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
 - xii. The rider's proven ability to be reliable;
 - xiii. The results of any of the rider's sports science tests including biomechanical and physiological;
 - xiv. Consideration of the nature of the course on which the Event is being held;
 - xv. The effect of anticipated environmental conditions on performances.

11. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES



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- a. 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.
- b. 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:
 - i. Injury or illness (documented at the time the incident occurred and accompanied by a certified medical explanation);
 - ii. Travel delays caused by carriers;
- c. 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 seven (7) days) prior to the beginning of the events, trials, or other attendances upon which selection may be considered under this Policy.
- d. In the case of injury or illness, riders are required by the selection committee 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 selection committee. A failure to agree to such request will result in the selection committee being prevented from considering the injury or illness as extenuating circumstances.
- e. The determination of an extenuating circumstance will be made on a case-by-case basis. Such determination will be made by the Selection Committee and will be documented accordingly.

12. OTHER SELECTION MATTERS

- a. **Factors Pertaining to Team Size:** Where a greater number of riders achieves the Specific Selection Criteria than is permitted by the maximum Pool or Team size specified in the relevant Schedule, the Selection Committee shall make a determination on which riders are to be selected. For this reason, achieving the Specific Selection Criteria does **not** guarantee selection to a Canadian Pool or Team.
- b. **Additional Riders:** Additional riders (up to the maximum number of riders specified in the relevant Schedule) may be added to a Pool or Team after the Selection Date at the discretion of the Selection Committee.
- c. **Removal from a Pool or Team:** A rider may be removed from a Pool or Team in accordance with clause 14 (Part B) of this Policy.
- d. **Right to Vary or Not Enter Teams:** CC reserves the right to enter a 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.

13. SELECTIONS FOR START LIST

- a. Once a Canadian Team is selected for any Event, the HPD and/or the relevant National Team Coach will have complete discretion to determine from amongst the Team, the riders to start in each event on the basis of the performances, fitness, and health of the riders and the nature of the course or Event.
- b. The determination and maximum number of riders to start in each event will be in accordance with the permitted starting numbers/quotas set out by the UCI for each cycling Sport.

14. REMOVAL FROM CANADIAN TEAM

- a. A rider may be removed from a Canadian Pool or Team if he or she:
 - i. breaches or fails to comply with this Policy or any term of the CC Athlete Agreement;
 - ii. 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;



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- iii. brings him/herself, another rider in a Pool or Team, the Pool or Team as a whole, an official, CC, or cycling generally, into disrepute;
- iv. has a significant illness or injury which in the opinion of the National team Coach and/or CC appointed coach will prevent the rider from continuing to meet the Selection Criteria on which he or she was selected to the Pool or Team; or
- v. fails to consistently maintain the level of performance and/or results, or to maintain any one or more of the other factors set out in the applicable Selection Criteria.

15. APPEALS

- a. All appeals should follow CC "Appeals Policy": http://www.cyclingcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/appeals_policy.pdf
- b. There is no right to appeal a rider's non-selection to a **Pool**.

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PART C – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Part C of this Policy sets out the specific selection criteria for each gender and event at the 2016 Olympic Games.

The cycling competitions at the Games of the XXXI Olympiad will take place as follows:

- Road (Fort Copacabana and Pontal)
 - Women’s Road Race: Aug. 6, 2016
 - Men’s Road Race: Aug. 7, 2016
 - Women’s and Men’s Individual Time Trial: Aug. 10, 2016
- Track (Rio Olympic Velodrome): Aug. 11-16, 2016
- BMX (Deodoro): Aug. 17-19, 2016
- Mountain Bike (Deodoro):
 - Women’s XCO: Aug. 20, 2016
 - Men’s XCO: Aug. 21, 2016

ROAD CRITERIA

Timeline

- [UCI qualification system](#) (click to visit link)
- Olympic qualification period:
 - Women: June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016
 - Men: Jan. 1, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2015
- UCI quota announcement:
 - Women: June 6, 2016
 - Men: Jan. 15, 2016
- Cycling Canada Selection Date: June 15, 2016 (for both men and women)
- Cycling Canada Selection Announcement: June 30, 2016
- Competition dates:
 - Women’s Road Race: Aug. 6, 2016
 - Men’s Road Race: Aug. 7, 2016
 - Women’s and Men’s Time Trial: Aug. 10, 2016

Objective

To identify and select Canadian athletes with the potential to win a medal at the Olympic Games.

Eligibility

Licensed athletes 19 years of age or older on Dec. 31, 2016, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI licence with a nationality designation of CAN.

Pre-participation requirements

All riders seeking selection must complete an international participation period of at least one (1) month in a Cycling Canada-approved training and racing program prior to the 2016 Olympic Games.

Women’s Road Race Selection Criteria

Maximum team size allowed by qualification process: 4

Selection team size:



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- Canada's quota plus 1 alternate

Automatic selection to the Team:

Athletes achieving the following performance will be automatically nominated to the Team:

- Any athlete finishing Top-5 in the Individual Time Trial at the 2015 Elite road world championships.
Note: only one athlete may be automatically selected. If two or more athletes finish top-5 at the world championships, the best-placed athlete will be chosen.
Before their selection is confirmed, automatically selected athletes must demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness and collaborate with Cycling Canada to ensure their training plans are designed to achieve maximal performance at the Olympic Games.

Qualification to the Pool:

Athletes achieving the following performances will be eligible for selection to the Team:

- Top-12 finisher at 2015 Elite Road World Championships (Individual Time Trial or Road Race);
- Top-8 finisher at a UCI Road World Cup between Jan. 1, 2015, and June 15, 2016;
- Athletes in the top 100 of the UCI women's road ranking on June 15, 2016;
- Athletes nominated to the Pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and the High Performance Director using:
 - The rider's UCI rankings on June 15, 2016;
 - The rider's performance and results in UCI sanctioned events between Jan. 1, 2015, and June 15, 2016;
 - The rider's past performances at World Championships and Olympic Games; and
 - Items mentioned in clause 10.a (Part B) of this Policy.

Selection to the Team:

The National Coach will recommend the riders and alternates to be nominated to the team based on the following:

- The Pool selected riders' performances and results in the following:
 - The 2015 Elite UCI Road World Championships;
 - UCI Road World Cups between Jan. 1, 2015 and June 15, 2016;
 - Other UCI events.
- The Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10 to 12 inclusive in Part B of this Policy.

Additional selection considerations:

- According to the UCI qualification system, each nation's Time Trial entry must come from among the athletes entered for the Road Race. As a consequence, Canada's Road Race team selection may be made in such a way as to prioritize performance in the Time Trial. This decision will be based on the expert opinion of the National Coach and High Performance Director.

Women's Individual Time Trial Selection Criteria

Maximum Team Size: 2

Selection Team Size: 2 athletes plus 1 alternate

Selection to the Team:

The National Coach will recommend the riders and alternates to be nominated to the team based on the following:

- Rider must be selected to the Road Race Team;
- The Pool selected riders' performances and results in the following:



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- 2015 Elite World Championship Individual Time Trial;
- Other UCI time trials.
- The Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10 to 12 inclusive in Part B of this Policy.

Men's Road Race Selection Criteria

Maximum Team Size: 5

Selection Team Size: 6 athletes plus 1 alternate, selected in order of priority

Automatic selection to the Team:

- Any athlete finishing Top-5 in the Individual Time Trial at the 2015 Elite road world championships.
Note: only one athlete may be automatically selected. If two or more athletes finish top-5 at the world championships, the best-placed athlete will be chosen.
Before their selection is confirmed, automatically selected athletes must demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness and collaborate with Cycling Canada to ensure their training plans are designed to achieve maximal performance at the Olympic Games.

Qualification to the Pool:

Athletes achieving the following performances will be eligible for selection to the Team:

- Top-16 finisher at 2015 Elite Road World Championships (Individual Time Trial or Road Race);
- Top-12 finisher at a UCI WorldTour event between Jan. 1, 2015, and June 15, 2016;
- Athletes in the top 100 of the UCI WorldTour ranking on Dec. 31, 2015 or on June 15, 2016;
- Athletes in the top 20 of any Continental ranking on Dec. 31, 2015 or on June 15, 2016
- Athletes nominated to the Pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and the High Performance Director using:
 - The rider's UCI rankings on June 15, 2016;
 - The rider's performance and results in UCI sanctioned events between Jan. 1, 2015, and June 15, 2016;
 - The rider's past performances at World Championships and Olympic Games; and
 - Items mentioned in clause 10.a (Part B) of this Policy

Selection to the Team:

The National Coach will recommend the riders and alternates to be nominated to the team based on the following:

- The Pool selected riders' performances and results in the following:
 - The 2015 Elite UCI Road World Championships;
 - UCI WorldTour events;
 - UCI Continental Ranking events.
- The Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10 to 12 inclusive in Part B of this Policy.

Additional selection considerations:

- According to the UCI qualification system, each nation's Time Trial entry must come from among the athletes entered for the Road Race. As a consequence, Canada's Road Race team selection may be made in such a way as to prioritize performance in the Time Trial. This decision will be based on the expert opinion of the National Coach and High Performance Director.

Men's Individual Time Trial Selection Criteria



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Maximum Team Size: 2

Selection Team Size: 3 athletes plus 1 alternate

Selection to the Team:

The National Coach will recommend the riders and alternates to be nominated to the team based on the following:

- Rider must be selected to the Road Race Team;
- The Pool selected riders' performances and results in the following:
 - The 2015 Elite UCI Road World Championship Individual Time Trial;
 - Other UCI time trials.
- The Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10 to 12 inclusive in Part B of this Policy.

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TRACK CRITERIA

Timeline

- [UCI Qualification System](#) (click to visit link)
- Olympic qualification period: September 2014 to March 6, 2016
- UCI quota announcement: March 7, 2016
- Cycling Canada Selection Date: April 1, 2016
- Cycling Canada Selection Announcement: April 15, 2016
- Competition dates: Aug. 11-16, 2016

Objective

To identify and select Canadian athletes with the potential to win a medal at the Olympic Games.

Eligibility

Licensed athletes 18 years of age or older on Dec. 31, 2016, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI licence with a nationality designation of CAN.

Pre-participation requirements

All riders seeking selection must complete an international participation period of at least one (1) month in a Cycling Canada-approved training and racing program prior to the 2016 Olympic Games.

Team Sprint Selection Criteria

Maximum Team Size: 1 team per nation

- 2 women
- 3 men

Selection Team Size:

- 2 female athletes plus 1 alternate
- 3 male athletes plus 1 alternate

Qualification to the Pool:

Athletes achieving the following performances will be eligible for selection to the Team:

- Member of team finishing top-12 at 2016 Track World Championships;
- Member of team finishing top-8 at a UCI Track World Cup during the 2015-16 season;
- Athletes nominated to the Pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and the High Performance Director.

Additional selection considerations:

- Qualifying for the Team Sprint would automatically give Canada starters in the Sprint and Keirin. As a result, based on our analysis of performance potential, the team composition may be modified in order to prioritize performance in one of the individual events. This decision will be based on the expert opinion of the National Coach and High Performance Director.
- If Canada qualifies for the Team Sprint, the nomination of the Sprint and Keirin athletes will be a Start List selection as per Clause 13 (Part B) of this Policy.
- If Canada does not qualify for the Team Sprint, the Sprint and Keirin athletes will be nominated as per the policy below.



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Preconditions to selection:

- Athletes must have met the published Cycling Canada “International” Time Standard in one or more sprint events.

Selection to the Team:

The National Coach will recommend the riders and alternates to be nominated to the team based on the following:

- The Pool selected riders’ performances and results in the following:
 - The 2016 Elite UCI Track World Championships;
 - UCI Track World Cups between September 2014 and February 2016;
 - Other UCI events.
- The Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10 to 12 inclusive in Part B of this Policy.

Team Pursuit Selection Criteria

Maximum Team Size: 1 team per nation

- 4 women
- 4 men

Selection Team Size:

- 4 female athletes plus 1 alternate
- 4 male athletes plus 1 alternate

Qualification to the Pool:

Athletes achieving the following performances will be eligible for selection to the Team:

- Member of team finishing top-12 at 2016 Track World Championships;
- Member of team finishing top-8 at a UCI Track World Cup during the 2015-16 season;
- Athletes nominated to the Pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and the High Performance Director.

Preconditions to selection:

- Athletes must have met the published Cycling Canada “International” Time Standard in the Team Pursuit or Individual Pursuit.

Selection to the Team:

The National Coach will recommend the riders and alternates to be nominated to the team based on the following:

- The Pool selected riders’ performances and results in the following:
 - The 2016 Elite UCI Track World Championships;
 - UCI Track World Cups between September 2014 and February 2016;
 - Other UCI events.
- The Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10 to 12 inclusive in Part B of this Policy.

Sprint and Keirin Selection Criteria

Maximum Team Size:

- 2 women
- 2 men



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Selection Team Size:

- Canada's quota plus 1 male alternate and 1 female alternate

Automatic selection to the Team:

Athletes achieving the following performance will be automatically nominated to the Team:

- Any athlete finishing Top-5 in the Sprint or Keirin at the 2016 Elite Track World Championships.
Note: only one female and one male athlete may be automatically selected. If two or more athletes of the same gender finish top-5 at the world championships, the best-placed athlete will be chosen. If there is a tie, the decision will be based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and the High Performance Director.

Before their selection is confirmed, automatically selected athletes must demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness and collaborate with Cycling Canada to ensure their training plans are designed to achieve maximal performance at the Olympic Games.

Qualification to the Pool:

Athletes achieving the following performances will be eligible for selection to the Team:

- Top-12 finisher at 2016 Track World Championships;
- Top-8 finisher at a UCI Track World Cup during the 2015-16 season;
- Athletes nominated to the Pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and the High Performance Director.

Preconditions to selection:

- Athletes must have met the published Cycling Canada "International" Time Standard in a sprint event;

Selection to the Team:

The National Coach will recommend the riders and alternates to be nominated to the team based on the following:

- The Pool selected riders' performances and results in the following:
 - The 2016 Elite UCI Track World Championships;
 - UCI Track World Cups between September 2014 and February 2016;
 - Other UCI events.
- The Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10 to 12 inclusive in Part B of this Policy.

Omnium Selection Criteria

Maximum Team Size:

- 1 woman
- 1 man

Selection Team Size:

- Canada's quota plus 1 alternate
- Canada's quota plus 1 alternate

Automatic selection to the Team:

Athletes achieving the following performance will be automatically nominated to the Team:

- Any athlete finishing Top-5 at the 2016 Elite Track World Championships.
Note: Before their selection is confirmed, automatically selected athletes must demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness and collaborate with Cycling Canada to ensure their training plans are designed to achieve maximal performance at the Olympic Games.



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Qualification to the Pool:

Athletes achieving the following performances will be eligible for selection to the Team:

- Top-12 finisher at 2016 Track World Championships;
- Top-8 finisher at a UCI Track World Cup during the 2015-16 season;
- Athletes nominated to the Pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and the HPD.

Preconditions to selection:

- Athletes must have met the published Cycling Canada "International" Time Standard in the Omnium.

Selection to the Team:

The National Coach will recommend the riders and alternates to be nominated to the team based on the following:

- The Pool selected riders' performances and results in the following:
 - The 2016 Elite UCI Track World Championships;
 - UCI Track World Cups between September 2014 and February 2016;
 - Other UCI events.
- The Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10 to 12 inclusive in Part B of this Policy.



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BMX CRITERIA

Timeline

- [UCI qualification system](#) (click to visit link)
- Olympic qualification period: May 31, 2014 to May 30, 2016
- UCI quota announcement: June 7, 2016
- Cycling Canada Selection Date: June 15, 2016
- Cycling Canada Selection Announcement: June 30, 2016
- Competition Dates: Aug. 17-19, 2016

Objective

To identify and select Canadian athletes with the potential to win a medal at the Olympic Games.

Eligibility

Licensed athletes 18 years of age or older on Dec. 31, 2016, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI licence with a nationality designation of CAN.

Pre-participation requirements

All riders seeking selection must complete an international participation period of at least one (1) month in a Cycling Canada-approved training and racing program prior to the 2016 Olympic Games.

Women's BMX Selection Criteria

Maximum Team Size: 2

Selection Team Size: Canada's quota plus 1 alternate

Automatic selection to the Team:

Athletes achieving the following performance will be automatically nominated to the Team:

- Any athlete finishing Top-5 at the 2016 Elite BMX world championships.
Note: only one athlete may be automatically selected. If two or more athletes finish top-5 at the world championships, the best-placed athlete will be chosen.
Before their selection is confirmed, automatically selected athletes must demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness and collaborate with Cycling Canada to ensure their training plans are designed to achieve maximal performance at the Olympic Games.

Qualification to the Pool:

Athletes achieving the following performances will be eligible for selection to the Team:

- Top-8 finisher at the 2015 or 2016 Elite World Championships or at an Elite UCI SX World Cup between Jan. 1, 2015 and May 30, 2016;
- 2 times top-16 finisher at an Elite UCI SX World Cup between Jan. 1, 2015, and May 30, 2016;
- Athletes in the top 50 of the UCI women's BMX ranking on June 15, 2016;
- Athletes nominated to the Pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and the High Performance Director using:
 - The rider's UCI ranking on June 15, 2016;
 - The rider's performance and results in UCI sanctioned events between Jan. 1, 2015, and May 30, 2016;
 - The rider's past performances at World Championships and Olympic Games; and



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- Items mentioned in clause 10.a (Part B) of this Policy

Selection to the Team:

The National Coach will recommend the riders and alternates to be nominated to the team based on the following:

- The Pool selected riders' performances prioritized by the order in which they qualified to the Pool; and
- The Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10 to 12 inclusive in Part B of this Policy.

Men's BMX Selection Criteria

Maximum Team Size: 3

Selection Team Size: Canada's quota plus 1 alternate

Automatic selection to the Team:

Athletes achieving the following performance will be automatically nominated to the Team:

- Any athlete finishing Top-5 at the 2016 Elite BMX world championships.
Note: only one athlete may be automatically selected. If two or more athletes finish top-5 at the world championships, the best-placed athlete will be chosen.
Before their selection is confirmed, automatically selected athletes must demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness and collaborate with Cycling Canada to ensure their training plans are designed to achieve maximal performance at the Olympic Games.

Qualification to the Pool:

Athletes achieving the following performances will be eligible for selection to the Team:

- Top-16 finisher at the 2015 or 2016 Elite World Championships or at an Elite UCI SX World Cup between Jan. 1, 2015 and May 30, 2016;
- 2 times top-32 finisher at an Elite UCI SX World Cup between Jan. 1, 2015, and May 30, 2016;
- Athletes in the top 75 of the UCI men's BMX ranking on June 15, 2016;
- Athletes nominated to the Pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and the High Performance Director using:
 - The rider's UCI ranking following the 2016 BMX World Championships;
 - The rider's performances and results in UCI sanctioned events between Jan. 1, 2015, and May 30, 2016;
 - The rider's past performances at World Championships and Olympic Games; and
 - Items mentioned in clause 10.a (Part B) of this Policy

Selection to the Team:

The National Coach will recommend the riders and alternates to be nominated to the team based on the following:

- The Pool selected riders' performances and results in the following:
 - 2015 and 2016 Elite World Championships;
 - 2015 and 2016 Elite BMX SX World Cups;
 - Other UCI events between Jan. 1, 2015, and June 10, 2016;
 - UCI rankings.
- The Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10 to 12 inclusive in Part B of this Policy.



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MOUNTAIN BIKE CRITERIA

Timeline

- [UCI qualification system](#) (click to visit link)
- Olympic qualification period: May 25, 2015 to May 24, 2016
- UCI quota announcement: June 1, 2016
- Cycling Canada Selection Date: June 10, 2016
- Cycling Canada Selection Announcement: June 25, 2016
- Competition dates:
 - Women's XCO: Aug. 20, 2016
 - Men's XCO: Aug. 21, 2016

Objective

To identify and select Canadian athletes with the potential to win a medal at the Olympic Games.

Eligibility

Licensed athletes 19 years of age or older on Dec. 31, 2016, who are Canadian citizens in possession of a UCI licence with a nationality designation of CAN.

Pre-participation requirements

All riders seeking selection must complete an international participation period of at least one (1) month in a Cycling Canada-approved training and racing program prior to the 2016 Olympic Games.

Women's XCO Selection Criteria

Maximum Team Size: 2

Selection Team Size: Canada's quota plus 1 alternate

Automatic selection to the Team:

Athletes achieving the following performance will be automatically nominated to the Team:

- Any athlete finishing Top-5 at the 2015 Elite XCO world championships.
Note: only one athlete may be automatically selected. If two or more athletes finish top-5 at the world championships, the best-placed athlete will be chosen.
Before their selection is confirmed, automatically selected athletes must demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness and collaborate with Cycling Canada to ensure their training plans are designed to achieve maximal performance at the Olympic Games.

Qualification to the Pool:

Athletes achieving the following performances will be eligible for selection to the Team:

- Top-12 finisher at 2015 Elite XCO World Championships;
- Top-8 finisher at an Elite XCO World Cup between Jan. 1, 2015, and June 10, 2016;
- Elite and U23 athletes in the top 100 of the UCI women's Mountain Bike ranking on Dec. 31, 2015, or June 10, 2016;
- Athletes nominated to the Pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and the High Performance Director using:
 - The rider's UCI rankings on June 10, 2016;



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- The rider's performance and results in international events between Jan. 1, 2015, and June 10, 2016;
- The rider's past performances at World Championships and Olympic Games; and
- Items mentioned in clause 10.a (Part B) of this Policy

Selection to the Team:

The National Coach will recommend the riders and alternates to be nominated to the team based on the following:

- The Pool selected riders' performances and results in the following:
 - 2015 Elite XCO World Championships;
 - 2015 and 2016 Elite XCO Mountain Bike World Cups;
 - Other UCI events between Jan. 1, 2015, and June 10, 2016;
 - UCI rankings.
- The Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10 to 12 inclusive in Part B of this Policy.

Men's XCO Selection Criteria

Maximum Team Size: 3

Selection Team Size: Canada's quota plus 1 alternate

Automatic selection to the Team:

Athletes achieving the following performance will be automatically nominated to the Team:

- Any athlete finishing Top-5 at the 2015 Elite XCO world championships.
Note: only one athlete may be automatically selected. If two or more athletes finish top-5 at the world championships, the best-placed athlete will be chosen.
Before their selection is confirmed, automatically selected athletes must demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness and collaborate with Cycling Canada to ensure their training plans are designed to achieve maximal performance at the Olympic Games.

Qualification to the Pool:

Athletes achieving the following performances will be eligible for selection to the Team:

- Top-16 finisher at 2015 Elite XCO World Championships;
- Top-12 finisher at an Elite XCO World Cup between Jan. 1, 2015, and June 10, 2016;
- Elite and U23 athletes in the top 100 of the UCI men's Mountain Bike ranking on Dec. 31, 2015, or June 10, 2016;
- Athletes nominated to the Pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and the High Performance Director using:
 - The rider's UCI rankings on June 10, 2016;
 - The rider's performance and results in international events between Jan. 1, 2015, and June 10, 2016;
 - The rider's past performances at World Championships and Olympic Games; and
 - Items mentioned in clause 10.a (Part B) of this Policy

Selection to the Team:

The National Coach will recommend the riders and alternates to be nominated to the team based on the following:

- The Pool selected riders' performances and results in the following:
 - 2015 Elite XCO World Championships;
 - 2015 and 2016 Elite XCO Mountain Bike World Cups;



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- Other UCI events between Jan. 1, 2015, and June 10, 2016;
- UCI rankings.
- The Other Factors, Extenuating Circumstances, and Other Selection Matters as set out in clauses 10 to 12 inclusive in Part B of this Policy.

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