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# SELECTION POLICY FOR CANADIAN BMX NATIONAL CYCLING TEAM FOR 2013 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (NZ) July 24-28

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## INTRODUCTION

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This Policy is in three parts: **Part A** sets out the background and procedure for selection of riders; **Part B** sets out the General Selection Criteria; **Part C** details the Specific Selection Criteria.

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## PART A - GENERAL

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

### 1. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF POLICY

- 1.1. Subject to clauses 1.2 (Part A) and 12.4 (Part B), this Policy is issued by the CC to clearly set out the process and criteria on which riders will be selected to be members of the BMX Pool and Team at the 2013 World Championships in Auckland, New Zealand from July 24 to 28th.
- 1.2. Cycling Canada may decide at any time in its discretion not to select or enter a Team, or to vary the Team size. This decision may be made for any reason. Riders seeking selection to the Team for these Events will be notified as soon as practicable if CC decides not to select a Team under this clause.

### 2. APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY

- 2.1. This Policy shall take effect on April 24, 2013.
- 2.2. This Policy applies to all members of CC and all riders wishing to be considered for selection to the BMX World Championships Team.

### 3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. The words used in this Policy shall have the following meanings:

**Selection Committee** means the committee appointed by CC High Performance Committee to be part of the process of selecting riders in each Category. 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

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**HPD- Head Coach** means CC's High Performance Director

**HPM** means CC's High Performance Manager

**Category** means the category of riders as specified in this policy namely Elite, U23 (men only), and U19 riders.

**CCES** means the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport

**Due Date** means the date by which any written applications for exemption to the pre-condition requirements set out in clause 8 must be received by the HPD as specified in each projects selection criteria.

**Event** means the different events held at competitions for the cycling sport.

**Elite** means the Category of riders aged 19 years and above as specified in the UCI Cycling Regulations.



**Eligible** means a rider that has satisfied the requirements in clause 5 of this Policy, and in terms of eligibility to be selected for BMX Teams also means the rider has satisfied the requirements in the applicable Schedule for the rider's Category.

**In Writing** means a written letter that is posted or an electronic letter (email).

**National Team Coach** means the person appointed as coach for the different sports of cycling.

**Canadian Team** means the men's and women's teams of riders that are selected to represent Canada in Events in each Category as defined in this Policy, also referred to as "**the Team**".

**Pool** is a group of riders from which a Team is selected.

**SDRCC** – Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada

**Sport Coordinator** means the person who assists the National Team Coach for the different sports of cycling.

**Sports of Cycling** means road, mountain bike, para-cycling, track and BMX.

**Selection Criteria** means the criteria specified in Part B of this Policy including the Specific Selection Criteria set out in Schedules 1 to 3 inclusive.

**Selection Date** means the date that selections made by the CCC Selection Panel are announced, as specified in Schedules 1 to 3.

**Specific Selection Criteria** means the criteria listed in **Part C**.

**UCI** means the International Cycling Union, which is the international association of national cycling federations of which the CCC is the national federation of Canada.

**UCI Cycling Regulations** means the regulations issued by UCI from time to time that regulate the sport of cycling.

**Junior** means the Category of riders aged 17 and 18 years of age as specified in the UCI Cycling Regulations.

#### 4. **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

4.1. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to select riders from Pools to Canadian Teams.

#### 5. **ELIGIBILITY**

5.1. To be eligible for consideration for selection to a Canadian BMX Pool or Team, each rider seeking selection must:

5.1.1. 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.

5.1.2. Have a current racing license issued by CC or another federation affiliated with the UCI with the license marked 'CAN'.

5.1.3. Complete and sign the application form for selection and return it to the HPD or HPM by the due date. The HPD or HPM may at his/her discretion accept the above after this time.



5.1.4. Have read, signed, and returned to CC the execution page of the CC Athlete Agreement by the due date. 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.

5.1.5. Comply with the communication requirements set out in clause 5.2 of this Policy.

5.1.6. 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 Policy against doping in Sport and the rules, regulations and policies of the UCI, CC and the World Anti-Doping Code.

5.1.7. The athlete must not be under suspension or any other sanction by any recognized body for any doping or doping-related offence.

## 5.2. Communication

5.2.1. 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 and the sport Coordinator and the BMX Coach. This information will be used for monitoring of a rider's progress, to be able to communicate important information regarding selection, and the administration of the Teams to a rider and for the rider to ensure compliance with the obligations of providing whereabouts information in accordance with the CCES Canadian Policy against doping in Sport and the World Anti-Doping Code.

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

5.2.3. The contact details and any other correspondence should be forwarded to:

Jacques Landry, copied to the Off-Road coordinator ([off-road@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:off-road@cyclingcanada.ca))  
High Performance Director – Head Coach  
Email [jacques.landry@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:jacques.landry@cyclingcanada.ca)  
Phone 1-613-248-1353  
Fax 1-613-248-9311

**Program coach:**

Ken Cools (National Team Coach): [ken.cools@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:ken.cools@cyclingcanada.ca)

5.2.4. 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.

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5.2.5. 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

6.1. 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-Head Coach. If approved, the HPD will notify in writing any amendment or supplement and will endeavor to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any such amendment or supplement.

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## PART B – GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA

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**Part B** of this Policy sets out the selection objective and general criteria for selection to the Team.

## 7. SELECTION OBJECTIVE

7.1. The objective of the Selection Committee is to select the Team to compete in the Event and Categories as specified in this Policy.

## 8. PRE-CONDITIONS TO SELECTION:

8.1. In addition to the eligibility requirements (clause 5 – Part A), and subject to clause 8.2 – Part B (Exemption), any pre-condition to selection are specified in **Part C**.

8.2. **Exemption:** A rider may be exempted from any pre-condition requirement in clause 8.1 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 **Part C**, 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

9.1. Any rider who is Eligible and has met the pre-conditions (clause 8 – Part B), if any, and seeks selection to the Team must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in **Part C** 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

10.1. 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:

10.1.1. The rider's international sanctioned competition results for any events in the 12 month period prior to the selection of the Pool or Team, (as the case may be);



- 10.1.2. Consistent and successful individual performances of the rider in the 12 month period prior to the selection of the Pool or Team (as the case may be) in domestic and international sanctioned competition;
- 10.1.3. 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);
- 10.1.4. The rider's UCI World Cup points and results for the 12 month period prior to the selection of the Pool or Team (as the case may be);
- 10.1.5. The rider's ability to work in a team structure;
- 10.1.6. The rider's technical ability including their racing approach (aggressive vs passive), bicycle handling skills, racing skills and tactics;
- 10.1.7. The results of any of the rider's sports science tests including biomechanical and physiological;
- 10.1.8. Consideration of the performance of any rider who has been involved in an intense training or competition program;
- 10.1.9. Consideration of the nature of the course on which the Event is being held;
- 10.1.10. The effect of environmental conditions on performances in time trial and road events;
- 10.1.11. The rider's attendance, performance, attitude and conduct in training whilst a member of national team program (project competition and training camp);
- 10.1.12. The rider's demonstrated understanding and respect for the position on a Canadian Team;
- 10.1.13. The rider's demonstrated willingness to promote cycling in a positive manner;
- 10.1.14. The rider's demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results; and
- 10.1.15. The rider's proven ability to be reliable.

## 11. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 11.1. In considering the performances and results of riders at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under this Policy, the selection committee may in its discretion, give weight to extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Policy.
- 11.2. 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:
  - 11.2.1. Injury or illness (documented at the time the incident occurred and accompanied by a certified medical explanation);
  - 11.2.2. Travel delays caused by carriers;
- 11.3. 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 commencement of the events, trials, or other attendances upon which selection may be considered under this Policy.
- 11.4. 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.

- 11.5. 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 HPD; and will be documented accordingly.

## 12. OTHER SELECTION MATTERS

- 12.1. **Factors Pertaining to Team Size:** Where more than the number of riders permitted by the maximum Pool or Team size as specified in the relevant Schedule achieves the Specific Selection Criteria, the Selection Committee shall make a determination on which riders are to be selected. For this reason, achievement of the Specific Selection Criteria does not guarantee selection to a Canadian Pool or Team.
- 12.2. **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.
- 12.3. **Removal from a Pool or Team:** A rider may be removed from a Pool or Team in accordance with clause 14 of this Policy.
- 12.4. **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.

## 13. SELECTIONS FOR START LIST

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. 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 discipline.

## 14. REMOVAL FROM CANADIAN TEAM

- 14.1. A rider may be removed from a Canadian Pool or Team if he:
  - 14.1.1. breaches or fails to comply with this Policy or any term of CC Athlete Agreement;
  - 14.1.2. breaches or fails to comply with:
    - 14.1.2.1. CC athlete agreement and/or National team policy;
    - 14.1.2.2. the rules established by the CCES;
    - 14.1.2.3. the rules of any event, competition or activity in which the rider has been selected to participate;
    - 14.1.2.4. any reasonable instruction or request by the HPD or National Team Coach;
  - 14.1.3. 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;



- 14.1.4. 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
- 14.1.5. 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

- 15.1. All appeals should follow CC “Appeals Policy”:  
[http://www.canadian-cycling.com/cca/about/documents/appeals\\_policy.pdf](http://www.canadian-cycling.com/cca/about/documents/appeals_policy.pdf)
- 15.2. There is no right to appeal a rider’s non-selection to a Pool.

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## PART C – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

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**Part C** of this Policy sets out the specific criteria for selection to the Team pertaining to the UCI World Championships categories only.

## 16. GENERAL

- 16.1. **Sanctioned Competition or Authorized Event:** In order to be considered for selection to this Championship Project, Pools and Teams riders must achieve the Specific Selection requirements set out in this criteria while participating in a UCI sanctioned competition or a CC authorized event and while using a BMX Bike that complies with the UCI Cycling Regulations.
- 16.2. **Other Factors:** Any selection to a Team is subject to this Policy (including clause 10 (Other Factors), 11 (Extenuating Circumstances) and 12 (Other Selection Matters)).
- 16.3. **Pre-Conditions:** All riders seeking selection to a Championship project must complete a domestic participation period of at least one (1) month in an approved Team training and racing program prior to the 2013 World BMX Championships. In addition, all selected athletes to the Worlds Team project must attend the scheduled training camp prior to the event.

## 17. 2013 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

- 17.1. The purpose of this section is to provide information relative to the mechanism by which the Cycling Canada (CC) will select its representatives to the 2013 BMX World Championships. The primary objective of the selection process is to choose athletes with the highest potential to win medals at the 2013 BMX World Championships in Auckland, New Zealand.
- 17.2. Selection for the World Championships is open to any athlete possessing a Canadian passport at the time of nomination, an international UCI racing license and who is a member in good standing with the CC, their respective Provincial /Territorial Sport Organization, the Union Cycliste International, (UCI) and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).





17.3. The World Championship will be a self-funded project. Cycling Canada may assume some of the costs related to this project based on resources available and the performance potential of the athletes. The final costs will be communicated to the athletes once the team size is established.

## 18. UCI QUOTA FOR CANADA

18.1. For each category, the maximum number of riders for each nation is determined on the basis of the UCI classification by nation on 31st December of the preceding season. Canada will be permitted to enter 2 reserves in each category.

The UCI ranking by nations is calculated by adding the points scored by the 3 best-placed riders of each nation for Men (Junior and Elite separate), and by the 2 best-placed riders of each nation for Women (Junior and Elite separate).

18.2. In addition to 18.1, the following riders will also be qualified for the Elite World Championships. These riders are automatically qualified for the World Championships and cannot be replaced by another rider:

- Top 16 Men Elite in the UCI BMX Individual World Ranking of 31st December of the preceding season.
- Top 8 Women Elite in the UCI BMX Individual World Ranking of 31st December of the preceding season.

## 19. SELECTION PROCEDURE

19.1. Maximum Team Size as per UCI quota:

<b>Elite</b>	Women: 1	Men: 3
<b>Junior</b>	Women: 1	Men: 4

Cycling Canada reserves the right to either increase or decrease the team size in any category or event based as mentioned in clauses 1.3 and 12.4 of this document.

19.2. Tory Nyhaug, the rider qualified through 18.2, will automatically be selected for Elite Men and is additional to the numbers listed in 19.1.

19.3. Selection will be determined by UCI quota per category as follows:

### 19.3.1. 1 rider quota

Chosen at the discretion of the National Team Coach based on the considerations detailed in 10 of Part B.

### 19.3.2. 3 rider quota

- 1) One spot will be allocated to the highest placed Canadian in the top 100 UCI rankings on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- 2) If there are no Canadian riders in the top 100 UCI rankings, then the highest placed Canadian rider in the top 50 USABMX rankings on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 will be selected.
- 3) If there are no Canadian riders in the top 50 USABMX rankings, the rider will be chosen at the discretion of the National Team Coach.
- 4) All remaining riders will be chosen at the discretion of the National Team Coach based on the considerations detailed in 10 of Part B.



### 19.3.3. 4 rider quota

- 1) Two spots will be allocated to the highest placed Canadians in the top 100 UCI rankings on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- 2) If there are no Canadian riders in the top 100 UCI rankings, then the highest placed Canadian riders in the top 50 USABMX rankings on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 will be selected.
- 3) If there are no Canadian riders in the top 50 USABMX rankings, the riders will be chosen at the discretion of the National Team Coach.
- 4) All remaining riders will be chosen at the discretion of the National Team Coach based on the considerations detailed in 10 of Part B.

19.4. All disputes shall be managed pursuant of the Cycling Canada Appeals Policy.

### 19.5. Selection Announcement Dates

- 19.5.1. Cycling Canada will endeavor to announce athlete selections in a timely manner as outlined below in order to provide the best possible preparation time and to provide athletes with time to secure funding from their province, teams, sponsors and/or supporters. Cycling Canada reserves the right to change these announcement dates in the event that more time is needed to ensure due process and fairness in selection.

19.6. Selection Date: June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013



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