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#NextGenU23

Men's NextGen Track (Road) Endurance Program

2016 SELECTION & MAINTENANCE CRITERIA

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Note: It is to be noted that elements mentioned in this program may change throughout the season due to funding restrictions, race cancellations or other elements that may not be controlled by Cycling Canada. In the case where there are changes to the program Cycling Canada will endeavor to notify all affected persons in a timely manner.

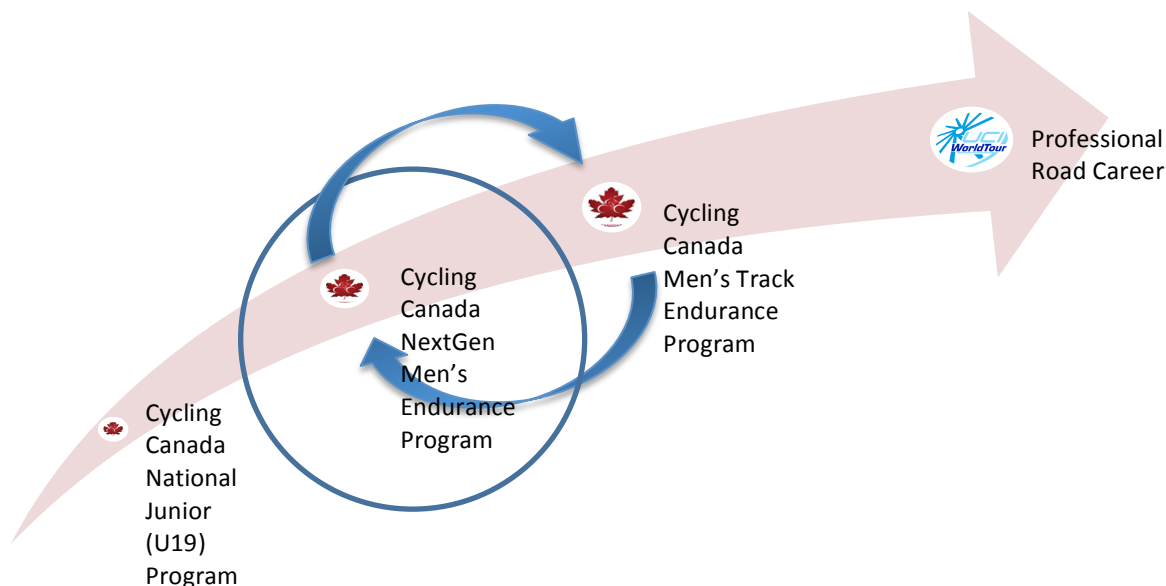
1. THE PROGRAM

Our vision... To create a World Class Men's Track Endurance program that will be medal competitive by Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Underpinning this vision will be a committed U23 endurance program for emerging talent supported by world class infrastructure and ambitions creating a long-term career pathway towards World Tour professional status.

It is well documented that track cycling is a leader in youth development and a long term career pathway towards professional road status. Many nations have proven this over the years and continue to do so today; e.g. GBR, AUS, DEN, NZL, SUI, etc. Canada, with the opening of the Mattamy Homes Cycling Center built for the 2015 Pan-American Games, now has the crucial tool to allow us to follow in these footsteps.

A World Class Team Pursuit program relies on the identification of young emerging talent with appropriate physiology and skill sets. These riders will have to commit to a year-round training and international racing program leading up to the ultimate goal: a world class performance at the Olympic Games in Tokyo 2020.

To support the development of the program and to underpin its track performances, a strong road program is required to maximise the physiological preparation needed to deliver on the boards. Such a program will also offer these young cyclists the best possible opportunity to develop towards a long-term professional road career through a developing network of connections with professional agents and Pro-Continental and World Tour teams.



2. TEAM SIZE

Due to the evolving nature of the program, the number of riders will be limited in the first year to 7-9 riders. Additional established riders and emerging riders who meet the selection criteria during the year will transition into the program and complete project rosters. As the program evolves, the goal is to secure a roster of riders 100% committed to the program year-round.

3. EXPECTED PROGRAM COST

With the program still in its infancy, selected riders within the NextGen Men's Track (Road) Endurance Program will be asked to invest in their respective career. The overall expected program cost for each program member will be \$6,000/year, and is a necessary step within the program at the moment as it evolves and grows.

4. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

1. Canadian Citizen.
2. Communicates and demonstrates year round commitment to the Cycling Canada's Track Endurance programs.
3. Age of eligibility requirements met for U23/Elite racing category for the 2016 competitive season.
4. Member in good standing with Cycling Canada.
5. Athletes must sign a Cycling Canada NextGen program Athlete agreement.

5. APPLICATION PROCESS

Athletes wishing to apply for Cycling Canada's NextGen Men's Track (Road) Endurance program are required to complete the 2016 Application form that can be found here. <http://www.jotformpro.com/form/52586348890974>

This form will need to be entirely filled out on or before **October 12th, 2015**.

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Note: Athletes who were involved in Men's Track (Road) Endurance Development Projects during 2015 are required to re-apply for program selection.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

Men's U23 – Core Group

Will be considered:

- a. Any U23 rider meeting either a Cycling Canada Team Pursuit national time standard or Individual Pursuit development time standard ([Cycling Canada Track Time Standards](#))
- b. Any transitioning Junior rider having met the Cycling Canada Junior track time standard, who has shown competitiveness at Junior World Championships & who has demonstrated the potential to represent Canada at an elite level
- c. Further discretionary selections may be made as follows:
 - i. Any transitioning Junior rider (track or road focused) who has demonstrated the appropriate physiological and psychological potential to represent Canada at an Elite level
 - ii. Any existing U23 rider (track or road focused) who has demonstrated the appropriate physiological and psychological potential to represent Canada at an Elite level

Men's U23 - Supplemental riders (as required to complete a project roster)

Will be considered:

- i. Riders will be selected with the following criteria:
 - 1. Proven International (UCI) race results in 2015/16
 - 2. Medalist in 2015 Canadian National Road Race or Individual Time Trial Championship
 - 3. Potential to represent Canada at an Elite benchmark event
 - 4. Potential to be selected for 2017 Cycling Canada NextGen U23 program.

Men's U19 – Associate rider

- a. Junior Track – Please refer to Cycling Canada Specific Selection Policy
- b. Junior Road – Please refer to Cycling Canada Specific Selection Policy

7. MAINTENANCE CRITERIA

A rider must meet one or more of the following standards each year to be eligible for continued support in the program:

- 1. Meeting Cycling Canada Team Pursuit national time standard
- 2. Top-10 finish in a UCI 1.2, 1.Ncup OR 2.2 stage
- 3. Top-20 GC finish in a UCI 2.Ncup OR 2.2
- 4. Top-5 finish in a European Elite National (UCI 1.12 OR 2.12 stage)
- 5. Top-10 GC finish in a European Elite National (UCI 2.12)

Only in exceptional circumstances will the program consider on-going support of a rider having not met any of the above criteria.

In addition, riders will be reviewed internally with the Cycling Canada #NextGenU23 athlete matrix.