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2024-2025 CYCLO-CROSS SELECTION POLICY

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This document lays out the criteria to be used for selection to the Canadian team for the 2024-2025 Cyclo-Cross projects.

The criteria are organized by Section as follows:

- Section A – PROGRAM OVERVIEW
- Section B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
- Section D – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

The program objectives and calendar are stated in Section A.

Athletes must meet the Eligibility Criteria in Section B to be considered for selection.

Selection decisions are based on the Specific Criteria in Section D.

Unless expressly stated in the Specific Selection Criteria, selections are subject the General Selection Criteria found on the Cycling Canada website.

SECTION A – PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Cycling Canada National Team Program is designed to contribute to Cycling Canada’s mission: “To Inspire Canadians to Cycle.”

International competition opportunities are the foundation of any national team program. They are an important motivator for athletes who hope to excel on the world stage. A well-designed national team program also creates a positive environment in which the athletes can learn as much as possible from the experience. The outcome should be well-rounded competitors with the life skills to excel in their future careers as cyclists and beyond.

The Canadian National Team program strives to achieve this through well-run programming supported by professional staff who will help the athletes grow their skills and perform to their potential. In Cyclo-Cross, this is built around two projects.

Christmas Cross is a European project designed to give training and competition opportunities for junior and U23 athletes to improve their fitness and technical abilities while developing life skills that will benefit them throughout their athletic career and beyond. Participants in Christmas Cross will compete in international and World Cup events while benefiting from coaching and technical support from Cycling Canada staff.

The World Championships project is designed to provide selected athletes with the support to perform at their best at the pinnacle event of the Cyclo-Cross season. This project will be led by experienced Cycling Canada coaches and staff.

Cycling Canada will provide the following on each project:

- Coaching
- Mechanics
- Housing
- Travel medical insurance
- Vehicles and ground transportation
- National Team clothing
- Spare equipment
- Logistical support



Athletes are expected to arrive with the following (any additional requirements will be communicated with the project invitation):

- Two complete bikes and at least one set of spare wheels in race-ready condition
- Spare tires, brake pads, brake rotors, derailleur hangers, and any proprietary parts specific to their bicycles (Cycling Canada will have a limited stock of spares that may not cover every eventuality)
- Clothing for training in all weather conditions
- Their current race licence (ie. 2025 licence)
- Water bottles, drink mix and energy bars (Cycling Canada has a limited stock)

In addition to these projects, Cycling Canada is also responsible for allocating its quota spots at World Cup events throughout the season. The selection criteria for these quota spots can be found in the Cycling Canada Privateer & Independent Athlete Policy.

2024-2025 CYCLO-CROSS PROJECTS

| Dates | Categories | Project | Deadline to apply |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dec. 18, 2024-Jan. 6, 2025 | U23, Junior | Christmas Cross | Nov. 18, 2024 |
| Jan. 22-Feb. 3, 2025 | Elite, U23, Junior | UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships | Nov. 18, 2024 |

SECTION B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

New for 2024, athletes must complete the [application form here](#) by the deadline listed above to be considered for selection to a project. This is to help ensure no interested and eligible athletes are overlooked, and to improve the timeliness of selection decisions by minimizing the number of athletes who decline a project after being selected.

Cycling Canada will only consider additional athletes once all applicants who have met the selection criteria in Section C have been considered.

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

- Have competed in the most recent Canadian Championship (see National Championship Attendance Policy on the Cycling Canada website)
- Be a Canadian citizen.
- Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire before the date required by the consular authorities of the country in which the event is being held.
- Be in compliance with all relevant CC and UCI requirements for eligibility.
- Hold a valid UCI license indicating nationality as Canadian.
- Sign, submit and comply with the CC National Team Agreement.
- Have completed all relevant UCI, WADA and CCES anti-doping requirements.
- Have signed the consent form agreeing to be bound by the Universal Code of Conduct to prevent and address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS).
- Minors must have parental permission to participate in training programs and competitions.

Additional eligibility requirements may be detailed in the Specific Selection Criteria below.



SECTION C – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

| Project | | Christmas Cross | |
|----------------------------------|--|------------------------|-----|
| Project dates: | Dec. 18, 2024-Jan. 6, 2025 | | |
| Competition dates and locations: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec. 21 – CDM Hulst NED • Dec. 22 – CDM Zonhoven BEL • Dec. 26 – CDM Gavere BEL • Dec. 28 – CDM Besançon FRA • Jan. 1 – C1 Baal BEL • Jan. 3 – C1 Koksijde BEL • Jan. 4 – C2 Gullegem BEL | | |
| Category: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Women and Men (born 2007-2008) • U23 Women and Men (born 2003-2006) | | |
| Objective: | Development | | |
| Max. team size: | Category | Women | Men |
| | Junior | 4 | 4 |
| | U23 | 2 | 2 |
| | Cycling Canada reserves the right to modify the team size per Clause 5 of the General Selection Policy. | | |
| Selection dates: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov. 18, 2024 – Application deadline • Nov. 19, 2024 – Coach Panel submits recommendations to Head Coach and DHPS • Nov. 21, 2024 – Selection decision finalized; athletes informed; appeal period starts* • Nov. 29, 2024 – Appeal deadline <p>* Anyone not named in the selection decision must appeal by the deadline or they lose their right to appeal.</p> | | |
| Selection panel: | Nominations recommended by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling Canada Coach Panel (see CC website) Selections made by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Coach • Director of High Performance Services | | |
| Selection criteria: | Selections will be made in the following order of priority until the quota is filled, based on results achieved between Sept. 1, 2024, and the selection date , unless otherwise specified in the criteria. <p>All results must be in the top half of the field, For the purposes of this calculation all registered riders will be counted, including riders listed as DNS, DNF and DSQ in the official results published to the UCI website.</p> <p>For the purposes of selection results will not “roll down” to the next athlete even if there are athletes racing up a category. For example, if one or more U23 athletes race in the elite category at the Canadian championships and finish on the podium, selection will not go to the next elite athlete on the results.</p> | | |



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| | <p>Any ties will be broken at the discretion of the Coach Panel considering finishing place, the level of the event, and the depth of field.</p> <p>One or more alternates per category may be named using the same criteria.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | <p><i>* Must be achieved at least 48 hours apart</i></p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Self-funding: | <p>Athletes are responsible for the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel including baggage fees to competition location • Meals during the project • \$1,275 Project Fee (\$75 per project day)* <p>* Project fees are subject to change should the number of project days be altered. Project fees must be paid two weeks prior to the beginning of the project.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |

| Project | UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships | | |
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| Project dates: | Jan. 22-Feb. 3, 2025 | | |
| Competition dates and locations: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 25 – CDM Maasmechelen BEL • Jan. 26 – CDM Hoogerheide NED • Jan. 31-Feb. 2 – CM Liévin FRA | | |
| Category: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Women and Men – born 2007-2008 • U23 Women and Men – born 2003-2006 • Elite Women and Men – born 2002 or earlier | | |
| Max. team size: | Category | Women | Men |
| | Junior | 5 | 5 |
| | U23 | 5 | 5 |



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| | Elite | 5 | 5 | | | | |
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