

Feedback received on CC Road criteria through online form, with responses

Jan. 28, 2025

Comment received	CC response
<p>Priority 1: Athletes with a top-5 result in a UCI road event in Europe in the 12 months prior to the selection date. The use of the term IN EUROPE is pretty vague... What cover europe? Where does europe extend to? A clear solution of this problem would be to use the UCI europe tour. This Region of UCI races could provide a clear selection of the territory of the criteria 1.</p>	<p>The Continental circuits, including the EuropeTour, only exist in elite and U23 men’s road cycling. They do not exist in women’s road, or in junior men’s road.</p> <p>However, the EuropeTour is made up of events held in nations that are members of the Union européenne de cyclisme (UEC), so to clarify this we have added a note to the criteria stating that “Europe” refers to the member nations of the UEC.</p>
<p>Road Bike TT for Junior at Nationals - This is a poor decision for 3 reasons. In addition there was no consultation with teams or coaches. The decision to run Junior TT nationals as road bike event is problematic for the following three reasons. 1 – Athlete development. The TT race at nationals provides a race goal for athletes to focus on and prepare for that develops essential skills required to TT at a competitive level at elite events. The time athletes dedicate to these skills at this point in their career is fundamental to the ability, knowledge and skillset required to transition to U23, at continental and world tour level. If athletes are forced to prepare on Road bikes for a road bike TT then the focus and opportunity to learn is lost. Athletes preparing on TT bikes also tune their physical condition to perform in a different riding position essential to the future. If they are not racing in this position, then training in it becomes futile. This sets Canadian athletes on the back foot and makes transition to racing at the next level much more problematic. 2 – Selection. Selection for world championship TT is based on performance at nationals. The selection for the world TT should be made on performances in the same sport/discipline as the world championship. It is fair to conclude that a Road Bike TT is not the same discipline or even sport as a Time trial bike TT. You ride on different equipment in a different position, and that position is part of the skill for this discipline of cycling not everyone can do it. 3 – Equipment. Some athletes have already invested in equipment for this event this year. Tuning equipment and riding position takes time and is an essential part of the TT discipline. Developing an understanding of how to use specialist equipment and tune it to your needs as a junior is key to progression. This evolution happens over years not weeks and the unexpected change is not fair on athletes already invested in the TT discipline. Overall running TT as road bike, is a huge mistake as it removes a key piece of athlete development and</p>	<p>The decision to ban time trial bikes for U17 and U19 riders at the Canadian championships was made by the Events Committee in consultation with the provincial and territorial associations and national coaches. It falls outside the scope of the selection criteria.</p>

<p>physical and knowledge based learning from their calendar. This decision should be reviewed. Anyone who has ridden a TT bike in anger will realise it is a different sport to road riding and when the position and prep click it is a truly amazing feeling. By removing the TT bike race from Junior Nationals Junior in Canada have had this unique experience taken away from them. Please review this decision through the lense of athlete development and the specific parameters of the discipline the jersey will be awarded in. Many Thanks P</p>	
<p>All selection races being located in Quebec is a significant challenge for West of Canada based athletes. Athletes will need to spend a minimum of 4 weeks in Quebec to attend the 3 races. This will be expensive and cost prohibitive to some. For others being away from home and support for this length of time will have an impact on their performance.</p>	<p>Cycling Canada recognizes this geographical imbalance. It is an unfortunate consequence of the events that make up the Canadian road calendar and is impossible to address without organizers hosting events of similar quality in other parts of the country.</p>
<p>There is no consideration for a top ten (or top 15) result in Europe eg WWT race. When considering u23 are racing with elites in Europe, different performance criteria eg top 15 should be allotted ahead of criteria number 3</p>	<p>The criteria deliberately focus on top-5 results only as it is the expert opinion of the Coach Panel that a the top-5 finish shows the athlete was truly competitive in that event. There is some latitude for coach discretion lower in the selection priorities.</p>
<p>Sélection pour les Championnats du monde sur route - pages 17 à 20. Pour les juniors (H et F), dans le cas de la course sur route, on mentionne qu'un athlète qui obtient un top 5 dans une course UCI en Europe constitue une priorité 1. Est-ce qu'on parle d'un résultat dans une étape ou au classement général? Je pense qu'on devrait limiter à 50% du quota du Canada le nombre d'athlètes qui peuvent être sélectionnés via ce critère. Si le Canada obtient 2 ou 3 places pour la course sur route aux Mondiaux, un seul athlète ne pourrait être sélectionné via ce critère. Si le Canada a 4 ou 5 places, un maximum de 2 athlètes pourraient être sélectionnés de la sorte. Je trouve intéressant le critère Priorité 3 pour les juniors puisqu'il met en valeur les épreuves en sol canadien. Ce qu'il manque selon moi est une certaine latitude pour le sélectionneur national de recommander la sélection d'un athlète qui a eu un problème (chute, blessure, ...) mais qui a clairement démontré qu'il méritait sa place au sein de l'équipe nationale. Je pense surtout à la catégorie U23. Autrement, je trouve le processus plus équitable que ce qui était en place l'année dernière.</p>	<p>Les types de courses considérés pour les sélections sont précisés dans la section C des critères.</p> <p>Nous avons décidé de ne pas mettre une limite sur le nombre d'athlètes qui peuvent être sélectionné via les résultats dans les courses UCI en Europe car le niveau de compétition en Europe est généralement plus élevé qu'ailleurs.</p> <p>Nous avons essayé d'inclure un minimum de discrétion dans les critères, surtout pour les juniors, car nous n'avons pas assez de données sur les jeunes athlètes pour les évaluer subjectivement. Nous savons également que le meilleur junior ne deviendra pas nécessairement le meilleur élite : l'essentiel est de les donner aux athlètes des opportunités de courir au niveau international pour aider leur développement.</p>
<p>Priority 1: Athletes with a top-5 result in a UCI road event within the UCI Europe Tour in the 12 months prior to the selection date. By specifying the UCI Europe Tour, the selection criteria are limited to a clearly defined region of UCI-sanctioned races, providing clarity on the geographic scope and ensuring consistency in the application of the criteria.</p>	<p>Please see answer above.</p>