



# Cycling Canada Privateer and Independent Athlete Policy

## For athletes representing Canada at international competitions

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### HOW TO APPLY

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To apply for any Privateer or Independent spot (see Event Definitions in appendix), athletes must meet the criteria below and complete one of the following online forms by the application deadline:

- [Privateer and Independent athletes](#)
- [UCI Mountain Bike XCO Junior Series](#)
- [Enduro World Championships](#)

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### INTRODUCTION

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Cycling Canada has developed this policy to set the conditions and standards for athletes to represent Canada as an Independent or Privateer.

For certain international competitions, athletes may participate without being part of a trade team or a National Team project, but are required by the UCI regulations to either wear their national team uniform; be registered by their national federation; be given a start position as part of a limited quota by nation; or some combination of all three.

Cycling Canada (CC) refers to these athletes as either Independent or Privateers, based on whether the National Team uniform is required by the UCI regulations, as follows:

- **Independent Athletes:** Athletes who are not required to wear the National Team uniform but require CC support to secure a quota spot and/or to register for an international event.
- **Privateer Athletes:** Athletes who are required to wear the National Team uniform at an international event but who are not part of a National Team project.

A list of the different events this policy applies to, and the various requirements for each one, can be found in the Appendix.

Whether Privateer or Independent, athletes are responsible for all costs related to attending the event, including but not limited to entry fees, travel, accommodation, meals, logistics, insurance and, if required, purchasing their National Team uniform. They are also responsible for arranging their own therapy, medical and mechanical support, including at events where the Canadian team is also present. Cycling Canada's support will be limited to registering athletes for the event and providing clothing at cost (if required by the UCI regulations).

Canada has a limited quota in certain events. The criteria used to allocate these quota spots can be found below.

All Canadians competing in international events, in particular those wearing the National Team uniform, are representing Canada on the world stage and have a responsibility to uphold the image and reputation of Canada in the global cycling community, so it's important for all athletes to be good ambassadors for Canada and for the sport of cycling.

Please note that cycling is a high-risk sport, and it's important that any athlete travelling to compete internationally have access to support in the event of an emergency. These requirements are detailed below.

Please note the UCI regulations and calendar are continually evolving and may affect this policy at any time. If you have any questions, please contact [privateers@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:privateers@cyclingcanada.ca).



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### SCOPE OF POLICY

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This policy applies only to athletes who wish to participate as Independents or Privateers in the elite, U23 and junior (U19) classes in the events listed in the Appendix.

Athletes participating in international events as part of a National Team project are not covered by this policy unless specified below.

#### Excluded events

Independent and Privateer spots are not available at the following events:

- UCI XCO and DHI Mountain Bike World Championships (National Teams Only).  
*Note: some athletes may attend with the support of their Trade Teams as Privateers, but they must still meet the relevant selection criteria and be nominated by Cycling Canada; please see the XCO and DHI selection policies for more details.*
- UCI Enduro World Series (see UCI rule 4.13.003)
- UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships (National Teams only)
- UCI Track Nations Cups (National Teams only)
- UCI Track World Championships (National Teams only)
- UCI BMX World Championships (junior, U23, elite) (National Teams only)
- Pan American Track Championships (National Teams only)
- UCI Road events (Road Trade Teams or Clubs, National Teams and Regional Teams only)

The following events are covered under a separate policy:

- UCI Gran Fondo World Championships (see the Masters section of the CC website)
- Age classes other than elite at the UCI Gravel World Championships (see the Masters section of the CC website)
- UCI Esports World Championships (see separate policy)
- UCI BMX Challenge World Championships (see separate policy)
- Any event that does not have a limited quota by nation and does not require athletes to wear the National Team uniform and/or register through their National Federation.

Note that this information can change at any time based on updates to the UCI regulations or calendars, and new events may arise that do not fit the scope of this policy. Please contact [privateers@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:privateers@cyclingcanada.ca) if you have any questions whether this policy applies to the event you wish to attend.

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### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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To be eligible to compete as an Independent or Privateer, each athlete must:

- 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 UCI requirements for eligibility.
- Hold a valid UCI license indicating nationality as Canadian.
- Meet any relevant specific criteria lower in this document.
- Apply to Cycling Canada no later than the application deadlines indicated below using the appropriate online form (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document). If no form is available, please apply by email to [privateers@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:privateers@cyclingcanada.ca) no later than 1 month prior to the event.
- Have no outstanding invoices with Cycling Canada.



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- Have competed in the most recent Canadian championship in that discipline. Applications may still be considered if the athlete was unable to attend due to injury or illness. If in doubt, please contact [privateers@cyclingscanada.ca](mailto:privateers@cyclingscanada.ca).
  - Note: For disciplines in which there has been no Canadian Championship in the 24 months prior to selection, this requirement does not apply. For E-MTB, athletes must have attended any Canadian Mountain Bike Championships (XCO, XCC, DHI, XCM, Enduro).

Privateers have the following additional requirements:

- Minors must have parental permission and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Athletes must complete the CCES True Sport 101 online anti-doping education within the last 12 months;
  - To access the course with a CCES account: <https://education.cces.ca/#/login>
  - To access the course without a CCES account: <https://cces.ca/true-sport-clean-untracked>
- Athletes must designate a support staff member who will be attending the competition to be their emergency contact.
  - The support staff member must have a current, valid UCI cycling licence, and must also complete the CCES education as well as Safe Sport education
    - Safe Sport: <https://coach.ca/safe-sport-training>
  - This person cannot also be competing;
  - Several athletes may share the same support staff member

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## CLOTHING

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Independent athletes must compete in their own kit and may not wear National Team clothing.

Privateer athletes are required to compete in the current National Team clothing produced by Jakroo. Athletes may purchase national team clothing from Cycling Canada or wear national team clothing already in their possession providing it is the current design and produced by Jakroo (please verify with Cycling Canada). For clothing purchases, please contact [privateers@cyclingscanada.ca](mailto:privateers@cyclingscanada.ca).



**MOUNTAIN BIKE XCO**

**2025 XCO opportunities and application deadlines**

Event	Dates	Location	UCI Entry Ranking	Deadline to apply
World Cup	April 5-6	Araxá, Minas Gerais BRA	March 4	March 5
World Cup	April 11-12	Araxá, Minas Gerais BRA	March 11	March 12
Pan Am Championship	April 26-27	Finca la Lucha CRC	n/a	March 25
World Cup	May 24-25	Nove Mesto na Morave CZE*	April 22	April 23
World Cup	June 5-8	Saalfelden Leogang AUT	May 6	May 7
World Cup	June 20-22	Val di Sole ITA	May 20	May 21
World Cup	July 11-13	Pal Arinsal AND	June 10	June 11
World Cup	Aug. 29-31	Haute-Savoie, Les Gets FRA	July 29	July 30
World Cup	Sept. 19-21	Lenzerheide SUI	Aug. 19	Aug. 20
World Cup	Oct. 3-5	Lake Placid USA	Sept. 2	Sept. 3
World Cup	Oct. 10-12	Mont-Sainte-Anne CAN	Sept. 9	Sept. 10

\* Designates events where some or all Privateer quota spots may be used by the National Team

In case of any discrepancy between information on the UCI website and this document, the UCI website will take precedence.

**UCI XCO World Cups**

Per UCI rule 4.10.001, to compete in a World Cup Canadian athletes must:

- Be a member of a UCI MTB World Series Team; or
- Be a member of a UCI MTB Team that has received a Wild Card entry; or
- Be ranked in the top 100 (Elite Women and Men) or top 200 (U23 Women and Men) of the UCI ranking on the ranking deadline date listed above; or
- Be entered by Cycling Canada using one of Canada’s supplementary rider quota spots (these riders must compete in the national team uniform) – see criteria below; or
- Have a “Golden Ticket” by finishing top-5 in a UCI Continental Series event in the World Cup category you are eligible to compete in (can be applied to 1 World Cup of the athlete’s choice); or
- Be the current world, Pan American or Canadian champion.

Athletes who are members of a UCI team are registered by their team. All other athletes must be registered by Cycling Canada either as Privateers or Independents.

**XCO World Cup – Privateers**

Athletes who wish to use one of Canada’s supplementary quota spots will compete as Privateers and must apply using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document).

Applications will be approved in the order of priority below until the quota is filled or there are no more athletes who have met the criteria. Please note the following:

- Only athletes who meet the Privateer eligibility conditions will be considered.
- Approved Privateer athletes must compete in national team kit.
- Selections are based on results achieved in the 12 months prior to the application deadline or UCI rankings on the application deadline.



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Athletes requiring special consideration due to injury or illness should contact National Coach Catharine Pendrel at [catharine.pendrel@cyclingscanada.ca](mailto:catharine.pendrel@cyclingscanada.ca).

### U23

Quota: 4 Women, 4 Men

- Priority 1: U23 athletes competing in the World Cup as part of a National Team project who are not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.10.001.
- Priority 2: The top-ranked Canadian U23 outside the top 200 of the UCI XCO Individual Ranking on the application deadline who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.10.001.
- Priority 3: The Canadian U23 who has scored the most UCI XCO Individual Ranking points between Jan. 1, 2025, and the application deadline, who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.10.001.
- Priority 4: Athletes nominated at the discretion of the Coach Panel who have been unable to meet the UCI eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
- Priority 5: The Canadian U23 born in 2006 with the most UCI XCO Individual Ranking points on the application deadline.
- Priority 6: Any other available spots will be awarded in the order of the UCI XCO Individual Ranking on the application deadline.

### Elite

Quota: 3 Women, 3 Men

- Priority 1: The top-ranked Canadian Elite outside the top 100 of the UCI XCO Individual Ranking on the application deadline who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.10.001.
- Priority 2: The Canadian Elite who has scored the most UCI XCO Individual Ranking points between Jan. 1, 2025, and the application deadline who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.10.001.
- Priority 3: Athletes nominated at the discretion of the Coach Panel who have been unable to meet the UCI eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
- Priority 4: Any other available spots will be awarded in the order of the UCI XCO Individual Ranking on the application deadline.

Any ties will be broken by UCI ranking. If there is still a tie, it will be broken at the discretion of the Coach Panel.

### ***XCO World Cup – Independent Athletes***

Independent athletes (ie. athletes not on trade teams who are eligible based on their UCI ranking; by having a “Golden Ticket”; or by being Continental or National Champion) must request to be registered by Cycling Canada using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document). The athlete must have a UCI MTB World Series account; Cycling Canada will enter them, but they are responsible for paying their own entry fees. Independent athletes must compete in their own kit.

### **XCO Panamerican Championships**

Canada has an unlimited quota of athletes for the Pan American XCO championships and will accept applications for privateer spots from junior, U23 and elite athletes. Athletes must meet the Privateer eligibility requirements and apply using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document) by the deadline noted. Approved athletes must compete in the national team uniform.

### **UCI XCO Junior Series Supplementary Spots**

To be eligible to register for a UCI junior series event, athletes must either:

- Have at least 1 UCI point in the latest UCI XCO individual junior ranking; or
- Belong to a UCI Elite MTB Team or UCI MTB Team.



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The UCI allows Cycling Canada to enter supplementary athletes who do not meet these criteria, up to a maximum of 5 women and 5 men for events outside of Canada and the USA, or 10 women and 10 men if the event is held in the USA. There is no limit to the number of Canadians participating in UCI junior series events held in Canada and athletes do not need to apply to CC to attend.

Approved athletes are not required to wear the National Team uniform and are considered Independent.

**To Apply:** complete the UCI XCO Junior Series form (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document) by the application deadline (4 weeks prior to the competition).

Please note:

- All supplementary athletes must still register for the competition independently before the entry deadline.
- Supplementary athletes must meet the Independent eligibility requirements in this policy.
- Applications must be submitted to CC in full 4 weeks prior to the race.
- Canadian athletes do not need to apply for events held in Canada, only those outside of Canada.

Supplementary athletes will be approved in the following order of priority:

- Priority 1: Athletes finishing 1-5 in the U17 XCO at the most recent Canadian XCO Championships.
- Priority 2: Athletes finishing 6-10 in the junior XCO at the most recent Canadian XCO Championships.
- Priority 3: Athletes finishing 6-10 in the U17 XCO at the most recent Canadian XCO Championships.
- Priority 4: Athletes finishing 11-15 in the junior XCO at the most recent Canadian XCO Championships.
- Priority 5: Athletes finishing 11-15 in the U17 XCO at the most recent Canadian XCO Championships.
- Priority 6: Other applicants may be approved at the discretion of the Coach Panel.

The full competition list can be found on the [UCI calendar](#).



**MOUNTAIN BIKE DHI**

**2025 DHI opportunities and application deadlines**

Event	Dates	Location	UCI Entry Ranking	Deadline to apply
Pan Am Championship	March 22-23	Araucania CHI	n/a	Feb. 21
World Cup	May 17-18	Bielsko-Biala POL	April 15	April 16
World Cup	May 31-June 1	Loudenvielle-Peyragudes FRA	April 29	April 30
World Cup	June 5-8	Saalfelden Leogang AUT	May 6	May 7
World Cup	June 20-22	Val di Sole ITA	May 20	May 21
World Cup	July 5-6	La Thuile ITA	June 3	June 4
World Cup	July 11-13	Pal Arinsal AND	June 10	June 11
World Cup	Aug. 29-31	Haute-Savoie, Les Gets FRA	July 29	July 30
World Cup	Sept. 19-21	Lenzerheide SUI	Aug. 19	Aug. 20
World Cup	Oct. 3-5	Lake Placid USA	Sept. 2	Sept. 3
World Cup	Oct. 10-12	Mont-Sainte-Anne CAN	Sept. 9	Sept. 10

UCI deadlines can be found [here](#). In case of any discrepancy between information on the UCI website and this document, the UCI website will take precedence.

**UCI DHI World Cups**

Per UCI rule 4.11.001, to compete in a World Cup Canadian athletes must:

- Be a member of a UCI MTB World Series Team; or
- Be a member of a UCI MTB Team that has received a Wild Card entry; or
- Be ranked in the top 50 (Elite Women and Men) or top 100 (Junior Women and Men) of the UCI DHI Individual ranking on the ranking deadline date listed above; or
- Be entered by Cycling Canada using one of Canada’s supplementary rider quota spots (these riders must compete in the national team uniform) – see criteria below; or
- Have a “Golden Ticket” by finishing top-5 in a UCI Continental Series event (can be applied to 1 World Cup of the athlete’s choice); or
- Be the current world, continental or Canadian champion.

Athletes who are members of a UCI team are registered by their team. All other athletes must be registered by Cycling Canada either as Privateers or Independents.

***DHI World Cup – Privateers***

Athletes who wish to use one of Canada’s supplementary quota spots will compete as Privateers and must apply using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document).

Applications will be approved in the order of priority below until the quota is filled or there are no more athletes who have met the criteria. Please note the following:

- Only athletes who meet the Privateer eligibility conditions will be considered.
- Approved Privateer athletes must compete in national team kit.
- Selections are based on results achieved in the 12 months prior to the application deadline or UCI rankings on the application deadline.

Athletes requiring special consideration due to injury or illness should contact National Coach Chad Hendren at [chad.hendren@cyclingscanada.ca](mailto:chad.hendren@cyclingscanada.ca).





### Junior

Quota: 4 Women, 4 Men

- Priority 1: Junior athletes competing in the World Cup as part of a National Team project team who are not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.11.001.
- Priority 2: The top-ranked Canadian Junior outside the top 100 of the UCI DHI Individual Ranking who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.11.001.
- Priority 3: The Canadian Junior who has scored the most UCI DHI Individual Ranking points since Jan. 1, 2025, who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.11.001.
- Priority 4: Athletes nominated at the discretion of the Coach Panel who have been unable to meet the UCI eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
- Priority 5: Any other available spots will be awarded in the order of the UCI rankings.

### Elite

Quota: 3 Women, 3 Men

- Priority 1: The top-ranked Canadian Elite outside the top 50 of the UCI DHI Individual ranking who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.11.001.
- Priority 2: The Canadian Elite who has scored the most UCI DHI Individual Ranking points since Jan. 1, 2025, who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.11.001.
- Priority 3: Athletes nominated at the discretion of the Coach Panel who have been unable to meet the UCI eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
- Priority 4: Any other available spots will be awarded in the order of the UCI rankings.

### ***DHI World Cup – Independent Athletes***

Independent athletes (ie. athletes not on trade teams who are eligible based on their UCI ranking; by having a “Golden Ticket”; or by being Continental or National Champion) must request to be registered by Cycling Canada using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document). The athlete must have a UCI MTB World Series account; Cycling Canada will enter them, but they are responsible for paying their own entry fees. Independent athletes must compete in their own kit.

### **DHI Panamerican Championships**

Canada has an unlimited quota of athletes for the Pan American DHI championships and will accept applications for privateer spots from junior and elite athletes. Athletes must meet the Privateer eligibility requirements and apply using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document) by the deadline noted. Approved athletes must compete in the national team uniform.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE ENDURO****2025 Mountain Bike Enduro opportunities and application deadlines**

Event	Dates	Location	UCI Entry Ranking	Deadline to apply
World Series	May 10-11	Pietra Ligure ITA	April 1	April 14
World Series	May 17-18	Bielsko-Biala POL	April 15	April 16
World Series	May 31-June 1	Loudenvielle-Peyragudes FRA	April 29	April 30
World Series	June 5-8	Saalfelden Leogang AUT	May 6	May 7
World Series	June 28-29	Val di Fassa ITA	May 20	May 21
World Series	July 5-6	La Thuile ITA	June 3	June 4
World Series	Aug. 23-24	Morillon FRA	July 15	July 16
EDR World Championships	Sept. 1	Valais SUI	25 Aug.	27 Aug.

UCI deadlines can be found [here](#). In case of any discrepancy between information on the UCI website and this document, the UCI website will take precedence.

**UCI EDR World Series**

Per rule 1.2.3 of the EDR World Series rulebook (found [here](#)), to compete in a World Series event Canadian athletes must:

- Be a member of a UCI World Series Team or a UCI Mountain Bike Team; or
- Be the current world, continental or Canadian champion; or
- Be entered by Cycling Canada using one of Canada’s rider quota spots (these riders are Privateers and must be registered by Cycling Canada and must compete in the national team uniform) – see criteria below; or
- Be ranked in the top 300 (Men) or top 75 (Women) of the UCI EDR Global Ranking Individual ranking on the ranking deadline date listed above (these athletes are Independent and must be registered by Cycling Canada).

Athletes who are members of a UCI team are registered by their team. All other athletes must be registered by Cycling Canada as Privateers or Independent athletes.

**EDR World Series – Privateers**

Athletes who wish to use one of Canada’s quota spots will compete as Privateers and must apply using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document).

Canada has the following quotas for each round of the EDR World Series:

- Junior Women – 4
- Junior Men – 4
- Elite Women – 3
- Elite Men – 3

Applications will be approved in the order of priority below until the quota is filled or there are no more athletes who have met the criteria. Please note the following:

- Only athletes who meet the Privateer eligibility conditions will be considered.
- Approved Privateer athletes must compete in national team kit.
- Selections are based on results achieved in the 12 months prior to the application deadline or UCI rankings on the application deadline.



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- Priority 1: Athletes with EDR Global Ranking points, in the order of their ranking;
- Priority 2: Any additional spots will be filled in the order of when the application was submitted.

### ***EDR World Series – Independent Athletes***

Independent athletes (ie. athletes not on trade teams who are eligible based on the EDR Global Ranking) must request to be registered by Cycling Canada using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document). The athlete must have a UCI MTB World Series account; Cycling Canada will enter them, but they are responsible for paying their own entry fees. Independent athletes must compete in their own kit.

### **EDR World Championship**

Athletes must be 17 or over (born in 2007 or earlier) to be eligible to compete. New for 2025, there are separate classes for Junior and Elite athletes.

Athletes can qualify directly for the Enduro World Championships through the Enduro World Series (EWS) and Enduro ranking as follows:

- Junior Women:
  - Finish top 10 in a round of the EWS; or
  - Be ranked among the top 50 on the Enduro Global Ranking.
- Junior Men:
  - Finish top 10 in a round of the EWS; or
  - Be ranked among the top 100 on the Enduro Global Ranking.
- Elite Women:
  - Finish top 15 in a round of the EWS; or
  - Be ranked among the top 50 on the Enduro Global Ranking.
- Elite Men:
  - Finish top 30 in a round of the EWS; or
  - Be ranked among the top 100 on the Enduro Global Ranking.

In addition to the athletes who have qualified directly, Canada has the following quota of athletes:

- Junior Women: 7
- Junior Men: 7
- Elite Women: 5
- Elite Men: 5

These spots will be allocated to athletes who have points on the EWS Global Ranking in the order of their ranking, until the quota has been filled or there are no more ranked athletes. Any ties will be broken by the best EWS result. If there is still a tie, the most recent result will take priority.

All athletes must be registered by Cycling Canada and compete in the National Team uniform as Privateers. Interested athletes must complete the 2025 Enduro World Championship application form by the deadline noted above (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document).



**GRAVEL**

**2025 UCI Gravel World Championships**

Date and location TBD

*Note: As of Feb. 26, 2025, the date, location, qualification system, and registration deadlines for the 2025 UCI Gravel World Championship had not yet been published to the UCI website; if these differ significantly from previous years this policy may be modified accordingly.*

Athletes can qualify directly to the UCI Gravel World Championship through the UCI Gravel World Series. These athletes can register directly but are considered Privateers because they must wear the national Team uniform.

In addition, Canada will be assigned a limited quota of spots, which will be assigned according to the criteria below. These athletes are also considered Privateers and must wear the national Team uniform.

Athletes must apply using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document) at least 4 weeks prior to the event; this deadline may be modified once the UCI publishes the registration deadline.

Canada’s quota spots will be allocated in the following order of priority until the quota is filled:

- Priority 1: The winners of the 2025 Canadian Gravel Championships in the elite women’s and elite men’s categories.
- Priority 2: Athletes ranked in the top 100 of the elite UCI rankings in road, mountain bike XCO, mountain bike XCM, or cyclo-cross, on the application deadline.
- Priority 3: Athletes finishing in the Top 10 and top half of starters in the top category (eg. the longest distance Pro or Elite category) in a recognized major international gravel event (see list below).
- Priority 4: Remaining Elite applicants will be ranked in descending order based on their placing in the elite categories at the 2025 Canadian gravel championships.
- Priority 6: Any remaining quota spots will be allocated at the discretion of Cycling Canada.

Any ties will be broken at the discretion of Cycling Canada.

**Recognized major international gravel events in 2025:**

Date	Event	Country	Recognized Categories
Feb. 28-March 1	BWR Arizona	USA	Pro Women & Pro Men Waffle distance
April 25-27	BWR California	USA	Pro Women & Pro Men Waffle distance
May 23-24	BWR Utah	USA	Pro Women & Pro Men Waffle distance
June 7-8	BWR British Columbia	CAN	Pro Women & Pro Men Waffle distance
April 10	Sea Otter Classic	USA	Elite Women & Elite Men
May 31	Unbound Gravel	USA	Elite Women & Elite Men 200 Mile
June 28-29	BWR Montana	USA	Pro Women & Pro Men Waffle distance
July 12	Crusher in the Tushar	USA	Pro/Open Female & Pro/Open Male Tushar Crusher
Aug. 9	Leadville 100	USA	Pro Female & Pro Male Leadville Trail 100 MTB
June 29	SBT GRVL	USA	Female & Male Black Course

*Note: this list may be modified depending on the registration deadline for the 2025 UCI Gravel World Championships*



**CYCLO-CROSS**

**2025/26 Cyclo-Cross Privateer opportunities and application deadlines**

Dates	Event	Location	Categories	Application Deadline
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

*This section will be updated after the UCI publishes details of the 2025/26 calendar and registration deadlines*

Per UCI regs. 5.3.005 to 5.3.009, all Canadian athletes competing in UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cup events must be registered by Cycling Canada according to the quotas outlined in the table below.

**TO APPLY:** Athletes who meet the eligibility requirements and have achieved the results below can apply for these spots by the deadline noted using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document).

Applications will be approved in the order of priority below until the quota is filled or there are no more athletes who have met the criteria. Please note the following:

- Selections are based on results achieved in the 12 months prior to the application deadline or UCI rankings on the application deadline.
- If more than one championship occurred in the 12 months prior to the application deadline, only the most recent result will be considered.
- Results must be in the top half of official entries as listed on the UCI website (including DNF, DNS and DSQ) to be considered.
- Any ties will be broken by best result, then by most recent result, then by UCI ranking.
- Selections refer to the criteria met rather than the athlete’s category (eg. a junior meeting elite criteria is considered among the elites for selection to an event where juniors and elites race together; and an elite Canadian title by a U23 athlete will count towards U23 selection).
- Athletes requiring special consideration due to injury or illness should contact National Coach Michael van den Ham at [michael.vandenham@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:michael.vandenham@cyclingcanada.ca).

**Junior Women and Junior Men (born 2008-2009)**

Quota: 6 if there is a standalone junior race

- Priority 1: Athletes participating as part of a National Team project.
- Priority 2: Athletes born 2008 or 2009 who won a Canadian Cyclo-Cross championship (Junior, U23 or Elite).
- Priority 3: Athletes who finished top 15 at the Cyclo-Cross World Championship.
- Priority 4: Athletes who finished top 15 in a Cyclo-Cross World Cup.
- Priority 5: Athletes who finished top 5 at the Pan American Cyclo-Cross Championships.
- Priority 6: Athletes selected at the discretion of the Coach Panel who were unable to meet any other eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
- Priority 7: Athletes ranked in the order of their UCI ranking.

**U23 Men (born 2004-2007)**

Quota: 6 in events in which there is a standalone U23 race; 2 added to the Elite selection if there is not (see Elite Men’s criteria)

- Priority 1: Athletes participating as part of a National Team project.
- Priority 2: Athletes in the top 100 of the UCI Cyclo-Cross ranking.
- Priority 3: Athletes born 2004-2007 who won a Canadian Cyclo-Cross Championship (U23 or Elite).
- Priority 4: Athletes who finished top 20 in the U23 Cyclo-Cross World Championship.



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- Priority 5: Athletes who finished top 5 in the Pan American Cyclo-Cross Championship.
- Priority 6: Athletes born 2007 who finished top 15 in the Junior Cyclo-Cross World Championship.
- Priority 7: Athletes born 2007 who won a Canadian Cyclo-Cross Championships (Junior, U23 or Elite).
- Priority 8: Athletes selected at the discretion of the Coach Panel who were unable to meet any other eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
- Priority 9: Athletes ranked in the order of their UCI ranking.

### **Elite Women (born 2003 and earlier) and U23 Women (born 2004-2007)**

Note: Canada's quota may vary per UCI rule 5.3.006 depending on the number of pre-qualified riders. In some cases, if a pre-qualified rider does not participate, that spot cannot be filled by another rider and Canada loses the quota spot. Selection may include junior women in events that do not have a standalone junior race.

- Priority 1: Athletes in the top 50 of the Elite UCI Cyclo-Cross ranking.
- Priority 2: Athletes participating as part of a National Team project.
- Priority 3: Athletes in the top 100 of the Elite UCI Cyclo-Cross ranking.
- Priority 4: Athletes who won the Canadian Cyclo-Cross Championship (Junior, U23 or Elite).
- Priority 4: Athletes who finished top 15 in the Elite Cyclo-Cross World Championship.
- Priority 5: Athletes who finished top 25 in an Elite Cyclo-Cross World Cup.
- Priority 6: Athletes who finished top 5 in the Elite Pan American Cyclo-Cross championship.
- Priority 7: Athletes selected at the discretion of the Coach Panel who were unable to meet any other eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
- Priority 8: Athletes ranked in the order of their UCI ranking.

In addition, up to 2 U23 women may also be selected in the following order of priority:

- Priority 1: Athletes participating as part of a National Team project.
- Priority 2: Athletes in the top 100 of the Elite UCI Cyclo-Cross ranking.
- Priority 3: Athletes who won the Canadian Cyclo-Cross Championship (Junior, U23 or Elite).
- Priority 4: Athletes finishing top 15 in the U23 Cyclo-Cross World Championship.
- Priority 5: Athletes finishing top 5 in the U23 Pan American Cyclo-Cross Championship.
- Priority 6: Athletes born 2007 who finished top 15 in the Junior Cyclo-Cross World Championships.
- Priority 7: Athletes selected at the discretion of the Coach Panel who were unable to meet any other eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
- Priority 8: Athletes ranked in the order of their UCI ranking.

### **Elite Men**

Quota: 8 athletes + 2 U23 men in events that do not have a standalone U23 men's race

Note: Canada's quota may vary per UCI rule 5.3.006 depending on the number of pre-qualified riders. Note that if a pre-qualified rider does not participate, that spot cannot be filled by another rider and Canada loses the quota spot.

- Priority 1: Athletes in the top 50 of the UCI Cyclo-Cross ranking.
- Priority 2: Athletes in the top 100 of the UCI ranking.
- Priority 3: Athletes who won the Canadian Cyclo-Cross Championship (U23 or Elite).
- Priority 4: Athletes who finished top 15 in the Elite Cyclo-Cross World Championship.
- Priority 5: Athletes who finished top 25 in an Elite Cyclo-Cross World Cup.
- Priority 6: Athletes who finished top 5 in the Elite Pan American Cyclo-Cross championship.
- Priority 7: Athletes selected at the discretion of the Coach Panel who were unable to meet any other eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
- Priority 8: Athletes ranked in the order of their UCI ranking.

In addition, for events without a standalone U23 Men's category, up to 2 U23 Men may also be selected in the same order of priority as the U23 men's selection above.



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## OTHER EVENTS

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For other events that have privateer or independent spots available but are not specifically covered by this policy, athletes must apply. Available spots will be allocated to athletes who meet the eligibility criteria and who have achieved one or more of the following at the time of application:

- Competed at the World Championships in the relevant event within the last 24 months.
- Competed at a World Cup or Pan American Championship in the relevant event within the last 12 months.
- Have at least 1 point on the relevant UCI ranking on the application deadline.

If there is a limited quota for Canadians at the event, spots will be allocated in the following order of priority from among athletes who have applied:

- Priority 1: The current World Champion in the event and category (if Canadian).
- Priority 2: The current Pan American Champion in the event and category (if Canadian).
- Priority 3: The current Canadian champion in the event and category (if a Canadian championship was held).
- Priority 4: Remaining spots will be allocated based on the relevant UCI ranking on the application deadline.

**TO APPLY:** Athletes may apply for these other events using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document) or by emailing [privateers@cyclingscanada.ca](mailto:privateers@cyclingscanada.ca) at least one month before the event they are applying for.



## APPENDIX: ATHLETE DEFINITIONS

Discipline	Event	National Team uniform required?	Registration by CC required?	Limited quota by nation?	Athlete definition
BMX	Freestyle Flatland Worlds	n/a*	Yes	No	Independent
BMX	Freestyle World Cups	n/a*	No	No	Independent
BMX	Pump Track worlds	No	No	No	Independent
BMX	Race World Cups	No	Yes	No	Independent
Cyclo-Cross	Pan Am Champioxnships	No	No	No	Independent
Cyclo-Cross	World Cups (Elite, not members of TTs and outside top 50 on UCI ranking)	No	Yes	Yes	Independent
Cyclo-Cross	World Cups (junior and U23)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Privateer
Gravel	World Championships (elite classes only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Privateer
Indoor	Cycle-Ball and Artistic Cycling World Championships	Yes	Yes	Yes	Privateer
MTB	DHI Pan Am Championships	Yes	No	No	Privateer
MTB	Enduro World Series (not eligible, requiring a Canadian quota spot)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Privateer
MTB	Enduro World Series (eligible but not member of a Trade Team)	No	Yes	No	Independent
MTB	Enduro World Championships	Yes	Yes	Yes	Privateer
MTB	E-MTB World Championships	Yes	Yes	Yes	Privateer
MTB	Marathon World Championships	Yes	Yes	No	Privateer
MTB	Marathon World Cups	No	Yes	No	Independent
MTB	Trials World Championships	Yes	Yes	No	Privateer
MTB	XCO and DHI World Cups (not eligible, requiring a Canadian quota spot)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Privateer
MTB	XCO and DHI World Cups (eligible but not member of a Trade Team)	No	Yes	No	Independent
MTB	XCO Junior series events (athletes who do not meet points requirement)	No	Yes	Yes	Independent
MTB	XCO and DHI Pan Am Championships	Yes	Yes	No	Privateer
Para-Cycling	Road World Cups (non-National Team)	No	Yes	Yes	Independent

\* Per UCI reg. 6bis.4.007, BMX Freestyle athletes are not required to compete in a National Team uniform.

Note that this list may be updated at any time based on changes to the UCI regulations.