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**2025-2026 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 2025-2025 Cyclo-Cross projects.

The criteria are organized by Section as follows:

- Section A – PROGRAM CALENDAR
- Section B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
- Section C – EVENTS CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION
- Section D – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

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

### SECTION A – 2025-2026 CYCLO-CROSS PROGRAM CALENDAR

Dates	Categories	Project	Deadline to apply
Dec. 16, 2025-Jan. 5, 2026	U23, Junior	Christmas Cross	Nov. 16, 2025
Jan. 21-Feb. 2, 2026	Elite, U23, Junior	UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships	Nov. 16, 2025

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.

### SECTION B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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, and comply with any other entry requirements for that country (e.g. period of stay, or visas or other travel documents).
- 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, including CCES online anti-doping education.
- Have completed their online learning and submitted the participant consent form for the Canadian Safe Sport Program (CSSP).
- Complete or update their Cycling Canada National Team Athlete Profile.
- Minors must have parental permission to participate in training programs and competitions.
- Be in compliance with any other relevant CC and UCI requirements for eligibility.



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

### SECTION C – EVENTS CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION

Selection decisions will only consider result from events on the UCI calendar unless otherwise specified in the criteria. For the purposes of this policy, the Canadian Championship is not considered a UCI event, and results will only be considered when specified.

All results must be top half of the field unless otherwise specified. Field size is calculated based on the number of entrants in the official results on the UCI website, including athletes listed as DNS, DNF and DSQ.

At the sole discretion of the Coach Panel, equivalent results in UCI events in other disciplines may be considered for selection, providing the athlete has previously demonstrated the appropriate level of skill to compete safely in the event being selected for.

The following table gives general guidelines for what events are considered equivalent; any selections based on these events would be adjusted appropriately for depth of field. Selections that use results from events not listed here will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must be accompanied by a full rationale.

Road	Track	Mountain Bike	Cyclo-Cross
Elite WCh RR or ITT	Elite WCh OM	Elite WCh XCO	Elite WCh
U23 WCh RR or ITT	Elite WCh OM, SR, ER, MA	U23 WCh XCO	U23 WCh
Junior WCh RR or ITT	Junior WCh OM, MA	Junior WCh XCO	Junior WCh
.1 or higher events in Europe	NCup OM, MA	Elite WC XCO	Elite WC
.U or higher events	NCup OM, MA	U23 WC XCO	U23 WC
Junior UCI events in Europe	Junior WCh OM, MA, SR, ER	Junior WCh XCO	Junior WCh; or Junior WC

WCh = World Championship

WC = World Cup

NCup = Nations Cup



## SECTION C – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Project	Christmas Cross		
Project dates:	Dec. 17, 2025-Jan. 5, 2026 (exact dates TBC)		
Competition dates and locations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dec. 20 – CDM Antwerpen BEL (WE, ME)</li> <li>Dec. 21 – CDM Koksijde BEL (WE, ME, MU, WJ, MJ)</li> <li>Dec. 23 – C1 Superprestige Zolder BEL (WE, ME, WJ, MJ)</li> <li>Dec. 26 – CDM Gavere WC (WE, ME)</li> <li>Dec. 28 – CDM Dendermonde WC (WE, ME, MU, WJ, MJ)</li> <li>Dec. 30 – C1 Superprestige Diegem BEL (ME, WE, MJ)</li> <li>Jan. 1 – C1 X2O Badkamers Trofee GP Sven Nys Baal BEL (WE, ME, MU, MJ)</li> <li>Jan. 3 – C1 Superprestige Gullegem ((WE, ME, WJ, MJ)</li> <li>Jan. 4 – CDM Zonhoven WC (WE, ME)</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Per UCI rule 5.1.001 athletes other than junior men may race up a category if their category is not listed above.</i></p> <p><i>All competitions subject to confirmation</i></p>		
Category:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior Women and Men (born 2007-2008)</li> <li>U23 Women and Men (born 2003-2006)</li> </ul>		
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"> <li>Nov. 16, 2025 – Application deadline</li> <li>Nov. 18, 2025 – Coach Panel submits recommendations to CSO and DHPS</li> <li>Nov. 20, 2025 – Selection decision finalized; athletes informed; appeal period starts*</li> <li>Nov. 28, 2025 – Appeal deadline</li> </ul> <p>* Anyone not named in the selection decision must appeal by the deadline or they lose their right to appeal.</p> <p>Notes: other than the application deadline, the dates above are estimates and subject to change.</p>		
Selection panel:	Nominations recommended by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cycling Canada Coach Panel (see CC website)</li> </ul> Selections made by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief Sport Officer</li> <li>Director of High Performance Services</li> </ul>		
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Junior (WJ, MJ)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Top 15 at the 2025 WJ UCI World Championship</li> <li>2. Top 15 at a WJ UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cup</li> <li>3. Top Canadian finisher at the 2025 WJ Pan American Cyclo-Cross Championship or next best if already selected, providing they finish in the top 10</li> <li>4. Top 3 at the 2025 WJ Canadian Cyclo-Cross championship or next best if already selected, providing they finish in the top 5</li> <li>5. Two top-10 results at WJ or WE UCI Cyclo-cross events</li> </ol>
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Women U23 (WU)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Top 15 at the 2025 WU UCI World Championship</li> <li>2. Top 30 at a WE UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cup</li> <li>3. Top Canadian finisher at the 2025 WU Pan American Cyclo-Cross Championship or next best if already selected, providing they finish in the top 10</li> <li>4. Top 3 at the 2025 WU Canadian Cyclo-Cross championship, or next best if already selected, providing they finish in the top 5</li> <li>5. Top 15 at a WE UCI C1 Cyclo-Cross event</li> </ol>
Men U23 (MU)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Top 15 at the 2025 MU UCI World Championship</li> <li>2. Top 15 at a MU UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cup or top 30 at a ME UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cup</li> <li>3. Top Canadian finisher at the 2025 MU Pan American Cyclo-Cross Championship or next best if already selected, providing they finish in the top 10</li> <li>4. Top 3 at the 2025 MU Canadian Cyclo-Cross championship or next best if already selected, providing they finish in the top 5</li> <li>5. Top 15 at a ME UCI C1 Cyclo-Cross event</li> </ol>
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Self-funding:	<p>Athletes are responsible for the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel including baggage fees to competition location</li> <li>• Meals during the project</li> <li>• Estimated project fee: \$1,275 (\$75/day)*</li> </ul> <p>* Project fees are subject to change should the project parameters change. Project fees must be paid two weeks prior to the beginning of the project.</p>
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Project	UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships		
Project dates:	Jan. 21-Feb. 2, 2026 (exact dates TBC)		
Competition dates and locations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan. 25 – CDM Hoogerheide NED (WE, ME, MU, WJ, MJ)</li> <li>• Jan. 31-Feb. 2 – CM Hulst NED (WE, ME, WU, MU, WJ, MJ)</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Per UCI rule 5.1.001 athletes other than junior men may race up a category in a World Cup if their category is not listed above. World Cup participation subject to confirmation.</i></p>		
Category:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Women and Men – born 2007-2008</li> <li>• U23 Women and Men – born 2003-2006</li> <li>• Elite Women and Men – born 2002 or earlier</li> </ul>		
Max. team size:	Category	Women	Men
	Junior	4	4
	U23	4	4
	Elite	4	4
	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"> <li>• Nov. 16, 2025 – Application deadline (all categories)</li> </ul> <p>Junior selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nov. 18, 2025 – Coach Panel submits recommendations to CSO and DHPS</li> <li>• Nov. 20, 2025 – recommendations submitted to High Performance Committee</li> <li>• Nov. 22, 2025 – Selection decision finalized; athletes informed; appeal period starts*</li> <li>• Nov. 30, 2025 – Appeal deadline</li> </ul> <p>U23 and Elite selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dec. 30, 2025 – Coach Panel submits recommendations to Head Coach and DHPS</li> <li>• Jan. 2, 2026 – recommendations submitted to High Performance Committee</li> <li>• Jan. 4, 2026 – Selection decision finalized; athletes informed; appeal period starts*</li> <li>• Jan. 12, 2026 – Appeal deadline</li> </ul> <p>* Anyone not named in the selection decision must appeal by the deadline or they lose their right to appeal.</p>		
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Prerequisites for selection:	To be considered for this project, athletes must complete the application form found on the Cycling Canada website no later than the date noted above.		



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	<p>Elite athletes must have achieved one of the following prior to the selection date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be among the top 3 Canadians on the UCI ranking on the selection date; or</li> <li>• Have a top 50 finish in the Elite category at a UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cup between Sept. 1, 2025, and the selection date. The result 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.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting these prerequisites does not guarantee selection.</p>												
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