

**Feedback received on CC Cyclo-Cross criteria through online form, with responses**  
**Commentaires reçus sur les critères cyclo-cross par le biais de la formulaire en ligne, avec réponses**

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Feedback / Commentaire	Response / Réponse
<p>Again (as in all CC sélection criteria) we use equality and not equity. I know we want to bring as many woman (the sport desperately needs more girls that compete at a high level) but having the same criterias for both men and women is simply outrageously not fair for men. The field is deeper in the men and many beyond the criteria's baseline can and should be invited to some projects. In the women's field, we basically have more spots than actual riders. We need to account for that at some point</p>	<p>Cycling Canada is committed to supporting women's cycling in all disciplines, and we take pride in providing equal opportunities to female athletes. We also recognize the depth of field varies between disciplines, between genders and between events. For this reason, all our criteria adjust for depth of field by requiring that qualifying results must be in the top half of the field, so a top 30 in a field of 40 athletes effectively becomes a top 20. At the same time, women's cycling is both growing and becoming more competitive at a rapid pace: many women's events now have a similar depth of field as men's events.</p> <p>In looking at the 2024-25 cyclo-cross season, the difference in depth of field was quite small, and in some respects was greater for the women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average Elite World Cup size: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 70 for Elite Women</li> <li>○ 62 for Elite Men</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Average place 3 min behind race winner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 13 for Elite Women</li> <li>○ 17 for Elite Men</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Average place 5 min behind race winner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 21 for Elite Women</li> <li>○ 25 for Elite Men</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>For these reasons, we feel using the same criteria for women and for men is justified.</p>
<p>Under Section C the year of birth needs to be amended as it currently shows 2007-2008 for Junior age athlete's when in fact 2008-2009 are now Junior age athletes for the 2025-2026 cyclocross season.</p> <p>Shouldn't the eligible year of birth be 2008 and 2009 for junior cyclocross athletes, and 2004-2007 for U23?</p>	<p>Thanks for spotting that; we've made the changes in the final version.</p>