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2026 JUNIOR TRACK SELECTION POLICY

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This document lays out the criteria to be used for selection to the Canadian team for 2026 Junior Track projects.

The criteria are organized by Section as follows:

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

The program objectives and calendar are stated in Section A.

To be considered for selection, athletes must meet the Eligibility Criteria in Section B and the time standards listed on the Cycling Canada website.

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

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.

Canada has a rich history of junior track success. More important, many of these athletes used their time as juniors as a steppingstone towards success at the elite level in track or in another cycling discipline.

The Junior Track World Championships selection process is intended to build a team of athletes who are competitive enough to capitalize on the personal and athletic development opportunity of competing on the world stage.

2026 JUNIOR TRACK NATIONAL TEAM CALENDAR

Dates	Project	Location	Application deadline
Jan. 10-12	Apeldoorn The Next Generation International • Departure Jan. 6 • Competition Jan. 10-12	Apeldoorn NED	Nov.21
Aug 19-23	Junior Track World Championships • Performance Camp Aug. 4 • Departure Aug. 14 • Competition Aug. 19-23	Heusden-Zolder BEL	April TBD

All dates subject to change.



SECTION B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for selection to the Canadian team, an 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 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		Apeldoorn The Next Generation International Juniors 2026	
Departure date:	Jan. 6		
Competition dates:	Jan. 10-12, 2025		
Location:	Apeldoorn NED		
Category:	Junior (born 2008-2009)		
Max. team size:	Women		Men
	4 Endurance 3 Sprint		4 Endurance 3 Sprint
	Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure the team size per Section B, Clause 5, of the General Selection Criteria.		
Selection dates:	- Nov. 24, 2025 – Coach Panel submit team selection to Head Coach and DHPS - Nov. 26, 2025 – Selection decision approved and published; athletes informed; appeal period starts* - Dec. 5, 2025 – Appeal deadline*; selections final * Anyone not named in the selection decision must appeal by the deadline or they lose their right to appeal.		
Selection panel:	Selection recommendation made by: - Cycling Canada Track Endurance Coach Panel (see CC website) Selection recommendation reviewed by: - Chief Sport Officer, or designate - Director of High Performance Services, or designate		
Eligibility:	Athletes who are junior in 2026 (born 2008-2009)		
Prerequisites for selection:	To be considered for this project, athletes must complete the application form found on the Cycling Canada website no later than Nov. 21.		
Selection criteria:	Endurance: Positions will be filled with eligible athletes in the following order until the team size is met: Elimination, Individual Pursuit, Points Race, Scratch, and Team Pursuit. Priority 1: Medalists in individual endurance events at the 2025 Junior World Championships (Omnium, Points Race, Scratch Race, Elimination Race or Individual Pursuit). Priority 2: Members of the 2025 UCI Junior Track World Championship team. Priority 3: Fastest U17 time in the individual pursuit at the 2025 Canadian Junior and U17 Track Championships. Priority 4: Riders who finished top 5 in junior women’s or men’s bunch races at the 2025 Canadian Junior Track Championships, in the following priority order: - Points Race - Scratch Race - Elimination Race Riders will be ranked by finishing position. Priority 5: Coach Panel discretion based on assessment of riders’ eligibility, ability to meet Cycling Canada time standards, and results in the Points Race, Scratch Race, Elimination Race, Individual Pursuit, and Time Trial at the 2025 Canadian Junior and U17 Track Championships.		



	Sprint: Positions will be filled with eligible athletes in the following order until the team size is met: Sprint, Keirin, Time Trial, and Team Sprint. • Priority 1: Medalists in sprint or keirin at the 2025 UCI Junior Track World Championships. • Priority 2: Members of the 2025 UCI Junior Track World Championship team who competed in sprint or keirin. • Priority 3: Fastest times in the U17 and Junior flying 200m at the 2025 Canadian Junior and U17 Track Championships who have also met the 200m Junior B sprint time standard between Jan. 1, 2025, and the selection date. • Priority 4: Highest placed finishers in the Junior Women's and Junior Men's Keirin at the 2025 Canadian Junior Track Championships who have met the Junior B sprint time standard for the flying 200m between Jan. 1, 2025, and the selection date. • Priority 5: Coach Panel discretion based on assessment of riders' eligibility, ability to meet Cycling Canada sprint time standards, and results in the Sprint and Keirin at the 2025 Canadian Junior and U17 Track Championships. In all events, Cycling Canada reserves the right to not select or start an athlete or team who, in the opinion of the Coach Panel, does not have the requisite skills, fitness or performance level needed to compete safely or successfully at the international level. This assessment is based solely on the expert opinion of the Coach Panel. Cycling Canada reserves the right to fill any vacant or remaining start positions at the competition with athletes who were already selected for other events if needed. Selection of starters will be at the discretion of the Coach at the event. Per Section B, Clause 1 of the General Selection Criteria, the starting composition for team events shall be determined on site by the coach of that event.
Self-funding:	Athletes are responsible for the following costs: • Travel costs to and from project • Project Fee* *Project fees are determined in accordance with Cycling Canada's National Team Athlete Fees Policy and may change if the number of project days or meals is modified. Fees must be paid two weeks prior to the start of the project. Athletes in the Podium Performance Pool who are traveling and staying with the National Team are exempt from the project fee.



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Project		UCI Junior Track World Championships	
Performance camp dates:	Aug. 4, 2026		
Departure date:	Aug. 14, 2026		
Competition dates:	Aug. 19-23, 2026		
Location:	Heusden-Zolder BEL		
Category:	Junior (athletes born in 2008 and 2009)		
Max. team size:		Women	Men
	Endurance	4	4
	Sprint	3	3
	1 non-travelling alternate may be nominated for each team. If nominated, this athlete will attend the camp but will not travel to the competition unless a situation presents itself that they are required to do so. <i>Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure the team size per Section B, Clause 5 of the General Selection Criteria.</i>		
Selection dates:	• April TBD, 2026 – Coach Panel submits recommendations to Head Coach and DHPS • April TBD, 2026 – Selections submitted to High Performance Committee • April TBD, 2026 – Selection decision approved and published; athletes informed; appeal period starts* • April TBD, 2026 – Appeal deadline; selections final * Anyone not named in the selection decision must appeal by the deadline or they lose their right to appeal.		
Selection panel:	Selection recommendation made by: • Cycling Canada Track Endurance Coach Panel (see CC website) Selection recommendation reviewed by: • Chief Sport Officer, or designate • Director of High Performance Services, or designate Selection reviewed by • High Performance Committee		
Eligibility:	To be selected for the Junior World Championships, athletes must meet the eligibility requirement previously stated in the selection document and be eligible to compete in the Junior category at the 2026 Junior World Championships. Athletes must attend the Canadian Junior Track Championships (April TBD, 2026 – Edmonton AB) Endurance athletes must meet an endurance Junior A standard in the 3000m Individual Pursuit or 1km Time Trial between Nov. 1, 2025, and the selection date. Sprint athletes must meet a Junior A sprint standard in the 1km Time Trial or 200m between Nov. 1, 2025, and the selection date. Selection is conditional on attending the Junior Worlds Performance Camp (Aug. TBD, 2026 – Milton ON)		



Prerequisites for selection:	To be considered for this project, athletes must complete the application form found on the Cycling Canada website no later than April TBD						
Selection criteria:	Endurance: Positions will be filled with eligible athletes in the following order until the team size is met: • Priority 1: Medalists in track endurance events at the 2025 Junior Track World Championships who have met the Junior A Individual Pursuit standard in the Individual Pursuit between Nov. 1, 2025, and the selection date. • Priority 2: Winners of the junior points races at the 2026 Canadian Junior Track Championships (or, if a rider is already selected, the next finisher, providing they are among the top 3) who have met the Junior A Standard in the Individual Pursuit between Nov. 1, 2025, and the selection date. • Priority 3: Top 2 finishers (or, if a rider is already selected, the next finisher providing they are among the top 3) in the Individual Pursuit at the 2026 Canadian Junior Track Championships who have met the Junior A standard in the Individual Pursuit between Nov. 1, 2025, and the selection date. • Priority 4: Winners of the junior scratch races at the 2026 Canadian Junior Track Championships (or, if a rider is already selected, the next best finisher providing they are among the top 3) who have met the Junior A standard the Individual Pursuit between Nov. 1, 2025, and the selection date. • Priority 5: Winners of the junior elimination races at the 2026 Canadian Junior Track Championships (or, if a rider is already selected, the next best finisher providing they are among the top 3) who have met the Junior A standard the Individual Pursuit between Nov. 1, 2025, and the selection date. • Priority 6: Coach discretion based on assessment of rider's results in the Points Race, Scratch Race, Elimination Race, Individual Pursuit and Time Trial at the 2026 Canadian Junior Track Championships. Team Pursuit: In the event 5 athletes are selected 4 starters and 1 alternate per gender will be nominated by coach discretion at the Junior World Championships performance camp, considering the following factors: • Suitability to specific positions • Ability to deliver team strategy at target pace. • Tactical ability • Technical ability Per Section B, Clause 1, of the General Selection Criteria, the starting composition for each competition round shall be determined on site by the coach of that event. Omnium: 1 starter and 1 alternate per gender will be named from among athletes selected to the Team Pursuit. Athletes will be ranked by overall performance in Points Race, Scratch Race, and Elimination Race at 2026 Canadian Junior Track Championships. The ranking will be determined by a finish placing using the points system listed in Table 1. Any tie will be broken by final placing in the Points Race. Table 1 <table><tr><th>Placing</th><th>Points</th></tr><tr><td>1st</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>2nd</td><td>18</td></tr></table>	Placing	Points	1st	25	2nd	18
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1st	25						
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3rd	15
4th	12
5th	10
6th	8
7th	6
8th	4
9th	2
10th	1

Points Race, Scratch Race, and Elimination Race: 1 starter and 1 alternate per gender will be named from among athletes selected to the Team Pursuit in the order of their ranking at the 2026 Canadian Junior Track Championships in each respective event. The rider selected to the Omnium will be excluded from selection to individual bunch events.

Individual Pursuit: Up to 2 starters and 1 alternate per gender will be named from among athletes selected to the Team Pursuit in order of their ranking in the Individual Pursuit at the 2026 Canadian Junior Track Championships.

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- Past performances in competition
- Technical ability
- Tactical ability
- Compatibility of teammates

Sprint:

Positions will be filled with eligible athletes in the following order until the team size is met:

Sprint and Keirin:

- **Priority 1:** Medalists in the Junior Sprint and Keirin from the 2025 Junior World Championships who have achieved the Junior A sprint time standard in the Flying 200m between Nov. 1, 2025, and the selection date.
- **Priority 2:** Winners of the Junior Sprint at the 2026 Canadian Junior Track Championships who have achieved the Junior A sprint standard in the Flying 200m between Nov. 1, 2025, and the selection date.
- **Priority 3:** Winners of the Junior Keirin at the 2025 Canadian Junior Track Championships who have achieved the Junior A sprint standard in Flying 200m between Nov. 1, 2025, and the selection date.
- **Priority 4:** Coach Panel discretion based on assessment of rider's results in the Sprint and Keirin at the 2025 Canadian Junior Track Championships.

Time Trial:

- **Priority 1:** Medalists in the Junior Time Trials at the 2025 Junior World Championships who have achieved their 1km Time Trial between Nov. 1, 2025, and the selection date.
- **Priority 2:** Winners of the Junior Time Trials at the 2026 Canadian Junior Track Championships who have achieved the Junior A sprint standard in the 1km Time Trial between Nov. 1, 2025, and the selection date.
- **Priority 3:** 2nd place finishers in the Junior Time Trials at the 2026 Canadian Junior Track Championships who they have achieved the Junior A sprint



	standard in the 1kmTime Trial between Nov. 1, 2025, and the selection date. Junior A sprint standard Team Sprint: Selection to the Team Sprint will be based on Coach Panel discretion from amongst riders already selected to the 2026 Junior World Championships. The final composition and starting lineup for the team shall be determined at the 2026 UCI Junior Track World Championship performance camp. Per Section B, Clause 1, of the General Selection Criteria, the starting composition for each competition round shall be determined on site by the coach of that event. In all events, Cycling Canada reserves the right to not select or start an athlete or team who, in the opinion of the Coach Panel, does not have the requisite skills, fitness or performance level needed to compete safely or successfully at the international level. This assessment is based solely on the expert opinion of the Coach Panel. Cycling Canada reserves the right to fill any vacant or remaining start position at the competition with athletes who were already selected for other events if needed. Riders selected through Coach Panel discretion may be required to meet the Junior A time standard prior to June 1, 2026, to confirm their selection for the World Championships.
Self-funding:	Athletes are responsible for the following costs: • Travel costs to and from project • Project Fee* *Project fees are determined in accordance with Cycling Canada's National Team Athlete Fees Policy and may change if the number of project days or meals is modified. Fees must be paid two weeks prior to the start of the project. Athletes in the Podium Performance Pool who are traveling and staying with the National Team are exempt from the project fee.