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2026 TRACK SPRINT SELECTION POLICY

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This document lays out the criteria to be used for selection to the Canadian team for international Track Sprint 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

Athletes must meet all Eligibility Criteria in sections B and C to be considered for selection.

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

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

SECTION A – 2026 TRACK SPRINT PROGRAM CALENDAR

Project dates	Project	Location	Application deadline
Jan. 26- Feb 22	Pan American Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandatory performance camp Feb 2-12 (Milton ON)• Departure Feb. 13• Competition Feb. 16-22	Santiago CHI	Jan. 11
Mar. 30-April 26	UCI World Cup II <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandatory performance camp March 30 – April 11 (Milton ON)• Departure April 11• Competition April 17-19 and April 24-26	Hong Kong CHN Nilai MAS	Jan. 11
Sept. 21-Oct. 18	UCI Track World Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandatory performance camp Sept. 21 – Oct. 7 (Milton ON)• Departure Oct. 8• Competition Oct. 14-18	Shanghai CHN	Aug. 3

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 competed in the most recent Canadian Track Championships, or have a valid exemption (see National Championships Attendance Policy on the CC website)
- 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.
- Per UCI rule 3.2.001, athletes must be at least 18 years old on Dec. 31, 2026.

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

SECTION C – EVENTS CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION

Selections will only consider results from the events cited in this policy unless other results are required to exercise Coach Panel discretion.

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.

In cases where the field is restricted because of qualification processes or other types of entry restrictions, the number of entries and countries in the qualification process may be taken into consideration.

Unless otherwise specified, results must be achieved in events of the same age category or higher than the event being selected for (e.g. a junior result cannot be considered for selection to a U23 event, but an elite result can be considered for selection to a U23 event).

Unless otherwise specified, for the purposes of this policy, results will include all athletes, not only those who applied for selection.

At the sole discretion of the Coach Panel, equivalent results in UCI events in other disciplines may be considered for selection, provided the athlete has previously demonstrated the appropriate level of skill to compete safely in the event being selected for. Selections based on equivalent results will be assessed on a case-by-case basis considering:

- the level of the event the result was achieved in;
- the compatibility of the physiological demands of the event the result was achieved in to the event being selected for;
- the depth of field of the competition the result was achieved in; and
- the athlete's demonstrated experience and skill in the discipline being selected for.

**SECTION D – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA****2026 Elite Pan American Track Championships**

Project title	Campeonato Panamericano de Pista
Prep camp dates:	Jan. 26-Feb 11
Departure date:	Feb. 13
Competition dates:	Feb. 16-22
Location:	Santiago CHI
Max. team size:	4 women 4 men <i>Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure the team size per Clause 5 of the General Selection Policy.</i>
Selection dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jan. 12 – Coach Panel submits selection recommendations to CSO and DHPS, or designatesJan. 14 – Athletes informed; appeal period starts*Jan. 22 – 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cycling Canada Track Sprint Coach Panel (see CC website) Selections reviewed and approved by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chief Sport Officer, or designateDirector of High Performance Services, or designate
Prerequisites for selection:	To be considered for this project, athletes must complete the application form found on the Cycling Canada website no later than Jan. 11.
Eligibility	In addition to the eligibility requirements in Section B, athletes must also meet the following requirement to be selected to this project: <ul style="list-style-type: none">For the Sprint or Keirin, athletes must at a minimum achieve the Elite B time standard in the Flying 200 or Kilo between Jan. 1, 2025, and the selection date.For the Team Sprint, athletes must at a minimum achieve the Elite B time standard in the Team Sprint between Jan. 1, 2025, and the selection date.
Selection criteria:	<p>Cycling Canada reserves the right to modify selections based on an overarching strategy to support medal winning performances and support Cycling Canada's qualification strategies for the 2026 Elite Track World Championships.</p> <p>Sprint</p> <p>Three Sprint starters and up to one alternate will be selected from among eligible athletes in the following order of priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Top 8 finisher at the 2025 Elite World Championships in the SprintTop 8 finisher at a UCI Nations Cup in the Sprint between Jan. 1, 2025, and the selection date.Top 12 finisher at the 2025 Elite World Championships in the SprintTop 12 finisher at a UCI Nations Cup in the Sprint between Jan. 1, 2025, and the selection date.Top 5 finisher at the 2025 Pan American championships in Sprint



<i>Project title</i>	<i>Campeonato Panamericano de Pista</i>
	<p>6. Top 3 finisher at the 2026 Canadian Championships in the Sprint.</p> <p>7. Coach Panel discretion considering following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical ability.• Tactical ability (eg. demonstrated ability to beat a faster rider)• Past performances and/or results in international and/or domestic competition. <p>Keirin</p> <p>Two Keirin starters and up to one alternate will be selected from among eligible athletes in the following order of priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Top 8 finisher at the 2025 Elite World Championships in the Keirin2. Top 8 finisher at a UCI Nations Cup in the Keirin between Jan. 1, 2025, and the selection date.3. Top 12 finisher at the 2025 Elite World Championships in the Keirin4. Top 12 finisher at a UCI Nations Cup in the Keirin between Jan. 1, 2025, and the selection date.5. Top 5 finisher at the 2025 Pan American Championships in Keirin6. Top 3 finisher at the 2026 Canadian Championships in the Keirin.7. Coach Panel discretion considering following factors:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical ability.• Tactical ability (eg. demonstrated ability to beat a faster rider)• Past performances and/or results in international and/or domestic competition. <p><i>Any ties will be broken by the results of the Flying 200m trials at the 2026 Canadian Championships; if there is still a tie, it will be broken by Coach Panel discretion.</i></p> <p>Team Sprint</p> <p>The Coach Panel shall recommend, based on its expert opinion, a Team Sprint composition of 3 starters and up to 1 alternate that has the potential to achieve the best performance in the targeted competition. In determining the team composition, the Coach Panel shall assess each athlete based on the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suitability to specific positions in the Team Sprint.• Past performances and/or results in international and/or domestic competition, and in Cycling Canada training sessions. <p>To be considered for selection, performances and results in training or competition must be achieved between Jan. 1, 2025, and the applicable selection date. Any training session that is led by a Cycling Canada National Team coach may be used to inform selection recommendations made by the Coach Panel.</p> <p>Per Clause 1 of the General Selection Policy, the starting composition for each competition round shall be determined on site by the coach of that event.</p>
Self-funding:	<p>Athletes are responsible for the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel costs to and from project• Project Fee per Cycling Canada's National Team Athlete Fees Policy. The fee is based on the athlete's National Performance Pool status, the number of project days, the project location, and whether meals are provided. The fee



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	may change if the project parameters change. Fees must be paid two weeks prior to the start of the project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cycling Canada will book and pay for return flights from Milton to the competition site.

2026 Track World Cup II-III

<i>Event name:</i>	<i>UCI Track World Cup II and III</i>
<i>Prep camp dates:</i>	March 30-April 10
<i>Departure date:</i>	April 11
<i>Competition dates and location:</i>	World Cup II: April 17-19 – Hong Kong CHN World Cup III: April 24-26 – Nilai MYS
<i>Max. team size:</i>	4 women 4 men <i>Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure the team size per Clause 5 of the General Selection Policy.</i>
<i>Selection dates:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feb. 24 – Coach Panel submits selection recommendations to CSO and DHPS, or designates• Feb. 26 – Athletes informed; appeal period starts*• March 6 – Appeal deadline; selections final * Anyone not named in the selection decision must appeal by the deadline or they lose their right to appeal.
<i>Selection panel:</i>	Selection recommendation made by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cycling Canada Track Sprint Coach Panel (see CC website) Selections reviewed and approved by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Sport Officer, or designate• Director of High Performance Services, or designate
<i>Prerequisites for selection:</i>	To be considered for this project, athletes must complete the application form found on the Cycling Canada website no later than Feb. 22.
<i>Eligibility</i>	In addition to the eligibility requirements in Section B, athletes must also meet the following requirement to be selected to this project: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the Sprint or Keirin, athletes must at a minimum achieve the Elite A time standard in the Flying 200 or Kilo between Jan. 1, 2025, and the selection date.• For the Team Sprint, athletes must at a minimum achieve the Elite A time standard in the Team Sprint between Jan. 1, 2025, and the selection date.• Per UCI rule 3.4.004, to be considered for individual sprint events (Sprint, Keirin) athletes must have 500 UCI Sprint ranking points. Athletes finishing Top 4 at the most recent Junior World Championships in the Sprint or Keirin will also be eligible to compete in the respective events. Athletes must obtain the points six weeks before the first Nations Cup or in the latest update to the UCI ranking on the registration date.
<i>Selection criteria:</i>	Cycling Canada reserves the right to modify these selection criteria based on an overarching strategy to support medal winning performances and support Cycling Canada's qualification strategies for the 2026 Elite Track World Championships.



Event name:	UCI Track World Cup II and III
	<p>Sprint</p> <p>Two starters and up to one alternate will be selected from among eligible athletes in the following order of priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Top 8 finisher at the 2025 Elite World Championships in the Sprint.2. Top 8 finisher at a UCI Nations Cup in the Sprint between Jan. 1, 2025, and the selection date.3. Top 12 finisher at the 2025 Elite World Championships in the Sprint.4. Top 12 finisher at a UCI Nations Cup in the Sprint between Jan. 1, 2025, and the selection date.5. Top 5 finisher at the 2026 Pan American championships in Sprint6. Top 3 finisher at the 2026 Canadian Championships in the Sprint.7. Coach Panel discretion considering following factors:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical ability.• Tactical ability (eg. demonstrated ability to beat a faster rider).• Past performances and/or results in international and/or domestic competition. <p>Keirin</p> <p>Two starters and up to one alternate will be selected from among eligible athletes in the following order of priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Top 8 finisher at the 2025 Elite World Championships in the Keirin2. Top 8 finisher at a UCI Nations Cup in the Keirin between Jan. 1, 2025, and the selection date.3. Top 12 finisher at the 2025 Elite World Championships in the Keirin4. Top 12 finisher at a UCI Nations Cup in the Keirin between Jan. 1, 2025, and the selection date.5. Top 5 finisher at the 2025 Pan American championships in Keirin6. Top 3 finisher at the Canadian Championships in the Keirin.7. Coach Panel discretion considering following factors:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical ability.• Tactical ability (eg. demonstrated ability to beat a faster rider)• Past performances and/or results in international and/or domestic competition. <p><i>Any ties will be broken by the results of the Flying 200m at the 2026 Canadian Track Championships, rounded up to the nearest 0.1s; if there is still a tie, it will be broken by Coach Panel discretion.</i></p> <p>Team Sprint</p> <p>The Coach Panel shall recommend, based on its expert opinion, a Team Sprint composition of 3 starters and up to 1 alternate that has the potential to achieve the best performance in the targeted competition. In determining the team composition, the Coach Panel shall assess each athlete based on the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suitability to specific positions in the Team Sprint.• Past performances and/or results in international and/or domestic competition, and in Cycling Canada training sessions.



Event name:	<i>UCI Track World Cup II and III</i>
	<p>To be considered for selection, performances and results in training or competition must be achieved between Jan. 1, 2025, and the applicable selection date. Any training session that is led by a Cycling Canada National Team coach may be used to inform selection recommendations made by the Coach Panel.</p> <p>Per Clause 1 of the General Selection Policy, the starting composition for each competition round shall be determined on site by the coach of that event.</p>
Self-funding:	<p>Athletes are responsible for the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel costs to and from project• Project Fee per Cycling Canada's National Team Athlete Fees Policy. The fee is based on the athlete's National Performance Pool status, the number of project days, the project location, and whether meals are provided. The fee may change if the project parameters change. Fees must be paid two weeks prior to the start of the project.

2026 Elite Track World Championships

Event name:	<i>Tissot UCI Track World Championships</i>
Prep camp dates:	Sept. 21 – Oct. 7
Departure date:	Oct. 8
Competition dates:	Oct. 14-18
Location:	Shanghai CHN
Selection dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aug. 11 – Coach Panel submits recommendations to CSO and DHPS, or designates• Aug. 13 – Selection decision submitted to High Performance Committee• Aug. 15 – Selection decision approved; athletes informed; appeal period starts• Aug. 23 – Appeal deadline* <p>* Anyone not named in the selection decision must appeal by the deadline or they lose their right to appeal.</p>
Selection panel:	<p>Selection recommendation made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cycling Canada Track Sprint Coach Panel (see CC website) <p>Selection reviewed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Sport Officer, or designate• Director of High Performance Services, or designate <p>Selection reviewed and approved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cycling Canada High Performance Committee
Max. team size:	<p>4 women 4 men</p> <p><i>Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure the team size per Clause 5 of the General Selection Policy.</i></p>
Eligibility	<p>In addition to the eligibility requirements in Section B, athletes must also meet the following requirement to be selected to this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the Sprint or Keirin, athletes must at a minimum achieve the Elite A time standard in the Flying 200 or Kilo between Jan. 1, 2026, and the selection date.



Event name:	<i>Tissot UCI Track World Championships</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For the Team Sprint, athletes must at a minimum achieve the Elite A time standard in the Team Sprint between Jan. 1, 2026, and the selection date.
Selection criteria:	<p>Cycling Canada reserves the right to modify these selection criteria based on an overarching strategy to support medal winning performances and support Cycling Canada's qualification strategies for the 2026 Elite Track World Championships.</p> <p>Sprint</p> <p>Two Sprint starters and up to one alternate will be selected from among eligible athletes in the following order of priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Top 8 finisher at the 2025 Elite World Championships in the SprintTop 8 finisher at a UCI World cup in the Sprint between Jan. 1, 2026, and the selection date.Top 12 finisher at the 2025 Elite World Championships in the SprintTop 12 finisher at a UCI World Cup in the Sprint between Jan. 1, 2026, and the selection date.Top 5 finisher at the 2025 Pan American championships in SprintCoach Panel discretion considering following factors:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Technical ability.Tactical ability (eg. demonstrated ability to beat a faster rider)Past performances and/or results in international and/or domestic competition. <p>Keirin</p> <p>Two Keirin starters and up to one alternate will be selected from among eligible athletes in the following order of priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Top 8 finisher at the 2025 Elite World Championships in the KeirinTop 8 finisher at a UCI World Cup in the Keirin between Jan. 1, 2026, and the selection date.Top 12 finisher at the 2025 Elite World Championships in the KeirinTop 12 finisher at a UCI World Cup in the Keirin between Jan. 1, 2026, and the selection date.Top 5 finisher at the 2025 Pan American championships in KeirinCoach Panel discretion considering following factors:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Technical ability.Tactical ability (eg. demonstrated ability to beat a faster rider)Past performances and/or results in international and/or domestic competition. <p><i>Any ties will be broken by the best Flying 200m time achieved between Jan. 1, 2026, and the selection date; if there is still a tie, it will be broken by Coach Panel discretion.</i></p> <p>Team Sprint</p> <p>The Coach Panel shall recommend, based on its expert opinion, a Team Sprint composition of 3 starters and up to 1 alternate that has the potential to achieve the best performance in the targeted competition. Cycling Canada reserves the right to not enter a team sprint team if, in the expert opinion of the Coach Panel, there is a low likelihood of the team being competitive. In determining the team composition, the Coach Panel shall assess each athlete based on the following factors:</p>



Event name:	<i>Tissot UCI Track World Championships</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suitability to specific positions in the Team Sprint.• Past performances and/or results in international and/or domestic competition, and in Cycling Canada training sessions. <p>To be considered for selection, performances and results in training or competition must be achieved between Jan. 1, 2026, and the applicable selection date. Any training session that is led by a Cycling Canada National Team coach may be used to inform selection recommendations made by the Coach Panel.</p> <p>Per Clause 1 of the General Selection Policy, the starting composition for each competition round shall be determined on site by the coach of that event.</p>
Costs:	<p>Athletes are responsible for the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel costs to and from project• Project Fee per Cycling Canada's National Team Athlete Fees Policy. The fee is based on the athlete's National Performance Pool status, the number of project days, the project location, and whether meals are provided. The fee may change if the project parameters change. Fees must be paid two weeks prior to the start of the project.• Cycling Canada will book and pay for return flights from Milton to the competition site <p>Podium Performance Pool athletes traveling and staying with the National Team are exempt from the project fee.</p>