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2026 PARA-CYCLING SELECTION POLICY

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This document lays out the criteria to be used by Cycling Canada (CC) to select athletes to the Canadian team for international Para-Cycling projects.

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 PARA-CYCLING PROGRAM CALENDAR

Project dates	Project	Location
April 22-May 11	UCI Road World Cups II-III <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandatory performance camp March 30-April 11 (Milton ON)• Departure April 22• Competition April 28-May 1 and May 7-10	Middelkerke BEL Montesilvano ITA
Aug. 29-Sept. 8	UCI Road World Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Optional camp Aug. 22-29 (Bromont QC)• Departure Aug. 29• Competition Sept. 4-7	Huntsville USA
Oct. 17-Nov. 2	UCI Track World Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Departure Oct. 17• Mandatory performance camp Oct. 18-28 (Apeldoorn NED)• Competition Oct. 29-Nov. 1	Apeldoorn NED

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 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 Sport Integrity Canada 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 – 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 based on the official results on the UCI website, including athletes listed as DNS, DNF and DSQ.

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

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

SECTION D – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

World Cups II and III

Project title	2026 UCI Para-Cycling Road World Cups II and III
Mandatory Performance camp:	March 30-April 11 (Milton ON)
Departure date:	April 22
Competition dates and locations:	April 28-May 1 – Middelkerke BEL May 7-10 – Montesiilvano ITA
Team size:	10 athletes <i>Cycling Canada reserves the right to modify the team size per Clause 5 of the General Selection Policy.</i>
Selection dates:	Team selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 10 – Coach Panel submits recommendations to CSO and DHPS, or designates• March 12 – CC communicates selection to athletes; appeal period starts• March 20 – Appeal deadline* * 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 Coach Panel (See CC Website) Selection review and approval by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSO or delegate• DHPS or delegate
Selection criteria:	Selections will be made in the following order of priority until the quota is filled or there are no more eligible athletes: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Top 8 and top half finisher at the 2025 UCI Para-Cycling Road World Championships2. Top 8 and top half finisher at a 2025 UCI Para-Cycling Road World Cup3. Coach Panel discretion considering (but not limited to):



<i>Project title</i>	<i>2026 UCI Para-Cycling Road World Cups II and III</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Classification assessment.• Providing international racing exposure for up-and-coming athletes who were internationally classified for the first time in the last 3 years.• Other Factors per Section B, Clause 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>In the event of a tie, athletes will be prioritized based on their 2025 Road World Championships results. If there is still a tie, it will be broken at the discretion of the Coach Panel.</p> <p>One or more alternates per category may be named using the same criteria.</p>
Self-funding:	Athletes are responsible for the following costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel costs to and from project• Project Fee per CC'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 Road World Championships

<i>Project</i>	<i>2026 UCI Para-Cycling Road World Championships</i>
Optional camp:	Aug. 22-29 (Bromont QC)
Departure date:	Aug. 29
Competition dates:	Sept. 4-7
Location:	Huntsville, USA
Team size:	12 Elite athletes and up to 2 Development athletes <i>Cycling Canada reserves the right to modify the team size per Clause 5 of the General Selection Policy.</i>
Selection dates:	Team selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 14 – Coach Panel submits recommendations to CSO and DHPS, or designates• July 16 – Selection decision submitted to High Performance Committee• July 19 – CC communicates selection to athletes; appeal period starts• July 27 – 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:	Selection recommendation made by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cycling Canada Coach Panel (See CC Website) Selection review and approval by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSO or delegate• DHPS or delegate
Selection criteria:	Selections will be made in the following order of priority until the quota is filled or there are no more eligible athletes:



<i>Project</i>	<i>2026 UCI Para-Cycling Road World Championships</i>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Top 5 and top half finisher at a 2026 UCI Para-Cycling Road World Cup2. Top 8 and top half finisher at a 2026 UCI Para-Cycling Road World Cup3. Coach Panel discretion considering (but not limited to):<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Classification assessment.• Providing international racing exposure for up-and-coming athletes who were internationally classified for the first time in the last 3 years.• Other Factors per Section B, Clause 3 of the General Selection Policy.4. Athletes who have achieved a road D standard between Jan. 1, 2026, and the selection date, and who have never previously been selected to a National Team project. <p>In the event of a tie, athletes will be prioritized based on their 2025 Road World Championships results. If there is still a tie, it will be broken at the discretion of the Coach Panel.</p> <p>One or more alternates per category may be named using the same criteria.</p>
Self-funding:	Athletes are responsible for the following costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel costs to and from project• Project Fee per CC'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 Track World Championships

<i>Project</i>	<i>UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships</i>
Departure date:	Oct. 17
Mandatory performance camp:	Oct. 18-28 (Apeldoorn NED)
Competition dates:	Oct. 29-Nov. 1
Location:	Apeldoorn, NED
Team size:	4 women plus up to 1 alternate 4 men plus up to 1 alternate Canada's quotas for bunch events will be determined by the qualification process described in UCI rules 9.2.022-9.2.028. <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:	Team selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sept. 8 – Coach Panel submits recommendations to CSO and DHPS, or designates• Sept. 10 – Selection decision submitted to High Performance Committee• Sept. 12 – CC communicates selection to athletes; appeal period starts• Sept. 20 – Appeal deadline*



Project	UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships
	* Anyone not named in the selection decision must appeal by the deadline or they lose their right to appeal.
Selection panel:	<p>Selection recommendation made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cycling Canada Coach Panel (See CC Website) <p>Selection reviewed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSO or delegate• DHPS or delegate <p>Selection approved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High Performance Committee
Selection criteria:	<p>Selections will be made in the following order of priority until the quota is filled or there are no more eligible athletes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Top 5 and top half finisher at the 2025 UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships.2. Athletes who have achieved a track D time standard in the 12 months prior to the selection date.3. Athletes who were selected to the 2025 UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships.4. Coach Panel discretion considering (but not limited to):<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Classification assessment.• Providing international racing exposure for up-and-coming athletes who were internationally classified for the first time in the last 3 years• Other Factors per Section B, Clause 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>Cycling Canada reserves the right to fill any vacant or remaining start positions in either endurance or sprint events 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.</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 CC'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.