



## **Cycling Canada Privateer and Independent Athlete Policy**

**For athletes representing Canada at international competitions**

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## HOW TO APPLY

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To apply for any Privateer or Independent spot (see Event Definitions in appendix), athletes must meet the criteria below and complete one of the following online forms by the application deadlines listed on the Cycling Canada (CC) website:

- [Privateer and Independent athletes](#)
  - [UCI Mountain Bike XCO Junior Series](#)
  - [Enduro World Championships](#)
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## INTRODUCTION

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CC has developed this policy to set the conditions and standards for athletes to represent Canada as an Independent or Privateer.

For certain international competitions, athletes may participate without being part of a trade team or a National Team project, but are required by the UCI regulations to either wear their national team uniform; be registered by their national federation; be given a start position as part of a limited quota by nation; or some combination of all three.

CC refers to these athletes as either Independent or Privateers, based on whether the National Team uniform is required by the UCI regulations, as follows:

- **Independent Athletes:** Athletes who are not required to wear the National Team uniform but require CC support to secure a quota spot and/or to register for an international event.
- **Privateer Athletes:** Athletes who are required to wear the National Team uniform at an international event but who are not part of a National Team project.

A list of the different events this policy applies to, and the various requirements for each one, can be found in the Appendix.

Whether Privateer or Independent, athletes are responsible for all costs related to attending the event, including but not limited to entry fees, travel, accommodation, meals, logistics, insurance and, if required, purchasing their National Team uniform. They are also responsible for arranging their own therapy, medical and mechanical support, including at events where the Canadian team is also present. CC's support will be limited to registering athletes for the event and providing clothing at cost (if required by the UCI regulations).

Canada has a limited quota in certain events. The criteria used to allocate these quota spots can be found below.

All Canadians competing in international events, in particular those wearing the National Team uniform, are representing Canada on the world stage and have a responsibility to uphold the image and reputation of Canada in the global cycling community, so it's important for all athletes to be good ambassadors for Canada and for the sport of cycling.

Please note that cycling is a high-risk sport, and it's important that any athlete travelling to compete internationally have access to support in the event of an emergency. These requirements are detailed below.

The UCI regulations and calendar are continually evolving and may affect this policy at any time. If you have any questions, please contact [privateers@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:privateers@cyclingcanada.ca).



## SCOPE OF POLICY

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This policy applies only to athletes who wish to participate as Independents or Privateers in the elite, U23 and junior (U19) classes in the events listed in the Appendix.

Athletes participating in international events as part of a National Team project are not covered by this policy unless specified below.

### Excluded events

Independent and Privateer spots are not available at the following events:

- UCI XCO and DHI Mountain Bike World Championships (National Teams Only).  
*Note: some athletes may attend with the support of their Trade Teams as Privateers, but they must still meet the relevant selection criteria and be nominated by CC; please see the XCO and DHI selection policies for more details.*
- UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships (National Teams only)
- UCI Track [World](#) Cups (National Teams only)
- UCI Track World Championships (National Teams only)
- UCI BMX World Championships (junior, U23, elite) (National Teams only)
- Pan American Track Championships (National Teams only)
- UCI Road events (Road Trade Teams or Clubs, National Teams and Regional Teams only)
- Pan American Road Championships (National Teams only)
- Any event that does not have a limited quota by nation, does not require athletes to wear the National Team uniform, and for which athletes may register on their own or through their Trade Team without the intervention of CC.

The following events are covered under a separate policy:

- UCI Gran Fondo World Championships (see the Masters section of the CC website)
- Age classes other than elite at the UCI Gravel World Championships (see the Masters section of the CC website)
- UCI Esports World Championships
- UCI BMX Challenge World Championships

Note that this information can change at any time based on updates to the UCI regulations or calendars, and new events may arise that do not fit the scope of this policy. Please contact [privateers@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:privateers@cyclingcanada.ca) if you have any questions whether this policy applies to the event you wish to attend.

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## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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To be eligible to compete as an Independent or Privateer, each 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 UCI requirements for eligibility.
- Hold a valid UCI license indicating nationality as Canadian.
- Meet any relevant specific criteria lower in this document.
- Apply to CC no later than the application deadlines indicated below using the appropriate online form (see "How to Apply" at the top of this document). If no form is available, please apply by email to [privateers@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:privateers@cyclingcanada.ca) no later than 1 month prior to the event.
- Have no outstanding invoices with CC.



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- Have competed in the most recent Canadian championship in that discipline. Applications may still be considered if the athlete was unable to attend due to injury or illness. If in doubt, please contact [privateers@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:privateers@cyclingcanada.ca).
  - Note: For disciplines in which there has been no Canadian Championship in the 24 months prior to selection, this requirement does not apply. For E-MTB, athletes must have attended any Canadian Mountain Bike Championships (XCO, XCC, DHI, XCM, Enduro).

Privateers have the following additional requirements:

- Minors must have parental permission and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Athletes must complete the Sport Integrity Canada (formerly CCES) True Sport 101 online anti-doping education within the last 12 months;
  - To access the course with a CCES account: <https://education.cces.ca/#/dashboard>
  - To access the course without a CCES account: <https://sportintegrity.ca/course-outline>
- Athletes must designate a support staff member who will be attending the competition to be their emergency contact.
  - The support staff member must have a current, valid UCI cycling licence, and must also complete the CCES education as well as Safe Sport education
    - Safe Sport: <https://coach.ca/safe-sport-training>
  - This person cannot also be competing;
  - Several athletes may share the same support staff member

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## CLOTHING

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Independent athletes must compete in their own kit and may not wear National Team clothing.

Privateer athletes are required to compete in the current National Team clothing produced by Jakroo. [CC will provide competition clothing at no cost to athletes competing in the Elite, Junior or U23 classes at a UCI World Championships. Other privateer athletes](#) may purchase national team clothing from CC or wear national team clothing already in their possession providing it is the current design and produced by Jakroo (please verify with CC). To procure clothing, please contact [privateers@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:privateers@cyclingcanada.ca).



## MOUNTAIN BIKE CROSS-COUNTRY (XCO)

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The list of XCO opportunities and application deadlines can be found on the CC website.

The UCI deadlines can be found on the UCI website. In case of difference between the information on the UCI website and the CC website, the UCI website will take precedence.

### UCI XCO World Cups

Per UCI rule 4.10.001, to compete in a World Cup Canadian athletes must:

- Be a member of a UCI MTB World Series Team; or
- Be a member of a UCI MTB Team that has received a Wild Card entry; or
- Be ranked in the top 100 (Elite Women and Men) or top 200 (U23 Women and Men) of the UCI ranking on the ranking deadline date listed above; or
- Be entered by CC using one of Canada's supplementary rider quota spots (these riders must compete in the national team uniform) – see criteria below; or
- Have an unused "Golden Ticket" by finishing top-3 in a UCI Continental Series event in the previous 52 weeks in the World Cup category the athlete is eligible to compete in (can be applied to 1 World Cup of the athlete's choice);
- **Have finished among the top 5 in the final ranking of an Elite, U23 or Junior Continental Series the previous season; or**
- Be the current Olympic, World, Pan American or Canadian champion.

Athletes who are members of a UCI team are registered by their team. All other athletes must be registered by CC either as Privateers or Independents.

### XCO World Cup – Privateers

Athletes who wish to use one of Canada's supplementary quota spots will compete as Privateers and must apply using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form by the indicated deadline (see "How to Apply" at the top of this document [and the calendar of Privateer opportunities on the CC website](#)).

Applications will be approved in the order of priority below until the quota is filled or there are no more athletes who have met the criteria.

#### U23 (age 19-22 on Dec. 31)

Quota: 4 Women, 4 Men

1. U23 athletes competing in the World Cup as part of a National Team project who are not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.10.001.
2. The top-ranked U23 outside the top 200 of the UCI XCO Individual Ranking on the application deadline who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.10.001.
3. The U23 who has scored the most UCI XCO Individual Ranking points between Jan. 1 of the current year and the application deadline, who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.10.001.
4. Athletes nominated at the discretion of the Coach Panel who have been unable to meet the UCI eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
5. The first-year U23 with the most UCI XCO Individual Ranking points on the application deadline.
6. Any other available spots will be awarded in the order of the UCI XCO Individual Ranking on the application deadline.

#### Elite (age 23 or older on Dec. 31)

Quota: 3 Women, 3 Men



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1. The top-ranked Elite athlete outside the top 100 of the UCI XCO Individual Ranking on the application deadline who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.10.001.
2. The Elite athlete who has scored the most UCI XCO Individual Ranking points between Jan. 1 of the current year and the application deadline who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.10.001.
3. Athletes nominated at the discretion of the Coach Panel who have been unable to meet the UCI eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
4. Any other available spots will be awarded in the order of the UCI XCO Individual Ranking on the application deadline.

Any ties will be broken by UCI ranking. If there is still a tie, it will be broken at the discretion of the Coach Panel.

Please note the following:

- Only athletes who meet the Privateer eligibility conditions will be considered.
- Approved Privateer athletes must compete in national team kit.
- Selections are based on results achieved in the 12 months prior to the application deadline or UCI rankings on the application deadline.

Athletes requiring special consideration due to injury or illness should contact National Coach Catharine Pendrel at [catharine.pendrel@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:catharine.pendrel@cyclingcanada.ca).

### ***XCO World Cup – Independent Athletes***

Independent athletes must request to be registered by CC using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form by the indicated deadline (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document [and the calendar of Privateer opportunities on the CC website](#)).

The athlete must have a UCI MTB World Series account; CC will enter them, but they are responsible for paying their own entry fees. Independent athletes must compete in their own kit.

### **XCO Panamerican Championships**

Canada has an unlimited quota of athletes for the Pan American XCO championships and will accept applications for privateer spots from junior, U23 and elite athletes. Athletes must meet the Privateer eligibility requirements and apply using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form by the indicated deadline (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document [and the calendar of Privateer opportunities on the CC website](#)).

Approved athletes must compete in the national team uniform.

### **UCI XCO Junior Series Supplementary Spots (for events outside Canada)**

To be eligible to register for a UCI Junior Series XCO event, athletes must either:

- Have at least 1 UCI point in the latest UCI XCO individual junior ranking; or
- Belong to a UCI MTB World Series Team or a UCI MTB Team.

The UCI allows CC to enter supplementary athletes who do not meet these criteria, up to a maximum of 5 women and 5 men for events outside of Canada and the USA, or 10 women and 10 men if the event is held in the USA.

For UCI Junior Series events held in Canada, there is no limit to the number of Canadian participants and athletes do not need to apply to CC to attend.

Approved athletes are not required to wear the National Team uniform and are considered Independent.



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**To Apply:** complete the UCI XCO Junior Series form (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document) by the application deadline (4 weeks prior to the competition).

Please note:

- All supplementary athletes must still register for the competition independently before the entry deadline.
- Supplementary athletes must meet the Independent eligibility requirements in this policy.
- Applications must be submitted to CC in full 4 weeks prior to the race.
- Canadian athletes do not need to apply for events held in Canada, only those outside of Canada.

Supplementary athletes will be approved in the following order of priority:

1. Athletes finishing 1-5 in the U17 XCO at the most recent Canadian XCO Championships.
2. Athletes finishing 6-10 in the junior XCO at the most recent Canadian XCO Championships.
3. Athletes finishing 6-10 in the U17 XCO at the most recent Canadian XCO Championships.
4. Athletes finishing 11-15 in the junior XCO at the most recent Canadian XCO Championships.
5. Athletes finishing 11-15 in the U17 XCO at the most recent Canadian XCO Championships.
6. Other applicants may be approved at the discretion of the Coach Panel.

The full competition list can be found on the [UCI calendar](#).



## **MOUNTAIN BIKE DOWNHILL (DHI)**

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The list of DHI opportunities and application deadlines can be found on the CC website.

The UCI deadlines can be found on the UCI website. In case of difference between the information on the UCI website and the CC website, the UCI website will take precedence.

### **UCI DHI World Cups**

Per UCI rule 4.11.001, to compete in a World Cup Canadian athletes must:

- Be a member of a UCI MTB World Series Team; or
- Be a member of a UCI MTB Team that has received a Wild Card entry; or
- Be ranked in the top 50 (Elite Women and Men) or top 100 (Junior Women and Men) of the UCI DHI Individual ranking on the ranking deadline date listed above; or
- Be entered by CC using one of Canada's supplementary rider quota spots (these riders must compete in the national team uniform) – see criteria below; or
- Have an unused "Golden Ticket" by finishing [top 3](#) in a UCI Continental Series event in the previous 52 weeks (can be applied to 1 World Cup of the athlete's choice);
- [Have finished among the top 5 in the final ranking of an Elite or Junior Continental Series the previous season](#); or
- Be the current World, Continental or Canadian champion.

Athletes who are members of a UCI team are registered by their team. All other athletes must be registered by CC either as Privateers or Independents.

#### ***DHI World Cup – Privateers***

Athletes who wish to use one of Canada's supplementary quota spots will compete as Privateers and must apply using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form by the indicated deadline (see "How to Apply" at the top of this document and the calendar of Privateer opportunities on the CC website).

Applications will be approved in the order of priority below until the quota is filled or there are no more athletes who have met the criteria.

#### **Junior (age 17-18 on Dec. 31)**

Quota: 4 Women, 4 Men

1. Junior athletes competing in the World Cup as part of a National Team project team who are not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.11.001.
2. The top-ranked Junior outside the top 100 of the UCI DHI Individual Ranking who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.11.001.
3. The Junior who has scored the most UCI DHI Individual Ranking points since Jan. 1 of the current year who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.11.001.
4. Athletes nominated at the discretion of the Coach Panel who have been unable to meet the UCI eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
5. Any other available spots will be awarded in the order of the UCI rankings.

#### **Elite (age 19 or older on Dec. 31)**

Quota: 3 Women, 3 Men

1. The top-ranked Elite athlete outside the top 50 of the UCI DHI Individual ranking who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.11.001.



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2. The Elite athlete who has scored the most UCI DHI Individual Ranking points since Jan. 1 of the current year and the application deadline who is not otherwise eligible under UCI rule 4.11.001.
3. Athletes nominated at the discretion of the Coach Panel who have been unable to meet the UCI eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
4. Any other available spots will be awarded in the order of the UCI rankings.

Any ties will be broken by UCI ranking. If there is still a tie, it will be broken at the discretion of the Coach Panel.

Please note the following:

- Only athletes who meet the Privateer eligibility conditions will be considered.
- Approved Privateer athletes must compete in national team kit.
- Selections are based on results achieved in the 12 months prior to the application deadline or UCI rankings on the application deadline.

Athletes requiring special consideration due to injury or illness should contact National Coach Chad Hendren at [chad.hendren@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:chad.hendren@cyclingcanada.ca).

### ***DHI World Cup – Independent Athletes***

Independent athletes must request to be registered by CC using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form by the indicated deadline (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document and the calendar of Privateer opportunities on the CC website).

The athlete must have a UCI MTB World Series account; CC will enter them, but they are responsible for paying their own entry fees. Independent athletes must compete in their own kit.

### **DHI Panamerican Championships**

Canada has an unlimited quota of athletes for the Pan American DHI championships and will accept applications for privateer spots from junior and elite athletes. Athletes must meet the Privateer eligibility requirements and apply using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form by the indicated deadline (see “How to Apply” at the top of this document and the calendar of Privateer opportunities on the CC website).

Approved athletes must compete in the national team uniform.



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## MOUNTAIN BIKE ENDURO (EDR)

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The list of EDR opportunities and application deadlines can be found on the CC website.

The UCI deadlines can be found on the UCI website. In case of difference between the information on the UCI website and the CC website, the UCI website will take precedence.

### UCI EDR World Series

Per [UCI rule 4.13.003](#), to compete in a World Series event Canadian athletes must:

- Be a member of a UCI World Series Team or a UCI Mountain Bike Team; or
- Be ranked in the top 300 (Men) or top 75 (Women) of the UCI EDR Global Ranking Individual ranking [on Dec. 31 of the previous season](#);
- Be ranked in the top 50 of the last UCI EDR Global ranking one month before the event;
- Be entered by CC using one of Canada's rider quota spots (these riders are Privateers, must be registered by CC and must compete in the national team uniform) – see criteria below;
- Be the current Elite world, continental or Canadian champion; or
- Be the current Junior world champion.

Athletes who are members of a UCI team are registered by their team. All other athletes must be registered by CC as Privateers or Independent athletes.

#### *EDR World Series – Privateers*

Athletes who wish to use one of Canada's quota spots will compete as Privateers and must apply using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form by the indicated deadline (see "How to Apply" at the top of this document [and the calendar of Privateer opportunities on the CC website](#)).

Canada has the following quotas for each round of the EDR World Series:

- Junior Women – 4
- Junior Men – 4
- Elite Women – 3
- Elite Men – 3

Applications will be approved in the order of priority below until the quota is filled or there are no more athletes who have met the criteria:

1. Athletes with EDR Global Ranking points, in the order of their ranking;
2. Any additional spots will be filled in the order of when the application was submitted.

Any ties will be broken at the discretion of the Coach Panel.

Please note the following:

- Only athletes who meet the Privateer eligibility conditions will be considered.
- Approved Privateer athletes must compete in national team kit.
- Selections are based on results achieved in the 12 months prior to the application deadline or UCI rankings on the application deadline.

#### *EDR World Series – Independent Athletes*

Independent athletes (must request to be registered by CC using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form by the indicated deadline (see "How to Apply" at the top of this document [and the calendar of Privateer opportunities on the CC website](#)).



the CC website). The athlete must have a UCI MTB World Series account; CC will enter them, but they are responsible for paying their own entry fees. Independent athletes must compete in their own kit.

### **UCI EDR World Championship**

Athletes must be 17 or over on Dec. 31 to be eligible to compete.

Athletes can qualify directly for the Enduro World Championships through the Enduro World Series (EWS) and Enduro ranking as follows:

- Junior Women (age 17-18 on Dec. 31):
  - Finish top 10 in a round of the EWS; or
  - Be ranked among the top 50 on the Enduro Global Ranking.
- Junior Men (age 17-18 on Dec. 31):
  - Finish top 10 in a round of the EWS; or
  - Be ranked among the top 100 on the Enduro Global Ranking.
- Elite Women (age 19 or over on Dec. 31):
  - Finish top 15 in a round of the EWS; or
  - Be ranked among the top 50 on the Enduro Global Ranking.
- Elite Men (age 19 or over on Dec. 31):
  - Finish top 30 in a round of the EWS; or
  - Be ranked among the top 100 on the Enduro Global Ranking.

In addition to the athletes who have qualified directly, Canada will be allocated a quota of athletes for each category. This quota will be defined annually by the UCI and published on their website.

CC will allocate these quota spots to athletes who have points on the EWS Global Ranking in the order of their ranking until the quota has been filled or there are no more ranked athletes. Any ties will be broken by the best EWS result. If there is still a tie, the most recent result will take priority.

All athletes must be registered by CC and compete in the National Team uniform as Privateers. Interested athletes must complete the Enduro World Championships application by the indicated deadline (see "How to Apply" at the top of this document and the calendar of Privateer opportunities on the CC website).



## GRAVEL

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### UCI Gravel World Championships

Athletes can qualify directly to the UCI Gravel World Championships through the UCI Gravel World Series. These athletes will be sent a link by the UCI so they can register directly, but they are considered Privateers because they must wear the national Team uniform.

The current elite World Champion, the current national champions in the Elite, U23 and Masters categories, and the current elite continental champion are automatically qualified. [If this applies to you and you have not heard directly from the UCI, please contact CC so we can follow up.](#)

In addition, Canada has a quota of 5 women and 5 men in the Elite categories. These spots will be assigned according to the criteria below. These athletes are also considered Privateers and must wear the national Team uniform.

Athletes must apply using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form (see "How to Apply" at the top of this document) at least 4 weeks prior to the event; this deadline may be modified if the UCI registration deadline is earlier than that.

Canada's quota spots will be allocated in the following order of priority until the quota is filled:

1. Athletes ranked in the top 100 of the elite UCI rankings in road, mountain bike XCO, mountain bike XCM, or cyclo-cross, on the application deadline.
2. Athletes finishing in the Top 10 and top half of starters in the top category (eg. the longest distance Pro or Elite category) in a recognized major international gravel event (see list published on CC website).
3. Remaining Elite applicants will be ranked in descending order based on their placing in the elite categories at the most recent Canadian gravel championships.
4. Any remaining quota spots will be allocated at the discretion of CC.

Any ties will be broken at the discretion of CC.



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## CYCLO-CROSS

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### UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cups

Canada has a quota for independent and privateer athletes at UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cups. The list of Cyclo-Cross opportunities and application deadlines can be found on the CC website.

In case of difference between the information on the UCI website and the CC website, the UCI website will take precedence.

Per UCI rules 5.3.005 to 5.3.009, all Canadian athletes competing in UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cup events must be registered by CC according to the quotas outlined in the table below.

**TO APPLY:** Athletes who meet the eligibility requirements and have achieved the results below can apply for these spots by the deadline noted using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form by the indicated deadline (see "How to Apply" at the top of this document and the calendar of Privateer opportunities on the CC website).

Applications will be approved in the order of priority below until the quota is filled or there are no more athletes who have met the criteria. Please note the following:

- Unless otherwise specified, selections are based on results achieved in the 12 months prior to the application deadline or UCI rankings on the application deadline.
- If more than one championship occurred in the 12 months prior to the application deadline, only the most recent result will be considered.
- Results must be in the top half of official entries as listed on the UCI website (including DNF, DNS and DSQ) to be considered.
- Any ties will be broken by best result, then by most recent result, then by UCI ranking.
- Selections refer to the criteria met rather than the athlete's category (eg. a junior meeting elite criteria is considered among the elites for selection to an event where juniors and elites race together; and an elite Canadian title by a U23 athlete will count towards U23 selection).
- Athletes requiring special consideration due to injury or illness should contact National Coach Michael van den Ham at [michael.vandenham@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:michael.vandenham@cyclingcanada.ca).

#### **Junior Women and Junior Men (age 17-18 on Dec. 31 of the year of the next Cyclo-cross World Championship)**

Quota: 6 if there is a standalone junior race

1. Athletes participating as part of a National Team project.
2. The current Canadian junior Cyclo-Cross champion.
3. Athletes who finished top 15 at the most recent Cyclo-Cross World Championships.
4. Athletes who finished top 15 in a Cyclo-Cross World Cup.
5. Athletes who finished top 5 at the most recent Pan American Cyclo-Cross Championships.
6. Athletes selected at the discretion of the Coach Panel who were unable to meet any other eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
7. Athletes ranked in the order of their UCI ranking on the application deadline.

#### **U23 Men (age 19-22 on Dec. 31 of the year of the next Cyclo-cross World Championship)**

Quota: 6 in events in which there is a standalone U23 race; 2 added to the Elite selection if there is not (see Elite Men's criteria)

1. Athletes participating as part of a National Team project.
2. Athletes in the top 100 of the UCI Cyclo-Cross ranking.
3. U23 athletes who won the most recent Canadian Cyclo-Cross Championship (U23 or Elite).
4. Athletes who finished top 20 in the most recent U23 Cyclo-Cross World Championships.
5. Athletes who finished top 5 in the most recent Pan American Cyclo-Cross Championship.



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6. First-year U23 athletes who finished top 15 in the most recent Junior Cyclo-Cross World Championships.
7. First-year U23 athletes who won the most recent Canadian junior Cyclo-Cross Championships.
8. Athletes selected at the discretion of the Coach Panel who were unable to meet any other eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
9. Athletes ranked in the order of their UCI ranking on the application deadline.

### **Elite Women (age 23 and older on Dec. 31 of the year of the next Cyclo-cross World Championship) and U23 Women (age 19-22 on Dec. 31 of the year of the next Cyclo-cross World Championship)**

Quota: 8 athletes + 2 U23 women

*Note: Canada's quota may vary per UCI rule 5.3.006 depending on the number of pre-qualified riders. In some cases, if a pre-qualified rider does not participate, that spot cannot be filled by another rider and Canada loses the quota spot. Selection may include junior women in events that do not have a standalone junior race.*

1. Athletes in the top 50 of the Elite UCI Cyclo-Cross ranking.
2. Athletes participating as part of a National Team project.
3. Athletes in the top 100 of the Elite UCI Cyclo-Cross ranking.
4. U23 and Elite athletes who won the most recent Canadian Cyclo-Cross Championship (Junior, U23 or Elite).
5. Athletes who finished top 15 in the most recent Elite Cyclo-Cross World Championships.
6. Athletes who finished top 25 in an Elite Cyclo-Cross World Cup.
7. Athletes who finished top 5 in the most recent Elite Pan American Cyclo-Cross championship.
8. Athletes selected at the discretion of the Coach Panel who were unable to meet any other eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
9. Athletes ranked in the order of their UCI ranking on the application deadline.

In addition, up to 2 U23 women may be selected in the following order of priority:

1. Athletes finishing top 15 in the most recent U23 Cyclo-Cross World Championships.
2. Athletes finishing top 5 in the most recent U23 Pan American Cyclo-Cross Championship.
3. First-year U23 athletes who finished top 15 in the most recent Junior Cyclo-Cross World Championships.
4. Athletes selected at the discretion of the Coach Panel who were unable to meet any other eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
5. Athletes ranked in the order of their UCI ranking on the application deadline.

### **Elite Men (age 23 and older on Dec. 31 of the year of the next Cyclo-cross World Championship)**

Quota: 8 athletes + 2 U23 men in events that do not have a standalone U23 men's race

*Note: Canada's quota may vary per UCI rule 5.3.006 depending on the number of pre-qualified riders. Note that if a pre-qualified rider does not participate, that spot cannot be filled by another rider and Canada loses the quota spot.*

1. Athletes in the top 50 of the UCI Cyclo-Cross ranking.
2. Athletes in the top 100 of the UCI ranking.
3. Athletes who won the most recent Canadian Cyclo-Cross Championship (U23 or Elite).
4. Athletes who finished top 15 in the most recent Elite Cyclo-Cross World Championships.
5. Athletes who finished top 25 in an Elite Cyclo-Cross World Cup.
6. Athletes who finished top 5 in the most recent Elite Pan American Cyclo-Cross championship.
7. Athletes selected at the discretion of the Coach Panel who were unable to meet any other eligibility criteria due to injury or illness.
8. Athletes ranked in the order of their UCI ranking on the application deadline.

In addition, for events without a standalone U23 Men's category, up to 2 U23 Men may be selected in the same order of priority as the U23 men's selection above.



## OTHER EVENTS

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For other events that have privateer or independent spots available but are not specifically covered by this policy, athletes must apply. Available spots will be allocated to athletes who meet the eligibility criteria and who have achieved one or more of the following at the time of application:

- Competed at the World Championships in the relevant event within the last 24 months.
- Competed at a World Cup or Pan American Championship in the relevant event within the last 12 months.
- Have at least 1 point on the relevant UCI ranking on the application deadline.

If there is a limited quota for Canadians at the event, spots will be allocated in the following order of priority from among athletes who have applied:

1. The current World Champion in the event and category (if Canadian).
2. The current Pan American Champion in the event and category (if Canadian).
3. The current Canadian champion in the event and category (if a Canadian championship was held).
4. Remaining spots will be allocated based on the relevant UCI ranking on the application deadline.

**TO APPLY:** Athletes may apply for these other events using the Privateer & Independent Athlete Form (see "How to Apply" at the top of this document) or by emailing [privateers@cyclingcanada.ca](mailto:privateers@cyclingcanada.ca) at least one month before the event they are applying for.



## APPENDIX: ATHLETE DEFINITIONS

Discipline	Event	National Team uniform required?	Registration by CC required?	Limited quota by nation?	Athlete definition
BMX	Freestyle Flatland Worlds	n/a*	Yes	No	Independent
BMX	Freestyle World Cups	n/a*	No	No	n/a
BMX	Pump Track worlds	No	No	No	n/a
BMX	Race World Cups	No	Yes	No	Independent
Cyclo-Cross	Pan Am Championships	No	No	No	n/a
Cyclo-Cross	World Cups (Elite, not members of TTs and outside top 50 on UCI ranking)	No	Yes	Yes	Independent
Cyclo-Cross	World Cups (junior and U23)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Privateer
Gravel	World Championships (elite classes only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Privateer
Indoor	Cycle-Ball and Artistic Cycling World Championships	Yes	Yes	Yes	Privateer
MTB	DHI Pan Am Championships	Yes	No	No	Privateer
MTB	EDR World Series (not eligible, requiring a Canadian quota spot)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Privateer
MTB	EDR World Series (eligible but not member of UCI team)	No	Yes	No	Independent
MTB	EDR World Championships	Yes	Yes	Yes	Privateer
MTB	E-MTB World Championships	Yes	Yes	Yes	Privateer
MTB	XCM World Championships	Yes	Yes	No	Privateer
MTB	XCM World Cups	No	Yes	No	Independent
MTB	Trials World Championships	Yes	Yes	No	Privateer
MTB	XCO and DHI World Cups (not eligible, requiring a Canadian quota spot)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Privateer
MTB	XCO and DHI World Cups (eligible & not member of a UCI World Series Team or UCI MTB Team with a wild card)	No	Yes	No	Independent
MTB	XCO Junior series events (athletes who do not meet points requirement)	No	Yes	Yes	Independent
MTB	XCO and DHI Pan Am Championships	Yes	Yes	No	Privateer
Para-Cycling	Road World Cups (non-National Team)	No	Yes	Yes	Independent

\* Per UCI reg. 6bis.4.007, BMX Freestyle athletes are not required to compete in a National Team uniform.

Note that this list may be updated at any time based on changes to the UCI regulations.