2026-2027 CYCLO-CROSS SELECTION POLICY

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All programming subject to change

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This document lays out the criteria Cycling Canada (CC) will use to select the Canadian team for the 2025-2025 Cyclo-Cross season.

Athletes must meet the Eligibility Criteria in Section B 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 Policy found on the CC website.

SECTION A – 2026-2027 CYCLO-CROSS PROGRAM CALENDAR

Dates*	Categories	Project	Deadline to apply
Jan. 20-Feb. 1, 2027	Elite, U23, Junior	UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships	Nov. 30, 2026

** Exact dates TBC*

In addition to these projects, CC is also responsible for allocating Canada's quota spots at World Cup events throughout the season. The selection criteria for these quota spots can be found in the CC Privateer & Independent Athlete Policy.

SECTION B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Athletes must complete the application form here by the deadline listed above to be considered for selection to a project. This is to help ensure no interested and eligible athletes are overlooked, and to improve the timeliness of selection decisions by minimizing the number of athletes who decline a project after being selected.

CC will only consider additional athletes once all applicants who have met the selection criteria in Section D have been considered.

To be eligible for selection to the Canadian team, an athlete must:

- Have competed in the most recent Canadian Championship (see National Championship Attendance Policy on the CC website).
- 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, and comply with any other entry requirements for that country (e.g. period of stay, or visas or other travel documents).
- 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, including online anti-doping education.
- Have signed the consent form agreeing to be bound by the Universal Code of Conduct to prevent and address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS).
- Complete or update their CC National Team Athlete Profile.
- Minors must have parental permission to participate in training programs and competitions.
- Follow any other relevant CC and UCI requirements for eligibility.

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

SECTION C – EVENTS CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION

Selection decisions will only consider result from events on the UCI calendar unless otherwise specified in the criteria. For the purposes of this policy, the Canadian Championship is not considered a UCI event, and results will only be considered when specified.

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.

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 sole the discretion of the Coach Panel, equivalent results in UCI events in other disciplines may be considered for eligibility and 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.
- The athlete's demonstrated experience and skill in the event being selected for.

SECTION D – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

<table>
<tr><th>Project</th><th colspan="3">UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships</th></tr>
<tr><td>Project dates:</td><td colspan="3">Jan. 19-Feb. 1, 2027 (exact dates TBC)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Competition dates and locations:</td><td colspan="3">• Jan. 24, 2027 – CDM Hoogerheide NED (WE, ME, MU, WJ, MJ)
• Jan. 29-31, 2027 – CM Oostende BEL (WE, ME, WU, MU, WJ, MJ)

Note: Per UCI rule 5.1.001 athletes other than junior men may race up a category in a World Cup if there is not a separate race in their category. World Cup participation is subject to confirmation.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Category:</td><td colspan="3">• Junior Women and Men (born 2009-2010)
• U23 Women and Men (born 2005-2008)
• Elite Women and Men (born 2004 or earlier)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Max. team size:</td><td colspan="3"><table><tr><th>Category</th><th>Women</th><th>Men</th></tr><tr><td>Junior</td><td>3</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>U23</td><td>3</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Elite</td><td>2</td><td>2</td></tr></table>CC reserves the right to modify the team size per Clause 5 of the General Selection Policy.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Selection panel:</td><td colspan="3">Nominations recommended by:
• CC Coach Panel (see CC website)
Selections made by:
• Chief of High Performance Sport (CHPS)
• Director of High Performance Services (DHPS)
• High Performance Committee (HPC)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Selection dates:</td><td colspan="3">• Nov. 30, 2026 – Application deadline (all categories)
Junior selection:
• Dec 1, 2026 – Coach Panel submits recommendations to CSO and DHPS
• Dec 3, 2026 – Recommendations submitted to HPC
• Dec 7, 2026 – Selection decision finalized; CC informs athletes; appeal period starts
• Dec. 15, 2026 – Appeal deadline*
U23 and Elite selection:
• Dec. 20, 2026 – Coach Panel submits recommendations to CSO and DHPS
• Dec. 21, 2027 – Recommendations submitted to HPC
• Dec. 23, 2027 – Selection decision finalized; CC informs athletes; appeal period starts
• Jan. 5, 2027 – Appeal deadline*

* CC reserves the right to refuse any appeal submitted after the deadline.

Note: other than the application deadline, the dates above are estimates and subject to change. If the selection date changes, per the CC Appeals Policy, the appeal deadline will be at least 7 days after the decision is communicated.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Prerequisites for selection:</td><td colspan="3">To be considered for this project, athletes must complete the application form found on the CC website no later than the date noted above, and achieve the following:
• Elite athletes must have a top 40 finish in the Elite category at a UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date. This result must be in top half of the starters (see Events Considered for Selection above).</td></tr>
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<tr><td></td><td colspan="2">• U23 athletes must have finished among the top half of starters in the U23 category at least once in a UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date.; or, if there is no separate U23 category, finish among the top half of U23 starters in a UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date.

Meeting these prerequisites does not guarantee selection.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Selection criteria:</td><td colspan="2">Selections will be made in the following order of priority until the quota is filled, based on results achieved between Sept. 1, 2026, and the selection date, unless otherwise specified in the criteria.</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Category</td><td>Selection priority</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Junior women (WJ) and junior men (MJ)</td><td>1. Top 16 finishers in the Junior category at the 2026 UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships or in a UCI World Cup.
2. Top 5 finishers in the Junior category at the 2026 Pan American Cyclo-Cross Championship.
3. Top 3 finishers in the Junior category at the 2026 Canadian Cyclo-Cross Championships.
4. Coach Panel discretion considering, in no particular order:
• World Championship and World Cup Results in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
• UCI results with emphasis placed on top 5 results in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
• Historical results.</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>U23 Women (WU)</td><td>1. Athletes ranked in the top 75 of the UCI Cyclo-Cross ranking on the selection date.
2. Top 16 finishers in the U23 category at the 2026 UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships.
3. Top 32 finishers in the Elite category in a UCI World Cup.
4. Top 5 finishers in the U23 category at the 2026 Pan American Cyclo-Cross Championship.
5. Top 3 finishers in the U23 category at the 2026 Canadian Cyclo-Cross Championship.
6. Coach Panel discretion considering, in no particular order:
• World Championship and World Cup Results in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
• UCI results with emphasis placed on top 5 results in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
• Historical results.</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>U23 Men (MU)</td><td>1. Athletes ranked in the top 75 of the UCI Cyclo-Cross ranking on the selection date.
2. Top 16 finishers in the U23 category at the 2026 UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships.
3. Top 16 finishers in the U23 category or top 32 finishers in the Elite category at a UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cup.
4. Top 5 finishers in the U23 category at the 2026 Pan American Cyclo-Cross Championships.
5. Top 3 finishers in the U23 category at the 2026 Canadian Cyclo-Cross Championship..
6. Coach Panel discretion considering, in no particular order:
• World Championship and World Cup Results in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
• UCI results with emphasis placed on top 5 results in the 12 months prior to the selection date;</td></tr>
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Project	UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships	
		• Historical results.
	Elite Women (WE) and Elite Men (ME)	1. Athletes ranked in the top 50 of the UCI Cyclo-Cross ranking on the selection date. 2. Top 32 finishers in the elite category in UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cups. 3. Top 5 finishers in the elite category at the 2026 Pan American Cyclo-Cross Championship. 4. Top 3 finishers in the Elite category at the 2026 Canadian Cyclo-Cross Championship. 5. Coach Panel discretion considering, in no particular order: • World Championship and World Cup Results in the 12 months prior to the selection date; • UCI results with emphasis placed on top 5 results in the 12 months prior to the selection date; • Historical results.
	One or more alternates per category may be named using the same criteria. **Notes:** • Any ties will be broken at the discretion of the Coach Panel considering finishing place, the level of the event, and the depth of field. • For the purposes of selection, results will not "roll down" to the next athlete even if there are athletes racing up a category. For example, if one or more U23 athletes race in the Elite category at the Canadian championships and finish on the podium, selection will not go to the next Elite athlete on the results. • If fewer athletes meet the selection criteria than quota spots available in each category, or if a rider declines selection, CC reserves the right to strategically reallocate the quota spot to another category to support development or performance.	
Self-funding:	Athletes are responsible for the following costs: • Travel including baggage fees to competition location. • Meals during the 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.	