

# SELECTION POLICY FOR CANADIAN TRACK CYCLING

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## INTRODUCTION

This Policy is in two parts. **Part A** sets out the background and procedure for selection of riders to all Canadian Track Pools and Teams. **Part B** sets out the general Selection Criteria.

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## **PART A - GENERAL**

**Part A** of this Policy sets out the scope and purpose of the Policy, who it applies to, the procedure of the Canadian Cycling Association (CCA) Selection Committee, the eligibility and communication requirements for riders seeking selection and how this Policy can be amended.

### **1. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF POLICY**

1.1 This Policy is issued by the CCA to clearly set out the eligibility and criteria on which riders will be selected to be members of the 2010/11 National Track Cycling Team and Pool.

1.2 Subject to clauses 1.3 and 12.4, this Policy covers the selection of riders to Pools and Teams for the 2010/11 season.

1.3 The CCA may decide at any time in its discretion not to select or enter a Team, or to vary the Team size in any one or more of the planned events and projects posted on the CCA website. This decision may be made for any reason including, but not limited to, the decision by the event organizer not to invite the CCA to enter a team in an event or financial constraints of the CCA. Riders seeking selection to teams for these events will be notified as soon as practicable if the CCA decides not to select a team under this clause.

### **2. APPLICATION OF THIS POLICY**

2.1 This Policy shall take effect on 1 April, 2010.

2.2 This Policy applies to all members of the CCA and all riders wishing to be considered for selection to the Track Teams.

### **3. DEFINITIONS**

3.1 The words used in this Policy shall have the following meanings:

**Selection Committee** means the committee appointed by the CCA board of directors to select riders in each Category. The members of the Selection Committee may differ between the different Categories but all Selection Committees will include the CTO and the National Team Coach.

**CTO** means the CCA's Chief Technical Officer.

**Category** means the category of riders as specified in this policy such as elite and junior men and women.

**CCES** means the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport

**Due Date** means the date by which any written applications for exemption to the pre-condition requirements set out in clause 8.1 must be received by the CTO as specified in each projects selection criteria.

**Event** means the different events held at competitions for the cycling sport. For example for Road includes both time trial and road race events unless specified otherwise.

**Elite** means the Category of riders aged 19 years and above as specified in the UCI Cycling Regulations.

**Eligible** means a rider that has satisfied the requirements in clause 5 of this Policy, and in terms of eligibility to be selected for Track Teams also means the rider has satisfied the requirements in the applicable Schedule for the rider's Category.

**In Writing** means a written letter that is posted or an electronic letter (email).

**National Team Coach** means the person appointed as coach for the different sports of cycling.

**Canadian Team** means the men's and women's teams of riders that are selected to represent Canada in Events in each Category as defined in this Policy, also referred to as "**the Team**".

**Pool** is a group of riders from which a Team is selected.

**SDRCC** – Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada

**Sport Coordinator** means the person who assists the National Team Coach for the different sports of cycling.

**Sports of Cycling** means road, mountain bike, para - cycling, track and BMX.

**Selection Criteria** means the criteria specified in Part B of this Policy including the Specific Selection Criteria as posted on the CCA website for each project and/or event.

**Selection Date** means the date that selections made by the CCA Selection Panel are announced, as specified in the Specific Selection Criteria as posted on the CCA website for each project and/or event.

**Specific Selection Criteria** means the criteria posted on the CCA website for each project and/or event.

**UCI** means the International Cycling Union, which is the international association of national cycling federations of which the CCA is the national federation of Canada.

**UCI Cycling Regulations** means the regulations issued by UCI from time to time that regulate the sport of cycling.

**Under 17, U17 or "Cadet"** means the Category of riders aged under 17 years of age as specified in the UCI Cycling Regulations.

**Under 19, U19 or "Junior"** means the Category of riders aged 17 and 18 years of age as specified in the UCI Cycling Regulations.

**Under 23, U23 or "Espoir"** means the Category of male riders aged 19-22 years of age as specified in the UCI Cycling Regulations.

#### **4. SELECTION COMMITTEE**

4.1 The Selection Committee will have sole authority to select riders from Pools to Canadian Teams.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY**

5.1 To be eligible for consideration for selection to a Canadian Track Pool or Team, each rider seeking selection must:

- a. Be a Canadian citizen and at the time of application for their CCA licence, (including UCI International Licence) unless specified otherwise in the UCI Cycling Regulations;
- b. Have a current racing licence issued by the CCA or another federation affiliated with the UCI with the licence marked 'CAN';
- c. Complete and sign the application form for selection found on CCA website and return it to the CTO by the due date. The CTO may at his/her discretion accept the above after this time.
- d. Have read, signed, and returned to the CCA the execution page of the CCA Athlete Agreement by the due date. It is a condition of this Agreement that the rider agrees to participate in and meet all competition, training and participation requirements as determined by the CTO or National Coach.
- e. Comply with the communication requirements set out in this Policy.
- f. Be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by the UCI and/or CCES pursuant to the Canadian Policy against doping in Sport and the rules, regulations and policies of the UCI, CCA and the World Anti-Doping Code.
- g. The athlete must not be under suspension or any other sanction by any recognized body for any doping or doping-related offence.

#### **6. COMMUNICATION**

- a. Each rider who has indicated their wish to be considered for selection must ensure their full contact details have been provided to the CCA CTO and or Sport Coordinator. This information will be used for monitoring of a rider's progress, to be able to communicate important information regarding selection, and the administration of the Teams to a rider and for the rider to ensure compliance with the obligations of providing whereabouts information in accordance with the CCES Canadian Policy against doping in Sport and the World Anti-Doping Code.
- b. The contact details and any other correspondence should be forwarded to:

Jacques Landry, copied to Petrina Tulissi ([track@canadian-cycling.com](mailto:track@canadian-cycling.com))  
Chief Technical Officer  
Email [jacques.landry@canadian-cycling.com](mailto:jacques.landry@canadian-cycling.com)  
Phone 1-613-248-1353  
Fax 1-613-248-9311

- c. The contact details will be forwarded to the National Team Coach and Sport Coordinator for his/her attention. It is then the Coach's and/or Coordinator's responsibility to contact the rider as soon as practicable.
  
- d. Once the rider has been contacted, it is then the ultimate responsibility of the rider to communicate with the National Team Coach as to the progress of their training and competition program and to provide a record of current results and performances achieved, particularly those relevant to the Specific Selection Criteria.

## **7. AMENDMENT TO THIS POLICY**

- 7.1 This Policy, including the Selection Criteria, may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for. All amendments must be approved by the CCA Board of Directors. If approved, the CTO will notify in writing any amendment or supplement and will endeavor to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any such amendment or supplement.

## **PART B - SELECTION CRITERIA**

*Note: In case of any wording discrepancies between the English and French versions of the selection policy, the English wording takes precedence.*

**Part B** of this Policy sets out the selection objective and general criteria for selection to Teams.

### **8. SELECTION OBJECTIVE**

8.1 The objective of the Selection Committee is to select the Teams to compete in the Events and Categories as specified in this Policy.

### **9. PRE-CONDITIONS TO SELECTION:**

9.1 In addition to the eligibility requirements (clause 5), and subject to clause 9.2 (Exemption) any preconditions to selection are specified where applicable

9.2 **Exemption:** A rider may be exempted from any pre-condition requirement in clause 9.1 only on approval of a written application to the CTO setting out the reasons for not meeting this requirement. This application must be made by the Due Date where specified and applicable in document, the Selection Committee will determine the application and advise the rider of the outcome as soon as practicable and not less than seven (7) days after receipt of the request.

### **10. SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA**

10.1 Any rider who is Eligible and has met the pre-conditions (clause 9), if any, and seeks selection to a Team must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out for each event as posted on the CCA website in order to be considered for inclusion in the Pool and selection to the Team.

### **11. OTHER FACTORS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED TO ACHIEVE THE BEST TEAM PERFORMANCE**

11.1 In addition to the Specific Selection Criteria, the Selection Committee **will** take into account any one or more of the following other factors in selecting riders for any Team:

- a. The rider's international sanctioned competition results for any events in the 12 month period prior to the selection of the Pool or Team, (as the case may be);
- b. Consistent and successful individual and team performances of the rider in the 12 month period prior to the selection of the Pool or Team (as the case may be) in domestic and international sanctioned competition;
- c. The rider's UCI individual classification for specific Events for the 12 month period prior to the selection of the Pool or Team (as the case may be);
- d. The rider's UCI World Cup points and results for the 12 month period prior to the selection of the Pool or Team (as the case may be);

- e. The rider's ability to work in a team structure in the team-based events including working as part of a team and contributing towards a team result;
- f. The rider's technical ability including their racing approach (aggressive vs. passive), bicycle handling skills, racing skills and tactics;
- g. The results of any of the rider's sports science tests including biomechanical and physiological;
- h. Consideration of the performance of any rider who has been involved in an intense training or competition program;
- i. The effect of environmental conditions on performances;
- j. The rider's attendance, performance, attitude and conduct in training whilst a member of National Team programs (project competition and training camp);
- k. The rider's demonstrated understanding and respect for the position on a Canadian Team;
- l. The rider's demonstrated willingness to promote cycling in a positive manner;
- m. The rider's demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results; and
- n. The rider's proven ability to be reliable.

## **12. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

12.1 In considering the performances and results of riders at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under this Policy, the selection committee may in its discretion, give weight to extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Policy.

12.2 For the purposes of this Policy, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, attend training camps or perform at an optimum level arising from any one or more of the following:

- a. Injury or illness (Documented at the time the incident occurred and accompanied by a certified medical explanation);
- b. Travel delays caused by carriers;

12.3 Riders unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Policy must advise the CTO of the extenuating circumstances in writing of this fact and the reasons thereof, with as much advance notice as possible (ideally seven (7) days) prior to the commencement of the events, trials, or other attendances upon which selection may be considered under this Policy.

12.4 In the case of injury or illness, riders are required by the selection committee to provide a doctor's certificate and/or undergo a medical examination by a medical practitioner/s nominated by the CCA and to provide the opinion and/or report of such practitioner to the selection committee. A failure to agree to such request results in the selection committee being prevented from considering the injury or illness as extenuating circumstances.

12.5 A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made on a case by case basis. This decision will be made by the selection committee, head coach, and CTO; and will be documented accordingly.

### **13. OTHER SELECTION MATTERS**

13.1 **Factors Pertaining to Team Size:** Where more than the number of riders permitted by the maximum Pool or Team size as specified in the relevant Schedule achieves the Specific Selection Criteria, the selection committee shall make a determination on which riders are to be selected. For this reason, achievement of the Specific Selection Criteria does **not** guarantee selection to a Canadian Pool or Team.

13.2 **Additional Riders:** Additional riders (up to the maximum number of riders specified in the relevant Schedule) may be added to a Pool or Team after the Selection Date at the discretion of the selection committee.

13.3 **Removal from a Pool or Team:** A rider may be removed from a Pool or Team in accordance with clause 14 of this Policy.

13.4 **Right to Vary or Not Enter Teams:** The CCA reserves the right to enter a smaller Team or no Team at all in any Category for any Event.

### **14. SELECTIONS FOR START LIST**

14.1 Once a Canadian Team is selected for any Event, the CTO and/or the relevant National Team Coach will have complete discretion to determine from amongst the Team, the riders to start in each event on the basis of the performances, fitness, and health of the riders and the nature of the Event.

14.2 The determination and maximum number of riders to start in each event will be in accordance with the permitted starting numbers/quotas set out by the UCI for each discipline.

### **15. REMOVAL FROM CANADIAN TEAM**

15.1 A rider may be removed from a Canadian Pool or Team if s/he:

- a. breaches or fails to comply with this Policy or any term of the CCA Rider Agreement;
- b. breaches or fails to comply with:
  - i. the CCA athlete agreement and/or National team policy;
  - ii. violation under the CCES Canadian Policy against doping in Sport);
  - iii. the rules of any event, competition or activity in which the rider has been selected to participate;
  - iv. any reasonable instruction or request by the CTO or National Team Coach;

c. brings him/herself, another rider in a Pool or Team, the Pool or Team as a whole, an official, CCA, or cycling generally, into disrepute;

d. has a significant illness or injury which in the opinion of the National team Coach and/or CCA appointed coach will prevent the rider from continuing to meet the Selection Criteria on which he or she was selected to the Pool or Team; or

e. fails to consistently maintain the level of performance and/or results, or to maintain any one or more of the other factors set out in the applicable Selection Criteria.

## **16. APPEALS**

16.1 All appeals should follow the CCA "Appeals Policy" .

[http://www.canadian-cycling.com/cca/documents/appeals\\_policy.pdf](http://www.canadian-cycling.com/cca/documents/appeals_policy.pdf)

16.2 There is no right to appeal a rider's non-selection to a Pool.