



Eligibility Criteria for All Cycling Ireland Teams for Major Championships 2019

1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of this document is to:

1.1.1. Set out the eligibility criteria that Cycling Ireland will use in selecting riders for national squads and national teams for major international events such as the World Cups and World championships;

1.1.2. Make riders aware of the eligibility and performance criteria;

2. Targets

2.1. Cycling Ireland have the following primary targets when selecting national squads and teams:

2.1.1. To achieve results as agreed with funding partners and to achieve results in International Competitive Events in line with Program goals. Specifically to Qualify for World & European Championships, Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020 with capacity for top 5 performances in each

2.1.2. To grant younger riders (with World potential) the experience of participating in major competitions;

2.1.3. To adhere to budgetary constraints imposed on programme spend, this may mean that, even where a rider meets the eligibility and performance criteria, that they are not selected.

2.2. Note that Cycling Ireland may not fill the full complement of places available to it where it deems that there are not a sufficient number of riders capable of achieving, or contributing to the achievement of, the performance targets.

3. Eligibility Criteria:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rider must hold a current UCI licence which permits them to ride in the discipline(s) they are being considered for and which has an "IRL" UCI licence code.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rider must hold, or is eligible to hold, a valid Irish passport (note that riders who have transferred from another nationality must meet the UCI transfer requirements).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rider must sign Cycling Ireland's Code of Conduct / Team Member Agreement for riders
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rider must not have breached the Anti-Doping Policies of CI and the UCI nor have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rider must be available for sample collection and provide accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Paracycling Athletes, riders must be on the Paralympics Ireland Classification Master List.90

4. **Criteria for Selection onto National Teams/Squads**

4.1 Riders can be added or dropped from squads at any time due to their performances and ability to meet the demands of the squad's objectives at the discretion of the selection panel

4.2 Riders that meet the eligibility criteria in this document must then meet the specific performance criteria for their respective discipline (outlined in a separate document for the specific Discipline) in order to gain selection onto that squad

5. **General Information:**

5.1. All national team selections will be discretionary and based upon the judgement of the selectors, selectors may seek expert opinion from specific personnel where necessary.

5.2. Riders should keep the relevant Coach and/or Manager informed of their results and general progress (e.g., illness, injury, form etc.) on a regular basis. If no Coach/Manager is assigned this information should be passed to CI HPD (currently Brian Nugent – brian@cyclingireland.ie)

5.3. Selected riders will be expected to make themselves available if requested for physiological testing and/or medical assessment to assist in the selection process or in between the selection date and the nominated event as deemed necessary by Cycling Ireland. This is to confirm fitness following injury, illness or a period of under-performance. Cycling Ireland will decide all physiological testing protocols. Please note that in general road race selections will be based upon race results, physiological test results are merely a guideline to give riders an indication of the level required.

5.4. It is intended to select teams as far as possible in advance to allow them the maximum time to prepare specifically for the event. All team selections will be notified in advance of publication of the team or squad.

5.5. Cycling Ireland operate a formal appeals procedure for challenging selection decisions which can found on the Cycling Ireland website:

<http://www.cyclingireland.ie/page/high-performance/eligibility-criteria>

or by contacting the office.

5.6. Selectors for the various teams and squads will typically consist of the Performance Director or Head Coach and the respective National Coach and one other person. The listing of the selectors is available from the Cycling Ireland office.