



**U23 Men and Women
European Road
Championships
8th & 10th August Holland**

2019

**Selection Policy & Criteria
June 2019**



Athlete – Selection Policy & Selection Standards

Introduction

- 1 This selection policy has been agreed by Cycling Ireland (CI). It provides detail on the process by which CI will arrive at athlete selections.
- 2 Cycling Ireland will consider athletes who have qualified under the Cycling Specific Selection Standards stated below. Exception may be given where allocation of places exceeds the number of athletes meeting the minimum standards, CI may consider athletes fractionally under these standards as a development opportunity, subject to budget restraints.

Cycling Ireland General Selection Policy Aim

- 3 CI will select a team that will perform with distinction in the 2019 European Road Championship and will give U23 athletes, on a long term Olympic pathway, the opportunity to experience a major Championship environment.
- 4 This Cycling policy is consistent with the aim.
- 5 All priorities listed above are subject to change due to performance, athlete availability or budgetary considerations

Athlete Eligibility

- 6 The athlete 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 or Nationality which states Ireland/Irlande.
- 7 The athlete 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. Passport expiry dates must be at least 90 days past the competition date).
- 8 The athlete has signed Cycling Ireland’s Code of Conduct for riders.
- 9 The athlete must not be currently under disqualification or suspension by Cycling Ireland, or UCI International Federation or under the World Anti-Doping Code.

Competition Format

- 10 The cycling competition comprises: Road races and time Trials

Sport Specific selection Standards

11 Below are the key selection details:

- i. By achieving the required selection standard in the manner defined for each discipline within the last **12** months, athletes are eligible for consideration to be selected to the European Championship 2019 team.

12 Road Race (RR) And Time Trial (TT)

- i. To be considered for either the RR and/or TT, riders need to achieve a minimum of **two** results from the following; For the avoidance of doubt, a single result or standard may be met on two occasions or a combination of two results / standards may be met.
- ii. Where less riders meet the criteria than quota places allocated, CI may use their discretion to fulfil the quota, such examples being a rider that has no professional team limiting their access to UCI events but have met one of the criteria indicated below.
- iii. Where a clear medal potential is identified for the Road Race, selections will be based solely on supporting that or those individuals. In this case, the selection panel will select the team of support riders. Selection decisions will take into account the demands of the event, characteristics of the course, the environment and the specific support

Event	Finish Position
UCI U23 Nations Cup Events	Top 15
UCI Class 1 events	Top 30
UCI Class 2 events within Europe incl. Irish National Elite Championship	Top 5
International level racing "Elite" French, Spanish, Belgium & UK National Series or equivalent	Top 8
National Series Events Ireland	Top 2

Notes:

- I. Above results relate to either a stage result or final overall position.
- II. Sub classifications within a stage race (Mountains, Points etc.) will not be considered as part of the criteria.

- III. Time trials held within stage races will qualify as counting events, providing they are held over a minimum distance of 15km.
- IV. International level racing French, Spanish, Belgium and UK National Series or equivalent results will only be considered should they be above a distance of **140km for men and 100km for women.**
- V. National Series Ireland results will only be considered providing they are above a distance of **140km for men and 100km for women.**
- VI. Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be made to provide the best chance of a medal; this will include the composition of the team taking into account the characteristics of the course and environment; riders meeting selection criteria in other disciplines will also be considered with the best possible result in mind.

Other factors for consideration

- 13 In instances where an athlete has had evidence to justify selection prior to injury/illness which precluded them from qualifying within the period, selection may be possible provided there is sufficient objective evidence to suggest that the athlete in question has returned to the previous standard.
- 14 In addition to the Specific Selection Criteria, selection will take into consideration any one or more of the following additional factors in selecting riders for any Team:
 - i. Consistent and successful individual performances of the rider in the 12-month period prior to the selection to pool or team in international competition;
 - ii. The rider's ability to work within a team structure when selected to a National Team
 - iii. The rider's technical ability and bicycle handling skills;
 - iv. The rider's tactical ability. The ability to read and react to the race, including passive or aggressive racing tactics, that leads to individual or team performances;
 - v. The rider's participation in an intense training or competition program that may have affected current performances;
 - vi. The rider's demonstrated willingness to promote cycling in a positive manner;
 - vii. The rider's demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
 - viii. The rider's proven ability to be reliable within a team structure.
 - ix. The results of any of the rider's sports science tests including biomechanical and physiological.

Selection process and timelines.

- 1. Cycling Ireland will have a selection meeting on the **24th of July 2019**
- 2. Athlete's will be informed of selection, non-selection on the **25th of July 2019.**
- 3. Appeals must be registered within 24 hours of receipt of the selection, non-selection

email ([click here to see appeals process](#))

De-Selection

- 15 Anti-Doping: Athletes suspended by their Governing Body as a result of ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations, will be deselected.
- 16 Injury Management: Where injury issues are identified at or after selection, a fitness test may be used to determine if the athlete is capable of performing to the level that they were selected for the Event. This will be specific to cycling and the athlete's condition.
- 17 Breach of Policy: Athletes in breach of CI policies, code of conduct and team agreement may be de-selected.