



London 2012 Selection Criteria – Cycling

Sport:	Cycling
Paralympics Ireland appointed Team Manager:	Denis Toomey
Selectors (subject to change by Paralympics Ireland):	Denis Toomey, Brian Nugent, A.N. Other

1.0 Notes to Selection Criteria:

- 1.1 Paralympics Ireland will be the final decision making body in ratifying the position of all athletes and support staff on the 2012 Irish Paralympic Team.
- 1.2 These criteria are subject to gender specific athlete quota slots being issued by UCI to Paralympics Ireland.
- 1.3 These criteria are subject to change, at the discretion of Paralympics Ireland, should UCI alter the London 2012 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide at any stage. In this instance, these selection criteria may be reviewed and, if amended, will be re-issued in writing to each athlete on the official Paralympics Ireland Panel at that time.
- 1.4 Athlete quota slots are allocated to Paralympics Ireland and not the Individual athlete.
- 1.5 Athletes may be entered into a range of events. The Selection Committee will determine which events athletes will be entered in once selection has taken place.
- 1.6 The application for Bipartite Commission Invitations will be made at the sole discretion of Paralympics Ireland in consultation with Cycling Ireland.
 - 1.6.1 In the case of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots allocated to Ireland, they are issued to the individual athlete and not to the NPC.
- 1.7 The acceptance of athlete quota slots issued to Ireland is at the sole discretion of Paralympics Ireland Board of Directors.



2.0 Eligibility for Selection Consideration:

Athletes must:

2.1 Have competed for Cycling Ireland in at least one of the two UCI Paracycling Events listed below: (only in exceptional circumstances, i.e. the need to replace an injured athlete, will an athlete be selected who has not competed in the competitions listed below)

- 2011 UCI Paracycling Road World Championships in Denmark
- 2012 Paracycling Track World Championships in Los Angeles, USA

2.2 Have completed the acceptance and acknowledgement forms as per the Paralympics Ireland Participant Rules as available on www.paralympics.ie as amended from time to time.

2.3 Have completed the *IPC eligibility Code*

2.4 Have completed the *Paralympics Ireland 2012 Team Member Agreement*

2.5 Be at least eighteen (18) years old or reach this age by 31 December 2012.

2.6 Hold an International Cycling Union licence issued by their respective National Cycling Federation with an IRL code.

2.7 Be internationally classified with either a 'Review' or 'Confirmed' sport class status.

2.8 Have competed in at least one international UCI Para-Cycling competition between 1 January 2010 and 10 June 2012.

2.9 Sign and adhere to the *2012 Cycling Ireland Agreement for Squad and Team Membership*

2.10 Sign and adhere to UCI Commitment to a New Cycling including completion of the *UCI True Champion or Cheat programme*



3.0 Criteria for selection:

3.1 Any athlete winning a medal in any of the following UCI Paracycling World Championships (in the disciplines listed below) will be selected subject to clause 2.0 above and to the no. of quota slots available to Ireland (excluding Bi-Partite Commission Invitation slots) being equal to or exceeding the no. of athletes qualifying under this criterion:

2011 UCI Paracycling Road World Championships in Denmark

- Individual Road Race
- Individual Time Trial

2012 Paracycling Track World Championships in Los Angeles, USA

- Individual Pursuit 3km/4km
- Individual 500m/1km Time Trial

3.2 Should a tandem pair secure selection under clause 3.1 the medal winning stoker and pilot are both selected.

3.2.1 In the event of a second tandem (per gender) being selected for the Irish Team, the selection committee have the right to switch the pilot/stoker combination for the 2012 Paralympic Games, but can only do so retaining the same individual pilots.

3.3 The remaining slots will be awarded to the athlete(s) with the greatest no. of points, using an athlete's single best placing in any of the events listed in clause 3.1 above when converted to a points score in line with the UCI World Ranking Points allocation system as per *Appendix 1*.

3.3.1 In the case of Handcycling, finishing place in the 2011 UCI World Cup Series can be used as an alternative means of calculating the athletes Irish Team Selection qualifying score when converted to a points score in line with the UCI World Ranking Points allocation system as per *Appendix 1*. (This criterion is included as handcycling events are not included in the UCI Paracycling Track World Championships)



3.4 In the case of a tied no of points under clause 3.3 between 2 or more athletes for the final athlete slot(s) on the Irish Paralympic Team, clause 3.3 will be reapplied using an athlete's 2nd best placing in any of the events in clause 3.1 above when converted to a points score in line with the UCI World Ranking Points allocation system as per *Appendix 1*.

3.5 Should the selection of the final place on the Irish Team be deemed "too close to call" having invoked clause 3.4 above (Within 4 points), the Selection Committee will nominate the rider who in their view presents the best chance of being closest to the medal zone (Top 3) in their best single discipline at the 2012 Paralympic Games.

3.6 In the case of tandem cycling, not having secured selection under clause 3.1 and the calculation of Team qualifying scores, these scores stay with the Stoker, but not with the pilot.

3.6.1 Pilots will be selected following the selection of a stoker in accordance with the Pilot Selection Mechanism in *Appendix 2*

3.7 .In the unlikely event of an athlete's Sport Class changing from the time of the qualifying performance to the time of final sports entry by Paralympics Ireland, the Selection Committee and Paralympics Ireland retain the right not to select the athlete unless, in the view of the selection committee and Paralympics Ireland, the athlete is deemed to be more competitive in the new Sport Class than athletes not selected.

3.8 Athletes should be fit to perform at the time of selection consideration. All prospective team members may be subjected to a medical assessment by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) at the request of Cycling Ireland or Paralympics Ireland. To remain eligible for selection the CMO must certify to Paralympics Ireland that in all probability the athlete will be medically fit to compete at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

3.9 Paralympics Ireland retain the right to withdraw athletes from selection consideration, or having being selected from the Irish Paralympic Team for failure to fully comply with their personal training and competition programme as agreed with their sport.

4.0 Nomination of Team Support Staff

4.1 The Nomination of team support staff is the sole responsibility of the appointed Team Manager by Paralympics Ireland and subject to ratification by Paralympics Ireland.



Timelines:

Timeline	Action	Action By
1st January 2010 - 13th February 2012	Qualification period for Irish athletes to accrue UCI ranking points towards 2012 Paralympic Games	Athletes
1st January 2011 – 10th June 2012	Qualification period for Irish athletes to achieve performances for consideration by the selection committee	Athletes
No later than 10th June 2012	Cycling selection meeting for the 2012 Paralympic Games.	Cycling Selection Committee
No later than 12pm (Noon) on Monday 11th June 2012	Closing date and time for submission of athlete and staff selection nominations to Paralympics Ireland. Submission to include copy of selection meeting minutes.	Cycling Team Manager
11th June 2012	Paralympics Ireland Board meeting to consider provisional selection recommendations to Paralympics Ireland Council	Paralympics Ireland Board
12th June 2012	Provisionally selected athletes notified by email of their provisional selection subject to no appeals being received and the confirmation of team selection by the Council of Paralympics Ireland on 19th June.	CEO
12th June – no later than 5pm on Friday 15th June 2012	Athlete Appeals Period to Just Sport Ireland	Athletes
19th June 2012	Paralympics Ireland Board meeting to confirm selection recommendations to Paralympics Ireland Council Paralympics Ireland Council meeting to ratify Irish Paralympic Team for London 2012	Paralympics Ireland Board Paralympics Ireland Council
No later than 25th June 2012	Selected athletes notified in writing	Paralympics Ireland President

Appendix 1 – UCI World Ranking Points Allocation System

Placing	UCI World Championship Points	UCI World Cup Series Points
1st	60	30
2nd	52	26
3rd	44	22
4th	36	18
5th	32	16
6th	28	14
7th	24	12
8th	20	10
9th	16	8
10th	12	6

(Ref: Pg. 41 UCI Rules 2011)



Appendix 2 – Pilot Selection Mechanism

Male/Female Pilot –

- Results in World Track and Road Championships (as outlined above – best result with any athlete) (The same points system)
- Results of times 2k or 3k efforts with each stoker at December 2011 and January 2012 track training camps. (10 points)
- Results of Timed 2k or 3k efforts at Track Training Camp post 2012 Track World Championships (10 points)
- Results of an individual and tandem timed TT event - Spring 2012 (10 points)
- Highest Fitness Index for Pursuit and TT – Spring 2012 (10 points)
- Highest Power to weight for Road Race – Spring 2012 (10 points)

