



**Elite European  
Track  
Championships  
Grenchen**

**2021**

**Selection Policy &  
Criteria**

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## **Introduction**

This selection policy has been agreed by Cycling Ireland (CI) and provides detail on the process by which Cycling Ireland will arrive at athlete selections.

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 budgetary restraints.

## **Cycling Ireland General Selection Policy Aim**

Cycling Ireland will select a team that will perform with distinction in 2021.

The European Championships will provide exposure for athletes on the Paris 2024 Olympic pathway and the opportunity to experience a major Championship environment.

This Cycling policy is consistent with the aim.

All priorities listed above are subject to change due to performance, athlete availability or budgetary considerations.

## **Athlete Eligibility**

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.

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).

The athlete must have signed Cycling Ireland's Code of Conduct for riders.

The athlete must not be currently under disqualification or suspension by Cycling Ireland, or UCI International Federation or under the World Anti-Doping Code.

## **Cycling specific selection standards**

This competition comprises Sprint & Endurance events for Male and Female athletes. Below are the key selection details, and where references are made to results, these will only be considered within the past 6 months.

The following conditions will apply:

1. Omnium results shall be the final overall result only.
2. Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be made to provide the best chance of a medal in each event.
3. If no medal potential is identified and fewer riders than places available achieve the criteria outlined below, Cycling Ireland may select athletes fractionally under these standards with a view to Paris 2024. This is subject to budgets, performances within the last 6 months, athlete availability and clear prioritisation of the European Track Championships.
4. All timed results must be achieved in official competition, under competition rules and regulations, in line with those of the UCI, and be timed using electronic timing.
5. All timed results must be recorded on a track less than 1000m above sea level.
6. For the 4000m Team pursuit; where a rider is part of a female team that records 4.23.00 or faster, the result shall count as a qualifying performance for selection for those individual(s) who are part of the team.

## **Male Endurance events**

To be considered for any endurance event, riders need to achieve a total of two results/standards from the table below. 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. Each standard below must be achieved in official competition i.e. UCI Nations Cups and/ or C1 - C2 track events

<b>Event</b>	<b>Finishing Position/ Standard</b>	<b>Min. no. of starters</b>
<b>UCI World/Nations Cup event –</b> Madison, Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 10	N/A
<b>UCI Class 1 -</b> Madison, Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 6	18
<b>UCI Class 2 -</b> Madison, Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 3	18
4000m Individual Pursuit	4.20.00	N/A

Given Tokyo Olympic commitments and Covid-19 restrictions in 2021 there has been a lack of available opportunities for those riders involved in the Olympic process to travel to the above events in the past 6 months.

Discretion may be awarded to those involved in the Tokyo Olympic process in the absence of achieving the above criteria, only if current form, sufficient training and/or racing status (such as C1 – C2 events), and a clear indication within the rider's preparation (training data) that a performance at the European Championships is a priority.

### **Female Sprint Events**

To be considered for any Sprint event, riders need to achieve a total of two results / standards 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. Each standard below must be achieved in official international competition i.e. UCI Nations Cups and/ or C1 - C2 track events.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Standard (seconds)</b>
200 M Time Trial flying start	11.20
500 M Time Trial standing start	36.00

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<b>Event</b>	<b>Standard (seconds)</b>
200 M Time Trial flying start	10:20
1,000M Time Trial standing start	1:02

### **Female Endurance Events.**

To be considered for any endurance event, riders need to achieve a total of two results/standards from a. to f. below. For the avoidance of doubt, a single result or standard may be met on two occasions or a combination of two results / standards. Each standard below must be achieved in official international competition i.e. UCI Nations Cups and/ or C1 - C2 track events.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Finishing Position/ Standard</b>	<b>Min. no. of starters</b>
<b>UCI World or Nations Cup event –</b> Madison Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 10	N/A
<b>UCI Class 1 event or higher –</b> Madison Omnium, Scratch, Points Race.	Top 6	12
<b>UCI Class 2 event or higher –</b> Madison Omnium, Scratch, Points Race.	Top 3	12
3000m Individual pursuit	3.30.00	N/A
4000m Team Pursuit	4.23.00	N/A

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### **Other factors for consideration:**

In addition to the Specific Selection Criteria, selection may take into consideration any one or more of the following additional factors in selecting riders.

1. Consistent and successful individual performances of the rider in the 6 - month period prior to the selection of this event.
2. The rider's UCI individual classification for specific events for the 6-month period prior to the selection of this event.
3. The rider's development potential.
4. The rider's ability to work within a team structure when selected to a National Team.
5. The rider's technical ability and bicycle handling skills.
6. 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.
7. The rider's participation in an intense training or competition program that may have affected current performances.
8. The rider's demonstrated willingness to promote cycling in a positive manner.
9. The rider's demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results.
10. The rider's proven ability to be reliable within a team structure.
11. The results of any of the rider's sports science tests including biomechanical and physiological.
12. The effect of anticipated environmental conditions on performances.

(Also see Appendix 1.)

### **Selection process and timelines**

Cycling Ireland will have a selection meeting late September.

Athletes will be informed of selection/non-selection within 24 hours of this selection meeting.

Appeals must be registered within 24 hours of receipt of the selection, non-selection email ([click here to see appeals process](#))

## **De-Selection**

Anti-Doping: Athletes suspended by their Governing Body as a result of on-going or concluded anti-doping violation allegations, will be deselected.

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.

Breach of Policy: Athletes in breach of CI policies, code of conduct and team agreement may be de-selected.