

# XXII COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Birmingham, UK 28 July – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022

## Northern Ireland Cycling Team Qualification standards

This document outlines the performance standards required for members of the Northern Ireland Cycling Team for Birmingham 2022.

Cycling has appointed Tommy Evans as the performance lead, with further team staff to be announced for these Games.

The key objective for the administration of the cycling programme is to assure that the best cyclists achieve nomination to the Commonwealth Games Council for selection to the Commonwealth Games team to represent Northern Ireland in selected cycling disciplines.

**The final selection to the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Team is *not* made by Cycling Ireland.**

The Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council will select the team based on nominations and therefore attaining the required performance levels does not guarantee selection.

Any cyclist who feels they meet the criteria should register their interest at [hpadmin@cyclingireland.ie](mailto:hpadmin@cyclingireland.ie) with details of how they meet the eligibility criteria.

A copy of this criteria document will be available via e-mail or hard copy, with updates added periodically.

### XXII Commonwealth Games 2022

#### Programme of Cycling events

Male	Female
Road Race	Road Race
Individual Time Trial	Individual Time Trial
Track Sprint	Track Sprint
1000m Time Trial	500m Time Trial
4000m Individual Pursuit	3000m Individual Pursuit
4000m Team Pursuit	4000m Team Pursuit
Team sprint 750m	Team Sprint 500m
15km scratch race	10km Scratch Race
40km Points race	25km Points race
Individual MTB Cross Country	Individual MTB Cross Country
Keirin	Keirin
B & Vi Sprint	B & Vi Sprint
B & Vi 1,000m Time Trial	B & Vi 1,000m Time Trial

## Schedule of cycling events 2022. (Correct @ March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021)

Date	Event	Details
28 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Games Opening Ceremony.</b>	
29 <sup>th</sup> July – 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Track programme	London.
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	MTB XC	Cannock.
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Time Trial.	Wolverhampton.
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Road Race	Warwick
8 <sup>th</sup> August.	<b>Games Closing Ceremony.</b>	

### Objective

The objective is the selection of a team that will prepare and perform coherently with the objective of winning medals at the Games whilst broadly fitting within Cycling Ireland's High Performance plans.

### Nomination Criteria

Cyclists will be nominated by demonstrating their ability to compete in specific events and by achieving the required standard.

These selection criteria have been formalised by analysis of the performance results at previous Commonwealth Games and other events.

The qualification period for reaching the required standards will be 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

### General

Meeting any of the qualification standards listed will result in the rider being considered for Commonwealth Games *nomination* but is **no guarantee** of selection; and Northern Ireland will not necessarily enter riders in all events on the programme, as events should align with the Cycling Ireland High Performance programme.

A panel of selectors will assess all eligible athletes after the qualification period.

## Events & Disciplines.

### Road Race

It is acknowledged that Road Racing is a team event, and nomination will be based on actual performances in high level 1-day races. The team will be structured on the specific nature of the event, its characteristics and location. It is envisaged that a flexible team will be assembled with a potential medal winning leader and dedicated support riders.

### Male

By the end of the qualification period, riders considered for nomination will have, in order of preference -

- Achieved a top 15 placing in a UCI ranked 1-day event,
- Achieved a top 15 GC placing in a UCI ranked multi-day event.
- Achieved a top 15 Stage placing in a UCI ranked multi-day event.
- Achieved a top 8 placing in a BC Elite Road Series event
- Achieved a National Road Race Championship medal.
- Achieved 2 wins in Irish National Series events.

## **Female**

By the end of the qualification period riders considered for nomination will have, in order of preference –

Achieved a top 15 placing in a senior UCI ranked 1-day event.  
Achieved a National Road Race Championship medal.  
Achieved 2 wins in the Irish Women's National League events.

## **Time Trial**

### **Male & Female**

By the end of the qualification period riders considered for nomination will have –

Consistently achieved times –

Achieved a top 15 finish in a UCI Time Trial event of a similar distance (40k)  
Male 25miles. Sub-50 Minutes.  
Female 25 miles. Sub-53 Minutes.  
Achieved a National Championship medal in a similar distance (40k) event.

## **Track**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Male Kilometre TT	Sub-1.02.00
Female 500m TT	Sub - 35.00
Male Sprint flying 200m TT	Sub- 10.00
Female Sprint flying 200m TT	Sub- 11.05
Male 4k Individual Pursuit	Sub - 4.18
Female 3k Individual Pursuit	Sub- 3.35
Points Race (M&F)	Top 5 in an international Track event. National Championship win.
Scratch Race (M&F)	Top 5 in an international Track event. National Championship win.
Keirin (M&F)	Top 5 in an international Track event. National Championship win.

## **Mountain Bike.** Cross Country. (Male & Female).

Achieved a top 15 placing in a UCI XC 1-day event.  
Achieved a top 8 placing in a BC NPS 1-day event.  
Achieved a National XC championship win.  
Achieved 2 wins in Irish NPS events

**Being within the top 12 *Commonwealth* riders in the UCI senior rankings in any relevant discipline will also be considered.**

## Appendix A. Eligibility.

Excerpts from the Commonwealth Games Federation Constitution.

Byelaw 17 Eligibility

### 2. Primacy

2.1 Subject to Byelaw 17(4) 17(5) 17(6) and (17)(7), a competitor shall be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them where they satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

a. Are in possession of a current valid passport of the Commonwealth Country which enters them; or

b. Are a subject who can demonstrate 'Belonger Status' in Great Britain or relevant British Overseas Territory of the Commonwealth Country which enters them.

c. In respect of the following Affiliated CGAs: -

ii. Northern Ireland. Byelaw 17 will defer to the Belfast Agreement (1998). Northern Ireland athletes who meet birth right criteria are to be treated equally regardless of their possession of either a current valid UK or Irish passport (but must hold one of these). This right is enshrined within the Constitution Issues (iv) of the 1998 Belfast Agreement.

### 3. Secondary

3.1 Subject to Byelaw 17(4) 17(5) 17(6) and 17(7), where a competitor was born in a Commonwealth Country which has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the competitor may represent either:

a. the Commonwealth Country of their birth; or

b. the Commonwealth Country of birth of their parent; or

c. where the relevant International Federation recognises grandparents as part of its eligibility criteria, the competitor may represent the Commonwealth Country of birth of their grandparent.

The Commonwealth Games Northern Ireland (CGNI) document, ***Athlete Selection Policy for Birmingham 2022*** should be read in conjunction with this nomination criteria.