**Cycling Ireland Selection Guidance for World Cyclo-cross Championships 2024**

Please note the current selection policy is published on Cycling Ireland’s website. These guidance notes specific to the World Cyclo-cross Championships 2024 form part of the policy in place for this event specifically and do not extend to any other event.

Selection will take place in accordance with the most recently published policy. All candidate athletes are invited to appraise themselves of this policy, and the current appeals policy also.

Expressions of Interest must be completed by all candidate athletes seeking selection for this event.

It’s important the athletes submitting an expression of interest have completed their forms fully so we possess all of their relevant performances and supporting information to hand when the panel meet.

Expressions of Interest are open from Monday 18th December 2023 until 5pm Tuesday 2nd January 2024. The Information gathering meeting and Selection panel meeting will take place in the week that follows. We will endeavour to contact all athletes within 24hrs of the selection panel meeting taking place with the outcomes from selection.

The Technical Guide and other Championship information from the UCI may be found here, and will be regularly updated by them [UCI Page](https://www.uci.org/competition-hub/2024-uci-cyclo-cross-world-championships/GinSYUvnWgF4FdGJrWkdO).

With regard to this specific event Cycling Ireland will not endeavour to automatically fulfil all available places in accordance with 4.5 Cycling Ireland National Team Selection Policy.

**Completing the form**

Wherever possible complete the form in its Excel format and return in the same format.

The stipulated aims of the selection process is here below and also outlined in the top left of the form and is also part of the overall selection policy.

Selection aim 1: Be medal competitive in the World Championships.
Selection aim 2: Select individual athletes that have the ability to attain podium positions within the next 4 years.

As you complete the form give consideration as to how the information you supply evidences your ability to fulfil one or other of those aims. As a guide, the HPU consider the World Cyclo-cross Championships to be the peak level of the discipline and, as such, would expect riders to have achieved high placed results in international competitions at European Championships, World Cup or C1 level.

Complete the blank columns B-M with the information requested -

In column K ‘Coach if applicable’ if you have a Coach please enter their name here.

Column L – ‘Specific events expressing interest to enter (eg MU23, W Jnr etc)’ Here, complete your age category.

Column M – Enter your UCI number (11 digit).

Column N/Criteria 1 - Please enter your current UCI ranking if you have one.

Column O/Criteria 2 – Recent competition Results. The timeframe to add results is from the World Championships in 2023 to Jan 2nd 2024 inclusive.

Be thorough completing information, such as event name, date, finish position. This does not need to be an exhaustive list of all of your races or events. There should be no need to add more than 7-8 of your most significant results. International results will form more significance for the panel, than National level results.

Column P/Criteria 3 – your opportunity to support your expression of interest with any relevant information, such as progress, return from injury etc. that we might not be aware of.

Column Q/Criteria 4 - asks you to declare your eligibility, e.g. that you have a current ‘IRL’ licence and are/would be compliant with anti-doping policy and code of conduct. Ref 7.0 in Cycling Ireland National Team Selection Policy. Anyone found not to be compliant will have their selection withdrawn immediately. **Athletes are particularly reminded to renew their licence for 2024 validity**.

Column R/Criteria 5 - gives you the opportunity to add any further information you might feel pertinent to your expression of interest.

Once completed please send your excel form as an e-mail attachment to HPAdmin@cyclingireland.ie by 5pm on Tuesday 2nd January 2024. If you have any further questions regarding completing the form please also address these in good time to the same e-mail address and we can direct your enquiry to the appropriate staff member. Late submissions after the closing date will not be accepted.

By submitting this form you confirm that you meet all the eligibility criteria to be selected, and that all information contained is true to the best of your knowledge.

Ends.