



## **Elite European Track Championships**

**Minsk, 23-27 June 2021**

### **Selection Policy & Criteria**

**May 2021**

## COVID-19 Restrictions

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**At the time of writing this selection criteria during current level lockdown restrictions, travel to this event is limited to those who are eligible to be provided with the appropriate travel exemption from Sport Ireland ie carded athletes. Cycling Ireland is continuing to liaise with Sport Ireland RE possible inclusion of Paris 2024 development athletes.**

**The selection criteria outlined below is the direction in which we aspire to select given freedom outside of current COVID-19 restrictions.**

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## Section 1: Introduction

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- This selection policy has been agreed by Cycling Ireland (CI). It provides detail on the process by which CI 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 budget restraints.

## Section 2: Cycling Ireland General Selection Policy Aim

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- CI will select a team that will perform with distinction in 2021. The European Championships will give athletes an opportunity to score Olympic qualification points plus provide exposure for athletes on a long-term 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

## Section 3: Athlete Eligibility

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- 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 has 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.

## Section 4: Competition Format

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- The competition comprises: Track Sprint and Endurance events.

## Section 5: Sport Specific selection Standards

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- Below are the key selection details:

### Section 5A – Men Endurance

1. To be considered for any endurance event, riders need to achieve a total of **two** results/standards from a. to e. below.in the previous 18 months. 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.

	<b>Event</b>	<b>Finishing Position/ Standard</b>	<b>Min. no. of starters</b>
a	UCI World Championships – Madison, Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 12	N/A
b	UCI World Cup event – Madison, Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 10	N/A
c	UCI Class 1 event or higher - Madison, Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 6	18
d	UCI Class 2 event or higher - Madison, Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 3	18
e	4000m Individual pursuit	<b>4:20:00</b>	n/a

Table 1: Table of minimum result standards to be eligible for selection (Men's Endurance Events).

**Notes:**

- a. The omnium shall be the final overall result only.
  
- b. Points & Scratch Race: The selection panel shall nominate individuals from those having met standards, for the events that they feel provide the best chance of success across both the points race and scratch race. Once selected, riders may be entered into different events to those where they have met the criteria at the discretion of the team management.
  
- c. Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be made to provide the best chance of a medal in each event. Riders meeting selection criteria in other disciplines will also be considered with the best possible result in mind.
  
- d. 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.
  
- e. Due to the current covid limitations on events, timed standards may be achieved on a designated cycling Ireland training camp, or pre-approved alternative as agreed with the cycling Ireland track coach, for this event only.
  
- f. All timed results must be recorded on a track less than 1000m above sea level.

## Section B – Women Endurance

1. 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.

	Event	Finishing Position/ Standard	Min. no. of starters
a.	UCI World Championships -Madison Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 12	N/A
b.	UCI World Cup event - Madison Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 10	N/A
c.	UCI Class 1 event or higher - Madison Omnium, Scratch, Points Race.	Top 6	12
d.	UCI Class 2 event or higher - Madison Omnium, Scratch, Points Race.	Top 3	12
e.	3000m Individual pursuit	3.35.00	N/A
f.	4000m Team Pursuit	4.29.00	N/A

Table 2: Table of minimum result standards to be eligible for selection (Women's Endurance Events).

- a. Where a clear medal potential is identified for the Scratch and / or Points 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 in line with section 15 of this policy.

### Notes:

- a. The omnium shall be the final overall result only.
- b. 4000m Team pursuit; where a rider is part of a female team that records 4.29.00 or faster, the result shall count as a qualifying performance for selection for those individual(s) who are part of the team.
- c. Points & Scratch Race: The selection panel shall nominate individuals from those having met standards, for the events that they feel provide the best chance of success across both the

points race and scratch race. Once selected, riders may be entered into different events to those where they have met the criteria at the discretion of the team management.

- d. Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be made to provide the best chance of a medal in each event. Riders meeting selection criteria in other disciplines will also be considered with the best possible result in mind.
- e. 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.
- f. Due to the current covid limitations on events, timed standards may be achieved on a designated cycling Ireland training camp, or pre-approved alternative as agreed with the cycling Ireland track coach, for this event only.
- g. All timed results must be recorded on a track less than 1000m above sea level.

## Section C – Women Sprint

1. 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.

	Event	Standard (seconds)
a.	200 M Time Trial flying start	11.200
b.	500 M Time Trial standing start	35.900

Table 3: Table of minimum result standards to be eligible for selection (Women’s Sprint Events).

## Section D - Men Sprint.

1. 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.

	<b>Event</b>	<b>Standard (seconds)</b>
a.	200 M Time Trial flying start	<b>10:20</b>
b.	1000 M Time Trial standing start	<b>1:02</b>

Table 4: Table of minimum result standards to be eligible for selection (Men's Sprint Events).

**Notes:**

- a. Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be made to provide the best chance of a medal in each event.
- b. 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.
- c. Due to the current covid limitations on events, timed standards may be achieved on a designated cycling Ireland training camp, or pre-approved alternative as agreed with the cycling Ireland track coach, for this event only.
- d. All timed results must be recorded on a track less than 1000m above sea level.



## Final team selection

This section lays out the additional matrix that will be included for consideration as part of the final selection for the team, this will be a combination of the results and performances as indicated above and the below tactical performance analysis matrix.

## Cycling Ireland tactical performance analysis matrix

The below matrices have been devised based on our data analysis and historical data from race events. These are the key points that we have identified are key to performance (athletes should be ranked in order of each area).

	*Rank out of 5* (5 being the best)	Athlete 1	Athlete 2	Athlete 3	Athlete 4	Athlete 5	Athlete 6	Athlete 7	Athlete 8
1	Athletes demonstrated ability to score in the first 1/4 of the race								
2	Athletes demonstrated ability to maintain position when changing								
3	Athletes demonstrated ability to score points								
4	Athletes demonstrated ability to gain laps								
5	Athletes demonstrated ability not to drop laps								
6	Athletes demonstrated ability to perform under pressure in the last 1/4 of the race.								
	TOTAL								

**Matrix 1:** Tactical ability analysis matrix – key areas which affect the race outcome - used for the nomination of bunch events (Point 2 only applicable to Madison).

	*Rank out of 5* (5 being the best)	Athlete 1	Athlete 2	Athlete 3	Athlete 4	Athlete 5	Athlete 6	Athlete 7	Athlete 8
1	Standing half lap								

2	Standing Two Kilometre								
3	Ability to set, hold, and adjust pace								
4	Ability to hold proximity on the wheel								
5	Ability to deliver the team on speed and perform an efficient change								
6	Ability to perform your agreed role in the team under pressure								
	TOTAL								

Matrix 2: Tactical ability analysis matrix – key areas which affect the race outcome - used for the nomination of the Team Pursuit team.

	*Rank out of 5* (5 being the best)	Athlete 1	Athlete 2	Athlete 3	Athlete 4	Athlete 5	Athlete 6	Athlete 7	Athlete 8
1	Flying 200m								
2	Peak Power over 6 seconds								
3	Athlete’s demonstrated ability to tactically perform in match sprint or keirin.								
4	Athlete’s demonstrated ability to progress through the rounds in a match sprint or keirin.								
5	Athlete’s ability to hold race position under pressure from opponents.								
	TOTAL								

Matrix 3: Tactical ability analysis matrix – key areas which affect race outcome - used for nomination of Sprint Rider.

## Other Factors for Consideration

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1. 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.
2. 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: (In an instance that the use of the following criteria is deemed necessary, a defined scoring of each criteria point will be outlined to selectors)
  - a. Consistent and successful individual performances of the rider in the 12-month period prior to the selection to pool or team in international competition;
  - b. The rider's UCI individual classification for specific Events for the 12-month period prior to the selection to pool or team in international competition
  - c. The rider's potential to contribute to Olympic qualifying spots leading into the next Olympic Games
  - d. The rider's ability to work within a team structure when selected to a National Team
  - e. The rider's technical ability and bicycle handling skills;
  - f. 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;
  - g. The rider's participation in an intense training or competition program that may have affected current performances;
  - h. The rider's demonstrated willingness to promote cycling in a positive manner;
  - i. The rider's demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
  - j. The rider's proven ability to be reliable within a team structure.

- k. The results of any of the rider's sports science tests including biomechanical and physiological.
- l. Consideration of the nature of the course on which the Event is being held
- m. The effect of anticipated environmental conditions on performances.

## Selection process and timelines.

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1. Cycling Ireland will have a selection meeting on or around 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021
2. Athlete's will be informed of selection, non-selection on or around the 2nd of June 2021
3. Appeals must be registered within 24 hours of receipt of the selection, non-selection email ([click here see appeals process](#))

## De-Selection

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1. Anti-Doping: Athletes suspended by their Governing Body as a result of ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations, will be deselected.
2. 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.
3. Breach of Policy: Athletes in breach of CI policies, code of conduct and team agreement may be de-selected.