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Cycling Ireland European Youth Olympic Festival 2023

### **Policy Objectives & Aims**

This Policy sets out the Cycling Ireland process for nominating athletes for selection to represent Team Ireland for the European Youth Olympic Festival held in Maribor, Slovenia 22<sup>nd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July.

To be selected by the Olympic Federation of Ireland (OFI) to Team Ireland for cycling at the 2023 EOC European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF) athletes must satisfy the criteria below to be considered eligible for nomination

The aim of this criteria is to nominate an athlete team to the OFI. The **maximum athlete quota for cycling events at EYOF 2023 has been issued as 3 Boys and 3 Girls for road cycling & 1 Boy and 1 Girl for mountain bike**. Please note that Team Ireland is under no obligation to fulfil this maximal quota and all selection decisions will be made on performance grounds by the Nomination Panel.

The staff team will be appointed by Cycling Ireland HPU, and comprise of a Programme Lead/Coach, Manager/Carer and a Mechanic, as determined by Team Ireland accreditation numbers.

### **A. Athlete Eligibility**

In order for cyclists to be considered for nomination they must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Be an affiliated member of and in good standing with Cycling Ireland
2. Be on the Longlist at the point of nomination
3. Born in the year 2007-2008 and hold a current racing licence for the 2023 season

4. Be an Irish citizen and **hold an Irish passport at the time nomination performances** are being considered by the nomination panel
5. Be eligible to represent Ireland as per rules of the UCI
6. Comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force
7. Not be the subject of a current anti-doping ban, a current doping violation and/or a pending doping violation. Cycling Ireland shall inform the OFI immediately of the outcome of any anti-doping test of any athlete who is on the long list.
8. Have completed the on-line anti-doping course through Sport Ireland or Sport NI AND a Sport Ireland or Sport NI approved anti-doping workshop within 12 months prior to the nomination date.
9. Have completed the IOC Preventing Competition Manipulation online course.
10. Have completed the OFI Medical Data Capture Survey (if available at time of nomination).
11. Have demonstrated to the satisfaction of Cycling Ireland that they are fit to perform at a sufficiently competitive level at the Games.
12. Has not acted in such a manner so as to bring himself/herself, the NF, the sport, the IF, the OFI, the IOC or the EOC into current disrepute. For the avoidance of doubt: the evaluation of this requirement is at the sole discretion of the NF Nomination Committee for the purposes of Nomination and at the sole discretion of the OFI Selection Committee for the purposes of Selection: the public disrepute referred to within this clause includes potential and/or actual disrepute; an example of such public disrepute may include (but is not limited to) an athlete being charged with or convicted of a criminal offence.

## **B. Athlete Nomination Criteria**

Only Riders that have fully completed an Expression of Interest (EOI) form and submitted same to Cycling Ireland within the window of submission dates 10<sup>th</sup> May – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (17.00) will be considered for nomination. NOTE: All EOI forms are to be submitted by athlete's Parent/Guardian on the child's behalf.

Athletes will be considered for nomination to the OFI by a Cycling Ireland nomination panel. The Panel will consider all race performances in both disciplines this year up to the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023. There will be a stronger weighting of consideration of performances afforded in the following events:

### 1. For road and time trial\* nomination:

15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April Ras Na Nog – all stages and overall

29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April O'Leary Stone Kanturk 2 day – all stages and overall

### 2. For cross country mountain bike nomination:

7<sup>th</sup> May NPS Round 1 – Leadmines, Dublin

21<sup>st</sup> May NPS Round 2 – Fermoy, Cork

**\*Note:** it is recommended that riders seeking selection for MTB *also take part in the above Road Events*. These events will provide additional insight to the Panel on a rider's fitness and skill level over consecutive racing days which will help inform nomination decisions.

It is important to highlight that due consideration will be paid to overall performances and the onus is on parents of potential nominees to inform Cycling Ireland of any/all relevant results via the EOI Form.

The nomination panel understand the complexities of cycling which can be unpredictable due to mechanical issues, crashes etc.

Good performances may be race-winning results, but also skilful riding, good technical skills at speed and under pressure, reading a race, being a good teammate and having the physical capacity to be competitive. It is essential that all nominations put forward for selection by OFI are **ready to perform at international level**. Physiological testing may be called upon by the Nomination panel to confirm physical capacity & readiness to perform at International levels.

#### **C. Fitness to Compete (post-selection)**

Post selection, any illness / injury will be considered in line with the OFI Fit to Compete policy which is included in the Team Member agreement.

#### **D. Replacement Athlete Process**

If an athlete is removed from or withdraws from the nomination or selection, that individual may be replaced by another eligible individual who meets the required standards set out in this Policy and in accordance with the EOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Reserve riders may be nominated to the OFI by the Cycling Ireland nomination panel. Final selection decisions to Team Ireland remain with the OFI.

#### **E. De-selection**

A selected athlete may be deselected from the team if they:

Due to illness or injury, in the opinion of the nomination panel, (having taken medical advice if required), becomes unable to perform to the required standard.

Breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping Policies of Cycling Ireland, the UCI, or other approved agencies.

#### **F. Nomination Panel**

A Nomination Panel, chaired by Cycling Ireland High Performance Director, with three appointed voting members, (free of any conflict of interest), will be responsible for administering this policy.

#### **G. Appeal Process**

The appeals process follows the same appeals policy as the Olympic and European Games. Full details are available here: [OGPGNominationAppealsProcedureAndFormFINAL.pdf \(cyclingireland.ie\)](#)

#### **H. Timelines**

Cycling Ireland close of EOI 24th May 17:00h

Cycling Ireland nomination panel information gathering 26th May

Cycling Ireland nomination panel meeting 29<sup>th</sup> May. Appeals window commences after athletes informed.

Cycling Ireland nomination to OFI 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Team Announcement July 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 \*\* \*\*TBC date subject to change\*\*

Nominations will be submitted to the OFI and the team will be announced following selection by the OFI. Final selection is at the sole discretion of the OFI.

Cycling Ireland will notify all cyclists of their nomination via e-mail by 30<sup>th</sup> May. Any cyclist who might be difficult to contact by normal means during this period should inform Cycling Ireland in advance of alternative contact details.

If a cyclist has not received notification personally on that day, it is his/ her responsibility to contact Cycling Ireland to confirm the situation.

Nominated/selected cyclists are not permitted to make any announcements to the media or the general public in any form whatsoever (including via any social media platforms such as Twitter and Facebook) of their possible or confirmed selection or non-selection prior to official announcement by the OFI of such selection.

#### **I. Unforeseen Circumstances**

In the event that this Policy is silent on any matter which arises in the administration or application or interpretation of any nomination/selection process or decision, then the Nomination Panel shall have discretion to determine any issue as they deem fit so long as it is exercised fairly and quickly.