

Guidance notes for completing Expression of interest form - Jnr and U23 UEC European Championships 2024 and UCI Jnr Track World Championships 2024.

Please note the current selection policy is published on Cycling Ireland's website [CyclingIrelandNationalTeamSelectionPolicy01.01.2024\(2\).pdf](#) .

These guidance notes below are specific to the UEC Jnr and U23 European Track Championships 2024, and the Junior Track World Championships. They form part of the policy in place for these events specifically and do not extend to any other event. The same expression of interest will be considered jointly for both events where the applicant has indicated that they wish to be considered for both.

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 Weds 22nd May until 5pm Monday 3rd June. The Information gathering meeting will take place on Weds 5th June and selection panel meeting will take place on Thurs 6th June. 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 UEC may be found here, and will be regularly updated by them [UEC- Article](#). Further World Junior Track Championships information is available here on the UCI website: [2024 UCI Junior Track World Championships | UCI](#)

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

Aims

The stipulated aim of the selection process is outlined in the top left of the expression of interest form. There are two principle aims underpinning the selection process. As you complete the form give consideration as to how the information you supply demonstrates evidence of your ability to fulfil one or both of those aims.

Priority is given to those that can demonstrate their medal competitiveness at International level. Then a step away from this is considering athletes that we believe are demonstrating good trajectory and could become successful elite riders in future and would benefit from Championship level exposure. It's important in the latter, that the individual is still sufficiently experienced to be competitive and technically competent in an international field on an indoor 250m velodrome. (We don't wish to select inexperienced athletes to a championship level event and risk their welfare or those around them.)

(Although Cottbus for the Jnr and U23 Euro's is a semi covered outdoor 333m it is a significant sized track with large transitions and big bankings, and so experience more in keeping with indoor 250m tracks would be necessary.)

Completing the form

Wherever possible complete the form in it's Excel format and return in the same format.

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. The HPU consider the UEC Jnr & U23 European Track Championships and the UCI Jnr World Track Championships to be important stepping stone in the next Olympic cycle for aspiring Olympic and World level track cyclists. As such selection will be guided by the aims stipulated. Selection for non-Olympic disciplines will come from the squad selection for Olympic disciplines, and not selected for discretely in their own right.

Complete the blank columns B-L with the information requested. In column K 'Coach if applicable' if you have a coach please enter their name here.

In column L, **Please indicate clearly the Championships you wish to be considered for; Euro's Jnr or U23, Jnr Worlds, or both** where appropriate, and stipulate which disciplines (eg scratch, omnium etc) you would like to be considered for.

Skip column M. (This will be used by the discipline lead to comment on your suitability for selection when forming the recommendation for selection panel members).

Column N/Criteria 2 – if you have a current UCI ranking within your discipline or age category please enter along with the date at which the ranking was correct.

Column O/Criteria 3 – recent competition performances. The timeframe to add performances is from the last Euro Jnr/U23 championships (incl) to the closing date of this expression of interest form. Be thorough completing information, such as event name, date, finish position, gap to winner if relevant. International race results in large fields, will carry more weight than National race results for example, and these results are more significant in turn than smaller races. There should be no need to add more than 7-8 of your most significant results. **Please only record track racing results.**

Column P/Criteria 4 - gives you the opportunity to add any further relevant information to support your expression of interest. It could be track training camps you've attended, a return from injury, a comment on your progress or training etc.

Column Q/Criteria 5 requires you to comment on your ability to double up (or more) than one event. This maybe that you can perform strongly in several different bunch races, or can sprint and keirin. Check if your race results submitted in the previous column are in support of this claim.

Column R/Criteria 6 - regards the team composition where relevant. If you are expressing interest in some track events for example the madison, comment on what your strengths are in a pairing and how you'd contribute to the team performance. N/A if solo events only.

Column S/Criteria 7 - asks you to declare that you are eligible to represent Ireland and/or would be compliant with anti-doping policy and code of conduct. (If not already signed, you would be required to sign the CI Team athlete agreement.)

Once completed please send your excel form as an e-mail attachment to selection@cyclingleireland.ie before 5pm Mon 3rd June 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 22.05.24