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CYCLING CARDING CRITERIA
FOR NOMINATING ATHLETES
TO THE SPORT CANADA ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR THE 2024 CARDING CYCLE

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NOTES ON CYCLING CANADA'S CARDING CRITERIA

The carding criteria in this document are the result of collaboration between Cycling Canada coaches and staff, the members of Cycling Canada's Athletes Council, Sport Canada and the members of Cycling Canada's High Performance Committee (HPC).

Any questions regarding these criteria can be addressed to Director of High Performance Services (DHPS) Kris Westwood at kris.westwood@cyclingscanada.ca.

SCHEDULE A: GENERAL CARDING CRITERIA

1. Introduction

Purpose of carding

The Athlete Assistance Program (AAP), also known as carding, is a Sport Canada funding program that contributes to the pursuit of excellence. AAP support seeks to relieve some of the financial pressures associated with preparing for and participating in international sport and assists high-performance Canadian athletes to combine their sport and academic or working careers while training intensively in pursuit of world-class performances.

Cycling Canada uses the process described in this document to nominate athletes for carding. Once these nominations are approved by Sport Canada, the funding flows directly from Sport Canada to the athletes.

Cycling Canada intends to use carding to identify and support Canadian athletes with the greatest potential to win medals at the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the Elite World Championships.

Carding is also intended to:

- help Canada's international-calibre athletes excel at the highest level of competition while assisting them to prepare for a future career or engage in full- or part-time career activities; and
- allow athletes to maintain a long-term commitment to training and competition to further their high-performance athletic goals.

While carding is based primarily on performances achieved in the preceding 12 months, it is important to note that carding is not intended as a reward for past results; it is a resource to help athletes achieve results in the future.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for carding an athlete must:

- Be a Canadian citizen;
- Hold a valid UCI cycling licence listing his or her nationality as Canadian;
- Be eligible to represent Canada at major international competitions, including World Championships, Olympic and Paralympic Games, as per the eligibility requirements of the UCI;
- Meet the carding prerequisites, minimum performance standards and criteria outlined in this document and in other Cycling Canada policies including but not limited to the National Championships Attendance Policy
- Sign the Cycling Canada Athlete Agreement, including committing to the 2025 Individual Performance Plan (IPP) developed in collaboration with the relevant National Program Coach.

Athletes are not eligible for carding if they:



- Do not meet the published NSO approved and AAP compliant carding criteria;
- Have made a false application and have been declared ineligible for AAP benefits by Sport Canada;
- Do not meet the eligibility requirements set out above;
- Have been ruled ineligible to participate in sport for two years or more as a result of an anti-doping rule violation and who have not, in the case of pre-2004 violations, subsequently been reinstated;
- Are serving an anti-doping rule violation sanction of less than two years of sport ineligibility at the start of the carding cycle; and
- Meet the carding criteria as members of the national team of another nation.

Athletes will only be nominated if they commit to an Individual Performance Plan developed in collaboration with the relevant Cycling Canada National Coach. Each athlete’s IPP will be included in the Athlete Agreement they must sign before carding can begin.

3. Income Testing (Olympic disciplines only – does not apply to para-cyclists)

Athletes nominated for carding must submit their Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment for the most recent taxation year. Due to their unique circumstances, para-cycling athletes are not subject to income testing.

Athletes with an annual taxable income up to \$60,000 CAD will be entitled to the full amount of carding. Athletes with a greater income will receive reduced AAP support, as follows:

Income testing for SR cards

Lower income	Upper income	Carding months	Carding amount
\$0	\$60,000	12	\$21,180
\$60,001	\$63,000	11	\$19,415
\$63,001	\$66,000	10	\$17,650
\$66,001	\$69,000	9	\$15,885
\$69,001	\$72,000	8	\$14,120
\$72,001	\$75,000	7	\$12,355
\$75,001	\$78,000	6	\$10,590
\$78,001	\$81,000	5	\$8,825
\$81,001	\$90,000	4	\$7,060
\$90,001	Unlimited	0	\$0

Income testing for D cards

Lower income	Upper income	Carding months	Carding amount
\$0	\$60,000	12	\$12,720
\$60,001	\$63,000	11	\$11,660
\$63,001	\$66,000	10	\$10,600
\$66,001	\$69,000	9	\$9,540
\$69,001	\$72,000	8	\$8,480
\$72,001	\$75,000	7	\$7,420
\$75,001	\$78,000	6	\$6,360
\$78,001	\$81,000	5	\$5,300
\$81,001	\$90,000	4	\$4,240
\$90,001	Unlimited	0	\$0

Note that per Sport Canada policy an athlete may not be nominated for less than four months of carding.



This policy is intended to ensure that carding goes to athletes who need it to pursue international performances. Many professional cyclists earn a significant income and receive equipment and logistical support from their teams or sponsors; as a result, they may not depend on carding to compete.

Cycling Canada is aware that each athlete has unique circumstances. Athletes may request an exemption to the income limits above in exceptional circumstances, including but not limited to the following:

- All or some of their income is from activities unrelated to cycling;
- They have had a drastic change of income since the most recent CRA assessment (eg. losing a professional contract).

An exemption request with supporting documentation must be made in writing at the time of submitting the CRA assessment, and it must be approved by the HPC. Cycling Canada reserves the right to refuse the request if, in its view, there is insufficient justification for the exemption.

Athletes who do not wish to submit their Notice of Assessment may simply decline the living and training allowance. These athletes will still be included in the AAP list, and remain eligible for enhanced funding, CSI access and any other benefits available to carded athletes. Declining carding allows the living and training allowance to be allocated to other athletes.

4. Carding levels

Athletes approved by Sport Canada for the AAP may be eligible for a monthly financial stipend as follows:

Card type	Monthly stipend	Annual value
Senior International Card (SR1/SR2)	\$1,765	\$21,180
Senior National Card (SR)	\$1,765	\$21,180
Development Card (D)	\$1,060	\$12,720

These amounts may change at the discretion of Sport Canada. Further information on the AAP can be obtained through the Sport Canada web site at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/athlete-assistance.html>

The carding levels are as follows:

a. International (SR1/SR2)

Per section 5.2.1 of the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Policies and Procedures:

International Criteria are based on outstanding performances at World Championships or the Olympic/Paralympic Games. In Olympic and Paralympic sports, only results from events that are on the program of the upcoming Olympic/Paralympic Games will be considered for carding under the International Criteria.

Athletes who meet the International Criteria are eligible to be nominated for two consecutive years; the first-year card is referred to as SR1; the second, SR2. Eligibility for an SR2 card is contingent on the athlete maintaining a training and competitive program approved by CC, on being re-nominated by CC on signing the CC Athlete Agreement, and on completing an AAP Application form for that year.

Sport Canada establishes the performance standards for International Criteria used to determine eligibility to be nominated for Senior Cards. The following are the current standards for international criteria:

- Finish in the top 8 counting a maximum of 3 entries per country; and
- Finish in the top half of the field



In Olympic/Paralympic years, new Senior Cards based on the International Criteria will be awarded in Olympic/Paralympic sports only based on results achieved in the Olympic/Paralympic Games. Results achieved at World Championships in Olympic/Paralympic Games years will not be used for awarding SR1 cards, or for awarding Supplementary Excellence Assistance.

CC may adjust a criterion or include sport-specific requirements to the Senior International Criteria to strengthen the criteria. Any such additional requirements imposed by CC must be consistent with Sport Canada policies and approved by Sport Canada.

In cases where the Olympic or Paralympic Games, or the World Championship field is restricted as a result of qualification processes or other types of entry restrictions, the number of entries and countries in the qualification process may be taken into consideration.

In team events, athletes who competed in the event may be awarded Senior International Cards if they directly contributed to the result.

b. National (SR)

National Criteria identify athletes who have the potential to achieve International Criteria. Senior cards based on National Criteria are normally awarded for one year and are referred to as SR Cards.

National Criteria for Senior Cards are established by CC and reviewed every year by Sport Canada to ensure they meet AAP policy requirements. The results, should, where possible, be based on objective results achieved in designated competitions. The criteria may include elements of CC's Podium Pathway and/or Gold Medal Profiles or equivalent, where appropriate and applicable.

An athlete is normally expected to improve each year to maintain a Senior Card based on the National Criteria. Therefore, CC's Senior Card National Criteria must either include incremental performance criteria, or stipulate a maximum number of years an athlete will be supported at this card level.

c. Development (D)

Development cards are intended to support the development needs of younger athletes who clearly demonstrate the potential to achieve the Senior Card International Criteria but are not yet able to meet the Senior Card criteria. Development Cards are normally awarded for one year and are referred to as D Cards.

The allocation of Development Cards is intended to ensure that financial support is provided to the athletes with the greatest potential.

As program funding may not always be available to cover the cost of athletes holding Development Cards, athletes may be asked to contribute to program costs from their Development Card funding.

Criteria for Development Cards are established by CC and are reviewed each year by Sport Canada for compliance with the AAP.

5. Additional AAP support

Carded athletes may also receive tuition support (in a Sport Canada approved University or College program), deferred tuition support, and supplementary AAP support. Please refer to Sport Canada AAP Policy for further information.

6. How to become a carded athlete



Athletes who achieve all the following may be recommended for AAP support, subject to the limitations on the number of cards and the total AAP funds available:

1. Meet the eligibility requirements described in Schedule A, Clause 2;
2. Meet the performance criteria described in Schedule B and in appendix, including prerequisites for carding and any minimum performance standards;
3. **IMPORTANT: Complete the online application form by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Oct. 31, ; this form can be found on the Cycling Canada website: <https://cyclingcanada.ca/resources/athlete-resources/athlete-assistance-program/>**
4. Be nominated by the National Coach Panel to a Cycling Canada National Performance Pool (see Schedule B, Clause 7), and be among the athletes in that Pool recommended for carding. These recommendations must be approved by the Cycling Canada Head Coach, DHPS, Coach Panel, HPC and Sport Canada;
5. Collaborate with a National Coach in developing an Individualized Performance Plan (IPP);
6. **IMPORTANT: Submit the following by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Jan. 31, 2025:**
 - The signed National Team Athlete Agreement, including the IPP;
 - The completed Sport Canada AAP Application;
 - The Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment for the most recent taxation year (this does not apply to Para-cycling athletes);
 - Complete the AAP module of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport's online anti-doping education.
7. All carded athletes are also subject to a mid-year review against the performance targets set out in their IPP. This will be conducted by the National Coach in May and submitted to the Head Coach and DHPS as laid out in Clause 17.

It is the athlete's responsibility to understand this policy and to submit all relevant information prior to the deadlines. Cycling Canada is not obliged to remind athletes of any deadlines. Any documentation filed after the deadlines may be rejected. Athletes are encouraged to create calendar reminders for the deadlines, and to contact Cycling Canada if they have any questions regarding the carding nomination process.

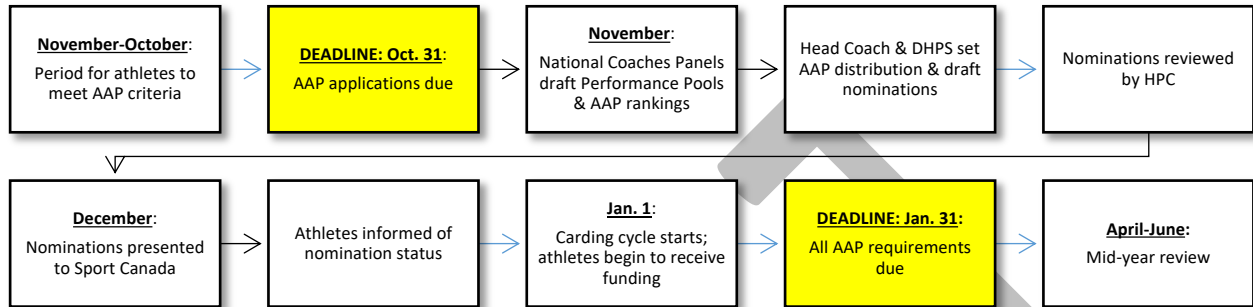
7. Carding nomination process

1. Nov. 1, 2023 to Oct. 31, : Time window for athletes to achieve carding-eligible performances.
2. **IMPORTANT:** Oct. 31, : Deadline for athletes to apply for carding.
3. November:
 - National Coaches name athletes to Performance Pools and rank athletes for AAP nominations; nominations and rankings peer-reviewed by Coach Panel (see Schedule A, Clause 8; Schedule B; and Schedule C).
 - Head Coach and DHPS determine AAP distribution by discipline and draft carding nomination recommendations based on coach rankings (see Schedule A, Clause 10).
 - Head Coach and DHPS present AAP nominations to HPC for reviews and approval.
4. December
 - Nominations submitted to Sport Canada for review and final approval.
 - Eligible athletes informed of AAP nomination status; athletes who wish to appeal have one week to notify CC.
 - List of carded athletes made public.



5. Jan. 1, 2025: Carding cycle starts and carded athletes begin to receive funding once they have completed all requirements.
6. **IMPORTANT:** Jan 31, 2025: Deadline for athletes to complete all AAP requirements.
7. April-June: Mid-year reviews (see Clause 18)

Carding nomination process:



8. Cycling Canada Performance Pools

Cycling Canada’s Performance Pools are aligned with the AAP on the principle that athletes targeted for podium performances at the upcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games (within 1-4 years) are eligible for nomination to SR1/2 or SR cards, and athletes targeted for podium performances at the following Olympic and Paralympic Games (within 5-8 years) are eligible for nomination for SR or D cards. However, given the limited amount of AAP funds available, being named to an Athlete Pool is not a guarantee of nomination for carding.

Each year, the National Coach Panels will recommend athletes to be nominated to the Athlete Pools based on their performance potential. This is assessed on results achieved at international events; projections using the Cycling Canada podium pathway; physiological data; and other specific factors appropriate to each cycling discipline.

Further information on the Performance Pool nomination process can be found in Cycling Canada’s National Team Performance Pools Policy.

9. Priority of Nominations

AAP nominations are made in the following order of priority:

1. Athletes meeting SR1 criteria
2. Athletes meeting SR2 criteria
3. Athletes meeting Injury Card criteria
4. Athletes meeting SR and D criteria, ranked by the Coach Panel
 - a. See XXX
 - b. All athletes meeting SR and D criteria will be assessed together. In some cases, an athlete may be nominated for a D card ahead of an athlete who has met SR criteria.
5. Athletes nominated for SR and D cards using the Exceptional Circumstances or Past Olympian/Paralympian clause

10. AAP funding allocation across disciplines



For the 2025 Carding Cycle, Sport Canada has allocated the equivalent of 46 SR cards for Olympic athletes (\$974,280), and 16 SR cards for Paralympic athletes (\$338,880). Note that this allocation may change at the discretion of Sport Canada.

These funds will be allocated among the cycling disciplines based on the following considerations, in no particular order:

- The number of Canadian athletes who are internationally competitive within each discipline;
- The number of athletes required to qualify and enter a team capable of a top-8 performance at the World Championships and/or Olympic and Paralympic Games;
- Cycling Canada's strategic priorities;
- External support available to athletes in each discipline;
- Canada's international performances and rankings in each discipline; and
- Canada's international performance potential in each discipline.

The decision on card distribution will be made by the Head Coach and DHPS based on the following principles:

- There will be a greater emphasis on D cards early in the quadrennial, with a shift to more SR cards later in the quadrennial;
- Funding may be distributed between SR and D cards at the discretion of Cycling Canada as long as the final amount is within the total allocated by Sport Canada;
- SR1 and SR2 carded athletes will be nominated first;
- The number of SR and D cards will be based on the amount of funding remaining;
- Due to the limited funds available, meeting carding criteria does NOT automatically result in AAP nomination;
- The overall allocation and accompanying rationale will be part of Cycling Canada's carding submission that must be reviewed by the HPC, then reviewed and approved by Sport Canada.

11. Athletes moving from SR carding to D carding

An athlete who has been carded at the SR1, SR2, SR or C1¹ level for two carding cycles or less may be nominated for a D card.

In exceptional circumstances (eg. a significant change in the carding criteria), Cycling Canada may ask Sport Canada for an exemption to nominate an athlete for a D card who has been carded at the SR level for more than two carding cycles. In this case the Coach Panel must present evidence that the athlete is continuing to progress and has the potential to meet the SR1 criteria within 4 years. The nomination must be approved by the Head Coach, DHPS, HPC and Sport Canada.

¹ Sport Canada discontinued C1 cards for the 2024 carding cycle. However, past C1 cards will still count towards the totals cited in this clause.



12. Maximum number of years of carding

Carding is intended to support athletes who are progressing towards the SR1 level. As such, there is a maximum number of carding cycles athletes may be carded at the D or SR level.

The maximum number of carding cycles at each carding level is as follows:

- **SR1/2:** no maximum.
- **SR/C1:** A maximum of 4 non-consecutive carding cycles. An athlete may be nominated for additional years of SR carding on a year-by-year basis on the recommendation of the Coach Panel accompanied by evidence the athlete is progressing to the SR1 level. The nomination must be approved by the Head Coach, DHPS, HPC and Sport Canada and will require specific performance benchmarks for that athlete to maintain their card for the full carding cycle.
- **D:** A maximum of 6 non-consecutive carding cycles. An athlete may be nominated for additional carding cycles at the D level on a year-by-year basis on the recommendation of a National Coach accompanied by evidence the athlete is progressing to the SR1 level. The nomination must be approved by the Coach Panel, Head Coach, DHPS, HPC and Sport Canada and will require specific performance benchmarks for that athlete to maintain their card for the full carding cycle.

13. Past Olympians and Paralympians

An athlete who has represented Canada at the Olympic or Paralympic Games in the past, whether in cycling or in another sport, may be nominated for SR carding based on the recommendation of a Coach Panel providing:

- There is rationale, based on data from training and/or competitions, that the athlete can be a podium contender in cycling at the upcoming Olympic or Paralympic Games (i.e. within 1-5 years);
- The athlete has committed to an IPP designed in collaboration with a National Coach;
- The athlete has been named to a Cycling Canada Performance Pool.

Any nomination of past Olympians and Paralympians and accompanying rationale must be evaluated by a Coach Panel and approved by the Head Coach, DHPS, HPC and Sport Canada and may require specific performance benchmarks for that athlete to maintain their card for the full carding cycle.

14. Exceptional Circumstances

In exceptional circumstances, an athlete who is tracking towards performances that would make them eligible for an SR1 card may fall short of the criteria outlined in this document.

In this case, a National Coach Panel may recommend the athlete for AAP nomination based on evidence that the athlete is progressing towards the SR1 card level within the next four years. Such evidence may include:

- Significant improvement and progression in training performance and results
- Significant improvement and progression in racing performance and results
- Commitment to the National Team program

This evidence will be evaluated by the Head Coach, DHPS and Coach Panel. If the athlete is recommended for nomination, the accompanying rationale must be submitted to and approved by the HPC and Sport Canada and will require specific performance benchmarks for that athlete to maintain their card for the full carding cycle.



An athlete who has not met carding criteria may not appeal their non-nomination for carding under this clause.

15. Tandem (Para-cycling only)

A tandem approved for nomination will normally result in two cards – one for the visually impaired athlete (stoker) and the other for the pilot. Throughout the carding nomination process, both members of a tandem pair will be assessed as a whole, and their ranking will be based on evaluation of the stoker, with the pilot ranked immediately after.

A pilot-stoker pairing may only be carded based on performances achieved by that pairing.

If there are insufficient AAP funds to award both athletes a full card, the card will be divided equally between the two athletes, as long as at least four months of carding is available for both athletes. If there is less than four months of funding available for both athletes, all the funding will go to the stoker.

If two pilots meet the criteria with the same stoker, only the pilot who will race with the stoker for the following season will receive carding. Carding eligibility will be based on performances with the chosen pilot only.

Change of pilot

A carded stoker may change pilots for the following reasons:

- their pilot retires or stops competing in Para-Cycling;
- their pilot becomes ineligible for Para-Cycling competition;
- their pilot is removed from the National Performance Pool;
- there is a significant decline in the pilot's performance.

This change must be recommended by the National Coach and approved by the Head Coach and the DHPS.

If this change occurs during the carding cycle, the former pilot will be removed from the AAP and the new pilot may be recommended for carding as follows:

- If the new pilot is currently carded, he or she will maintain the carding level (SR1/SR2, SR or D) he or she was nominated for;
- If the new pilot is not currently carded but has achieved the performance standard to be nominated, he or she will be nominated at the same level as the stoker providing there are sufficient AAP funds available;
- If the new pilot is not currently carded and has not achieved the performance standard to be nominated, he or she will not be nominated for carding.

In all cases, the pilot must meet all eligibility requirements to represent Canada in international Para-cycling competition, in particular UCI rules 16.3.003-16.3.005.

If this change occurs between seasons and prior to the beginning of the carding cycle, the new pilot may be recommended for carding at the same level as the stoker if it can be demonstrated through performance analysis that the new pairing has equal or higher performance potential than the previous pairing. Any such nomination must be supported by written rationale, evaluated by the Coach Panel, and approved by the DHPS and HPC.

16. Health-Related Circumstances



An athlete carded at the SR2 level who, at the end of the carding cycle has not achieved the standard required for the renewal of carding status because of strictly health related reasons, may be considered for re-nomination for the upcoming year provided the following conditions are met:

- The carded athlete has fulfilled all reasonable training and rehabilitation requirements aimed at a speedy return to full high-performance training and competition during the period of their injury, illness, pregnancy or other health-related circumstance, or is continuing a rehabilitation program approved by Cycling Canada;
- In the view of the Cycling Canada, the carded athlete's failure to attain the applicable carding standards is strictly related to the injury, illness, pregnancy or other health-related circumstance;
- Cycling Canada, based on its technical judgement and that of a National Team physician or equivalent, indicates in writing the expectation that the carded athlete will achieve at least the minimum standards required for carding during the upcoming carding period;
- The carded athlete has demonstrated and continues to demonstrate their long-term commitment to high-performance training and competition goals, as well as their intention to pursue full high-performance training and competition throughout the carding period for which they wish to be renewed despite not having met the carding criteria;
- Cycling Canada must provide evidence to Sport Canada that the above requirements are being met in order to nominate athletes for carding based on the above provisions.

The health-related circumstances policy is explained in Section 9 of the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Policies and Procedures.

All documentation pertaining health-related circumstances must be submitted to CC no later than Oct. 31, 2024. Submitting documentation is not a guarantee the injury card will be awarded. Injury card nominations must be approved by the Coach Panel, Head Coach, DHPS, HPC and Sport Canada.

17. Appeals

Decisions by Cycling Canada on nominations for carding or de-carding may be appealed under Cycling Canada's appeals policy. Only athletes who have met the carding criteria set out in this document may appeal.

Decisions made by Sport Canada may be appealed under the relevant provisions of the Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Policy.

18. Carding review

Athletes are responsible for communicating with their respective National Coach throughout the carding cycle with updates on fitness, health, progress towards objectives and any injuries. The name of the relevant coach will be confirmed in the letter notifying the athlete of their nomination for carding.

The frequency and detail of the communication will vary depending on the program and coach, but each athlete's IPP will outline those expectations and what metrics will be used to evaluate the athlete's progress.

Each athlete nominated for carding will be subject to a mid-year review by his or her National Coach, which will be normally done between April and June. This review will examine the athlete's progress against his or her IPP and the National Coach's ongoing Athlete Assessments. A significant decline in performance may result in collaborative adjustments to the IPP and any new objectives will be clearly communicated to the athlete. A continued decline in performance may result in removal from the National Performance Pool and from the AAP.



Athletes nominated for carding who have exceeded the maximum number of years of SR or D carding, or through the Exceptional Circumstances or Past Olympian/Paralympian clauses, will be given mid-year performance benchmarks that must be met by a specified date for their carding to continue for the full year. Athletes will be asked to submit evidence of achieving the benchmarks. This will be reviewed by the Coach Panel, Head Coach and DHPS, and must be approved by the HPC and Sport Canada. These benchmarks and the deadline to meet them will be detailed in the letter notifying the athlete of their nomination for carding.

An athlete who retires or resigns from the National Team program will be removed from the AAP (see Clause 18 below).

Any anti-doping rule violation that leads to a sanction of any kind will result in immediate removal from the AAP.

An athlete may also be removed from the AAP in cases that may include, but are not limited to, the athlete:

- Refusing to communicate with their National Coach;
- Misrepresenting his or her fitness, health or training to their National Coach;
- Failing to follow the training and competition requirements outlined in the IPP, except in case of illness, injury or pregnancy, without consulting their National Coach;
- Failing to comply with the Cycling Canada Athlete Agreement or Code of Conduct.

In the case of an athlete whose status in the program is in jeopardy for reasons other than athletic performance, the following steps will be taken:

- The athlete will be informed of his or her breach in writing;
- A remedy or remedies will be proposed in writing, and the athlete will be given a reasonable period of time to comply;
- If the athlete fails to comply within the stipulated time period, CC will initiate the process with Sport Canada to remove the athlete from the AAP.

Cycling Canada will document each step of this process. The final decision to remove an athlete from the AAP is subject to approval by the HPC.

Any funds that become available through athletes' removal from the AAP will be reallocated to the nominated alternates in their order of nomination.

19. Athletes not nominated to the AAP

The intent of the AAP is to help athletes achieve future Olympic and Paralympic results. Based on this principle, athletes who do not are not expected to contribute to performances at the Olympic or Paralympic Games within 1-8 years will not be nominated for AAP funding.

An assessment of the athlete's performance potential and commitment to the upcoming Games will be made by the Coach Panel at the time of the carding nominations. This assessment will be based on a balance of probabilities and will consider all relevant factors, which may include but are not limited to the following:

- The athlete's stated intention to continue competing at the Elite level
- The athlete's performance trends (physical, technical, tactical, and psychological)
- The athlete's suitability to the venue at the upcoming Games
- The athlete's potential to contribute to qualification for the upcoming Games

Athletes transitioning to another sport:



Cycling Canada will collaborate with athletes transitioning to another sport to minimize any disruption in support they receive. These situations will be assessed case-by-case.

Retiring athletes:

Any AAP-eligible athlete who is contemplating retirement is encouraged to discuss this with Cycling Canada in a spirit of collaboration to ensure they have access to all available resources they are eligible to receive, which may include AAP retirement assistance, counselling, GamePlan, and assistance and mentoring if the athlete wishes to transition to a career in coaching.

If an eligible athlete retires before the beginning of the carding cycle, Cycling Canada will not nominate that athlete to the AAP. An athlete who chooses to retire during the carding cycle will be removed from the AAP at the earliest opportunity. Cycling Canada considers retirement announcements made by the athlete to the media or on social media as formal notice and will act accordingly.

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SCHEDULE B: SPECIFIC CARDING CRITERIA

The specific criteria to nominate athletes for carding are detailed below, except in cases that fall under the Exceptional Circumstances and Past Olympian and Paralympian clauses.

To be considered for AAP nomination for the 2025 carding cycle, athletes must be named by the National Coach Panel to a National Performance Pool based on an assessment of performance potential at upcoming Olympic/Paralympic Games (see Schedule A, Clause 6).

The Coach Panel may choose not to nominate an athlete to a National Performance Pool even if the athlete has met the performance criteria. The rationale for this decision must be reviewed and approved by the DHPS and the HPC.

Note that, due to the limited amount of AAP support available, nomination to a Performance Pool does not guarantee AAP nomination.

1. Eligible results

Results achieved between Nov. 1, 2023, and Oct. 31, 2024, will be considered for 2025 carding nominations.

To be considered for carding, results must be achieved in events and classes on the Olympic or Paralympic program unless stated otherwise in the specific criteria. The events listed below were correct at the time of publication; any changes to the list published by the UCI will take precedence over this one.

Cycling Discipline	Event	Classes
Track endurance	Team Pursuit	Elite, Junior
	Omnium	Elite, Junior
	Madison	Elite, Junior
Track Sprint	Team Sprint	Elite, Junior
	Keirin	Elite, Junior
	Sprint	Elite, Junior
Road	Road race	Elite, U23, Junior
	Individual Time Trial	Elite, U23, Junior
Mountain Bike	Olympic Cross-Country	Elite, U23, Junior
BMX	BMX Race	Elite, U23, Junior
	BMX Freestyle Park	Elite
Para-cycling Track	Time Trial	C1-5, B
	Individual Pursuit	C1-5, B
	Mixed Team Sprint	C1-5
Para-cycling Road	Time Trial	H1-5, C1-5, T1-2
	Road Race	H1-5, C1-5, T1-2
	Team Relay	H1-5

Note: Certain Para-Cycling classes that race separately at World Cups or World Championships may be combined with or without factoring at the Paralympics. This means a World Championship podium performance may not indicate Paralympic podium potential. Cycling Canada will take this into account during the athlete evaluation process.



2. Depth of Field

The cycling disciplines vary widely in international depth of field, from several thousand in men’s road to fewer than three athletes in certain Para-Cycling classes. Cycling Canada has adjusted the Senior International (SR1) and Senior National (SR) criteria to account for this variation as provided for in Section 5.2.1 of the Sport Canada AAP policy.

These adjustments are based on three considerations: the number of athletes or teams on the UCI ranking in each discipline; the number of athletes or teams attending world championships in each discipline; and the number of entries per nation in each discipline.

These numbers are based on the averages from the last four non-pandemic years (2018, 2019, 2022 and 2023) and can be found in Appendix D.

3. Carding Criteria

INTERNATIONAL CARDS (SR1, SR2) and NATIONAL CARDS (SR)

Prerequisites to be eligible for nomination:

Athletes must achieve all of the following to be eligible for nomination for an SR1, SR2 or SR card:

- Meet the definition of Performance Athlete in Appendix C;
- Achieve the results in the table below; and
- Be nominated to a National Team Pool; and
- Maintain ongoing collaboration with a National Coach; and
- Meet all the other eligibility requirements outlined in Schedule A

SR 1 and SR2 criteria

Discipline and Class	SR1 criteria	SR2 maintenance criteria (for year 2 of SR1 carding)**
BMX FS W	Top 8*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the SR criteria; or • Accept selection to Elite Worlds; or • Top 6 in an Elite World Cup
BMX FS M	Top 8*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the SR criteria; or • Accept selection to Elite Worlds; or • Top 12 in a World Cup
BMX Race W	Top 8*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the SR criteria; or • Accept selection to Elite Worlds; or • Top 16 in an Elite World Cup
BMX Race M	Top 8*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the SR criteria; or • Accept selection to Elite Worlds; or • Top 16 in an Elite World Cup
MTB XCO W & M	Top 8*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the SR criteria; or • Accept selection to Elite Worlds; or • Top 12 in an Elite XCO World Cup in Europe; or • Top 8 in an Elite XCO World Cup outside Europe
Road W & M	Top 8*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the SR criteria; or • Accept selection to Elite Worlds; or • Top 12 in a road WT/WWT event



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Track W & M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Omnium Madison Sprint Keirin 	Top 8*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the SR criteria; or both of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept selection to Elite Worlds; and Meet the Cycling Canada A track time standard
Track W & M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Pursuit Team Sprint 	Top 6*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the SR criteria; or both of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept selection to Elite Worlds; and Meet the Cycling Canada A track time standard
Para Road W <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Para Road M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B, C2-5, H2, T2 	Top 6*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the SR criteria; or Accept selection to Elite Worlds; or Top 6 in a Para Road World Cup
Para Road M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C1, H1, T1 Para Road W <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C1-5, H1-5, T1-2 	Top 4*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the SR criteria; or Accept selection to Elite Worlds; or Top 4 in a Para Road World Cup
Para Track M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B 	Top 6*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the SR criteria; or Accept selection to Elite Worlds; or Top 6 in a Para Road World Cup
Para Track M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C1-5 Para Track W <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B, C1-5 	Top 4*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the SR criteria; or Accept selection to Elite Worlds; or Top 4 in a Para Road World Cup

* SR1 criteria must be achieved at Elite World Championships or, in an Olympic/Paralympic year, at the Olympic or Paralympic Games, counting a maximum of 3 entries per country (eg. if the top four finishers are from the same country, the fifth place finisher will be considered to have finished fourth)

** SR2 criteria only apply to athletes carded at the SR1 level the previous year

SR criteria

Discipline and Class	SR criteria
Road W & M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top 16 at Elite Worlds or Olympic Games; or Twice achieve one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top 12 at Road WT/WWT events (one-day events or GC of stage races) Top 6 in stages of Road WT/WWT stage races
MTB XCO W & M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top 16 in Elite Worlds or Olympic Games; or Twice achieve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top 16 at an Elite XCO World Cup in Europe; and/or Top 8 at an Elite XCO World Cup outside Europe
BMX FS W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top 12 at Elite Worlds or Olympic Games; or Twice top 6 at Elite BMX FS World Cups



BMX FS M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 12 in Elite Worlds or Olympic Games; or • Twice top 12 at BMX FS World Cups
BMX Race W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 in an Elite BMX World Cup; or • Twice achieve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Top 16 at an Elite BMX Race World Cup and/or ○ Top 16 at the Elite World Championships; and/or ○ Top 16 at the Olympic Games
BMX Race M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 16 at Elite Worlds or Olympic Games; or • Twice top 16 at Elite BMX Race World Cups
Track W & M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omnium • Madison • Sprint • Keirin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 12 at Elite Worlds; or • Top 8 in a Track Nations Cup
Track W & M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Pursuit • Team Sprint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 at Elite Worlds; or • Top 6 at an Elite Track Nations Cup
Para Road W <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Para Road M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B, C2-5, H2, T2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 at Elite Worlds; or • Twice top 6 at Para Road World Cups
Para Road M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C1, H1, T1 Para Road W <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C1-5, H1-5, T1-2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 6 at Elite Worlds; or • Twice top 4 at Para Road World Cups
Para Track M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 8 at Elite Worlds; or • Twice top 6 at Para Road World Cups
Para Track M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C1-5 Para Track W <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B, C1-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 6 at Elite Worlds; or • Twice top 4 at Para Road World Cups

Notes:

- All SR cards are discretionary.
- The Coach Panel will make SR card nominations from among the pool of SR and D eligible athletes based on the process outlined in Schedule A. This may include nominations using the Exceptional Circumstances or Past Olympians and Paralympians clauses.
- All results must be in the top half of the field. The field size includes athletes who did not start or did not finish providing they are listed in the official results. In events where the size of the field is limited by a qualification process, the field size may be assessed on the number of athletes or teams in the qualification ranking.



- Results in Para-Cycling events must meet the Cycling-Canada Para-Cycling time standard published on the Cycling Canada website.
- Para-Cycling athletes must have Confirmed, Review or FRD international classification status.
- Track endurance athletes must meet one of the Cycling Canada Endurance A time standards (see Cycling Canada website) to be eligible for nomination.
- Track sprint athletes must meet one of the the Cycling Canada Sprint A time standard (see Cycling Canada website) in Sprint to be eligible for nomination.
- Road results in team time trials, criteriums, prologues, or stage race jersey classifications other than the general classification will not be considered for AAP nominations.
- At the sole discretion of the Coach Panel, other results may be taken into consideration for SR carding nominations if the Coach Panel can demonstrate the level of competition was equivalent to the required carding result (eg. the number of participating nations; the number of entries; the number of athletes in the top 100 of the UCI ranking; the average speed; etc.). This rationale must be approved by the Head Coach, DHPS, and the HPC.
- SR2 maintenance criteria can be met in different disciplines (eg. an athlete carded at the SR1 level in track can meet the SR2 maintenance criteria by being selected to the elite road Worlds).
- Athletes may meet SR criteria in multiple disciplines (eg. a top 12 in an XCO World Cup and a top 12 in a road WT event would be considered as meeting the SR criteria).
- In team events, the Coach Panel must provide evidence that the athlete directly contributed to the result.

Additional Discretionary SR nominations

- The Coach Panel may make additional discretionary nominations using the Past Olympians/Paralympians and Exceptional Circumstances clauses.
- Discretionary nominations and accompanying rationale must be approved by the Head Coach, DHPS, HPC, and Sport Canada.
- These athletes will be given mid-season benchmarks they must meet to maintain carding for the full carding cycle. These benchmarks and related deadlines will be communicated to the athletes when they are nominated for carding.

DEVELOPMENT CARDS (D)

Prerequisites to be eligible for nomination:

Athletes must achieve all of the following to be eligible for nomination for a D card:

- Meet the definition of Development Athlete in Appendix C; and
- Be nominated to one of the National Team Performance Pools; and
- Maintain ongoing collaboration with a National Coach; and
- Meet the minimum performance standard outlined in Appendix A; and
- Meet all the other eligibility requirements outlined in Schedule A.

Discretionary nominations

All Development cards are discretionary.

The Coach Panel will make Development card nominations from among eligible SR and D athletes based on the process outlined in Schedule A. This may include nominations using the Exceptional Circumstances clause.



SCHEDULE C: COACH PANEL

The Coach Panels are responsible for nominating athletes to the National Performance Pools and ranking athletes for nomination to the AAP.

There is a Coach Panel for each discipline, composed of Cycling Canada National Coaches. The compositions of the Coach Panels are published on the Cycling Canada website.

The Head Coach will convene each Coach Panel to assess and rank athletes within their respective discipline, using objective evidence and subjective assessments of the athletes' performances and progression. The subjective assessment will consider one or more additional factors at the discretion of the Coach Panel. Factors that can be objectively measured are preferred, and the Coach Panel may only consider factors that are relevant to the cycling discipline athletes are competing in and that that can be applied to all athletes being considered for nomination in that discipline.

These assessments will be fully documented by the Coach Panel, with supporting evidence and will then be peer reviewed by the other National Coaches, the Head Coach and the DHPS. If the coaches cannot come to a consensus the Head Coach will have final say. In the event of an appeal, all information used to rank and assess the athletes will be shared with all parties to that appeal.

Once the Coach Panels' assessments and rankings are complete, the Head Coach and DHPS will use them to determine the distribution of Cycling Canada's AAP nominations based on the distribution by discipline (see Clause 10).

At its sole discretion, the Coach Panel may invite any other experts to offer information or opinions in person, by teleconference, or in writing. These experts will not participate in the panel's decisions.



APPENDIX A: D CRITERIA MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Standards are based on an analysis of the results progression of athletes currently performing at the international level. Ages are as of Dec. 31, 2024.

BMX RACE WOMEN – minimum finishing position										
Age	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26+
Junior World Championships	3	3								
U23 World Cups	24	24	24	24	16	8				
U23 World Championships			24	24	16	8				
Elite World Cups			32	32	32	32	32	32	32	16
Elite World Championships			32	32	32	32	32	32	32	16

BMX RACE MEN – minimum finishing position										
Age	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26+
Junior World Championships	3	3								
U23 World Cups	48	48	32	32	24	16				
U23 World Championships			32	32	24	16				
Elite World Cups			64	64	64	64	64	64	64	32
Elite World Championships			64	64	64	64	64	64	64	32

All results must be top half of field as listed in the official results, including DNS, DNF and DSQ.

MTB XCO WOMEN – minimum finishing position										
Age	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26+
Junior World Championships	3	3								
U23 World Cup in Europe or U23 World Championships			25	20	15	10				
U23 World Cup outside Europe			12	10	7	5				
Elite World Cup in Europe or Elite World Championships							42	35	28	22
Elite World Cup outside Europe							21	17	14	11

MTB XCO MEN – minimum finishing position										
Age	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26+
Junior World Championships	3	3								
U23 World Cup in Europe or U23 World Championships			45	35	25	15				
U23 World Cup outside Europe			22	17	12	7				
Elite World Cup in Europe or Elite World Championships							42	35	28	22
Elite World Cup outside Europe							21	17	14	11

All results must be top half of field as listed in the official results, including DNS, DNF and DSQ.

PARA-CYCLING
<p>Athletes must achieve all of the following to be eligible for carding nomination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the Cycling Canada Para-cycling B Time Standard (see Cycling Canada website); and • Be classified at least at the National level in a Para-Cycling class, or, for tandem pilots, meet the UCI eligibility rules for tandem pilots (rules 16.3.003-16.3.005); and • Attend Canadian championships and at least one other Para-cycling event on the UCI calendar.



ROAD – minimum finishing position								
Age	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Junior World Championships	3	3						
U23 World Championships			16	12	10	8		
Elite World Championships							24	20
WWT/WT one-day or GC			24	20	16	14	12	10
<i>WWT/WT stage</i>			8	6	4	3	2	1
.Pro one-day or GC			16	14	12	10	8	6
<i>.Pro stage</i>			5	3	1	1	1	1
.1 one-day or GC			12	10	8	6	4	3
<i>.1 stage</i>			3	2	1	1	2 wins	2 wins
.2 one-day or GC			8	6	3	2	1	
<i>.2 stage</i>			1	1	1	2 wins	2 wins	
U23 NCup one-day or GC			12	10	8	6		
<i>U23 NCup stage</i>			3	2	1	1		
.U one-day or GC			6	4	2	1		
<i>.U Stage</i>			1	1	2 wins	2 wins		

Athletes 25 and older must have at least 500 UCI points to be eligible for D card nomination.

All results must be in the top 25% of the field, including DNS, DNF and DSQ, and must be achieved in individual road races, the general classification of road stage races, or individual time trials. Results from team time trials, criteriums, prologues, or stage race jersey classifications other than the general classification will not be considered for AAP nominations.

Results from events that do not meet the UCI requirements to award points will not be considered for carding nominations.

The Coach Panel has the sole discretion to make additional nominations based on exceptional performances in international competition. These nominations must be accompanied by evidence and rationale and must be approved by the Head Coach, DHPS, HPC and Sport Canada.

TRACK
Athletes age 23 and over are eligible for nomination if they meet the Cycling Canada A Time Standard (see Cycling Canada website) and have at least 250 points in a UCI track ranking.
Athletes under age 23 are eligible for nomination if they meet the Cycling Canada B Time Standard (see Cycling Canada website) and are eligible to compete in a Nations Cup (ie. have at least 250 points in a UCI track ranking or finished top 4 in an individual event in the junior track worlds).
Junior athletes finishing top 3 at the UCI Junior Track World Championships are eligible for nomination providing they have met the Cycling Canada Junior A time standard (see Cycling Canada website).

BMX Freestyle – minimum finishing position			
Age	15-18	19-22	23+
World Championships	24	20	16
World Cups	20	16	12
HC	10	6	1
C1	3	1	--

All results must be top half of field as listed in the official results, including DNS, DNF and DSQ.



APPENDIX B: INTERNATIONAL DEPTH OF FIELD COMPARISON

The following data was used to assess the international depth of field across cycling disciplines and classes:

Discipline & Class	Athletes/Teams on UCI ranking (Avg. 2018-19 and 2022-23)	Entries at Worlds (Avg. 2018-19 and 2022-23)	Max. entries per nation at Worlds
Road Men	3256	188	8
Road Men ITT	3256	62	2
MTB Men	1635	95	7
Road Women RR	1181	59	7
Road Women ITT	1181	160	2
MTB Women	957	67	7
Track Men Omnium	944	24	1
Track Men Madison	699	18 teams of 2 athletes	1 team of 2 athletes
Track Men sprint	694	35	2
Track Men keirin	636	28	2
Track Women Omnium	524	24	1
Track Women Madison	401	18 teams of 2 athletes	1 team of 2 athletes
Track Women Keirin	366	26	2
Track Women sprint	357	34	2
BMX Men	315	70	6
BMX FS Men individual	269	61	6
BMX Women	143	36	6
Para Road Men H3	114	37	3
Para Road Men B	104	27	3
Para Road Men C5	101	18	3
BMX FS Women individual	90	29	6
Para Road Men H4	85	20	3
Para Road Men C4	76	25	3
Para Road Men C2	66	24	3
Para Road Men C3	65	24	3
Track Men Team Sprint	49	16 teams of 3 athletes	1 team of 3 athletes
Para Road Women tandem B	47	16	3
Track Men Team Pursuit	47	16 teams of 4 athletes	1 team of 4 athletes
Para Track Men B	46	17	3
Para Road Men H5	43	18	3
Para Road Men T2	42	17	3
Para Road Men H2	42	14	3
Track Women Team Sprint	40	14 teams of 3 athletes	1 team of 3 athletes
Para Track Men C5	38	17	3
Track Women Team Pursuit	33	15 teams of 4 athletes	1 team of 4 athletes
Para Track Men C4	33	20	3
Para Track Women B	31	14	3
Para Track Men C2	31	17	3
Para Road Men C1	30	23	3
Para Road Women C5	29	12	3
Para Road Women H4	27	8	3
Para Track Men C3	27	16	3
Para Road Men H1	26	9	3
Para Road Women H3	24	10	3
Para Road Men T1	22	9	3
Para Track Women C5	18	11	3
Para Road Women C4	18	8	3



Para Road Women C2	18	9	3
Para Road Women C3	17	8	3
Para Track Women C4	16	13	3
Para Track Men C1	15	13	3
Para Road Women T2	13	7	3
Para Track Women C2	13	10	3
Para Track Women C3	12	8	3
Para Road Women H5	9	5	3
Para Road Women T1	8	6	3
Para Road Women H2	6	2	3
Para Road Women H1	6	1	3
Para Road Women C1	4	3	3
Para Track Women C1	3	3	3

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APPENDIX C: DEFINITIONS

The terms used in Cycling Canada selection policies shall have the following meanings:

- **Athletes' Council:** A body made up of National Team athletes elected by their peers to represent athletes to CC.
- **BMX FS:** BMX Freestyle, consisting of the Park and Flatland disciplines.
- **Category:** the category of riders as defined in the UCI regulations and specified in The Specific Nomination Criteria document. Categories include junior, U23 and elite. Sometimes also referred to as "classes."
- **CC:** Cycling Canada, the National Sport Organization (NSO) for cycling.
- **CCES:** the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, responsible for anti-doping in Canada.
- **Coach Panel:** The group of coaches responsible for making selection recommendations to the Selection Panel.
- **COC:** the Canadian Olympic Committee, the NOC for Canada.
- **Continental Championships:** The UCI-recognized continental championship in each cycling discipline. Canada is part of the Pan American Confederation and participates in the Pan American Championships.
- **Cycling Disciplines:** The sub-categories of competition within the sport of Cycling. These include Road, Track, Mountain Bike (MTB), BMX Race and BMX Freestyle (BMX FS).
- **Development Athlete:** Refers to athletes
 - 1) competing in the Junior or U23 age classes as defined by the UCI; or
 - 2) athletes 23 or older who have less than 5 full seasons of international cycling competition experience or the equivalent number of competitions in their discipline.Cycling Canada has sole authority to determine if an athlete is considered a Development athlete under subsection (2).
- **DHPS:** CC's Director of High Performance Services
- **Eligible athlete:** a rider who has satisfied the requirements to be nominated as defined in this document.
- **Event:** the different events held at competitions in a particular cycling discipline. For example, the Individual Time Trial and Road Race are events in Road Cycling.
- **Head Coach:** The coach who oversees Cycling Canada's National Coaches.
- **High Performance Operations Coordinator:** the person who makes logistical arrangements for National Team projects.
- **HPC:** CC's High Performance Committee
- **IF:** International Federation that is a member of the IOC and is responsible for governing a sport. The IF for cycling is the UCI.
- **ITT:** The Individual Time Trial discipline of road cycling.
- **In Writing:** communication in written form either as a posted letter or via email.
- **Internal Nomination Policy (INP):** The policy used to nominate athletes to National Team projects. Also referred to as Selection Criteria.
- **IOC:** The International Olympic Committee, which is the authority responsible for organizing the Olympic Games
- **Major Games:** Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games and Commonwealth Games.
- **National Team Coach:** A coach employed by Cycling Canada. ~~The Head Coach oversees Program coaches in their sport.~~
- **MTB DHI:** Mountain Bike Downhill
- **MTB XCO:** Mountain Bike Cross-Country Olympic.
- **National Coach, Discipline Lead:** the National Coach appointed as the lead for a given cycling discipline.
- **National Team:** A team of athletes nominated by CC to compete in an international competition wearing the Canadian National Team Uniform.



- **National Coach:** A coach employed by Cycling Canada who supervises athletes' preparation and who reports to the Head Coach.
- **Nations Cup:** A UCI series of international events contested mainly by national teams. There are Nations Cups in Track and Road cycling.
- **NOC:** National Olympic Committee that is a member of the IOC. The COC is the NOC for Canada.
- **Nomination Panel:** The group of coaches responsible for nominating athletes as part of a nomination process.
- **Nomination Criteria:** the criteria set out in Part B of this Policy and the Specific Nomination Criteria set out in the Specific Nomination Criteria document.
- **Nomination Date:** the date that nominations made by the CC Nomination Panel are announced, as specified in the Specific Nomination Criteria document.
- **NSO:** National Sport Organization that is a member of an NOC and an IF. Cycling Canada is the NSO for cycling in Canada.
- **Objective:** Cycling Canada's specific selection policies generally include an Objective for each Project, which will typically be either Development or Performance. For a given Project, the Categories and specific selection criteria are developed based on the Objective of that Project.
- **Performance Athlete:** Refers to athletes
 - 1) Who are 23 or older and competing in the Elite age class as defined by the UCI; and
 - 2) who have 5 or more full seasons of international cycling competition experience, or the equivalent number of competitions in their discipline.Cycling Canada has sole authority to determine if an athlete is considered a Performance athlete under subsection (2).
- **Personal coach:** A licensed coach not employed by Cycling Canada who is working with a National Team athlete.
- **Project:** a trip organized by CC for the National Team to do one or more competitions.
- **SDRCC:** Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada.
- **Selection Panel:** The individuals recommending and approving selection decisions.
- **Specific Nomination Criteria:** the criteria used to nominate athletes to a team for a given event.
- **RR:** The Road Race discipline of road cycling.
- **Team:** the group of riders that are selected to represent Canada in Events in each Category as defined in this Policy, also referred to as "**Canadian Team**" or "**National Team.**"
- **Team Leader:** The Team Leader is the coach, manager or other person designated by Cycling Canada to be responsible for the National Team on a Project. The Team Leader has final decision-making authority for the duration of the project. Note the term "team leader" can also refer to the athlete targeted to perform in the road race event; the other members of the team will be assigned roles to support the leader.
- **Track Endurance:** The endurance disciplines of track cycling: Team Pursuit, Omnium, Madison, Points Race, Scratch Race, Elimination Race, Individual Pursuit
- **Track Sprint:** The sprint disciplines of track cycling: Team Sprint, Sprint, Keirin, Time Trial
- **UCI Cycling Regulations:** the rules issued by UCI that regulate the sport of cycling.
- **UCI:** the International Cycling Union, which is the international association of national cycling federations of which CC is the national federation of Canada.
- **World championships:** the UCI-sanctioned World Championship held each year in each of the cycling sports.
- **World Cups:** A UCI series of international events contested by a mix of National Teams and Trade Teams. There are World Cups in Para-Cycling, Mountain Bike, BMX and Cyclo-Cross.