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# State and Territory Team Specific Selection Criteria

# Elite and J19 National Track Championships

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AUSCYCLING

## 1. PREAMBLE

i. AusCycling (AC) is the national body responsible for the sport of cycling in Australia as recognised by the International Cycling Union (UCI), the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) and Paralympics Australia (PA).

ii. Regardless of the cycling discipline, the UCI recognises AC as the sole body responsible for Cycling in Australia. AC holds all rights and is responsible for all selections for State and Territory Teams at National Championships.

iii. This Selection Policy applies to all athletes who are potentially eligible to be considered for selection in the J19 and Elite Track National Championships ('Championships').

## 2. GENERAL

Athletes will be required to earn State/Territory Team (STT) selection in accordance with this Policy.

1.1 **Selection Panel**: The State or Territory Selection Panel (Panel) for each Championship will select athletes who they consider in their absolute discretion will have the best chance of meeting one or more of the following objectives, with the Panel having absolute discretion as to the weighting given to these objectives:

- Athletes and/or combinations of athletes capable of achieving medal winning results at a Championships; and/or
- Athletes considered to be capable of supporting a team performance; and/or
- Potential to support the rider achieving results into the future.

The Panel for a STT will consist of three (3) to five (5) members that are determined by the State/Territory Operations Manager. The panel should include experts in coaching (Development Coach - Track or above), development and performance. The panel should seek gender balance.

**Role of the Panel**

i. Each Panel is responsible for considering athletes for selection in accordance with this selection criteria.

ii. Each Panel member will consider and vote on athlete selection in good faith, without bias and otherwise in accordance with these selection criteria. If the Panel cannot agree, the Head Coach will have the final selection decision.

iii. One individual on the panel shall perform the role of Chair of each Panel. The Chair shall be responsible for facilitating and monitoring procedures in accordance with these criteria and directing the administration of the processes of endorsement and advice to athletes.

iv. Athletes may be added or deleted from a STT at the sole discretion of the Panel, subject to their performances and obligations in accordance with these criteria.

2.2 **Performance Time Period**: 1 October 2026 until all 2027 State/Territory Track Championships have been completed.

2.3 **Team size**: There is no maximum or minimum team size. The total number of starters for a STT in any event is the number of Automatic Qualifiers plus the total number of Panel selected athletes (to maximum outlined in Appendix A).

Unless otherwise determined by the State/Territory Operations Manager, the Panel may exercise the right of AusCycling under this clause to not fill all event starts. Where athletes exceed qualified quotas, the Panel in its sole discretion will determine which athletes are to be selected.

Reserves may be identified. The Panel may reconvene at any time between selection and competition to replace a previously selected athlete for reasons which may include failure to maintain performance at the level which earned selection, or for non-compliance with the AusCycling Team Agreement.

2.4 **Eligible Athletes**: To be eligible for consideration for selection to a STT, athletes must:

i. A current J19 aged rider or older and be an Australian Citizen.

ii. Be recognised as 'Australian' by the UCI.

iii. Have the appropriate current racing membership issued by AusCycling or UCI license with an AUS designation.

iv. Their primary club must be within the selected State or Territory and must have lived in that State or Territory for at least 2 months prior to selection (unless exempted by AusCycling for genuine reasons).

v. Have read, signed and returned the execution page of the current STT Team Agreement.

vi. In the case of Elite or U23 selections: Have read, signed and returned the AC No Doping Declaration and declared that their circumstances have not changed since submitting the declaration.

vii. Have completed SIA Anti-Doping Education: To be eligible for consideration for selection, all athletes must be up to date and fully compliant with Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) e-learning, and therefore have completed, and be current at the end of the discipline nomination period, with all online updates. Please refer to: https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/education for more information.

viii. Agree to participate in and meet all competition, training and participation requirements as determined by the State/Territory Head Coach.

ix. Be compliant and remain compliant, with all of AusCycling's policies including the settlement of, or a payment plan in place, for all past levies.

x. Have not breached AC's Anti-Doping Policy as amended by AC from time to time (unless the Athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and completed the sanction imposed).

i. Have not, to AC's knowledge, used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in AC's Anti-Doping Policy (unless the athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed).Be willing to pay any levy that might be required as set by AusCycling.

ii. Not currently be suspended from the sport for any reason.

iii. Not currently be under investigation as a result of any indictable criminal charge (even where such charge has been or is proposed to be heard summarily) having been brought against them, nor be currently serving a penalty issued by a Court as a result of an indictable criminal charge being proven, unless he/she is able to satisfy the AC Board (at its sole discretion) that exceptional circumstances (in the context of the charge and/or penalty) apply. Where the

Board is satisfied that exceptional circumstances apply, the athlete may be considered for selection in accordance with this Selection Policy. Any request for the Board to consider an athlete's particular circumstances must be submitted to the Board in writing. The Board is not obliged to consider any request made under this clause.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Consideration for selection to the Championships STT is based upon achieving:

a. Times in Section 4.i.
b. Panel selection based on Section 4.ii. In this case, selectors may use absolute discretion to rank athletes according to some or all the factors in Clause 4.ii.

## 3. EVENTS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The Selection Panel will base track selection on the Rider's results/performances within the performance time period at:

- UCI Sanctioned events
- State or Territory Track Championships
- AusCycling National Track Championships
- Other Open Events

### i. Automatic Qualification

Any riders who meet the qualifying times listed in Table 1, within the Performance Period at events listed in Section 4. Riders are automatically selected for the STT and are eligible to compete in the event for which they achieved the qualifying time (subject to the General Eligibility Criteria in Selection Policy and Appeals Process for AusCycling National Championships State / Territory Teams).

**Table 1: Automatic Selection Qualification Times**

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|---|---|
| J19 Men 3000m Individual Pursuit | <3min 30.50sec |
| J19 Women 3000m Individual Pursuit | <4min.00.00sec |
| Elite Men 4000m Individual Pursuit | <4min 35.00sec |
| Elite Women 4000m Individual Pursuit | <5.00.00.00sec |
| J19 Men 1000m TT | <1min 09.00sec |
| J19 Women 1000m TT | <1min16.00sec |
| Elite Men 1000m TT | <1min 06.00sec |
| Elite Women 1000m TT | <1min14.00sec |
| J19 Men Flying 200m | <11.30sec |
| J19 Women Flying 200m | <12.60sec |

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| Elite Men Flying 200m | <10.40sec |
| Elite Women Flying 200m | <12.00 |

* Subject to *Australian Cycling Team Environmental Standardisation Protocol*

The winner of the State/Territory Points Race and Scratch Race for the J19 and Elite categories will receive automatic selection where there is a minimum of five (5) starters.

### ii. Panel Selection

The Selection Panel may select additional athletes who are not Automatic Qualifiers using the following criteria.

i. Podium performance history in key events (UCI, National Championships and State/Territory Championship/Open races).

ii. State or Territory Institute/Academy Coach (or delegated equivalent) assessment of the athlete's ambition and demonstrated commitment to their performance plan and objectives.

iii. The athlete's potential to contribute to team performances at the Championships.

iv. The athlete's performance trials and testing as directed by the Team Head Coach, in that discipline, or State or Territory Institute/Academy Head Coach.

v. The athlete's technical and tactical execution in training and competition.

vi. The athlete's consistency in training and performance against agreed objectives and/or benchmarks.

vii. The athlete's commitment to attendance, performance, attitude, conduct and performance behaviours in training or competition.

The maximum number of non-Automatic starters that can be selected is outlined in Appendix A.

The Panel may select riders based on their ability to support Team events.

## 4. STATE / TERRITORY CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION

i. A pre-requisite for selection, athletes must compete in the State/Territory State Track Championships event unless granted an exemption by the State Operations Manager. Requests must be made at least five (5) days prior to the Championships. In the case of riders from the Australian Capital Territory, they must compete at the New South Wales Championships.

ii. Non-medical exemptions will only be considered in extraordinary circumstances. Any such exemptions will be determined by the State/Territory Operations Manager.

iii. In the case of a medical reason a medical certificate must be provided prior to the Championships.

iv. Any exemptions may require the rider to ride an event qualifying time (as determined by the selection panel) to enable selection. The scheduling of such as event is to be arranged and agreed between the rider and the Panel (notice of inability to compete must be advised to the State/Territory Manager prior to the event being conducted.

v. All requests must be sent to track@auscycling.org.au.

## 5. SELECTIONS FOR FINAL START LIST

The Team Management (Team Manager and Coaches) will determine the final start list in each event at the National Championships and sent to track@auscycling.org.au at least 10 days before the start of the competition. Any rider who has made an automatic qualification standard and is fit to compete cannot be excluded by team management.

**These will be confirmed at Race Permanence after which there can only be changes on medical grounds.**

## 6. RATIFICATION OF TEAM

The final ratification of the selections will be the responsibility of the State/Territory Operations Manager (or delegated equivalent).

## 7. SCHEDULE FOR AUSCYCLING TRACK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM SELECTION

- Monday following State/Territory Championship – Final Selections made by AusCycling State/Territory Selection Panel for endorsement
- Wednesday following State/Territory Championships – Final team announced by AC State/Territory.
- 5 PM Friday following Team announcement (time zone of State or Territory) – closing date for appeals to be lodged against non-selection (refer to Section 12).

## 8. AMENDMENTS TO SELECTION CRITERIA

These selection criteria and any specific discipline criteria may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for in these criteria. All amendments must be approved by the AusCycling CEO and will be posted on the AusCycling website.

## 9. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

In considering athletes' performances under these criteria, the Panel may consider and approve "extenuating circumstances".

For the purposes of this clause, **extenuating circumstances** means an inability to compete, attend training camps or perform at an optimum level arising from:

- Injury or illness.
- Travel delays.
- Equipment failure.
- Bereavement or personal misfortune.
- Any other factors reasonably considered by the State/Territory GM to constitute extenuating circumstances.

A decision in each case of advised, possible extenuating circumstances may be made by the selection panel on an individual basis. The Panel is not obliged to consider any notification by an athlete under this clause 4. There is no appeal against any decision made in respect of extenuating circumstances.

## 10. COMMUNICATION

It is the responsibility of each athlete to indicate their desire to be selected for a STT.

## 11. APPEALS

An athlete may appeal against non-selection in a STT. The process for such appeal is as follows:

### 11.1 GROUNDS FOR APPEAL

An athlete may lodge an appeal against their non-selection solely on the ground that the Selection Panel failed to properly follow or apply the procedures set out in this Selection Policy. Appeals cannot be made against the merit, reasoning, or outcome of any selection decision.

i. An appeal must be:

   a. Submitted in writing to AusCycling via events@auscycling.org.au; and

   b. Lodged within 48 hours of the athlete being notified of their non-selection (in the relevant State/Territory time zone); and

   c. Accompanied by the prescribed fee of $250.

      i. Fees are refunded if the appeal does not proceed to hearing or if the appeal is upheld.

ii. The written appeal must include:

   (a) The specific selection decision being appealed;
   (b) The process that was allegedly not followed; and
   (c) A clear explanation of how the Panel is alleged to have failed to follow the Selection Policy.

iii. Payment details:

   i. AusCycling Ltd
   ii. BSB: 063–171
   iii. Account: 11 229 997

iv. An athlete may withdraw their appeal at any time by written notice.

**12.3 Initial Review**

Upon receiving a valid appeal:

i. The relevant State/Territory Operations Manager will:

   a. Confirm the appeal meets the required grounds and timelines; and

   b. Notify any other athlete(s) who may be affected by the outcome.

ii. The Selection Panel will be requested to provide a written statement outlining the process followed in making its original decision.

iii. Any affected athlete(s) may submit a written response for consideration.

**12.4 Appeal Meeting**

i. The State/Territory Operations Manager may convene an Appeal Meeting in a format they deem appropriate (in person or virtual).

ii. The following parties may attend:

a. The appellant and their parent or guardian;

b. Any affected athlete(s) and their parent or guardian;

c. Representatives of the Selection Panel;

d. Any other experts invited by the State/Territory Operations Manager.

iii. During the meeting, the State/Territory Operations Manager will:

a. Ensure all parties are given a fair opportunity to be heard;

b. Consider all written submissions and relevant information;

c. Determine whether a process error occurred.

**12.5 Decision**

i. The State/Territory Operations Manager will notify all affected parties of the decision within 24 hours of the appeal meeting or final consideration.

ii. Outcomes:

a. If no process error is found, the appeal is dismissed and the selection decision stands.

b. If a process error is confirmed, the matter is referred back to the Selection Panel with directions to reconsider the selection in accordance with the Policy.

iii. After reconsideration:

a. The Panel's new decision is final, and

b. No further appeal is available.

## APPENDIX A

## ELIGIBLE NUMBER OF STARTERS BY STATE / TERRITORY

**Automatic qualifiers count towards the competitor limit. If more than four qualify automatically, all automatic qualifiers may compete**

| Events | | Distance | No of Eligible Starters |
|---|---|---|---|
| **MEN** | Sprint | 750m | 4 – see Chart 1 item 1 |
| | Time Trial | 1000m | 4 – see Chart 1 item 1 |
| | Individual Pursuit | 4000m | 4 – see Chart 1 item 1 |
| | Points Race | 40km | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Scratch Race | 10km | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Keirin | 1500m | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Elimination | | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Team Sprint | 750m | 2 Teams – see Chart 1 item 3 |
| | Team Pursuit | 4000m | 2 Teams – see Chart 1 item 5 |

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| **J19 MEN** | Sprint | 750m | 4 – see Chart 1 item 1 |
| | Time Trial | 1000m | 4 – see Chart 1 item 1 |
| | Individual Pursuit | 3000m | 4 – see Chart 1 item 1 |
| | Points Race | 25km | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Scratch Race | 10km | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Keirin | 1500m | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Elimination | | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Team Sprint | 750m | 2 Teams – |
| | Team Pursuit | 4000m | 2 Teams – |

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| **WOMEN** | Sprint | 750m | 4 – see Chart 1 item 1 |
| | Time Trial | 1000m | 4 – see Chart 1 item 1 |
| | Individual Pursuit | 4000m | 4 – see Chart 1 item 1 |
| | Points Race | 25km | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Scratch Race | 7.5km | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Keirin | 1500m | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Elimination | | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Team Sprint | 750m | 2 Teams – see Chart 1 item 2 |
| | Team Pursuit | 4000m | 2 Teams – see Chart 1 item 4 |

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| **J19WOMEN** | Sprint | 750m | 4 – see Chart 1 item 1 |
| | Time Trial | 1000m | 4 – see Chart 1 item 1 |
| | Individual Pursuit | 3000m | 4 – see Chart 1 item 1 |
| | Points Race | 20km | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Scratch Race | 7.5km | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Keirin | 1500m | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Madison | 30km | 2 Teams |
| | Elimination | | 6 – see Chart 1 item 6 |
| | Team Sprint | 750m | 2 Teams |
| | Team Pursuit | 4000m | 2 Teams |

**CHART 1**

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| 1 | **State and Territories** that have more than the total eligible starters who have me the minimum qualification time in the Sprint, Time Trial and Individual Pursuit within the twelve months prior to the start of the Championships all of these riders may compete in the event in which they have qualified. |
| 2 | **Women's Team Sprint** includes 3 riders per Team and may be contested by a combination of Women, Junior under 19 Women or Masters Women. Up to 4 riders can be nominated with 3 starters in each round. |
| 3 | **Men's Team Sprint** includes 3 riders per Team and may be contested by a combination of Men, Junior under 19 Men or Masters Men. Up to 4 riders can be nominated with 3 starters in each round. |
| 4 | **Women's Team Pursuit** includes 4 riders per team and may contested by a combination of Women, Junior under 19 Women or Masters Women. Up to 6 riders can be nominated with 4 starters in each round. |
| 5 | **Men's Team Pursuit** will be 4 per Team and may be contested by a combination of Men, Junior under 19 Men or Masters Men. Up to 5 riders can be nominated with 4 starters in each round. |
| 6 | **Scratch Race, Points Race Elimination & Keirin**<br>States / Territories will nominate up to 6 riders to contest these events. Heats will be run if required. State Champion are automatically selected to compete in the Scratch & Points Race. |