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Before submitting an expression of interest, Athletes must read the [AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships-Olympic and Paralympic Sports \(the Policy\)](#) which details the selection process, objectives, eligibility and general selection criteria.

1. Athletes will be required to earn 2026 UCI Track World Championships Team (WCT) selection in accordance with the requirements set out in *the Policy*, and this discipline specific document of the AusCycling (AC) selection criteria.

2. ELITE OBJECTIVES

See clause 1 of *the Policy*.

3. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD

22 October 2025 – 2 August 2026 (inclusive)

4. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

To be eligible for nomination to the WCT, athletes **MUST** submit an expression of interest by the closing date listed at clause 10 of this document. The expression of interest form will be located at <https://auscycling.org.au/athlete-selection-policies/u23-elite-selection-policies>.

5. UCI QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT

The UCI Cycling Regulations - Part 9 World Championships relevantly state, at Article 9.2.027bis: *A Nation will only be allowed to enter a rider in a specific event of the Elite World Championships if the following conditions are fulfilled:*

- > *Where applicable, the nation must have participated in this specific event in at least one leg of the Nation's Cup of this season. This only applies when the specific events are scheduled at each leg of the Nation's Cup.*
- > *Where applicable, the nation must have participated in this specific event in the most recent Elite Continental Championships.*

The UCI may grant dispensation of one or several of these requirements for exceptional circumstances. The dispensation must be requested within three days following the end of the competition in question.

The selection panel will have regard to Australia's eligibility to enter riders for specific events at the Elite Track World Championships in accordance with the abovementioned regulations when making decisions about which Athletes should be selected to the WCT.

6. MANDATORY EVENT ATTENDANCE:

To be eligible for selection, Athletes must compete in the 2026 AusCycling Track National Championships or seek an extenuating circumstances exemption under clause 5 of *the Policy*. Any such applications for exemption due to extenuating circumstances should be lodged at least 7 days prior to the event or, if that is not possible, as soon as the inability to attend the event becomes known.

7. SELECTION EVENTS:

The selection panel will consider for selection any athletes who achieve the Performance Standards indicated at clause 8 for Elite Men and Elite Women in Olympic Events: Sprint, Keirin, Team Sprint, Team Pursuit, Omnium and Madison. Meeting the Performance Standards does not guarantee selection and all selection decisions are subject to *the Policy* where the Panel will select athletes who they consider, in their absolute discretion, will have the best chance of meeting one or more of the objectives stated in *the Policy*.

LEGEND

AC AusCycling

UCI Union Cycliste International

WCT World Championship Team

C1,C2 UCI Event Classification

Km Kilometre

Sec Second



8. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Competitions/ Trials [during performance time-period]	Disciplines	Performance Standards*	
		Elite Women	Elite Men
C1, C2	Sprint – Flying 200m	<10.50	<9.45
Oceania Championships Track National Championships	Team Sprint (standing start from gate)	<46.0	<42.00
World Cups World Championships	Team Sprint (Position 1) -250m (standing start from gate, any gear)	<18.9 (Q4 <3.62)	<17.2 (Q4 <3.24)
Commonwealth Games Olympic Games	Team Sprint (Position 2 & 3) -125m (standing start held)	<12.05 (>110" gear)	<11.10 (>110" gear)
Any Team Pursuit during the performance time period	Keirin	Podium Performance	
Any official AusCycling trial approved by the Discipline Head Coach during the performance time period	Team Pursuit (standing start from gate)	<4:16	<3:51
*all results are subject to <i>AusCycling Trial Recording and Environmental Standardisation Protocol</i> and recorded under 400m altitude and excluding Moscow velodrome for Sprint	Omnium	Podium Performance	
	Madison	Podium Performance	

9. TEAM EVENTS

For Team Sprint, Team Pursuit and Madison (team events) the selection Panel may consider an Athlete's contribution to the overall event performance, as determined by the National Head Coach for Acceleration and Action and/or the National Head Coach for Endurance.

For Team Pursuit selections, the selection panel may also consider Athlete performances in an event or trial approved by the Head Coach Endurance, that meet the performance standards indicated below in Individual Pursuit:

Elite Men Individual Pursuit <4:10
Elite Women 4km Individual Pursuit <4:38

The selection panel may at its discretion consider results achieved in other major national and international level track competitions within the performance time period such as UCI sanctioned international events, and AusCycling approved events including State Championships (for timed events only).

The selection panel may at its discretion consider Athletes for selection to the non-Olympic events; Individual Pursuit, Kilometre Time Trial, 500m Time trial, Points Race, Elimination Race, and Scratch Race, subject to Australia, and the Athletes, meeting Nation and UCI athlete nomination eligibility.

Where more Athletes meet the criteria than there are places available, the selection panel may use absolute discretion to rank Athletes according to the objectives in clause 1 of *the Policy* and the factors in clause 3.3 of *the Policy*.

10. SELECTION TIMELINES

Refer <https://auscycling.org.au/athlete-selection-policies/selection-calendar>

An athlete levy may apply. Estimated levy costs will be communicated at the time of selection.

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