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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 Para Cycling Road 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. OBJECTIVES

See clause 1 of **the Policy**.

3. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD

28 August 2025 - 15 May 2026 (inclusive)

4. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

To be eligible for selection to the WCT, non-categorised para cycling athletes **MUST** submit an expression of interest by the closing date listed at clause 8 of this document. The expression of interest form is located at <https://auscycling.org.au/athlete-selection-policies/u23-elite-selection-policies> from the published open date. Athletes who are already categorised under the AIS's National Athlete Categorisation Framework do not need to submit an expression of interest in order to be eligible for selection.

5. MANDATORY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

To be eligible for selection, athletes must:

- a) be internationally classified by the UCI, having been allocated a Para Cycling Classification Sport Class (other than Not Eligible) and Sport Class Status. Athletes who are not yet Para Cycling internationally classified (Sport Class Status New) may be

considered for selection on a conditional basis, provided they are nationally classified, confirmed as having an eligible impairment under the UCI Para Cycling Classification system and have a confirmed plan to present for international classification prior to or at the World Championships; and

- b) maintain an eligible Para Cycling Classification Sport Class (other than Not Eligible) and Sport Class Status. When an athlete's classification changes following selection (including reclassification or determination of Classification Not Complete or Not Eligible), AusCycling reserves the right to reassess the athlete's nomination and may withdraw selection where the athlete is no longer eligible or no longer competitive within the relevant Sport Class.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA:

The selection panel will consider for selection the athletes who achieved:

- a) a podium performance at the 2025 UCI Para Cycling Road World Championships, or 2026 Road World Cups; or
- b) during the Performance Time Period, the performance standard (times) specified in clause 7 for Road Time Trial at the 2026 AusCycling Para Cycling Road National Championships, 2026 Para Cycling Oceania Championships, UCI approved C1/C2 events or an approved performance trial as per Appendix A in the athlete's specific classification (B, C1-C5, H1-H5, T1-2).

Meeting either or both of the selection criteria in this clause 6 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**.



Pilots (Tandems)

For tandem teams, the recording of multiple performance standards as listed at clause 7 will only be considered valid by the selection panel where the same pilot and athlete pairing have recorded all performances; and

If a tandem team requires a change in pilot (after attainment of one or more of the criteria listed in clause 7) the final selection to the team will be at the selection panel's discretion and made pursuant to clause 1 of **the Policy**.

Selections are subject to **the Policy** where the Panel may, at their absolute discretion, consider Athletes for selection based upon their performances in the competitions/trials outlined in clause 7.

Athletes who attain one or more of the selection criteria at clause 6 and the performance standards at clause 7 may be ranked in order of priority for consideration pursuant to clauses 1 and 3 of **the Policy**.

Should more athletes satisfy clause 6 than available UCI Nation Starting Quota places, or should the number of athletes nominated be less than the available UCI Nation Starting Quota places starting positions at the World Championships, the selectors will determine the final team based on all or some of the following:

- a) athletes that are perceived to have multi-medal contesting capabilities; or
- b) race and training performances over the past 12 months; or
- c) the athlete's current UCI world ranking and demonstrated capacity to materially contribute to Paralympic quota qualification; or
- d) ability to fulfil the objectives of this selection criterion; or
- e) ability to field a medal capable Team Relay; or

- f) provide opportunities for riders to gain World Championships experience who are on a trajectory to be medal competitive for events at the LA2028 Paralympic Games, which shall take account of factoring and grouping.

7. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

Performance standards can only be recorded in competition or in sanctioned performance trials as determined below:

- a) National Federation competitions.
- b) UCI competitions.
- c) AusCycling approved performance trials as outlined in Appendix 1.

MEN		
Classification	Average km/hr	Average Distance
B	49.5	26.7km
C1	39.9	16.9km
C2	43.5	16.9km
C3	44.6	23km
C4	45.1	26km
C5	46.8	26km
H1	25.1	15.5km
H2	34.8	15.5km
H3	39.2	18.4km
H4	41.7	18.4km
H5	39.8	18.4km
T1	31.8	15.1km
T2	35.4	15.1km



WOMEN		
Classification	Average km/hr	Average Distance
B	42.9	24.7km
C1	31.4	15.3km
C2	36.5	16.9km
C3	37.9	16.9km
C4	38.9	20.1km
C5	40.1	20.1km
H1	14.1	11.6km
H2	19.8	12.7km
H3	33.3	15.9km
H4	33.1	15.9km
H5	32.4	15.9km
T1	24.6	15.1km
T2	29.7	15.1km

*The above performance standards are based on UCI World Cup and World Championships individual time trial (ITT) courses, which typically have a total elevation gain between 100-200 metres. Performances achieved on road ITT courses with total elevation gain outside this range (less than >100 metres or greater than <200 metres) will be evaluated by the National Selection Panel on an individual basis.

Achieving the time-based performance standards does not guarantee selection. Performance will be assessed in the context of the athlete's demonstrated potential to contribute to medal outcomes at the 2026 UCI Para Cycling Road World Championships.

8. SELECTION TIMELINES:

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

9. LEVIES

An athlete levy may apply to athletes selected outside the defined Australian Cycling Team size, including those identified for development opportunities. Any applicable levy and associated estimated costs will be communicated at the time of selection.

LEGEND

AC	AusCycling
B	Tandem division for visually impaired athletes with sighted pilot
C1-C5	Bicycle divisions with adaptations (if necessary)
H1-H5	Handcycle divisions
hr	Hour
ITT	Individual Time Trial
km	Kilometre
LA	Los Angeles
T1-T2	Tricycle divisions
UCI	Union Cycliste International
WCT	World Championship Team

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Appendix 1 – Para Cycling Road Performance Trials

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1. Guiding Principles

- 1.1 Flexibility and Accountability: AusCycling acknowledges that athletes may face extenuating circumstances (e.g., illness, injury, or restricted access to suitable competitions). Any performance trial undertaken must follow these protocols, be approved by the Head Coach Para Cycling, be subject to oversight, and be recorded under standardised conditions.
- 1.2 Primacy of Sanctioned Competition: AusCycling recognises results achieved in sanctioned road competitions as the most valid and reliable measure of athlete performance for selection to the UCI Para Road World Championships. Performance trials may be considered only when conducted within an existing UCI or AusCycling sanctioned competition (club or state-based competition) where accredited commissaires and an approved timing system are in place. Standalone or unsanctioned trials will not be accepted. Competition results will continue to be weighted more favourably in the selection process.
- 1.3 Fairness and Integrity: To protect the integrity of the selection process, all performance trials must occur under standardised, transparent, and regulated conditions that comply with UCI and AusCycling Road Regulations. Trials must be embedded within a sanctioned event to ensure consistency in course conditions, officiating, timing accuracy, road safety and competitiveness fairness.

2. Eligibility requirements for consideration of a performance:

- 2.1 The athlete must have a valid extenuating circumstance approved by the Head Coach Para Cycling (refer to clause 5 of the [AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships-Olympic and Paralympic Sports](#))
- 2.2 The conditions in which the performance is conducted must satisfy the following:
 - 2.2.1 Trials approved for the purpose of recording a time for Para Road World Championship Team selection consideration are to be conducted only within Union Cycliste International (UCI) or AusCycling (AC) sanctioned competition.
 - 2.2.2 Performances in the road individual time trial (ITT) will be considered and must be witnessed by at least one of the following: Head Coach Para Cycling, State Institute of Sport / State Academy of Sport (SISSAS), member of the relevant National Selection Committee, UCI Commissaire (for overseas trials) or a suitably experienced person nominated by the Head Coach Para Cycling.
 - 2.2.3 As per UCI Para Cycling Regulations, the bicycle (16.14.001-16.14.006), rider, clothing/helmet (16.10.002-16.003), event conditions (16.7.008-16.17.009) and performance must satisfy the UCI regulations for the event in question.



2.2.4 Compliance with the UCI regulations shall be determined by the commissaire as part of the approval protocol detailed in clause 3.1.1 of this Appendix. The commissaire must be officiating the competition in person.

3. Requirements for conducting an in-competition performance trial

- 3.1 Any person or organisation wishing to organise a trial inside a sanctioned competition for consideration for selection purposes must follow the procedure outlined below:
- 3.1.1 Application must be made in writing to the Head Coach Para Cycling [sheila.galloway@auscycling.org.au], and AusCycling's Head of Events [road@auscycling.org.au], at least 4 weeks in advance of the proposed date. Trials approved outside of that period will be at the discretion of the person responsible for approval.
- 3.1.2 The name and title of the appropriate witness (refer 2.2.2) must be included in the application along with the name of the competition, location and date of the trial.
- 3.1.3 The date of the performance trial must fall within the performance time period as per clause 3 of the discipline specific selection criterion.
- 3.2 If approved, the competition Commissaire will be made aware by the Head Coach Para Cycling and the Head of Events (Road) that a trial is being conducted for the purpose of Para Cycling Road World Championship selection consideration.

