

Discipline Specific Selection Criterion

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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 Elite 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. ELITE OBJECTIVES

See clause 1 of the *the Policy*.

3. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD

20 September 2025 – 2 August 2026 (inclusive)

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

The National Selection Panel may use absolute discretion in determining which Athlete(s), and the number of Athletes, will be selected as a protected Athlete(s) or support Athlete(s) for the Elite WCT. A protected Athlete will be supported by a team of Athletes, who will be required to implement specific roles to increase the probability that the race strategy is met. When selecting, the panel will use their discretion to consider:

- Athlete leadership and/or support roles in the events listed in clause 5;
- Athlete performance on courses and in conditions similar to those expected at the world championships*;
- The role the athlete could play in effective team strategy and cohesion;
- Number of athletes required to fulfill the roles to meet the race strategy.

*UCI World Tour GC results will not be considered

5. ROAD RACE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

If elite men or elite women attain **two or more podium performances** in a UCI 1 day World Tour event, or an individual stage in a World Tour event

during the performance time-period, they will be favourably considered for selection by the National Selection Panel.

6. INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

If an athlete achieves during the performance time period a podium performance in a time-trial at a UCI World Tour/UCI Women's World Tour (UCIWT/UCIWWT) and or World Championship competition that is a minimum 15km in length (Elite Men) or 10km in length (Elite Women) and the panel considers the course reflective of the world championship course profile (discretionary assessment of physical and technical demands), the panel may consider those results favorably when exercising their absolute discretion in selecting athletes to the individual time trial.

7. NON-OLYMPIC EVENT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MIXED TEAM RELAY)

Athletes who are selected members of the 2026 Road World Championships Team are eligible to compete in the Mixed Team Relay and may be selected at the discretion of the Head Coach Endurance, Sports Directors and Endurance Training Scientist.

8. 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*.

9. SELECTION TIMELINES

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

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| AC | AusCycling |
| UCI | Union Cycliste International |
| UCIWT | UCI World Tour (Men) |
| UCIWWT | UCI Womens World Tour |
| WCT | World Championship Team |

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