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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 U23 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. U23 OBJECTIVES

See clause 1 of *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 U23 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 athletes, the panel will use their discretion to consider:

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

\*UCI World Tour GC results will not be considered

U23 men who have participated in the Men's Elite individual Road Race or Time Trial (ITT) at a previous World Championships may not participate in the individual road race for Under 23 riders. Under 23 riders who are registered with a UCI World Team or a UCI ProTeam are not authorised to participate in the individual road race and time trial for Under 23 riders. [UCI article 9.2.013 and 9.2.020]

Such restriction does not apply to under 23 riders registered as trainees with UCI World Teams or UCI Pro Teams according to articles 2.15.110b or 2.16.033.

For U23 women who have participated in the Women Elite individual road race or elite ITT at previous World Championships may not participate in the Women Under 23 individual road race or ITT. [UCI article 9.2.015 and 9.2.020.]

#### 5. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The Panel may use absolute discretion in determining which Athlete(s), and the number of Athletes, may be considered for selection for the U23 Men's and the U23 Women's Road Race and ITT during the performance time period. The National Selection Panel may or may not consider the event performances listed below:

##### U23 Men - Events

- a) Top 10 performances in UCI Elite or U23 1.1/ 1.2 events or higher
- b) Top 10 performances in UCI Nations Cups
- c) Winner of National U23 Road Race or U23 ITT

##### U23 Men - Individual Time Trial

- a) For all ITT events, 15km is a minimum distance for the Panel to consider a valid performance.
- b) Favourable consideration for time trial places may be given to those athletes who achieve during the Performance Time Period, a podium performance in a time trial on a course that the panel considers is reflective of the world championships course profile (discretionary assessment of physical and technical demands).



### U23 Women – Events

- a) Top 10 performances in UCI Elite or U23 1.1/ 1.2 events or higher
- b) Winner of National U23 Road Race or U23 ITT

### U23 Women – Individual Time Trial

- a) For all ITT events, 10km is a minimum distance for the panel to consider a valid performance
- b) Favourable consideration for time trial places may be given to those athletes who achieve during the Performance Time Period, a podium performance in a time trial on a course that the panel considers is reflective of the world championships course profile (discretionary assessment of physical and technical demands).

### LEGEND

AC	AusCycling
ITT	Individual Time Trial
UCI	Union Cycliste International
UCIWT	UCI World Tour (Men)
UCIWWT	UCI Womens World Tour
WCT	World Championship Team

## 6. NON-OLYMPIC EVENT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MIXED TEAM RELAY):

Athletes who are a selected member 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 Director and Endurance Training Scientist.

- 7. 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*.

## 8. SELECTION TIMELINES:

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

- 9. Estimated levy costs will be communicated at the time of selection.

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