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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 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. OBJECTIVES

See clause 1 of **the Policy**.

### 3. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD

22 October 2025 – 30 April 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 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 Track World Championships; or

b) a world record during the Performance Time Period in a track event and classification that will be held at the 2026 Para Cycling Track World Championships; or

c) during the Performance Time Period, the performance standard (times) specified in clause 7 at the 2026 Australian Para Cycling Track National Championships, 2026 Para Cycling Track Oceania Championships, UCI approved C1/C2 events, or an approved performance trial in the athlete's specific classification (B, C1-C5).



Meeting any or all 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 Table 1 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 6) 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 clause 1 and clause 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 more 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 Paralympics quota qualification; or
- d) ability to fulfil the objectives of this selection criteria; or
- e) ability to field medal capable Team Sprints; or
- f) provide opportunities for athletes to gain World Championship 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:**

The Performance Standards listed at Table 1 can only be recorded in:

- a) National Federation competitions.
- b) UCI competitions.
- c) AusCycling approved performance trials that comply with the AusCycling Trial Recording and Environmental Standardisation Protocol, available <https://auscycling.org.au/athlete-selection-policies/u23-elite-selection-policies>.

Achievement of the time-based performance standards at Appendix 1 does not guarantee selection. All performances will be assessed in the context of the athlete's demonstrated potential to contribute to medal outcomes at the 2026 UCI Para Cycling Track 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.



**TABLE 1 - PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

C class	Time Trial (1km)		Scratch Race (10km)		Sprint (F200m)*	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
C1	1:15.71	1:48.19	42.7 km/hr	39.7 km/hr	13.07	16.64
C2	1:12.39	1:21.48	44.1 km/hr	39.7 km/hr	12.17	14.62
C3	1:08.76	1:19.54	46.3 km/hr	40.7 km/hr	11.65	13.75
C4	1:06.89	1:15.28	46.6 km/hr	42.9 km/hr	11.41	12.88
C5	1:05.69	1:14.63	48.3 km/hr	42.9 km/hr	11.04	12.39

**Mixed Team Sprint C1-5**

Selection in the Mixed C1-5 Team Sprint will be informed by a combination of team-based and individual performance benchmarks.

Team Sprint results <51.54	<p><b>Positional benchmarks:</b>                  Position 1 – 250m (standing gate start) &lt;21.54                  Position 2 and 3 &lt;14.92</p>
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The Selection Panel may consider athlete performances in the Flying 200m and 1km Time Trial when determining final team composition. **\*Flying 200m** performance standards apply specifically to Mixed Team Sprint selection to assess athlete suitability for Team Sprint roles and inform final team composition, rather than for standalone event selection.

**Note:** no objective performance standard has been established for the Elimination event due to its recent introduction and the high variability in World Championship outcomes resulting from crashes, race neutralisations and small field sizes, which prevent the development of a statistically robust benchmark at this point in time. Athletes selected in the Kilo and/or Scratch Race may be considered for the Elimination.

Tandem	Sprint (F200m)		Individual Pursuit (4km)		Time Trial (1km)*	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
B	10.11	11.42	4:10.05	4:37.30	1:01.46	1:08.20

**Note:** as the Tandem Kilo and Tandem Team Sprint are non-Paralympic Games events, selection in these events is at the discretion of the Panel. Athletes may be selected where participation supports AusCycling’s LA2028 qualification strategy and aligns with World Championship Team (WCT) performance objectives.

**LEGEND**

AC	AusCycling	hr	Hour
B	Tandem for visually impaired athletes with sighted pilot	LA	Los Angeles
C	Bicycle divisions with adaptations (if necessary)	m	Metre
km	Kilometre	UCI	Union Cycliste International
		WCT	World Championship Team

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