

Discipline Specific Selection Criterion

2025 UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Elite Men & Women, U23 Men & Women

21-28 September 2025, Kigali, Rwanda

1. General

- I.1 Athletes will be required to earn 2025 UCI Road World Championships Team selection in accordance with clause 1 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*, and this discipline specific document of the AusCycling (AC) selection criteria.
- a) In the unlikely circumstances that the location of the UCI Road World Championships is changed by the UCI, AC reserves the right to review and change the composition of the 2025 Road World Championship Team based on the new location of the Road World Championships and its course demands.
- I.2 Objectives: See clause 1 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*.
- I.3 Performance Time Period:
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| Elite men and women: | 1 August 2024 – 3 August 2025 |
| U23 men and women: | 1 August 2024 – 23 July 2025 |
- I.4 As per clause 3.2.4 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*, athletes may be added or removed from a World Championship Team at the sole discretion of the Panel, subject to their performances and obligations in accordance with the clause 2.2 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*.
- I.5 Team size: Refer to clause 3.3 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*.

2. Selection Eligibility

- 2.1 Subject always to the AusCycling Selection policy for UCI World Championships, consideration for selection to the 2025 Road World Championships Team may be based upon eligible Athletes' performances in UCI World Tour events* during the performance time-period.
- 2.2 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 Road World Championships Team. 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.
- 2.3 The Chair of the National Selection Panel may consider the approval of extenuating circumstances where an athlete has an inability to compete, attend training camps or perform at an optimum level. Extenuating circumstances will only be considered when an athlete follows the process identified in clause 6 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*.

**UCI World Tour GC results will not be considered*



3. Selection Events and Performance Standards

(Road Race, Time Trial, Mixed Team Relay)

3.1 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.

3.2 Elite men or elite women athletes may be nominated based on clause 2.2 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships* and on any, all, or none of the following factors, at the absolute discretion of the National Selection Panel, which may or may not be exercised:

- a) Leadership and/or support roles in the events listed in 3.1;
- b) Performance on courses and in conditions similar to those expected at the 2025 Road World Championships*;
- c) Team cohesion
- d) Effective team communication
- e) The number of athletes required to fulfill the roles to meet the race strategy.

**UCI World Tour GC results will not be considered*

3.3 Men's Road Individual Time Trial

- 3.3.1 If a rider achieves a podium performance in a time-trial at a UCI World Tour (UCIWT) and or World Championship competition that is a minimum 15km in length during the performance time period and the Selectors considers that the course reflected the course profile (discretionary assessment of physical and technical demands) of the 2025 Road World Championships, Selectors may consider those results favorably when exercising their absolute discretion in selecting riders.
- 3.3.2 Favourable consideration for time trial places may also be given to those riders who can demonstrate the ability to achieve the following performance standard on **two occasions** within the performance time period.

Performance Standards Men	Protocols
101 w.kg ^{0.32}	30 min performance trial on a course elevation profile similar to that of the 2025 Road World Championship ITT course (course to be approved by Head Coach Endurance and/or Endurance Training Scientist. (All trial data to be provided to Endurance Training Scientist by close of the performance time period).

3.4 Women's Road Individual Time Trial

- 3.4.1 If a rider achieves a podium performance in a time trial at a UCI Women's World Tour (UCIWWT) and or World Championship competition that is a minimum 10km in length during the performance time period and the Selectors consider that the course reflected the course profile (discretionary assessment physical and technical demands) of the 2025 Road World Championships, Selectors may consider those results favourably when selecting riders.



- 3.4.2 Favourable consideration for time trial places may also be made to those riders who can demonstrate the ability to achieve the following performance standard on two occasions within the performance time period.

Performance Standards Women	Protocols
73 w.kg ^{0.32}	30 min performance trial on course elevation profile similar to that of the 2025 Road World Championship ITT course (course to be approved by Head Coach Endurance and/or Endurance Training Scientist. (All trial data to be provided to Endurance Training Scientist by close of the performance time period))

3.5 Elite Non-Olympic Events (Mixed team Relay)

- 3.5.1 Athletes who are a member of the 2025 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.

3.6 U23 Men

- 3.6.1 Under 23 riders who have participated in the Men's Elite individual road race or time-trial 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. 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. [UCI article 9.2.013 and 9.2.020].

- 3.6.2 The National Selection 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 Road Race and ITT during the performance time period. The National Selection Panel **may or may not** consider the event performances listed in 3.6.3.

3.6.3 U23 Events (Men)

- Top 10 performances in UCI Elite or U23 1.1/ 1.2 events or higher
- Top 10 performances in UCI Nations Cups
- Winner of National U23 Road Race or U23 ITT
- For all ITT events, 15km is a minimum distance for the National Selection Panel to consider a valid performance. Favourable consideration for time trial places may also be made to those riders who can demonstrate the ability to achieve the following performance standard on two occasions within the performance time period.

Performance Standards Men	Protocols
101 w.kg ^{0.32}	30 min performance trial on a course elevation profile similar to that of the 2025 Road World Championship ITT course (course to be approved by Head Coach Endurance and/or Endurance Training Scientist. (All trial data to be provided to Endurance Training Scientist by close of the performance time period)).



3.7 U23 Women

- 3.7.1 Women Under 23 riders who have participated in the Women Elite individual road race at previous World Championships may not participate in the Women Under 23 individual road race [UCI article 92.015].
- 3.7.2 The National Selection Panel may use absolute discretion in determining which Athlete(s), and the number of Athletes, may be considered for selection for 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 in 3.7.3.
- 3.7.3 **U23 Events (Women)**
- Top 10 performances in UCI Elite or U23 1.1/ 1.2 events or higher
 - Winner of National U23 Road Race or U23 ITT
 - For all ITT events, 10km is a minimum distance for the National Selection Panel to consider a valid performance
 - Favourable consideration for time trial places may also be made to those riders who can demonstrate the ability to achieve the following performance standard on two occasions within the performance time period.

Performance Standards Women	Protocols
$73 \text{ w.kg}^{0.32}$	30 min performance trial on course elevation profile similar to that of the 2025 Road World Championship ITT course (course to be approved by Head Coach Endurance and/or Endurance Training Scientist. (All trial data to be provided to Endurance Training Scientist by close of the performance time period))



4. Schedule for World Championships Team Selection

- 4.I The timeframes for the selection process of the World Championships Team to contest the 2025 UCI Road World Championships are:

Selection Timelines – U23 Men and Women

- Sunday, 27 July 2025 (5PM AEST) – Deadline for submission of recorded performances for selection purposes (AusCycling internal deadline)
- Thursday, 31 July 2025 (5PM AEST) – Final team selections forwarded to AusCycling CEO for endorsement
- Tuesday, 5 August 2025 (5PM AEST) – Athletes receive confidential notification of selection / non-selection to the U23 Road World Championships Team
- Thursday, 7 August 2025 (5PM AEST) – Closing date for appeals to be lodged against non-selection (refer to the *AusCycling Selection Appeals Policy for UCI World Championships*, clause 7)
- Week of Monday, 11 August 2025- Week scheduled for appeal hearings, if required
- Week of Monday, 25 August 2025 - Final U23 Road World Championship Team announced by AusCycling

Selection Timelines – Elite Men and Women

- Tuesday, 5 August 2025 (5PM AEST) – Deadline for submission of recorded performances for selection purposes (AusCycling internal deadline)
- Friday, 8 August 2025 (5PM AEST) – Final team selections forwarded to AusCycling CEO for endorsement.
- Tuesday, 12 August 2025 (5PM AEST) – Athletes receive confidential notification of selection / non-selection to the Elite Road World Championships Team
- Thursday, 14 August 2025 (5PM AEST) – Closing date for appeals to be lodged against non-selection (refer to the *AusCycling Selection Appeals Policy for UCI World Championships*, clause 7)
- Week of Monday, 18 August 2025 - Week scheduled for appeal hearings, if required
- Week of Monday 25 August 2025 - Final Elite Road World Championship Team announced by AusCycling.

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AusCycling Selection Website:

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Legend

AEST	Australian Eastern Standard Time
GC	General Classification
ITT	Individual Time Trial
NRS	National Road Series
UCI	Union Cycliste International

UCIWT	Union Cycliste International World Tour
UCIWWT	Union Cycliste International Women's World Tour
U23	Under 23 Category

Changes from 2024 Version

Date	Update
26 May 2025	Clause 1.1a) added Clause 3.2 updated to include addition of "individual stage in world tour event" Clause 3.6.1 updated to reflect UCI regulations Clause 3.7 new selection criteria and performance standards for U23 Women
28 May 2025	Clause 3.6.3 and 3.7.3 removed Winner of Oceania U23 Road Race or U23 ITT



