

# State and Territory Team Selection Criteria

Junior Road  
Sunshine Coast  
September 17-20  
2026



## 1. PREAMBLE

- i. AusCycling (AC) is the national body responsible for the sport of cycling in Australia as recognised by the International Cycling Union (UCI), the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) and Paralympics Australia (PA).
- ii. Regardless of the cycling discipline, the UCI recognises AC as the sole body responsible for Cycling in Australia. AC holds all rights and is responsible for all selections for State and Territory Teams at National Championships.
- iii. This Selection Policy applies to all athletes who are potentially eligible to be considered for selection in the Junior 17 and Junior 15 Road National Championships ('Championships').

## 2. GENERAL

Athletes will be required to earn State/Territory Team (STT) selection in accordance with this Policy.

### 2.1 Selection Panel:

The State or Territory Selection Panel (Panel) for each Championship will select athletes who they consider in their absolute discretion will have the best chance of meeting one or more of the following objectives, with the Panel having absolute discretion as to the weighting given to these objectives:

- Athletes and/or combinations of athletes capable of achieving medal winning results at a Championships; and/or;
- Athletes considered to be capable of supporting a team performance; and/or;
- Potential to support the rider achieving results into the future.

The Panel for a STT will consist of three (3) to five (5) members that are determined by the State/Territory Operations Manager. The panel should include experts in coaching (Development Coach - Road or above), development and performance. The panel should seek to have a gender balance.

### Role of the Panel

- i. Each Panel is responsible for considering athletes for selection in accordance with this selection criteria.
- ii. Each Panel member will consider and vote on athlete selection in good faith, without bias and otherwise in accordance with these selection criteria. If the Panel cannot agree, the Head Coach will have the final selection decision.
- iii. One individual on the panel shall perform the role of Chair of each Panel. The Chair shall be responsible for facilitating and monitoring procedures in accordance with these criteria and directing the administration of the processes of endorsement and advice to athletes.



iv. Athletes may be added or deleted from a STT at the sole discretion of the Panel, subject to their performances and obligations in accordance with these criteria.

2.2 **Performance Time Period:** 1 January 2026 until all 2026 State/Territory Road Championships have been completed.

2.3 **Team size:** There is no maximum or minimum total team size. The maximum total number of starters for a STT is 4 per event, age group and gender. Riders may be selected for one or more events and may compete as a non-state team member in events they are not selected to compete in.

Reserves may be identified. The Panel may reconvene at any time between selection and competition to replace a previously selected athlete for reasons which may include failure to maintain performance at the level which earned selection, or for non-compliance with the AusCycling Team Agreement.

2.4 **Eligible Athletes:** To be eligible for consideration for selection to a STT, athletes must:

- i. Hold a current J17 or J15 aged athlete who has resided in Australia on or before 1 January 2026 and hold a valid AusCycling Racing Membership.
- ii. Have the appropriate current racing membership issued by AusCycling or UCI license with an AUS designation.
- iii. Their primary club must be within the selected State or Territory and must have lived in that State or Territory for at least 2 months prior to selection (unless exempted by AusCycling for genuine reasons).
- iv. Have read, signed and returned the execution page of the current STT Team Agreement.
- v. Agree to participate in and meet all competition, training and participation requirements as determined by the State/Territory Head Coach.
- vi. Not have breached the Anti-Doping Policies of UCI or AC nor have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed. For the purpose of considering eligibility for selection, a breach of an Anti-Doping Policy may include:
  - i. An athlete currently under investigation for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) where an infraction notice has been issued or the athlete has been stood down under UCI and/or AC Anti-Doping Policies; or
  - ii. A failure to comply with an athlete's obligations under either UCI or AC Anti-Doping Policy, even if such a breach does not result in an ADRV.
- vii. Not currently be suspended from the sport for any reason.
- viii. Not have served a period of suspension of two years or more for:
- ix. having been found guilty of an ADRV; or any other rule breach.
- x. Not currently be under investigation as a result of any indictable criminal charge (even where such charge has been heard summarily) having been brought against them, nor be currently serving a penalty issued by a Court as a result of an indictable criminal charge being proven, unless he/she is able to satisfy the AC Board (at its sole discretion) that exceptional circumstances (in the context of the charge and/or penalty)



apply. Where the AC Board is satisfied that exceptional circumstances apply, the athlete may be considered for selection in accordance with these selection criteria. Any request for the Board to consider an athlete's particular circumstances must be submitted to the AusCycling CEO in writing at least 3 weeks prior to selection. The Board is not obliged to consider any request made under this clause.

- xi. Not have any outstanding invoices or racing suspensions with AusCycling.
- xii. Be willing to pay any levy that might be required as set by AusCycling.

### **3. CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA**

- a. Consideration for selection to the 2026 State or Territory Junior Road Team (STT) may be based upon:
  - i. Performances at:
    - State or Territory Road Championships
    - Previous AusCycling National Road Championships
    - other State or Territory Open Events
  - ii. The Selectors may select riders based on a mixture of talent and may include sprinters, time trialists, one day riders, hill climbers and domestiques, as best suits the Team's objectives and the features of the course. They may consider:
    - Podium performance history in key events (National Championships, State Championships, State Series).
    - State or Territory Institute/Academy Coach (or delegated equivalent) assessment of the athlete's ambition and demonstrated commitment to their performance plan and objectives.
    - The athlete's potential to contribute to team performances at the Championships.
    - The athlete's performance trials and testing as directed by the Team Head Coach, in that discipline, or State or Territory Institute/Academy Head Coach.
    - The athlete's technical and tactical execution in training and competition.
    - The athlete's consistency in training and performance against agreed objectives and/or benchmarks.
    - The athlete's commitment to attendance, performance, attitude, conduct and performance behaviours in training or competition.



#### **4. STATE / TERRITORY CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION**

- i. A pre-requisite for selection, athletes must compete in the State/Territory State Road Championships event unless granted an exemption by the State Operations Manager\*. Requests must be made at least five (5) days prior to the Championships.
- ii. Non-medical exemptions will only be considered in extraordinary circumstances. Any such exemptions will be determined by the State/Territory Operations Manager.
- iii. In the case of a medical reason a medical certificate must be provided prior to the Championships.
- iv. All requests must be sent to [events@auscycling.org.au](mailto:events@auscycling.org.au)

#### **5. SELECTIONS FOR FINAL START LIST**

The Team Management (Team Manager and Coaches) will determine the final start list in each event at the National Championships. These will be confirmed at Race Permanence after which there can only be changes on medical grounds.

#### **6. RATIFICATION OF TEAM**

The final ratification of the selections will be the responsibility of the State/Territory Operations Manager (or delegated equivalent).

#### **SCHEDULE FOR AUSCYCLING ROAD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM SELECTION**

By Wednesday following State/Territory Championship – Final Selections made by AusCycling State/Territory Selection Panel for endorsement and the Final team announced by AC State/Territory.

5 PM Friday following Team announcement (time zone of State or Territory) – closing date for appeals to be lodged against non-selection (refer to Section 10).

#### **7. AMENDMENTS TO SELECTION CRITERIA**

These selection criteria and any specific discipline criteria may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for in these criteria. All amendments must be approved by the AusCycling CEO and will be posted on the AusCycling website.

#### **8. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

In considering athletes' performances under these criteria, the Panel may consider and approve "extenuating circumstances".

For the purposes of this clause, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, attend training or perform at an optimum level arising from:

- Injury or illness.



- Travel delays.
- Equipment failure.
- Bereavement or personal misfortune.

Any other factors reasonably considered by the State/Territory Operations Manager to constitute extenuating circumstances.

A decision in each case of advised, possible extenuating circumstances may be made by the selection panel on an individual basis. The Panel is not obliged to consider any notification by an athlete under this clause 9. There is no appeal against any decision made in respect of extenuating circumstances.

## **9. COMMUNICATION**

It is the responsibility of each athlete via their parent / guardian to indicate their desire to be selected for a STT.

## **10. APPEALS**

An athlete may appeal against non-selection in a STT. The process for such appeal is as follows:

### **10.1 Grounds for Appeal**

An athlete may lodge an appeal against their non-selection solely on the ground that the Selection Panel failed to properly follow or apply the procedures set out in this Selection Policy. Appeals cannot be made against the merit, reasoning, or outcome of any selection decision.

- i. An appeal must be:
  - a. Submitted in writing to AusCycling via [events@auscycling.org.au](mailto:events@auscycling.org.au); and
  - b. Lodged within 48 hours of the athlete being notified of their non-selection (in the relevant State/Territory time zone); and
  - c. Accompanied by the prescribed fee of \$250.
    - i. Fees are refunded if the appeal does not proceed to hearing or if the appeal is upheld.
- ii. The written appeal must include:
  - (a) The specific selection decision being appealed;
  - (b) The process that was allegedly not followed; and
  - (c) A clear explanation of how the Panel is alleged to have failed to follow the Selection Policy.
- iii. Payment details:
  - i. AusCycling Ltd
  - ii. BSB: 063–171
  - iii. Account: 11 229 997
- iv. An athlete may withdraw their appeal at any time by written notice.



## 10.2 Initial Review

Upon receiving a valid appeal:

- i. The relevant State/Territory Operations Manager will:
  - a. Confirm the appeal meets the required grounds and timelines; and
  - b. Notify any other athlete(s) who may be affected by the outcome.
- ii. The Selection Panel will be requested to provide a written statement outlining the process followed in making its original decision.
- iii. Any affected athlete(s) may submit a written response for consideration.

## 10.3 Appeal Meeting

- i. The State/Territory Operations Manager may convene an Appeal Meeting in a format they deem appropriate (in person or virtual).
- ii. The following parties may attend:
  - a. The appellant and their parent or guardian;
  - b. Any affected athlete(s) and their parent or guardian;
  - c. Representatives of the Selection Panel;
  - d. Any other experts invited by the State/Territory Operations Manager.
- iii. During the meeting, the State/Territory Operations Manager will:
  - a. Ensure all parties are given a fair opportunity to be heard;
  - b. Consider all written submissions and relevant information;
  - c. Determine whether a process error occurred.

## 10.4 Decision

- i. The State/Territory Operations Manager will notify all affected parties of the decision within 24 hours of the appeal meeting or final consideration.
- ii. Outcomes:
  - a. If no process error is found, the appeal is dismissed and the selection decision stands.
  - b. If a process error is confirmed, the matter is referred to the Selection Panel with directions to reconsider the selection in accordance with the Policy.
- iii. After reconsideration:
  - a. The Panel's new decision is final, and
  - b. No further appeal is available.

\*The State Operations Manager may have a designated delegate.