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AusCycling Nomination Policy

2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games
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1. Application of this Nomination Policy

1.1 This Nomination Policy is issued by the Board of the NSO.

1.2 This Nomination Policy shall take effect from 8 August 2025 and conclude on 9 June 2026.

1.3 This Nomination Policy applies to:

- (a) all Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team to compete in a Sport Event; and
- (b) the NSO, including its Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to CGA to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

1.4 The Performance Time-Period will be:

- (i) Para Cycling: 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 [The retrospective start date of 1 January 2025 has been set due to limited opportunities for suitable Para Cycling selection-calibre events to be held in time for consideration for the 2026 Games]
- (ii) Track Cycling: 1 August 2025 – 30 April 2026

2. Performance Aim for the Games

2.1 The Games represent the pinnacle of athletics achievement within Commonwealth nations.

2.2 The NSO will nominate Athletes that will assist Australia achieve its aspiration for Australia “to be the No. 1 nation in both gold and overall medals at the 2026 Commonwealth Games”.

2.3 The NSO’s performance aims for the Games within the NSO’s high performance strategy are:

- (a) To be the No. 1 nation on the cycling medal table in both gold and overall medals.

3. Selectors

3.1 The Selectors have been appointed by the Board.

3.2 The Selectors will consider and determine the nomination of Athletes to CGA to be considered for selection by CGA for the Games Team. For Para Cycling, the Selection Panel will only convene to consider athlete nominations to CGA for bipartite invitations, or if cycling is allocated a bipartite slot that has not been pre-named, in accordance with the Athlete Allocation System (refer Schedule 2).

The selection panels shall comprise of the following members:

Para Cycling Track Selection Panel

- (a) Jesse Korf, Executive General Manager, Performance – Selector & Chair of Selectors;
- (b) Paul Brosnan, Director of Operations, Performance – Selector;
- (c) Rik Fulcher, Team Operations Manager, Performance – Selector;
- (d) Sheila Galloway, Head Coach Para Cycling – Selector; and
- (e) Peter Day, AC Board Appointed Independent – Selector.

Track Selection Panel

- (f) Jesse Korf, Executive General Manager, Performance – Selector & Chair of Selectors;
- (g) Donna Rae-Szalinski, Director of Pathways – Selector;
- (h) Paul Brosnan, Director of Operations, Performance - Selector
- (i) Conor Taylor, Head Coach Endurance – Selector;
- (j) Eric Haakonssen, Head Coach Action and Acceleration – Selector; and
- (k) Scott McGrory, AC Board Appointed Independent – Selector.

4. Nomination Procedure

4.1 Eligibility for Nomination

An Athlete will not be eligible for nomination by the Selectors unless the Athlete has first satisfied (to the reasonable satisfaction of the Selectors) each of the following conditions:

- (a) the Athlete is an Australian citizen;
- (b) the Athlete is a member of the NSO or eligible to represent the NSO;
- (c) the Athlete has duly completed, signed and returned the Athlete Agreement to CGA prior to the Nomination Date;
- (d) the Athlete has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the NSO that they are not suffering from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard;
- (e) the Athlete has not by their actions or omissions brought themselves, the Sport, the NSO or the CGA into public disrepute, censure or scandal;
- (f) the Athlete has disclosed any current / ongoing investigations regarding potential breaches of any other national sporting organisation's policies as well as any substantiated / determined breaches of any other national sporting organisation's policies to both CGA and the NSO;
- (g) the matters disclosed by the Athlete pursuant to clause 4.1(f) are not of a nature or severity that could bring the Athlete, the NSO or the CGA into disrepute, scandal or censure or put others at risk if the Athlete were to be selected to the Games Team;
- (h) the Athlete has not breached the CGA Anti-Doping By-Law as amended by CGA from time to time (unless the Athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and completed the sanction imposed); and
- (i) the Athlete has not, to the NSO's knowledge, used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in the NSO's, the CGF's or the CGA's Anti-Doping By-law.

4.2 **Nomination Procedure for Qualification System Sports [Para Cycling – Track]**

- (a) Australia must qualify for places in each Sport Event in accordance with the Qualification System for the Games (**Athlete Allocation System – refer Schedule 2**).
- (b) Qualification for a place in any Sport Event(s) by an Athlete does not guarantee that the Athlete will be nominated by the NSO or selected by CGA to compete in the relevant Sport Event at the Games unless specified in the Athlete Allocation System.

4.3 **Nomination Procedure for Open Athlete Allocation Sports [Cycling – Track]**

- (a) The CGF has set athlete quota restrictions for the Games and has advised CGA that the total number of "open athlete allocation" slots for Australia is 158.
- (b) CGA has allocated a total of 18 of the 158 slots to the NSO. The slots allocated to the NSO are for able bodied athletes only.
- (c) The number of Athletes that may be nominated by the NSO for an Athlete Allocation Sport must not exceed the number of Athletes that are permitted to be nominated under the Athlete Allocation System and as specified in clause 4.3(b) above.

5. **Nomination Criteria**

5.1 **Categories of Nomination Criteria**

- (a) The criteria for nomination of Athletes by the NSO to CGA for selection to the Games Team comprise:
 - (i) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria (as specified in clause 5.2); and
 - (ii) the Specific Nomination Factors (as specified in clause 5.3).
- (b) Provided the requirements set out in clauses 5.2 and 5.3 are satisfied, the Selectors shall nominate to CGA, prior to the Nomination Date, those Athletes that the Selectors consider have met the applicable Nomination Criteria.

5.2 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria**

- (a) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete for a Sport Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that:
 - (i) the Athlete has a track record of quality and depth;
 - (ii) the NSO is confident that the Athlete will be competitive at the Games; and
 - (iii) the NSO is confident that the Athlete will perform credibly in that Sport Event, (the **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria**).
- (b) In determining whether or not the Athlete has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for the relevant Sport Event(s), the Selectors must take into consideration the Athlete's performances and results [refer Schedule 1] in the Sport Event at which they seek to be nominated and selected for the Games Team in the following **Key Events during the performance time period**:
 - (i) Cycling – Track [between 1 August 2025 and 30 April 2026]: UCI C1 and C2 events, Oceania Track Championships, Australian National Track Championships, Track World Championships, Track World Cups during the performance time period; and
 - (ii) Para Cycling Track [between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025]: UCI C1 and C2 events, Oceania Track Championships, Australian National Track

Championships, Para Cycling Track World Championships

5.3 Specific Nomination Factors

- (a) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete for a Sport Event, the Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following additional factors regarding an Athlete:
- (i) performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Key Events during the performance time period;
 - (ii) demonstrated adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
 - (iii) demonstrated good behaviour including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
 - (iv) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
 - (v) demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
 - (vi) understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of an Australian team when competing at the Games including respect for team members and support staff;
 - (vii) willingness to promote the Sport and Sport Events in a positive manner;
 - (viii) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for themselves and their results;
 - (ix) demonstrated reliability; and
 - (x) any other factor(s) the Selectors consider relevant,
- (the **Specific Nomination Factors**).
- (b) In considering any one or more of the factors set out in clause 5.3(a), the Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete or other persons as they see fit.
- (c) The Selectors may give weight to any one or more of the Specific Nomination Factors. No particular factor shall be weighted more or less significantly due to the order in which that factor appears in clause 5.3(a).

5.4 Extenuating Circumstances

In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to CGA for selection to the Games Team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 6.

5.5 Nomination Procedure

After consideration of the Nomination Criteria, the Selectors must follow the procedure set out in the [CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law](#).

6. Extenuating Circumstances

6.1 Consideration of Extenuating Circumstances

In considering the nomination of an Athlete to CGA for selection to the Games Team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, have regard to extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) travel delays;

- (c) equipment failure;
- (d) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member, which means a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling; or
- (e) any other factor that is reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

6.2 Athlete to advise the Selectors of applicable extenuating circumstances

- (a) Athletes that are unable to compete at events, trials or other attendances required in this Nomination Policy, must provide written notice to the Chair of the Selectors (as identified in clause 3.2) of the applicable extenuating circumstances and reasons with as much advance notice as possible and ideally no less than seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the relevant event, trial or other attendance.
- (b) If the Chair of Selectors is notified of extenuating circumstances in accordance with this clause 6, then the Selectors may have regard to those extenuating circumstances (on a case by case basis) but will have no obligation to base their nomination decision on the basis of such circumstances.

6.3 Medical Certificate

- (a) In the case of injury or illness, an Athlete will be required by the Selectors to:
 - (i) provide a medical certificate; and/or
 - (ii) undergo an examination by one or more health practitioners nominated by the Selectors; and/or
 - (iii) provide the relevant health practitioners' opinion and/or report to the Selectors.
- (b) Any failure to comply with clause 6.3(a) may preclude the Selectors from considering the injury or illness to be an extenuating circumstance.

7. Nomination Appeals Procedure

7.1 Nomination Appeals

Subject to the [CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law](#), an Athlete may appeal to the NST against their non-nomination by the Selectors provided always that the Athlete has submitted a duly completed and executed Athlete Agreement to the CGA prior to the Nomination Date.

7.2 Procedures for Nomination Appeals

Any appeal against non-nomination under clause 7.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in Schedule 1 of the [CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law](#).

8. Inconsistencies

For the avoidance of doubt, if the NSO's Nomination Criteria:

- (a) imposes a higher qualification standard; or
- (b) permits a lesser number of participants;

than stated by the Athlete Allocation System, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

9. Amendments to this Nomination Policy

- 9.1 This Nomination Policy may be amended from time to time by the Board, before the Nomination Date, provided that CGA has first approved the proposed amendment(s). For the purpose of version control, any amended version of the Nomination Policy must state the version number and date of the amendment.
- 9.2 Once any amendments to the Nomination Policy are approved by CGA, the NSO must:
- (a) publish the amended Nomination Policy on the NSO's website and social media channels;
 - (b) communicate the amended Nomination Policy to all potentially eligible Athletes for the Games, coaches and other stakeholders; and
 - (c) ensuring the amended Nomination Policy is known and adhered to.

10. Definitions

- 10.1 The following definitions apply in this document unless the context requires otherwise:

Athlete means a person who competes or participates in a Sport under the authority of the NSO and wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.

Athlete Allocation System has the meaning set out in clause 4.2(a).

Board means the Board of the NSO.

CGA means the Commonwealth Games Australia Limited.

CGF means the Commonwealth Games Federation.

Games means the 2026 Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow from 23 July 2026 to 2 August 2026.

Games Team means the team of athletes and officials who are selected by CGA in accordance with the [CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law](#) to represent Australia and participate in the Games.

Key Events mean any international, continental or national competition listed in clause 5.2(b) which is a major or pinnacle event for the Sport or is at least the equivalent of a "world cup" or "world championship" and have an equivalent field to that which is likely to occur at the Games.

Nominated Athlete means an Athlete who has been nominated by the NSO for selection to the Games Team in compliance with this Nomination Policy to the CGA by Sport.

Nomination Criteria means the criteria specified in clause 5 comprising the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors.

Nomination Date means on or before 9 June 2026 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between CGA and Sport), by which Sport must submit any Nominated Athletes to the CGA.

Nomination Policy means this nomination document as amended by the NSO from time to time (subject always to CGA's prior written approval).

NSO means AusCycling.

NST means the Australian Government entity known as the National Sports Tribunal established by the *National Sports Tribunal Act 2019* (Cth).

Open Athlete Allocation Sports means each of Athletics, Bowls, Boxing, Cycling – Track, Gymnastics - Artistic, Judo and Swimming.

Over-Riding Nomination Criteria has the meaning set out in clause 5.2(a).

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria determined by CGF and applied by the NSO to nominate Athletes for each Qualification System Sport.

Qualification System Sports means each of Basketball 3X3, Netball, Para Athletics, Para Bowls, Para Cycling - Track, Para Powerlifting, Para Swimming, Weightlifting and Wheelchair Basketball 3X3.

Selectors means the selectors appointed by the NSO as specified in clause 3.

Specific Nomination Factors has the meaning set out in clause 5.3.

Sport means Cycling - Track and Para Cycling - Track.

Sport Event means the following events on the program at the Games:

Para Cycling Men's Events	Para Cycling Women's Events
Tandem B Sprint	Tandem B Sprint
Tandem B 1000m TT	Tandem B 1000m TT
C1 – C3 3000m IP	C4 – C5 4000m IP
C1 – C3 1000m TT	C4 – C5 1000m TT

Men's Events	Women's Events
Track Sprint	Track Sprint
Keirin	Keirin
Men's Team Sprint	Women's Team Sprint
1000m TT	1000m TT
4000 IP	4000 IP
4000m TP	4000m TP
40km Points Race	25km Points Race
10km Scratch Race	10km Scratch Race
Elimination Race	Elimination Race

Team Membership Agreement - Athlete means the agreement in the form specified by CGA which governs the Athlete's participation in the Games that must be completed and duly executed by any Athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Games Team in accordance with the CGA Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law.

SCHEDULE 1

Discipline Specific Performance Standards

In determining which riders will be nominated to the CGA for selection to the Team, the Selectors may, in their absolute discretion, have regard to clauses 1.4, 5.2 and 5.3 of the Nomination Criteria and clauses 1 and 2 of the relevant discipline specific performance standards contained in this Schedule 1.

1. TRACK

- 1.1. The Selectors may, in their absolute discretion, **consider** the performance standards contained in this Schedule 1, in determining the riders who will be nominated to CGA for selection in the Team for the Track Disciplines.
- 1.2. In Team events (Team Pursuit and Team Sprint) the Selectors may consider a rider(s) contribution to the overall event performance, as determined by the evidence provided for consideration.
- 1.3. The Selectors may also consider approved trials completed during the performance time period that meet the performance standards in this Schedule 1 and which have been conducted in accordance with the [AusCycling Trial \(Able and Para\) Environmental and Standardisation Protocols](#).

Description of effort	Performance Standards*	
	During the performance time-period	
	Women	Men
Team Sprint - standing start from gate	<46.00	<42.00
Team Sprint (position 1) -250m (standing start from gate, any gear)	<18.9 (Q4 <3.62)	<17.2 (Q4 <3.24)
Team Sprint (position 2 and 3):-125m (standing start held)	<12.05 (>110" gear)	<11.10 (>110" gear)
Sprint – Flying 200m	<10.50	<9.45
Team Pursuit - standing start from gate	<4:16	<3:51
1 km - standing start from gate	<1:07.0	<1:00.0
4 km Individual Pursuit - standing start from gate	<4:38	<4:10
Points Race, Elimination Race, Scratch Race, Sprint and Keirin	Top 5 performance at UCI World Championship, or Podium at UCI World Cup, or Oceania Champion	

* All times are subject to [AusCycling Trial Recording and Environmental Standardisation Protocol](#)

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2. PARA CYCLING

- 2.1.** The Para Cycling Track Qualification System consists of two (2) methods of qualification for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games (G2026):
- a) Direct Qualification – UCI Paracycling Track Commonwealth Rankings (Ranking period: 01 January 2025 – 31 December 2025)
 - b) Bipartite Invitation
- 2.2.** For Bipartite Invitations, the Selectors will nominate to CGA by the 8 January 2026 the athlete(s) who, in their assessment, as most likely to contribute to medal performances. This assessment will consider, but not be limited to, the next highest ranked athlete(s) in the [UCI Paracycling Track Commonwealth Rankings](#).
- 2.3.** Any athletes named through the Direct Qualification System or confirmed for a Bipartite slot by the UCI and CGF, will be nominated by the Selectors to CGA for selection to the Team for Para Cycling Track.

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SCHEDULE 2

[Athlete Allocation System – Para Cycling](#)

Version Control

Date	Update
20 August 2025	Version 1 Published. Approved by CGA and AC Board.
13 January 2026	Version 1.1 Approved by CGA Minor amendment clause 3.2 relating to Bipartite Invitations. 5.2(b)(i) Performance time-period error amended to match clause 1.4(ii) Schedule 1 Clause 1.2: Madison removed – not a Commonwealth Games Event Clause 1.3 relating to higher weighting of events from Team Sprint, Sprint and Keirin has been removed. Points Race, Elimination Race, Scratch Race, Sprint and Keirin Performance Standards have been added. Para Cycling updated throughout to Para Cycling in line with UCI’s newly released nomenclature standard.
29 January 2026	Version 1.1 Approved by AusCycling Board
27 February 2026	Version 1.2 Approved by CGA and AC CEO on behalf of AC Board Minor amendment to clause 3.2(h): Selector Rik Fulcher replaced with Paul Brosnan.