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# *NOMINATION CRITERIA*

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### 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

#### 1.1. Definitions

Unless otherwise defined below, capitalised terms in this Nomination Criteria have the meaning given to them in the *Paralympics Australia (PA) General Selection Criteria*, certain of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience.

**PA** means the Australian Paralympic Committee Limited, Paralympics Australia and any of its officers, employees or agents and any committee it convenes including the PA Selection Committee.

**PA General Selection Criteria** means the document adopted by the Executive which governs, among other things, the nomination and selection of Athletes to a team for a Paralympic Games or Paralympic Winter Games.

**PA Selection Committee** means the committee established by PA to send athletes and appoint officials to the Australian Paralympic Team for the Games.

**PA Selection Criteria** means the criteria adopted by PA in respect of the Games which outlines the requirements for an athlete to be selected by PA to participate in the Games.

**Athlete** means a person who:

- a) participates in the Sport; and
- b) is recognised by the National Federation or PA as eligible for nomination to PA for selection to the Team pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

**Disciplines** mean Track and Road cycling.

**Classification** means the criteria, rules, policies and processes, including athlete assessment and allocation of sport class and sport class status, for the specific Para-sport or discipline.

**Executive** means the Executive of PA.

**Extenuating Circumstances** means:

- a) injury or illness;
- b) equipment failure;
- c) travel delays;
- 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;
- e) a direction from the Para-cycling Technical Director (TD) that the Athlete does not compete at or attend one or more training camps or events to ensure optimal management of the Athlete's overall competition load, where such direction is approved by the NF Executive General Manager-Performance (EGM-P); or
- f) any other factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

**Games** means the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

**International Federation** means Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI).

**IPC** means International Paralympic Committee

**Long List:** means the nomination list sent by the NF to PA to be comprised of athletes who are considered to have a prospect of being nominated for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Team. Those athletes must agree to be bound by *PA General Selection Criteria*.

**National Federation (NF)** means AusCycling (NF).

**Nomination criteria** means the NF will prepare Nomination Criteria for that sport and have it endorsed by PA prior to being published.

**Nomination Date** means 22 July 2024

**Qualification System** means the *Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Qualification Regulations* which sets out the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the Games issued by the International Paralympic Committee, available here: <https://www.uci.org/competition-hub/2024-paris-paralympic-games-track-para-cycling>

**Sport** means Cycling (**Disciplines** mean Track and Road cycling)

**Sport Entries Deadline** means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by PA.

**Team** means the team of athletes and officials selected by PA to participate in the Sport at the Games.

## **1.2. Interpretation**

- a) Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to:
  - i) a clause is to a clause of this Nomination Criteria;
  - ii) the singular includes the plural and the converse also applies;
  - iii) persons include incorporated and unincorporated bodies, partnerships, joint ventures and associations and vice versa and their legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes; and
  - iv) a party includes the party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes.
- b) If a person to whom this Nomination Criteria applies consists of more than one person, then this Nomination Criteria binds them jointly and severally.
- c) A reference to time, day or date is to time, day or date of Sydney, Australia.
- d) Headings are for convenience only and do not form part of this Nomination Criteria or affect its interpretation.

## **2. OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1.** The National Federation will consider Athletes for nomination that it believes, in its absolute discretion, can achieve or contribute to Gold medal winning performances at the Paralympic Games. The National Federation may also consider Athletes for nomination that it believes, in its absolute discretion, can achieve or contribute to medal winning performances at the Paralympic Games.
- 2.2.** Nominations shall have full regards to *\*Factored and Mixed events (\*Factored Events Rules Article 16.01.005).*

## **3. GENERAL**

- 3.1.** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the board of the National Federation. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, this Nomination Criteria to all Athletes.
- 3.2.** The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to PA in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 3.3.** This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from 5PM AEST, 1 August 2022.
- 3.4.** This Nomination Criteria applies to:
  - a) all Athletes;
  - b) the National Federation; and
  - c) PA
- 3.5.** The terms of the *PA General Selection Criteria* are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, the *PA General Selection Criteria* to all Athletes.

#### **4. NATION QUOTA PLACES**

- 4.1. For all Disciplines, quota places are allocated to PA in accordance with the Qualification System available on the IPC website.
- 4.2. The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to PA for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System the International Federation has awarded PA or the National Federation quota places.
- 4.3. A National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than are permitted to be nominated to PA under the Qualification System.
- 4.4. The National Federation may nominate fewer Athletes than are permitted under the Qualification System, in its absolute discretion.
- 4.5. The final number of places may be affected by “ring fenced events” which the UCI Para-cycling Department will apply to some, or all, of the NF’s qualification slots in order to protect the viability of each event. Any classes where slots are nominated as “ring fenced” by the UCI and/or IPC will, therefore, reduce the number of qualification slots to be filled by this Nomination Criteria and selected by PA.
- 4.6. Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method. In the case of a Bipartite Commission invitation the qualification slot is allocated to the individual athlete not to the National Federation.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- 5.1 The National Federation will not nominate an Athlete unless, as at the Nomination Date, the National Federation is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Athlete:
  - a) is an Australian citizen;
  - b) satisfies the Qualification System;
  - c) is likely to satisfy the *PA General Selection Criteria*;
  - d) does not, and is not likely to in the foreseeable future, suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Athlete from competing at the Games to the highest possible standard for that Athlete;
  - e) has a current racing licence issued by the NF or another federation affiliated with the International Federation, with nationality recorded as ‘AUS’;
  - f) has read, signed and returned the execution page of the current NF National Team Agreement;
  - g) has read, signed and returned the NF No Doping Declaration and declared that their circumstances have not changed since submitting the declaration;
  - h) agrees to participate in and meet all competition, training and participation requirements as determined by the NF Executive General Manager – Performance and Para-cycling Technical Director;
  - i) agrees to compete in the 2021/2024 Australian Championships for their relevant discipline, unless exemption is granted;

- j) has not breached the Anti-Doping Policies of PA, UCI or NF, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed (unless the sanction was equal to or greater than 2 years, in which case the Athlete is ineligible for nomination). For the purpose of this clause, a breach of an Anti-Doping Policy may include, among other things:
  - i) an Athlete 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 NF Anti-Doping Policies; or
  - ii) a failure to comply with an Athlete's obligations under either UCI or NF Anti-Doping Policy, even if such a breach does not result in an ADRV.
- k) has completed Sports Integrity Australia Anti-Doping Education Level 1 and 2: <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/education> for more information;
- l) is not suspended from the sport for any reason; and
- m) has not been charged or convicted of an offence or is not under investigation for a criminal offence.
- n) agrees to abide by the UCI Para-cycling classification rules and regulations, the IPC Athlete Classification Code and any relevant PA and/or NF classification policies, including attending classification assessment as required;
- o) agrees to complete any classification education modules as released by the UCI, IPC, NF or PA;
- p) agrees to disclose previous classification documentation and/or medical diagnostic documentation from relevant specialists for classification which may include, amongst other things:
  - i) providing medical diagnostic information detailing the athlete's health condition and eligible impairment;
  - ii) undertaking any additional medical assessment or provide further medical diagnostic information as required by PA, NF or UCI for the purposes of classification;
  - iii) if an athlete has any medical intervention, or if changes occur to the athlete's impairment which may impact on their classification, athletes must provide medical documentation to PA, NF or UCI.
- q) has been internationally classified by UCI, is listed on the UCI Para-cycling classification master list, and has met the classification qualification criteria as detailed in the Qualification System;
- r) agrees to notify PA, NF and UCI if there is any change to assistive devices, competition devices or equipment used which may impact their classification in any way, and agrees to undergo further classification assessment if required;

- s) has not breached the UCI Para-cycling classification rules and regulations, or the IPC Athlete Classification Code, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed (unless the sanction was equal to or greater than 2 years, in which case the Athlete is ineligible for nomination). For the purpose of this clause, a breach may include, among other things:
  - i) an Athlete under investigation for Intentional Misrepresentation where a notice has been issued, or the Athlete has been sanctioned under the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations; or
  - ii) a failure to comply with an Athlete's obligations under the UCI Classification rules and regulations or the IPC Athlete Classification Code.

## **6. PERFORMANCE CRITERIA – ALL DISCIPLINES**

**6.1.** The National Federation Nomination Panel (NFNP) will be responsible for determining which Athletes will be nominated to PA for selection to the Team. In making its determination, the NFNP may, in its absolute discretion, have regard to clause 6.3 and the relevant Discipline specific criteria contained in the Schedule.

**6.2.** The NFNP will consist of:

- (a) the Executive General Manager - Performance;
- (b) the Director of Operations - Performance;
- (c) the Team Operations Manager - Performance;
- (d) the Head Coach Endurance - Performance;
- (e) Para-cycling Technical Director - Performance; and
- (f) a person endorsed by the NF Board or its authorised nominee who has experience in and an understanding of cycling or high-performance sport and has suitable skills for membership of the NFNP.

**6.3.** The NFNP may have regard to any, all or none of the following factors, in its absolute discretion, which may or may not be exercised:

- (a) the Athlete's ability to achieve or contribute to NF's objective of medal winning performances at the Games, as stated in clause 2;
- (b) podium finishes at international benchmark competitions such as World Cup and World Championships 2022, 2023 and 2024;
- (c) the Para-cycling Technical Director's assessment of the Athlete's ambition and demonstrated commitment to their performance plan and objectives;
- (d) the Athlete's potential to contribute to Paralympic qualifying places leading into the Games;
- (e) the Athlete's performance at trials and testing under the direction of the Para-cycling Technical Director;
- (f) the Athlete's technical and tactical execution in training and competition;

- (g) the Athlete's consistency in training and performance against targeted objectives or benchmarks;
- (h) the Athlete's attitude, conduct, attendance, and performance in training while a member of a high-performance program recognised by NF's high-performance team.

The criteria listed in this clause are not arranged in any order of priority or importance and none of it has any weighting.

## **7. PRIORITY EVENTS**

- 7.1.** The Qualification System for Para-cycling permits athletes qualified in one discipline to be entered in other Para-cycling events provided the limits for participation are not exceeded. If the NFNP determines that any particular discipline is a priority to achieve the objectives set out in clause 2, then the NFNP has the right to exercise its discretion to nominate athletes who are best placed to help achieve this priority. If selected, such athlete(s) may then be entered in events for both the discipline in which they were nominated and the discipline which the NFNP has deemed the priority. Such athlete(s) must comply with the Qualification System for each discipline in which they will compete, however they will only be required to comply with the Nomination Criteria specific to the discipline in which they were originally nominated.

## **8. LONG LIST**

- 8.1.** Nomination by NF does not guarantee a place in the Paralympic Long List – PA has final say in this regard.
- 8.2.** Athletes will be added to the Paralympic Long List upon achieving the Paralympic Long List performance standards in Schedule 1.
- 8.3.** Athletes who are current members of the Australian Cycling Team will be added to the Paralympic Long List.
- 8.4.** The NF will use absolute discretion when nominating athletes to PA for inclusion on the Paralympic Long List who have a prospect of being nominated to PA for selection in the 2024 Australian Paralympic Cycling Team.
- 8.5.** All athletes who are nominated for the Paralympic Long List must agree to be bound by the *PA General Selection Criteria* to be eligible to be nominated and selected into the Team. Athletes who have not agreed to be bound by the *PA General Selection Criteria* will not be eligible for nomination or selection into the Team.
- 8.6.** The NF will only nominate and recognise members of the Paralympic Long List who are Australian citizens and who hold a license issued by NF or other UCI affiliate nation with nationality recorded as 'AUS'.
- 8.7.** The NF will only nominate an athlete for selection to the Australian Paralympic Team who holds a valid international classification, listed on the UCI Para-cycling



classification master list, with a sport class and sport class status that meets the requirements under the Qualification System. The NF may include an athlete to the Paralympic Long List who has the likelihood of meeting this criterion prior to nomination for the Australian Paralympic Team, including instances or exceptional circumstances where the athlete has an international review status and is required to attend a future international classification assessment to meet the qualification criteria for selection.

- 8.8.** If an athlete breaches the requirements of the NF's Nomination Criteria or the *PA General Selection Criteria*, then PA may suspend or terminate the athlete's membership of the Paralympic Long List.

## **9. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

- 9.1.** In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the nomination criteria, the NF may, in its absolute discretion, have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.
- 9.2** In the event that an Athlete determines that he or she is unable to attend a competition, camp, training session or other event which is referred to in this Nomination Criteria (Nomination Event), that Athlete must notify the PD of his or her non-attendance in writing as soon as practicable, and if possible, within seven days of the commencement of the Nomination Event. The NF may consider an Athlete's non-attendance at a Nomination Event to be an Extenuating Circumstance in its absolute discretion. The NF may require an Athlete to undergo a medical examination by a doctor nominated by the NF as a condition of treating the Athlete's non-attendance at a Nomination Event as an Extenuating Circumstance.

## **10. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS**

- 10.1.** PA may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the NF for any reason.
- 10.2.** The NF must nominate Athletes to PA by the Nomination Date. The NF must inform Athletes in writing of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than 48 hours prior to the Nomination Date or such later date as PA advises the NF.
- 10.3.** Nominations submitted to PA must be in the form prescribed by PA or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to PA and include any such information that is required pursuant to the *PA General Selection Criteria*.
- 10.4.** PA may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by the NF as a result of an appeal brought in accordance with the *PA General Selection Criteria*.

## **11. AMENDMENTS**

- 11.1.** This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the PA Selection Committee.

## **12. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD**

**12.1.** The Performance Time Period for athletes to achieve the times and/or performances specified is from 10 August 2022 to 11.59AM (ACST) on 10 June 2024.

## **13. APPEALS**

**13.1.** All Nomination Appeals must be dealt with in accordance with Schedule 1: Nomination Appeals Policy (as varied from time to time) of the [Paralympic Team Nomination, Selection & Appeals By-Law](#), except in instances of Bipartite application and slots. Bipartite Applications and slots are NOT subject to an appeals process. Should an athlete be awarded a slot, the option does not exist for another athlete to appeal.

## **14. GOVERNING LAW**

**14.1.** This Nomination Criteria is governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales.

## SCHEDULE 1

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA – DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC

In determining which Athletes will be nominated to PA for selection to the Team, the NFNP may, in its absolute discretion, have regard to clause 6.3 and the relevant Discipline specific criteria contained in this Schedule.

#### 1. TRACK PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

1.1 If an Athlete achieves the following times in competition or sanctioned trials during the Performance Time Period at clause 12.1, the NFNP may consider those standards favourably when exercising their absolute discretion in nominating Athletes to PA for selection. All times must be recorded in accordance with the [AusCycling Trial Recording and Environmental Standardisation Protocol](#), available on NF website.

	Indiv. Time Trial		Indiv. Pursuit	
	Men Tandem	1.01.2	1km	4.06.6
C1	1.11.1	1km*	3.49.0	3km
C2	1.10.5	1km*	3.34.9	3km
C3	1.06.5	1km*	3.24.5	3km
C4	1.04.9	1km*	4.33.8	4km
C5	1.04.1	1km*	4.28.0	4km
	Indiv. Time Trial		Indiv. Pursuit	
	Women Tandem	1.07.5	1km	3.28.0
C1	42.5	500m*	3.57.7	3km**
C2	41.9	500m*	3.57.7	3km**
C3	38.9	500m*	3.57.7	3km**
C4	37.7	500m*	3.49.1	3km
C5	37.3	500m*	3.43.8	3km

\*Factored – Combined Event

\*\*Combined Event

1.2 If an Athlete achieves a podium performance in the following competitions the NFNP may consider those standards favourably when exercising their absolute discretion in nominating Athletes to PA for selection.

Competitions	Eligible Dates
UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships	2022, 2023, 2024

## 2. ROAD PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

2.1 If an Athlete achieves the following standards in competition or sanctioned trial during the performance time period at clause 12.1, the NFNP may consider those standards favourably when exercising their absolute discretion in nominating Athletes to PA for selection.

Time Trial				
Classification	MEN	MEN	WOMEN	WOMEN
	avg. km/hr	Minimum Distance	avg. km/hr	Minimum Distance
B (Tandem)	50.5	20	44.5	20
C1	41.0	15	35.0*	15
C2	42.5	15	37.0*	15
C3	43.5	15	38.5*	15
C4	45.0	20	39.5	20
C5	47.0	20	41.2	20
H1	28.0	15	21.0*	15
H2	36.0	15	30.0*	15
H3	40.5	15	35.3*	15
H4	42.5	20	35.7*	20
H5	41.8	20	35.7*	20
T1	31.5*	15	27.0*	15
T2	36.5*	15	31.5*	15

\*Factored – Combined Event

## 3. ROAD COMPETITION PERFORMANCES

3.1 If an Athlete achieves **two or more** podium performances in the following competitions during the performance time period at clause 12.1, the NFNP may consider those standards favourably when exercising their absolute discretion in nominating Athletes to PA for selection.

Road Competitions	Eligible Dates
UCI Para-cycling Road World Cups	2023, 2024
UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships	2022, 2023

## 4. TRIALS

4.1 Performance standards can only be recorded in competition or in sanctioned trials as determined below:

- a) NF competitions;
- b) UCI competitions;
- c) Trials held within National Championships - these will be approved at the discretion of the Head Coach of Endurance / Para-cycling Technical Director.
- d) Approved Trials will need to fulfil the following requirements:
  - i) Trial route to reflect the elevation / terrain of Paralympic route in terms of elevation gained and length of significant hill climbs;
  - ii) Attendance of a Para-cycling National Coach and or Para-cycling Technical Director.