



AUSCYCLING

NOMINATION CRITERIA

2022 Commonwealth Games

BIRMINGHAM, UNITED KINGDOM



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28 July – 8 August 2022, Birmingham, United Kingdom

1. OBJECTIVES

The respective National Nomination Panel for each discipline will nominate riders who they consider in their absolute discretion will have the best chance of meeting the following three objectives in the following priority order:

- 1.1.** riders and/or combinations of riders capable of achieving Gold medal winning performances at the Commonwealth Games, in accordance with the strategies outlined in the AusCycling High Performance plan;
- 1.2.** riders and/or combinations of riders capable of achieving medal winning performances at the Commonwealth Games, in accordance with the strategies outlined in the AusCycling High Performance plan;
- 1.3.** riders with the potential to progress towards medal winning results at the 2024 Paris Olympics/Paralympics, or at future World Championships in Olympic/Paralympic events.

2. GENERAL

- 2.1. Nomination Date is:** 29 May 2022
- 2.2. Performance timeframe:** 31 July 2021 – 15 May 2022

2.3. AusCycling Endorsement

- a) AusCycling (AC) is the national body responsible for the sport of cycling in Australia as recognised by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI). Rider nomination to the Australian Commonwealth Games Team/s will be subject to endorsement by the AC Board.
- b) AC will nominate final team recommendations to Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA). Ratification by CGA will be subject to their approval and

riders having complied with both AC and CGA requirements for eligibility to be a CGA Team Member.

- c) The National Nomination Panel (NNP) for road, track, para-cycling, and mountain bike will make final team nomination recommendations to the AC Board for nomination to CGA in accordance with, and in consideration of, the complete AC Nomination Criteria and, specifically clause 1 above.
- d) AC must provide, or otherwise make available, this Nomination Criteria to all riders.

2.4 General Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for nomination to a National Squad or long list, riders must:

- a) be an Australian citizen;
- b) have a current racing licence issued by AC or another federation affiliated with the UCI with the nationality marked as 'AUS';
- c) have read, signed and returned the execution page of their current AC National Team Agreement and the CGA 2022 Team Agreement;
- d) have read, signed and returned the AC 'No Doping Declaration Policy' and declare that their circumstances have not changed since submitting the declaration;
- e) have met the specific performance criteria as set out for the respective cycling disciplines in Schedule 1 of this document;
- f) agree to participate in and meet all competition, training and participation requirements as determined by the AC Performance Director (PD) and/or National Discipline Coach/Technical Director;
- g) be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by the UCI and/or the Sports Integrity Australia (SIA), pursuant to the policies of the UCI, AC and the World Anti-Doping Code;
- h) not have breached the Anti-Doping Policies of the UCI, AC or CGA nor have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed. For the purpose of considering eligibility for nomination, a breach of the Anti-Doping Policy may include:
 - i. a rider under investigation for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) where an infraction notice has been issued or the rider has been stood down under the provisions of the UCI and/or AC Anti-Doping Policies; or
 - ii. a failure to comply with a rider's obligations under UCI or AC Anti-Doping Policy, even if such a breach does not result in an ADRV.
- i) have completed SIA Anti-Doping Education: To be eligible for consideration for nomination, all riders will be required to be up to date and fully compliant

with the SIA Anti-doping Education (SIA e-learning), and therefore have completed and be current at the time of nomination with all online updates;

- j) not be under AC suspension;
- k) not have served a period of suspension of two years or more for:
 - i. having been found guilty of an ADVR; or
 - ii. any other rule breach.
- l) 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 or is currently serving a penalty issued by the Courts because of an indictable criminal charge being proven, will not be eligible for nomination in an Australian national cycling team, unless he/she is able to satisfy the Board of AC (at its sole discretion) that exceptional circumstances apply;
- m) where the Board is satisfied that exceptional circumstances apply, the rider may be considered for nomination in the national cycling team in accordance with the nomination criteria set out in this document. Any request for the Board to consider a rider's circumstances must be submitted to the Board in writing. The Board is not obliged to consider any request made under this clause.

2.5 National Nomination Panel (Selectors) (NNP)

The role of assessing riders against the nomination criteria is the responsibility of the respective selectors who are appointed in accordance with AusCycling policies.

- a) The NNP will be responsible for determining which riders will be nominated to the CGA for selection to the Team. In making its determination, the NNP may, in its absolute discretion, have regard to the objectives in clause 1, the criteria in clause 3, and Schedule 1 in this document which contains the relevant discipline specific performance criteria.
- b) The NNP will consist of the Australian Cycling Team's:
 - i. Performance Director
 - ii. Director of Operations
 - iii. Operations Manager
 - iv. National Senior Coach(s)/Technical Directors for the relevant Discipline; and
 - v. an independent person endorsed by the AC 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 NNP.

- c) each member will vote on rider nomination based on evidence presented and in line with the nomination criteria objectives without bias. In the event that panel members cannot agree, the PD will have the final nomination decision.
- d) it is the policy of AC that the PD shall perform the role of convener for the NNP. The PD shall be responsible for facilitating and monitoring nomination procedure in accordance with the policy and criteria and directing the administration of the processes of endorsement and advice to riders.

2.6 Communication

- a) It is the ultimate responsibility of the rider to communicate with their national discipline coach as to the progress of their training and competition program and to provide a record of current results and performances achieved, particularly those relevant to the specific nomination criteria. To facilitate this process, such information may be forwarded through the Director of Operations, Australian Cycling Team.

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- b) These criteria and Schedule 1 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 AC Board and CGA. If approved, the AC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will notify in writing, any criteria amendment or supplement, and will endeavour to give as much notice as possible, to all persons affected by any such amendment or supplement.

3.0 CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

3.1 Performance Time Period

Refer to specific disciplines in Schedule 1 of this criterion.

3.2 Specific Performance Criteria

For a rider to be considered for nomination to a national cycling squad or long team they must:

- a) achieve the specific performance criteria for their respective discipline, as set out in Schedule 1.

3.3 General Performance Nomination Criteria

Performance criteria that may be considered in considering riders for nomination include:

- a) podium performance history at international benchmark competitions (World Championships, Olympics);
- b) National Discipline Coach/Technical Director assessment of the rider's ambition and demonstrated commitment to their performance plan and objectives;
- c) the rider's performance trials and testing as directed by the National Discipline Coach/Technical Director;
- d) the rider's technical and tactical execution in training and competition;
- e) the rider's consistency in training and performance against agreed objectives and/or benchmarks;
- f) the rider's commitment to attendance, performance, attitude, conduct and performance behaviours in training whilst a member of a high-performance program recognised by AC's high-performance team; and
- g) priorities of cycling events as set out in the AusCycling High Performance Plan.

These criteria are not listed in any order of priority or importance and none of them has any particular weighting. None of them need be considered.

3.4 Team Size

- a) The maximum size for the Australian Commonwealth Cycling team is 30 riders, plus para-cycling quota of 2 men and 2 women riders* (whom each can have 1 pilot that is not part of the rider quota);
- b) Selectors will consider riders in each event and make nominations to meet the objectives in clause 1 and confirm final team numbers following the nomination panel meeting.

Maximum riders per event discipline	Rider numbers
Men Road	5 riders
Women Road	5 riders
Men Mountain Bike	2 riders
Women Mountain Bike	2 riders
Track Sprint Men	4 riders
Track Sprint Women	4 riders
Track Endurance Men	5 riders
Track Endurance Women	5 riders
Track Para-cycling Men (B Tandem Sprint / TT)	2 riders*
Track Para-cycling Women (B Tandem Sprint / TT)	2 riders*

3.5 Events

Track Cycling	Men	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sprint • 1000m Time Trial • Team Sprint • Keirin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40km Points Race • 15km Scratch Race • 4000m Ind. Pursuit • 4000m Team Pursuit
	Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500m Time Trial • Sprint • Team Sprint • Keirin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25km Points Race • 10km Scratch Race • 3000m Ind. Pursuit • 4000m Team Pursuit
Road Cycling	Men	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Race (168km) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time Trial (37.8km)
	Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Race (112km) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time Trial (24.5km)
Mountain Bike	Men	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Country 	
	Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Country 	
Track Para-cycling	Men	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tandem B Sprint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tandem B 1000m Time Trial
	Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tandem B Sprint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tandem B 1000m Time Trial

- a) AC reserves the right to **not** fill Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) rider quotas (30). Unless otherwise resolved by the AC Board, the Performance Director may exercise the right of AC under this clause to not fill all CGF rider quotas to achieve the overall cycling team objectives – as per clause 1.1.
- b) Where more riders achieve the nomination criteria than there are rider quotas available for Australia, the NNP will determine which riders are to be nominated to the Australian Commonwealth Games Team to achieve the objectives (clause 1). Therefore, meeting the specific requirements of the Nomination Criteria does not guarantee a rider nomination to CGA for selection in the Australian Commonwealth Games Team.

3.6 Reserves

- a) Reserves may be identified for any event. The NNP may reconvene between nomination and competition to replace a previously nominated rider for reasons which may include failure to maintain performance at the level which earned their nomination or due to non-compliance with the AC and/or CGA Team Agreement.
- b) Reserve riders, if identified, will not be nominated to CGA and therefore will not be part of the Australian Commonwealth Games Team unless and until they replace a rider chosen for nomination to CGA or a selected rider.

3.7 Performance Trials

- a) Riders may be asked to undergo performance trials in training to ensure final rider selection meets the overall performance objectives of the AC High Performance Plan, and Commonwealth Games performance targets.
- b) Any trials outside of AC/UCI competition will be approved at the discretion of National Discipline Coaches/Technical Director and approved by the Performance Director. In exceptional circumstances, the NNP may schedule

a trial by invitation only, for nomination purposes. In that instance, 14 days' notice will be provided to the riders for the trial.

- c) For any trial in or out of competition, the rider will be required to use a UCI compliant bicycle for that specific trial.

4 EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

4.1 In considering the performances of riders at competitions, trials, training camps or other attendances required under these criteria, the PD may at their discretion, approve "extenuating circumstances".

4.2 For the purposes of clause 4, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, attend training camps or perform at an optimum level arising from:

- a) injury or illness;
- b) travel delays;
- c) equipment failure;
- d) bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
- e) any other factors reasonably considered by the PD to constitute extenuating circumstances.

4.3 Riders unable to compete at competitions, trials, training camps or other attendances required under these criteria must advise and seek approval from the PD of this fact and the reasons thereof, with as much advance notice as possible (ideally seven days) prior to the commencement of the competition, trial, training camp or other attendance that may be required under this nomination criteria.

4.4 In the case of injury or illness, riders will be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctors nominated/approved by the PD.

4.5 A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the PD on an individual basis. There is no appeal against a decision of the PD under this clause 4.

5. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

5.1 The CGA may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for any reason.

5.2 AC must nominate riders to the CGA by the Nomination Date. AC must inform riders in writing of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than 48 hours prior to the Nomination Date or such later date as the CGA advises AC.

5.3 Nominations submitted to the CGA must be in the form prescribed by the CGA or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to the CGA and include any such information that is required pursuant to the CGA Constitution and By-Laws.

5.4 The CGA may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by AC as a result of an appeal brought in accordance with the Appeal process outlined at clause 8 of this document.

6. AMENDMENTS

6.1 This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent by CGA

7. GOVERNING LAW

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

8. APPEALS

8.1 A rider may appeal against non-nomination in the 2022 Australian Commonwealth Games Cycling Team. The CGA Board has agreed in principle to adopt the jurisdiction of the National Sports Tribunal (NST) in CGA policies/procedures including for disputes/appeals arising from the nomination of athletes to the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team.

8.2 CGA is working with the NST to draft mandatory appeal provisions for the B2022 Nominations & Appeals By-law, which will apply to all B2022 nomination appeals, and will set out relevant process and procedure.

8.3 The NST is assisting CGA in developing the By-law, which will be forwarded to all B2022 sports once finalised.

SCHEDULE 1

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

In determining which riders will be nominated to the CGA for selection to the Team, the NNP may, in its absolute discretion, have regard to clause 1 of the Nomination Criteria and clauses 1 – 4 of the relevant discipline specific performance criteria contained in this Schedule.

1. TRACK

- 1.1. The NNP may, in its absolute discretion, consider the performance standards contained in this clause 1, in determining the riders who will be nominated to the CGA for selection in the Team for the Track Discipline.
- 1.2. In Team events (Team Pursuit, Team Sprint, and Madison) the NNP may consider a rider(s) contribution to the overall event performance, as determined by the National Coach.
- 1.3. The NNP may consider a higher weighting of importance to 2022 Performances.

Description of effort	Performance Standards*	
	Women	Men
Team Sprint - standing start from gate	<46.50	<42.00
Team Pursuit - standing start from gate	<4:12	<3:47
Sprint and Keirin	<10.55	<9.55
250m Position 1 (any gear) - standing start from gate	<18.8 (Q4 <3.65)	<17.2 (Q4 <3.25)
125m Position 2 (held) - standing start	<11.60, gear >102"	<10.80, gear >108"
125m Position 3 (held) - standing start	<11.70, gear >104"	<10.90 gear >112"
500m - standing start from gate	<34.0	<NA
1 km - standing start from gate	<NA	<1:00.0
1 km - flying start	<1:00	<0:55
3 km Individual Pursuit - standing start from gate	<3:22	<NA
4 km Individual Pursuit - standing start from gate	NA	<4:08
Scratch and Points F250 and F4km within 15 min	<14.2 / <4:50, gear <102"	<13.0 / <4:30, gear <104"

* subject to *Australian Cycling Team Environmental Standardisation Protocol* and recorded under 500m altitude and excluding Moscow velodrome for Sprint Flying 200m.

* 1 rider on the track when undergoing individual efforts. Standing efforts from gate with 10 second count down. All times to be recorded on standard issue team clothing and equipment.

2. ROAD RACING

- 2.1. The NNP may, in its absolute discretion, consider the performance standards contained in clause 2 of this schedule, in addition to clauses 1 and 2.4 of the Nomination Criteria, in determining which rider(s), and the number of riders, who will be nominated to the CGA for selection in the Team for the Road Racing Discipline as a protected rider(s) or support rider(s). The number of protected riders will be determined at the discretion of the NNP. A protected rider will be supported

by a team of riders, who will be required to implement specific roles in order to increase the probability that the race strategy is met.

- 2.2.** The NNP may consider a higher weighting of importance to 2022 Performances.
- 2.3.** Support riders for Road Racing may be nominated based on clause 1 of the Nomination Criteria, and on any, all or none of the following factors, at the absolute discretion of the NNP, which may or may not be exercised;
- a) support roles in the events listed in 1.4 (Men) and 1.6 (Women);
 - b) event and course demands of the Games;
 - c) elevation profile of the Games course;
 - d) likely environmental challenges of the Games;
 - e) team cohesion;
 - f) team communication;
 - g) the number of roles required to meet this race strategy; and
 - h) the priorities of AusCycling as set out in the AusCycling High Performance Plan, available on AC's website.

2.4. Road Race – Men

- a) Protected Rider(s): If a rider achieves two podium performances at the following competitions the NNP may consider those results favourably when exercising their absolute discretion in nominating riders to the CGA for selection.

Event	Eligible Dates
World Road Race Championships	2021
Classic San Sebastian	2021
Grand Prix Cyclist de Québec	2021
Grand Prix Cyclist de Montréal	2021
Tour of Lombardi	2021
Strada Bianchi	2022
Liege Bastogne Liege	2022
Tour of Flanders	2022
Amstel Gold Race	2022

2.5. Individual Time Trial – Men

- a) If a rider achieves podium performances in three UCI World Tour (UCIWT) and or World Championship competitions that are a minimum 30km in length from 31 July 2021 to 15 May 2022 and the NNP considers that the courses reflected the course profile (discretionary assessment of physical and technical demands) of the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games, the

NNP may consider those results favourably when exercising their absolute discretion in nominating riders to the CGA for selection.

- b) Favourable consideration for time trial places may also be made to those riders who can demonstrate the ability to achieve the following performance standards.

Performance Standards Men	Protocols
140 w.kg ^{0.32}	Ramp test to exhaustion, 20 watts each minute. The standard highest average 1 min power of test.
108 w.kg ^{0.32}	40 min performance trail on a course elevation profile similar to that of the Birmingham 2022 ITT course

2.6. Road Race – Women

- a) Protected Rider(s): If a rider achieves two top 5 performances at the following competitions (stage or single day), the NNP may consider those results favourably when exercising their absolute discretion in nominating riders to the CGA for selection.

Event	Eligible Dates
World Road Race Championships	2021
National Road Race	2022
Strada Bianchi	2022
Gent-Wevelgem in Flanders Fields	2022
Liege Bastogne Liege	2022
Amstel Gold Race	2022
Tour of Flanders	2022
WWT Emakumeen XXXI. Bira	2022
OVO Energy Women's Tour	2022
Trofeo Binda	2022

2.7. Individual Time Trial – Women

- a) If a rider achieves podium performances in two UCI Women's World Tour (UCIWWT) and or World Championship competitions that are a minimum 15km in length from 1 August 2021 to 1 May 2022 and the NNP considers that the courses reflected the course profile (discretionary assessment physical and technical demands) of the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games, the NNP may consider those results favourably when nominating riders to the CGA for selection.
- b) Favourable consideration for time trial places may also be made to those riders who can demonstrate the ability to achieve one of following performance standards on two occasions within the nomination timeframe.

Performance Standards Women	Protocols
108 w.kg ^{0.32}	Ramp test to exhaustion, 20 watts each minute. The standard highest average 1 min power of test.
79 w.kg ^{0.32}	30 min ITT on course elevation profile similar to that of the Birmingham 2022 course

3. MOUNTAIN BIKE

- 3.1. The NNP may, in its absolute discretion, consider the performance standards contained in this clause 3 of this schedule, in addition clause 1 and 2.4 of the Nomination Criteria, in determining the riders who will be nominated to the CGA for selection for the Mountain Bike Discipline.
- 3.2. If a rider achieves at least two of the specified results at the following competitions, the NNP may consider those results favourably when nominating riders to the CGA for selection.
- 3.3. The NNP may consider a higher weighting of importance to 2022 Performances.

Events Elite Men and Women	Performance	Eligible Dates
Elite UCI World Championships	Top 10	2021
Elite UCI World Cups (all rounds within nomination timeframe)	Top 10	2021, 2022
U23 UCI World Cups (all rounds within nomination timeframe)	Top 5	2022

4. PARA CYCLING

- 4.1. The NNP may, in its absolute discretion, consider the performance standards contained in this clause 4 of this schedule, in addition to clauses 1 and 2.4 of the Nomination Criteria, in determining the riders who will be nominated to the CGA for selection for the Para Cycling Discipline.
- 4.2. Final team confirmation will be dependent on Australia Nation quota place through the UCI Tandem B rankings. The Para-Cycling Track Rider Allocation System includes two (2) methods of qualification,
- a) UCI Individual Tandem B – Track Para Rankings Ranking (period 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021) or;
 - b) Bipartite Invitation
- 4.3. The NNP may consider a higher weighting of importance to 2022 Performances.

Elite Para Men and Women	Performance Standards*
Men Track Tandem B Kilometre	1:02.9
Men Track Tandem B 200m Sprint	10.2
Women Track Tandem B Kilometre	1:09.9
Women Track Tandem B Sprint	11.1

* subject to *Australian Cycling Team Environmental Standardisation Protocol* and recorded under 500m altitude and excluding Moscow velodrome for Sprint Flying 200m.

* 1 rider on the track when undergoing individual efforts. Standing efforts from gate with 10 second count down. All times to be recorded on standard issue team clothing and equipment.