



AUSCYCLING

AUSTRALIAN CYCLING TEAM

NOMINATION CRITERIA

2020 OLYMPIC GAMES



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23 July – 8 August 2021, Tokyo, Japan

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 AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law, certain of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience.

AOC means the Australian Olympic Committee Inc and any of its officers, employees or agents and any committee it convenes including the AOC Selection Committee.

AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law means the document adopted by the Executive which governs, among other things, the nomination and selection of Athletes to a team for an Olympic Games or Olympic Winter Games.

AOC Selection Committee means the committee established by the AOC to send athletes and appoint officials to the Australian Olympic team for the Games.

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

Athlete means a person who:

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

Disciplines mean Track, Road Racing, Mountain Bike, BMX Racing, BMX Freestyle.

Executive means the Executive of the AOC.

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 National Senior Discipline Coach/Technical Director that the Athlete not compete at or attend one or more training camps or events to ensure optimal management of the Athlete's overall training or competition load, where such direction is approved by the National Federation Performance Director (PD); or
- f) any other factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

Games means the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

International Federation means Union Cyclist International (UCI).

National Federation means AusCycling (AC).

Nomination Date means:

Track: 17 May 2021

Road Racing: 17 May 2021

BMX Racing: 14 June 2021

BMX Freestyle: 14 June 2021

Mountain Bike: 14 June 2021

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the Games issued by the International Federation, available here: [Track](#), [Road Racing](#), [BMX Racing](#), [BMX Freestyle](#), [Mountain Bike](#).

Sport means Cycling (**Disciplines** mean Track, Road Racing, Mountain Bike, BMX Racing, BMX Freestyle).

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

Team means the team of athletes and officials selected by the AOC 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. OBJECTIVE

- 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 Olympic Games.
- 2.2.** 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 Olympic Games.

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 the AOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 3.3.** This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from 30 July 2020.
- 3.4.** This Nomination Criteria applies to:
 - a) all Athletes;
 - b) the National Federation; and
 - c) the AOC
- 3.5.** The terms of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law to all Athletes.
- 3.6.** The nomination of Athletes under the previous National Federation nomination criterion for Tokyo 2020 Games will still stand.

4. NATION QUOTA PLACES

- 4.1. For all Disciplines, quota places are allocated to the AOC in accordance with the Qualification System as set out by the International Federation and available on its website.
- 4.2. The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System, the International Federation has awarded the AOC or the National Federation quota places.
- 4.3. The National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than are permitted to be nominated by the AOC under the Qualification System.
- 4.4. The National Federation (unless otherwise determined by the AusCycling Board, the PD may exercise the right of the National Federation under this clause to not fill all International Federation quotas) may nominate fewer Athletes than are permitted under the Qualification System, in its absolute discretion.

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 AOC 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 National Federation or another federation affiliated with the International Federation with the nationality marked as 'AUS';
 - f) has read, signed and returned the execution page of the current AC National Team Agreement;
 - g) has read, signed and returned the AC 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 AC Performance Director and/or National Discipline Coach/Technical Director;
 - i) has not breached the Anti-Doping Policies of the AOC, the International Federation or the National Federation, 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 the International Federation and/or the National Federation Anti-Doping Policies; or
- ii) a failure to comply with an Athlete's obligations under either the International Federation or the National Federation Anti-Doping Policy, even if such a breach does not result in an ADRV;
 - j) has completed Sports Integrity Australia Anti-Doping Education level 1 and level 2: <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/education> for more information; and
 - k) is not suspended from the Sport for any reason.

6. PERFORMANCE CRITERIA – ALL DISCIPLINES

6.1. The National Federation Nomination Panel (NFNP) will be responsible for determining which Athletes will be nominated to the AOC 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) Australian Cycling Team Performance Director;
- (b) Director of Operations - Australian Cycling Team;
- (c) Australian Cycling Team Operations Manager;
- (d) Australian Cycling Team National Senior Coach(s)/Technical Directors for the relevant Discipline; and
- (e) a 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 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 AC's objective of Gold medal winning performances at the Games, as stated in clause 2.1;
- b) podium finishes at international benchmark competitions namely the World Championships and Olympic Games in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- c) the National Discipline Coach or Technical Director's assessment of the Athlete's ambition and demonstrated commitment to their performance plan and objectives;
- d) the Athlete's contribution to Olympic quota places leading into the Games;
- e) the Athlete's performance at trials and testing under the direction of the National Discipline Coach or 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 the National Federation's high-performance team.

The criteria listed in this clause are not arranged in any order of priority or importance and do not have any relative weighting.

7. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 7.1.** In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the nomination criteria, the National Federation may, in its absolute discretion, have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.
- 7.2.** 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 Performance Director in writing within seven days of the commencement of the Nomination Event.
- 7.3.** The National Federation may consider an Athlete's non-attendance at a Nomination Event to be an Extenuating Circumstance in its absolute discretion. The National Federation may require an Athlete to undergo a medical examination by a doctor nominated by the National Federation as a condition of treating the Athlete's non-attendance at a Nomination Event as an Extenuating Circumstance.

8. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

- 8.1.** The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- 8.2.** The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by the Nomination Date. The National Federation 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 the AOC advises the National Federation.
- 8.3.** Nominations submitted to the AOC must be in the form prescribed by the AOC or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to the AOC and include any such information that is required pursuant to the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.
- 8.4.** The AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by the National Federation as a result of an

appeal brought in accordance with the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.

9. AMENDMENTS

9.1. This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC Selection Committee.

10. GOVERNING LAW

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

SCHEDULE

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA - DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC

In determining which Athletes will be nominated to the AOC 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

- 1.1. The NFNP may, in its absolute discretion, consider the performance standards contained in this clause 1, in addition to clause 6.3, in determining the Athletes who will be nominated to the AOC for selection in the Team for the Track Discipline.
- 1.2. In Team events (Team Pursuit, Team Sprint and Madison) the NFNP may consider an Athlete's contribution to the overall event performance, as determined by the National Coach.

2. ROAD RACING

- 2.1. The NFNP may, in its absolute discretion, consider the performance standards contained in section 2 of this schedule, in addition to clause 6.3, in determining which Athlete(s), and the number of Athletes, who will be nominated to the AOC for selection in the Team for the Road Racing Discipline as a protected Athlete(s) or support Athlete(s). The number of protected Athletes will be determined at the discretion of the NFNP. A protected Athlete will be supported by a team of Athletes, who will be required to implement specific roles in order to increase the probability that the race strategy is met.
- 2.2. The NFNP may consider a higher weighting of importance to 2021 Performances.
- 2.3. Support Athletes for Road Racing may be nominated based on clause 6.3 and on any, all or none of the following factors, at the absolute discretion of the NFNP, which may or may not be exercised;
 - a) support roles in the events listed in 2.4 (Men) and 2.6 (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 AC Australian Cycling Team Strategic Plan, available on AC's website.

2.4. Road Race – Men

- a) Protected Athlete(s): If an Athlete achieves two podium performances at the following competitions the NFNP may consider those results favourably

when exercising their absolute discretion in nominating Athletes to the AOC for selection.

Event	Eligible Dates
World Road Race Championships	2018, 2019, 2020
Strada Bianchi	2019, 2020, 2021
Liege Bastogne Liege	2019, 2020, 2021
Tour of Flanders	2019, 2021
Amstel Gold Race	2019, 2021
Classic San Sebastian	2019
Grand Prix Cyclist de Québec	2019
Grand Prix Cyclist de Montréal	2019
Tour of Lombardi	2019, 2020

2.5. Individual Time Trial – Men

- a) If an Athlete achieves podium performances in three UCI World Tour (UCIWT) and or World Championship competitions that are a minimum 30km in length from 1 September 2018 to 1 May 2021 and the NFNP considers that the courses reflected the course profile (discretionary assessment of physical and technical demands) of the 2020 Olympic Games, the NFNP may consider those results favourably when exercising their absolute discretion in nominating Athletes to the AOC for selection.

2.6. Road Race – Women

- a) Protected Athlete(s): If an Athlete achieves two podium performances at the following competitions (stage or single day), the NFNP may consider those results favourably when exercising their absolute discretion in nominating Athletes to the AOC for selection.

Event	Eligible Dates
World Road Race Championships	2018, 2019, 2020
Strada Bianchi	2019, 2020, 2021
Gent-Wevelgem in Flanders Fields	2019
Liege Bastogne Liege	2019, 2020, 2021
Amstel Gold Race	2019, 2020, 2021
Tour of Flanders	2019, 2020, 2021
WWT Emakumeen XXXI. Bira	2019
OVO Energy Women's Tour	2019

La Course	2019
Tour of Italy	2019, 2020
Trofeo Binda	2021

2.7. Individual Time Trial – Women

- a) If an Athlete 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 September 2018 to 1 May 2021 and the NFNP considers that the courses reflected the course profile (discretionary assessment physical and technical demands) of the 2020 Olympic Games, the NFNP may consider those results favourably when nominating Athletes to the AOC for selection.

3. BMX RACING

- 3.1. The NFNP may, in its absolute discretion, consider the performance standards contained in this section 3 of this schedule, in addition to clause 6.3, in determining the Athletes who will be nominated to the AOC for selection for the BMX Racing Discipline.
- 3.2. If an Athlete achieves at least three of the specified results at the following competitions, the NFNP may consider those results favourably when nominating Athletes to the AOC for selection
- 3.3. The NFNP may consider a higher weighting of importance to 2021 Performances.

Event Elite Men	Performance	Eligible Dates
UCI SX World Championships	Top 6	2019, 2020
UCI SX World Cups	Top 5	April 2019 to May 2021
Event Elite Women	Performance	Eligible Dates
UCI SX World Championships	Top 6	2019, 2020
UCI SX World Cups	Top 5	April 2019 to May 2021

4. BMX FREESTYLE

- 4.1. The NFNP may, in its absolute discretion, consider the performance standards contained in this section 4 of this schedule, in addition to clause 6.3, in determining the Athletes who will be nominated to the AOC for selection for the BMX Freestyle Discipline.
- 4.2. If an Athlete achieves at least two of the specified results at the following competitions, the NFNP may consider those results favourably when exercising their absolute discretion in nominating Athletes to the AOC for selection
- 4.3. The NFNP may consider a higher weighting of importance to 2021 Performances.

Events Elite Men	Performance	Eligible Dates
UCI Freestyle Park World Championships	Top 5	2018, 2019
UCI Freestyle Park World Cups/FISE	Top 4	Nov 2018 to May 2021
Events Elite Women	Performance	Eligible Dates
UCI Freestyle Park World Championships	Top 5	2018, 2019
UCI Freestyle Park World Cups/FISE	Top 4	Nov 2018 to May 2021

5. MOUNTAIN BIKE

- 5.1. The NFNP may, in its absolute discretion, consider the performance standards contained in this section 5 of this schedule, in addition to clause 6.3, in determining the Athletes who will be nominated to the AOC for selection for the Mountain Bike Discipline.
- 5.2. If an Athlete achieves at least three of the specified results at the following competitions, the NFNP may consider those results favourably when nominating Athletes to the AOC for selection.
- 5.3. The NFNP may consider a higher weighting of importance to 2021 Performances.

Events Elite Men and Women	Performance	Eligible Dates
Elite UCI World Championships Elite	Top 8	2019
Elite UCI World Cups (all rounds)	Top 8	2019, 2021