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## **2015-2016 Cyclo-Cross Program and Selection Criteria**

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ALL PROGRAMMING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The purpose of this document is to an overview of the upcoming Cyclo-cross season. It is important to note that programming may change at any time due to financial circumstances, staffing, changes to the international racing calendar, etc.

**Introduction:**

Canadians have participated in Cyclo-cross at the international level for many years with the administrative and logistical support of Cycling Canada. However, as Cyclo-cross is not an Olympic cycling sport Cycling Canada does not receive any funding to support these programs, so the costs are entirely borne by the athletes.

While this situation is broadly accepted by members of the Cyclo-cross community, there is always the feeling that more can be done to ease this situation. But given the many other financial and planning pressures Cycling Canada faces, there are no resources to internally pursue solutions.

In 2015, with the Cyclo-cross World Cup circuit coming to North America for the first time, Cycling Canada invited some prominent members of the Canadian Cyclo-cross community to form a working group tasked with developing a sustainable Cyclo-cross program, improving communication and planning around the Canadian Cyclo-cross program, exploring funding opportunities and identifying and engaging leaders in the Canadian Cyclo-cross community that help drive these initiatives.

**2015 National Cyclo-cross Team Strategic Priorities:**

- To improve communications and planning around the Canadian Cyclo-cross program;
- To improve engagement with members of the Cyclo-cross community;
- To develop a sustainable Cyclo-cross program that has value to Cycling Canada and to members of the Cyclo-cross community;
- To continue to introduce developing athletes to international competition;
- To continue providing support to elite athletes at select international competitions;
- To explore alternative funding opportunities, including sponsorship and fundraising;
- To identify leaders in the Cyclo-cross community who can drive these initiatives without additionally taxing Cycling Canada resources.

**The objectives of the 2015 Cyclo-cross program will be:**

- To raise the quality of support provided to Canadian athletes in the Canadian Cyclo-cross program;
- To run the first ever Cycling Canada camp to Belgium for the Christmas Cyclo-cross period

## 2015-2016 World Cup Selection Policy

Selection for World Cups will take place 1 month in advance of the date of the World Cup in question. Riders interested in competing at that World Cup must indicate their interest using the online form (<http://bit.ly/1JKD1Ms>) by 23:59 EST on the indicated date (one week prior to the selection date).

Participation in World Cup events is at the athletes' own cost. Cycling Canada is responsible for completing the online entry for each World Cup, but unless otherwise stated all other logistics are the athletes' responsibility.

Date	Event	Indication of Interest Date	Selection Date
16.09.2015	WC: CrossVegas	Selections complete	Selections complete
18.10.2015	WC: Valkenberg	Selections Open	11.10.2015
22.11.2015	WC: Koksijde	15.10.2015	22.10.2015
20.12.2015	WC: Namur	13.11.2015	20.11.2015
26.12.2015	WC: Zolder	13.11.2015	20.11.2015
17.01.2015	WC: Lignieres-en-Berry	16.12.2015	23.12.2015
24.01.2015	WC: Hoogerheide	16.12.2015	23.12.2015

For every World Cup, each country is limited to the following participation quotas:

Elite Men	8
Elite Women	8
U23 Men	6
Junior Men	6

Participation decisions will be made using the following criteria based on rankings on the selection date and results in the 12 months preceding the selection date, ranked in order of priority. If the selection must prioritize between two athletes who have met criteria of equal priority, the Cyclo-cross working group will determine a neutral and fair process to do this.

### Elite Women World Cup Criteria

1. Top 50 UCI Ranking
2. Any rider finishing top 3 at the most recent Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
3. Any rider who finished in the top 40 at the most recent Cyclo-Cross World Championships;
4. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
5. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
6. Any rider with a top-50 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Cyclo-cross world cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
7. Any rider with two top-10 results at two separate UCI C2 Cyclo-cross events in the 12 months prior to the selection date (events must be on separate weekends);
8. Other athletes who apply by the registration deadline.

### **Elite Men World Cup Criteria:**

1. Top 50 UCI Ranking;
2. Any rider finishing top 3 at the most recent Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
3. Any rider who finished in the top 40 at the most recent Cyclo-Cross World Championships;
4. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
5. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
6. Any rider with a top-50 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Cyclo-cross world cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
7. Any rider with two top-10 results at two separate UCI C2 Cyclo-cross events in the 12 months prior to the selection date (events must be on separate weekends);
8. Other athletes who apply by the registration deadline.

### **U23 Men World Cup Criteria**

1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
2. Any rider with a Top 25 at a U23 UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
3. Any rider with a top-10 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
4. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
5. Any rider with one top-10 result at a UCI C2 cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
6. Other athletes who apply by the registration deadline.

### **Junior Men World Cup Criteria**

1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
2. Any rider with a Top 25 at a Junior UCI Cyclo-cross world cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
3. Any rider with a top-10 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
4. Other athletes who apply by the registration deadline.

## Cycling Canada Projects

Cycling Canada will run supported projects (Project fees to apply) to the following events.

Dates	Event	Location	Athletes Quotas
Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Cross Camp	Tielt-Winge, Belgium	4 Elite Men 4 Elite Women 4 U23 Men 4 U23 Women 4 Junior Men
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup> -Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	World Championships/ Hoogerheide World Cup	Tielt-Winge Belgium	5 Elite Men 5 Elite Women 5 U23 Men 5 U23 Women 5 Junior Men

Details on these projects and the costs will be published in the coming weeks.

### 2016 Christmas Cross Camp Selection

Selection for the Christmas Cross Camp will take place on November 20, 2015, 1 month in advance of the date of the Namur World Cup. Riders interested in participating in the camp must indicate their interest using the online form found on the Cycling Canada website by 23:59 EST on the indicated date (one week prior to selections)

Date	Event	Indication of Interest Date	Selection Date
Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup> -Jan 4	Christmas Cross Camp	13.11.2015	20.11.2015

For the Christmas Cross Camp, we will limit participation to the following participation quotas;

Elite Men	4
Elite Women	4
U23 Men	4
U23 Women *New Category Racing Age 17-22	4
Junior Men	4

Participation decisions will be made using the following criteria, ranked in order of priority:

#### Elite Women's Criteria

1. Top 50 UCI Ranking;
2. Any rider finishing top 3 at the most recent Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
3. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
4. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;

5. Any rider with a top-50 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Cyclo-cross world cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
6. Any rider with two top-10 results at two separate UCI C2 Cyclo-cross events in the 12 months prior to the selection date (events must be on separate weekends).

#### **Elite Men Criteria:**

1. Top 50 UCI Ranking
2. Rider finishing top 3 at the most recent Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
3. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
4. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
5. Any rider with a top-50 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Cyclo-cross world cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
6. Any rider with two top-10 results at two separate UCI C2 Cyclo-cross events in the 12 months prior to the selection date (events must be on separate weekends).

#### **U23 Women's Criteria (17-22 Racing Age)**

1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
2. Any rider with a top-10 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
3. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
4. Any rider with a top-50 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Elite Women's Cyclo-cross world cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
5. Any rider with one top-10 result at a UCI C2 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date.

#### **U23 Men's Criteria**

1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
2. Any rider with a Top 25 at a U23 UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
3. Any rider with a top-10 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
4. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
5. Any rider with one top-10 result at a UCI C2 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date.

#### **Junior Men's Criteria**

1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
2. Any rider with a Top 25 at a Junior UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
3. Any rider with a top-10 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships.

## 2016 World Championship Selection

Selection for World Championships will take place on Dec. 23, 2015, 1 month in advance of the the final World Cup. Riders interested in competing in the World Championships must indicate their interest using the online form found on the Cycling Canada website by 23:59 EST on the indicated date (one week prior to selections)

Date	Event	Indication of Interest Date	Selection Date
30.01.2015	World Championships/ Hoogerheide World Cup	16.12.2015	23.12.2015

For World championships each country is limited to the following participation quotas;

Elite Men	5
Elite Women	5
U23 Men	5
U23 Women *New Category Racing Age 17-22	5
Junior Men	5

Participation decisions will be made using the following criteria, ranked in order of priority:

### Elite Women's Criteria

1. Top 50 UCI Ranking;
2. Any rider finishing top 3 at the most recent Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
3. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
4. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
5. Any rider with a top-50 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Cyclo-cross world cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
6. Any rider with two top-10 result at two separate UCI C2 Cyclo-cross events in the 12 months prior to the selection date (events must be on separate weekends).

### Elite Men World Cup Criteria:

1. Top 50 UCI Ranking;
2. Any rider finishing top 3 at the most recent Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
3. Any rider with a top-15 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships
4. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
4. Any rider with a top-50 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Cyclo-cross world cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
5. Any rider with two top-10 result at two separate UCI C2 Cyclo-cross events in the 12 months prior to the selection date (events must be on separate weekends).

### **U23 Women's Criteria (17-22 Racing Age)**

1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
2. Any rider with a top-10 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
3. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
4. Any rider with a top-50 result (must be top 75% of finishers) at a UCI Elite Women's Cyclo-cross world cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
5. Any rider with one top-10 result at a UCI C2 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date.

### **U23 Men's Criteria**

1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
2. Any rider with a Top 25 at a U23 UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
3. Any rider with a top-10 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships;
4. Any rider with a top-15 result at a UCI C1 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
5. Any rider with one top-10 result at a UCI C2 Cyclo-cross event in the 12 months prior to the selection date.

### **Junior Men's Criteria**

1. Any rider finishing in the top 3 at the most recent Canadian Cyclo-cross Championships;
2. Any rider with a Top 25 at a Junior UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date;
3. Any rider with a top-10 result at the most recent Cyclo-cross Continental Championships.

### **Clothing: (UCI Rule 1.3.059)**

For the Hoogerheide World Cup, Elite Men and Women's Riders may ride in the clothing of their professional team. U23 Men, Women and Junior Men must ride in the clothing of their nationality. For World Championships, all riders must ride in the clothing of their nationality.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the proposed National Team program outlined in this document, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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