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Section A:

General Nomination Eligibility Criteria and Appeals Guide (applies to all disciplines)

1. OBJECTIVE

The respective National Selection Panel (Selectors) for each discipline will nominate athletes who they consider in their absolute discretion will have the best chance of meeting the following two objectives:

- 1.1 athletes and/or combinations of athletes capable of achieving Gold medal winning results at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games; and
- 1.2 athletes with potential to progress towards medal winning results at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics/Paralympics, or at future World Championships in Olympic events.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1. CA Endorsement

Cycling Australia (CA) is the national body responsible for the sport of Cycling in Australia as recognised by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI). Athlete nomination to the Australian Cycling Team/s will be made by the relevant discipline selectors and will be subject to endorsement by the CA Board.

CA will nominate final team recommendations to Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA). Ratification by CGA will be subject to their approval and athletes having complied with both CA and CGA requirements for eligibility to be a CGA Team Member.

The National Selection Panel (NSP) for road, track and mountain bike will make recommendations in accordance with the Nomination Criteria to the CA Nomination Committee (NC).

Subsequently, the NC will consider and combine all NSP recommendations to make the final team nomination recommendations to the CA Board for nomination to CGA in accordance with, and in consideration of, the complete CA Nomination Criteria and, specifically, clause 1 above – and with the CA High Performance Strategic Plan.

2.2. Eligibility – Nomination in National squads and Australian teams

To be eligible for consideration for nomination to a National squad or an Australian Cycling Team, athletes must:

- 2.2.1. Be an **Australian citizen**.
- 2.2.2. Have a **current racing licence** issued by CA or another federation affiliated with the UCI with the nationality marked as Australian.
- 2.2.3. Have read, signed in agreement and returned the execution page of the **2018 CA National Team Agreement and the CGA 2018 Team Agreement**.
- 2.2.4. Have read, signed and returned the **CA No Doping Declaration Policy** and declare that the circumstances have not changed since submitting the declaration.
- 2.2.5. Have met the **Specific Nomination Criteria** as set out for the respective Cycling disciplines in Sections B, C, D, E of this document.
- 2.2.6. Agree to participate in and meet all **competition, training and participation requirements** as determined by the CA High Performance Director (HPD) and/or National Discipline Coach/Technical Director.
- 2.2.7. **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 Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA), pursuant to the policies of the UCI, CA and the World Anti-Doping Code.
- 2.2.8. Not have breached the **Anti-Doping Policies of the UCI, CA 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:
 - a. 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 provisions of the UCI and/or CA Anti-Doping Policies; or
 - b. a failure to comply with an athlete's obligations under UCI or CA Anti-Doping Policy, even if such a breach does not result in an ADRV.

- 2.2.9 **ASADA Anti-Doping Education:** To be eligible for nomination, all athletes will be required to be up to date and fully compliant with the ASADA Anti-doping Education (ASADA e-learning), and therefore have completed and be current at the time of nomination with all online updates.
- 2.2.10 An athlete will not be considered for nomination while under CA suspension.
- 2.2.11. Any athlete who, after 1 January 2010, has been found guilty of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation and where the consequent penalty applied is a two-year suspension or greater, will no longer be eligible for selection in an Australian national cycling team.
- 2.2.12. Any athlete who is currently under investigation because 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 selection in an Australian national cycling team, unless he/she is able to satisfy the Board of CA (at its sole discretion) that exceptional circumstances apply. Where the Board is satisfied that exceptional circumstances apply, the athlete may be considered for selection in the national cycling team in accordance with the selection criteria set out in this document. Any request for the Board to consider an athlete's circumstances must be submitted to the Board in writing.
- 2.2.13. To be eligible for consideration for nomination to an Australian Cycling Team, athletes must be a member of a National squad.

2.3 National Selection Panels (Selectors)

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

- 2.3.1 The National selectors consist of the HPD the General Manager, the National Team Manager, and the National Senior Discipline Coach/Technical Director and a person (endorsed by the Cycling Australia board) that has experience and understanding of cycling or high performance sport and with suitable skills for membership of the panel.

Each member will vote on athlete selection based on evidence presented and in line with the selection criteria objectives without bias. In the event of that panel members cannot agree, the HPD will have the final selection decision.

- 2.3.2 It is the policy of CA that the HPD shall perform the role of convener for each NSP. The HPD shall be responsible for facilitating and monitoring the nomination procedure in accordance with the policy and criteria and directing the administration of the processes of endorsement and advice to athletes.

2.4 Communication

- 2.4.1 All **correspondence** should be forwarded to:

General Manager – High Performance (GM-HP)
Cycling Australia
Postal – PO Box 646, Enfield Plaza, SA, 5085
Phone – 08 8360 5888
Email – paul.brosnan@cycling.org.au

It is the ultimate responsibility of the athlete 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 GM-HP.

2.4.2 These criteria and sub sections 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 CA Board and CGA. If approved, the CA 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. CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO A LONG TEAM

3.1. Athletes may be added or deleted from a national squad or long team in the sole discretion of the respective selectors subject to their performances and obligations in accordance with their nomination in the squad and the specific discipline nomination criteria in Sections B to E.

3.2. Performance Time Period

Refer to specific discipline sections of this criteria B to E.

3.3. Specific Nomination Criteria

For an athlete to be considered for selection to a national cycling squad or long team they must achieve the specific performance criteria for their respective discipline, as set out in sections B to E.

4. NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CYCLING TEAM

4.1. Specific Discipline Performance Criteria

For an athlete to be considered for nomination to an Australian cycling team they must achieve the specific performance criteria for their respective discipline, as set out in Sections B to E. As noted above in 2.2.13 to be eligible for consideration for nomination to an Australian Cycling Team, athletes must be a member of a National squad.

4.2. Other nomination criteria that may be considered to meet the objectives in clause 1 are

4.2.1 Podium performance history at international benchmark competitions (World Championships, and Olympics) according to time periods in sections B-E.

4.2.2 National discipline coach/technical director assessment of the athlete's ambition and demonstrated commitment to their performance plan and objectives;

4.2.3 The athlete's potential to contribute to Olympic qualifying places leading into the next Olympic / Paralympic Games;

4.2.4 The athlete's performance trials and testing as directed by the national discipline coach/technical director;

4.2.5 The athlete's technical and tactical execution in training and competition;

4.2.6 The athlete's consistency in training and performance against agreed objectives and/or benchmarks;

4.2.7 The athlete's commitment to attendance, performance, attitude and conduct in training whilst a member of national team program of activity;

4.2.8 Priorities of cycling events as set out in the CA High Performance Strategic Plan.

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

4.3. Team Size & Events

4.3.1 The maximum size for the Australian cycling team is 34 athletes, plus para-cycling quota of 2 bikes.

4.3.2 The following are indicative discipline team numbers only and selectors as directed by the HPD may alter discipline team numbers within the determined maximum team numbers, to achieve the overall cycling team objectives – as per clause 1.1.

Men Road	6 athletes
Women Road	6 athletes
Men Mountain Bike	2 athletes
Women Mountain Bike	2 athletes
Track Sprint Men	4 athletes
Track Endurance Men	6 athletes
Track Sprint Women	2 athletes
Track Endurance Women	6 athletes
Track Para-cycling Men (B Tandem Sprint / TT)	1 bike
Track Para-cycling Women (B Tandem Sprint / TT)	1 bike

4.3.3 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"> • Sprint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1000m Time Trial
	Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sprint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1000m Time Trial

4.3.4 CA reserves the right to **not** fill Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) quotas. Unless otherwise resolved by the CA Board the HPD may exercise the right of CA under this clause to not fill all CGF quotas.

4.3.5 Where more athletes achieve the nomination criteria than there are places available for Australia, the selectors determine which athletes are to be nominated to the National Team. Therefore, meeting the specific requirements of the Nomination Criteria does not guarantee an athlete nomination to CGA for selection in the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team.

4.4. Reserves

- 4.4.1 Reserves may be identified for any event. The selectors may reconvene between nomination and competition to replace a previously nominated athlete for reasons which may include failure to maintain performance at the level which earned their nomination or due to non-compliance with the CA and/or CGA Team Agreement.
- 4.4.2 Reserve athletes, if identified, will not be nominated to CGA and therefore will not be part of the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team unless and until they replace an athlete chosen for nomination to CGA or a selected athlete.

4.5 Trials

- 4.5.1 Athletes may be asked to undergo performance trials in training to ensure final athlete selection meets the overall objectives of the CA Strategic Plan, and Commonwealth Games targets.
- 4.5.2 Any trials outside of CA/UCI competition will be approved at the discretion of National Discipline Coaches/Technical Director and approved by the HPD. In exceptional circumstances, the selectors may schedule a trial by invitation only, for nomination purposes. In that instance, 14 days' notice will be provided to the athletes for the trial.
- 4.5.3 For any trial in or out of competition, the athlete will be required to use a UCI compliant bicycle for that specific trial.

5 EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 5.1 In considering the performances of athletes at competitions, trials, training camps or other attendances required under these criteria, the HPD may at their discretion, approve "extenuating circumstances".
- 5.2 For the purposes of clause 5.1 above, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, attend training camps or perform at an optimum level arising from:
 - 5.2.1 Injury or illness;
 - 5.2.2 Travel delays;
 - 5.2.3 Equipment failure;
 - 5.2.4 Bereavement or personal misfortune, and/or
 - 5.2.5 Any other factors reasonably considered by the HPD to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 5.3 Athletes unable to compete at competitions, trials, training camps or other attendances required under these criteria must advise and seek approval from the HPD 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.
- 5.4 In the case of injury or illness, athletes will be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctors nominated/approved by the HPD.
- 5.5 A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the HPD on an individual basis. There is no appeal against a decision of the HPD under this clause 5.

6 APPEALS

In accordance with the provisions of the CA polices, an athlete may lodge an appeal against non-nomination in a national squad or Australian Cycling Team. The process for dealing with such an appeal is detailed hereafter:

6.1 Grounds of Appeal

- 6.1.1 An aggrieved person may appeal against a decision of the selectors in accordance with this policy.
- 6.1.2 The sole grounds of any appeal to a Nomination Review Panel (NRP) are that:
 - a. the athlete's omission from nomination was a result of a failure by CA to properly follow and/or implement the process set out in this Policy;
 - b. the appellant was not given a reasonable opportunity by CA to satisfy the nomination criteria;
 - c. the nomination decision was affected by actual bias; OR
 - d. there was no material on which the nomination decision could reasonably be based.

6.2 Procedure for Appeal

- 6.2.1 Any appeal against a decision of the selectors must be made by the prescribed deadline (usually 48 hours) following any public announcement of the nominations;
- 6.2.2 The appeal must be lodged in writing with the CEO and accompanied by the prescribed fee (\$500). If the matter does not proceed to a hearing or if the appeal is successful, the appeal fee may be refunded in part or in full.
- 6.2.3 The application for the appeal must set out:
 - a. The decision of the selectors in question;
 - b. The ground(s) on which the appeal is made; and
 - c. The reasons or circumstances supporting the alleged grounds of appeal.
- 6.2.4 Nothing in this policy prevents the withdrawal of an appeal at any time in writing.
- 6.2.5 On receipt of an appeal in accordance with this policy, the CEO must forward the appeal documents to the NRP without delay.

6.3 Constitution of Nomination Review Panel

- 6.3.1 The CA Board will appoint a NRP who will be constituted by any three persons available to hear the appeal, but which must include the following:
 - a. A person with legal training, experience in dispute resolution, or suitable experience in the process of determining nomination appeals in sport, who will act as Chairperson of the NRP;
 - b. A person with experience and understanding of cycling or high performance sport and with suitable skills for membership of the panel;
- 6.3.2 No member of the NRP may be a selector or have been a party to or directly interested in the matter under consideration.
- 6.3.3 All members of the NRP must declare any possible conflict or perception of conflict of interest. The Chairperson of the NRP will review any declaration and

determine whether any particular member of the NRP can sit on any particular appeal.

6.4 Functions of the Nomination Review Panel

The NRP has no power of nomination or re-nomination. The NRP may review the matter set out in the appeal and may (as appropriate) refer the matter back to the selectors for consideration.

6.5. Procedures for the Nomination Review Panel

6.5.1 The NRP shall, as soon as practical after receiving notice of the appeal, investigate and consider the matter and shall within seven days of receiving such notice, progress as follows:

6.5.2 Preliminary Assessment:

Upon request by the CEO, the Chairperson of the NRP may conduct a preliminary review of the grounds for Appeal in order to assess the strength of the appellant's submission. The NRP Chairperson reserves the right to make contact with the appellant and/or selectors, should it be required, for clarification or additional information in this preliminary assessment phase. The NRP will then act in one of the following ways;

- a. Progress to a formal hearing of the appeal, on the basis that preliminary assessments indicate the case warrants a formal hearing; or
- b. Dismiss the appeal and not progress to a formal appeal hearing, ruling the case closed due to lack of merit. The appellant will then be informed in writing of these findings.

6.5.3 If the matter warrants referral to a formal hearing the NRP shall, as soon as practicable, having regard to the timing of nomination and proximity of relevant competition, direct the CEO to serve a notice in writing on the aggrieved party:

- a. Stating that the aggrieved party may address the decision of the NRP at a meeting to be held as soon as practicable, and no later than ten days from the date of the notice;
- b. Stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
- c. Informing the aggrieved person that he or she may do any one or more of the following:
 - i. Attend that meeting personally, by teleconference link or by his or her representative, not being legally trained or qualified; or
 - ii. Give the NRP, no later than 24 hours before the time of that meeting, a further written statement setting out relevant information surrounding the appeal.

6.5.4 Any other athlete/s that may be affected by the outcome of an appeal shall also be notified and;

- a. be advised of the appeal and the grounds submitted for appeal; and
- b. be provided the opportunity to lodge a written submission or attend a hearing and provide evidence or be represented at the hearing by a nominated person/s.

- 6.5.5 The selectors will also be requested to lodge a written statement outlining the reasons for their nominations that impacted upon the non-nomination of the aggrieved party.
- 6.5.6 The NRP may conduct a meeting convened in accordance with this policy (or any adjournment thereof) in such manner as it sees fit, but shall:
- a. Give to the aggrieved party, affected athlete/s and the selectors every opportunity to be heard;
 - b. Give due consideration to any written statement by the aggrieved person;
 - c. Allow the aggrieved person to be present along with his or her adult representative (not being legally trained or qualified); and may, request or require the aggrieved person or any other witness to attend the meeting or provide such evidence as is available.
 - d. Allow any affected party to make a submission to the NRP and attend the hearing and provide evidence as is available.
 - e. Following consideration of all relevant and available information, the NRP shall arrive at a finding. A decision of the NRP shall be by a majority decision.
 - f. The NRP shall notify the CEO of its finding within 24 hours.
 - g. If the NRP considers the grounds alleged by the aggrieved person to be satisfied, it shall refer the matter back to the selectors for reconsideration of the nomination of the relevant squad, team or individual.
 - h. The selectors shall comply with any direction provided by the NRP in any referral.
 - i. Unless an appeal is lodged under clause 6.6. any further nomination decision of the selectors under the direction of the NRP shall be final, and no other further appeal shall be available to the aggrieved person in respect of that nomination.

6.6. Court of Arbitration for Sport

6.6.1 Right of Appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport

A person who wishes to appeal against a decision of the NRP may appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). Subject to this document the Code of Arbitration for Sport will apply for the appeal procedures. The decision of the CAS will be final and binding on the parties and it is agreed that neither party will institute or maintain proceedings in any court or tribunal other than the CAS.

6.6.2 Time in which appeal to the CAS can be lodged

A person wishing to appeal to the CAS must give written notice of that fact to the CEO within 48 hours of the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is made and must then file his or her statement of appeal with the CAS within a further 48 hours.

6.6.3 Failure to observe time limits

Failure of the appellant to observe the above time limits will render any appeal a nullity provided that a person may apply to CA for an extension of time in which to commence an appeal. CA may grant such an extension only in extenuating circumstances outside the control of the aggrieved person.

6.6.4 Grounds of appeal

The sole grounds of any appeal to CAS under this clause are that:

Section B Track Cycling Para-cycling

Men and Women

1. GENERAL

1.1. **Objectives:** Refer to Clause 1 in Section A.

1.2. **Performance Time Period:**

1.2.1 **Long Team:** Commencing 25 February 2017 and concluding 31 January 2018

1.2.2 **Final Team:** a final team will be nominated from athletes selected from the Long Team, based on assessment against performance criteria. (Refer Section A, clause 7 for timetable)

1.3. **Team Size & Events:** Refer to Section A, clause 4.3.

1.4. **Selections for Start List:** The High Performance Director (HPD), with advice from the respective national head coach, will determine the athletes to start in each event on the basis of performances in competition and training leading into the competition.

1.5. **Next Best:** If no athletes or too few athletes achieve the Nomination Criteria, then the selectors may consider the next best athlete(s) based on performances assessed against the performance criteria.

2. LONG TEAM - PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

The selectors will determine team nominations based on the following two levels:

- Level 1: Direct Nominations
- Level 2: Discretionary Nominations

2.1. Level 1: Direct Nominations to the Long Team

Direct nominations to the Long Team will be granted when an athlete/team satisfies one or more of the following performance standards, **in the following competitions**. Only the best performed athlete will gain direct nomination – in each event.

2.1.1 Competitions

- 2017 Track Cycling World Championships (excluding sprint events)
- 2018 Oceania Track Championships (20-23 Nov 2017)
- Austral (Austral Sprint Events Only) (17 Dec 2017)
- 2018 Para-cycling Australian Track Championships (Dec 2017)
- 2018 Para-cycling Track Cycling World Championships (tba)

2.1.2 Direct nominations to the Long Team for individual sprint events

- Winner of 2018 Oceania Championships (20-23 Nov 2017)
- Winner of Austral (Austral Sprint Events Only) (17 Dec 2017)

Men Track Endurance - Performance standards for direct nominations

Event/Trial	Performance Time
4000m Teams Pursuit	<3 min 54.50 sec
4000m Individual Pursuit	<4 min 16.00 sec

Women Track Endurance – Performance standards for direct nominations

Event/Trial	Performance Time
4000m Teams Pursuit	<4 min 17.50 sec
3000m Individual Pursuit	<3 min 30.00 sec

Men Sprint - Performance standards for direct nominations

Event/Trial	Performance Time
Team Sprint - Position 1	<17.50 sec
- Position 2	<12.90 sec
- Position 3	<13.20 sec
Sprint - 200m TT	<9.90 sec
1000m Time Trial	<1 min 01.50 sec
B Tandem 1000m Time Trial	<1 min 03.00 sec
B Tandem Flying 200 (sprint event)	<10.45 sec

Women Sprint – Performance standards for direct nominations

Event/Trial	Performance Time
Team Sprint - Position 1	<18.80 sec
- Position 2	<14.00 sec
Sprint - 200m TT	<10.90 sec
500m Time Trial	<34.00 sec
B Tandem 1000m Time Trial	<1 min 10.00 sec
B Tandem Flying 200 (sprint event)	<11.50 sec

2.1.3 All performances in clause 2.1 above will be subject to application and compliance of the following:

- Specific terms and conditions (including temperature and track correction) set out in Clause 3.
- The UCI event and bicycle rules for each event, unless stated otherwise in Clause 3.

2.2 Level 2: Discretionary Nominations

The selectors will exercise full discretion to determine all additional nominations to the Long Team in accord with the objectives listed in clause 1.1, and with reference to the criteria in **Section A, clause 4.2**.

3. CONDITIONS FOR RECORDING A VALID TIME FOR NOMINATION PURPOSES

3.1. All track discipline competition performance times and timed trials conducted for the purpose of achieving specific performance criteria are to be conducted only with the authority of the selectors and in controlled conditions that must satisfy the following:

3.1.1. Be witnessed by at least one of the following:

- a National Team coach,
- a State Institute of Sport Head Coach,
- a member of a National Selection Panel
- a suitably experienced person appointed by the GM-HP where one of the above is not available

3.1.2. Ideally, a nationally accredited commissaire would also be in attendance.

3.1.3. Timed trials out of competition be conducted on an empty track (no other athletes) with marker sponges or during a sanctioned competition. This includes team sprint races for the timing of a standing start 250m time trial.

3.1.4. Proper starting gates are to be used for trials involving a standing start (ie 250m, 500m and 1000m trials). A handheld start with an electronic timing device activated by movement of the front wheel will only be permitted for timing of an individual and/or team pursuit trial.

3.1.5. Electronic timing (inclusive of light gates) is to be used for all trials.

3.1.6. A HD video camera with the following minimum settings to be used to capture each trial. (min. 720p, 50 x frames p/s & 1/250th shutter speed)

3.1.7. For all standing trials/races, the first lap time must be recorded, in addition to the total time for the performance.

3.1.8. A performance may be recorded on a UCI certified velodrome **below 500m in altitude.**

3.1.9. For the flying 200m time trial, any performance time may only be recorded on a 250m length track.

3.1.10. The following environmental information must be recorded at track side by a National Team Coach, State Institute of Sport Head Coach or National Selector, within 10min prior or post performance, using an AIS or State Sports Institute approved/calibrated Environmental Conditions Measurement Instrument.

- **Temperature** in degree Celsius rounded down to the whole number (eg. 28.6 deg = 28 deg)
- **Barometric Pressure** (BP), in Millibar (mb) or Hectopascals (hPa) rounded down to whole number (eg. 1013.5 = 1013)
- **Relative Humidity** (RH), rounded down to the whole number (49.5% = 49%)

3.2 For all events the environmental conditions will be applied against the times recorded through the CA Environmental Conditions Correction Tool (software).

The baseline (zero) standards set for environmental conditions are:

- Temperature: 26°C
- Barometric Pressure: 1013 hPa / mb
- Relative Humidity: 50%

All environmental adjustments are made up or down based on the factors above – in combination.

- 3.3 For all timed sprint events the times recorded will be adjusted to standardised environmental conditions via the CA Environmental Conditions Standardisation Tool and rounded down to the hundredth of a second and track correction
- 3.4 The CA Environmental Conditions Correction Tool has been developed with the input of both national and international sports science expertise. This software tool will be made is available to relevant National State and AIS Program coaches. (<http://cyclingaus.org/calc/>).
- 3.5 Each athlete will be allowed only two trials outside of CA/UCI sanctioned competition, to be completed at the venue and date specified by the selectors. Refer to Section A, clause 4.5 for trial details.

1. **GENERAL**
 - 1.1 **Objectives:** Refer to Section A, clause 1.
 - 1.2 **Performance Time Period:** The period identified for recording a qualifying performance is:
 - Long Team: 25 February 2017 – 31 January 2018**
 - Final Team:** a final team will be nominated from athletes selected from the Long Team, based on assessment against performance criteria. (Refer Section A, clause 7 for timetable)
 - 1.3 **Team Size & Events:** Refer to Section A, clause 4.2.
 - 1.4 **Selections for Start List:** The Road Technical Director and HPD will determine the athletes to start in each event on the basis of performances in competition and training leading into the competition.
 - 1.5 **Next Best:** If no athletes or too few athletes achieve the Nomination Criteria, then the selectors may consider the next best athlete(s) based on performances assessed against the performance criteria.
2. **NOMINATION CRITERIA – LONG TEAM**
 - 2.1. **Direct Nominations**
 - 2.1.1. Podium performances at the 2017 Elite Road Race and Time Trial World Championships
 - 2.1.2. **UCI World Ranking:** Automatic nomination to the Long Team will be offered to the top three Australian athletes on the individual rider ranking at 1 November 2017, in the UCI World ranking system.
 - 2.2. **Additional Long Team Nominations**
 - 2.2.1. Selectors will select additional Long Team members based on a mixture of talent that **may** include sprinters, one day specialists, and “domestique” – based on suitability to the proposed 2018 Commonwealth Games course.
 - a. In no specific order of priority, selectors will consider the following factors when assessing the performances of athletes in UCI men’s calendar competitions (UCI WT, HC, 2.1, 1.1, 2.2, 1.2, U23 NCup) and other major competitions pre-approved by the Road Technical Director and HPD;
 - i. individual performances/results;
 - ii. athletes who best demonstrate qualities, skills and suitability to contribute to a team effort (leader or domestique) to achieve the best team performance on the 2018 Commonwealth Games road race course;
 - iii. demonstrated qualities, skills and suitability of the athlete to deliver an individual result on the proposed course for the 2018 Commonwealth Games;

- iv. regard will be given to an athlete's demonstrated ability for teamwork, team cohesion and consistency of performance.

2.2.2 Time Trial

Selectors will consider the following factors in selecting athletes for the Long Team for Road Time Trial at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

- a. **Competitions:** Time trial events that satisfy the following criteria will be considered valid for team nomination purposes:
 - i. UCI WT, HC, 1.1, 2.1, categorised time trial events conducted within the performance time period.
 - ii. Other major event time trials within the performance time period, subject to prior approval by Selectors that these events will be accepted for consideration
 - iii. be a minimum of 20 km in distance
- b. **Performance:** In no specific order, team members will be nominated taking into consideration the following:
 - i. world class performances in UCI categorised races – with a priority given to performances where an athlete has pre-nominated to Selectors an event to be targeted for a performance and therefore demonstrating capacity to prepare specifically for a time trial result.
 - ii. demonstrated potential to deliver podium results in World Championships Time Trials in the future.
 - iii. comparable course difficulty and profile to the proposed 2018 Commonwealth Games course for the time trial, depth and quality of the international entries in event.
 - iv. percentage difference of the athlete's performance in comparison to the winning time.

3. NOMINATION CRITERIA - FINAL TEAM

- 3.1 Selectors will consider the competition and training plans of athletes in the lead up to the Commonwealth Games to make final decisions on team composition and selection.
- 3.2 The final team will be nominated from athletes selected from the Long Team, based on assessment against performance criteria, refer to Section A, clause 4.

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 **Objectives:** Refer to Clause 1, Section A.
- 1.2 **Performance Time Period:** The period identified for recording a qualifying performance is: **25 February 2017 – 31 January 2018**
- 1.3 **Team Size & Events:** Refer to Section A, clause 4.2.
- 1.4 **Selections for Start List:** The High Performance Director (HPD) and Road Technical Director will determine the athletes to start in each event on the basis of performances in competition and training leading into the competition.
- 1.5 **Eligibility for Nomination:** Only athletes who have achieved the following performance criteria during the performance time period will be eligible for nomination:
- 1.5.1 The first Australian athlete ranked in the UCI rankings published on **27 January 2018**.
- 1.5.2 **2018 Cycling Australia Road Race and Time Trial Championships:** The winner of the 2018 Australian Road Race Championship and the 2018 Australian Time Trial Championship, or next best placed athlete in the situation where the winner is not eligible for selection.
- 1.5.3 **Ongoing international results:** Any athlete who attains one or more of the following road results in the performance time period will be made eligible. Time trials need to be held over a minimum distance of 12km. Team Time Trial results are to be excluded.
- a. UCI Women World Tour one day race - first 5 in final individual classification
 - b. UCI Women World Tour stage race - first 5 final individual General Classification
 - c. 2017 World Tour final individual rankings - first 5
 - d. UCI Women World Tour stage race, individual stage – first 3
 - e. UCI Women category 1.1 competitions - first 3
 - f. UCI Women category 1.2 competitions – first 3
 - g. UCI Women category 2.1 tours - first 5, General Classification
 - h. UCI category 2.1 tour stages – first 3
 - i. UCI category 2.2 tours - first 3, General Classification
 - j. UCI category 2.2 tours stages– winner
- 1.6 **Next Best:** If no athlete or too few athletes achieve the Nomination Criteria, then the selectors may consider the next best athlete(s) based on performances assessed against the performance criteria.
- 1.7 **Reserves:** two reserves may be identified for the women's road team.

2. NOMINATION CRITERIA – FINAL TEAM

2.1 Direct Nominations

- 2.1.2 Podium performances at the 2017 Elite Road Race and Time Trial World Championships
- 2.1.3 **UCI World Ranking:** Automatic nomination to the team will be offered to the top ranked Australian athlete on the individual UCI Women's Road Ranking on 27 January 2018 if this athlete is ranked within the top 8.
- 2.1.4 **Nationals / CEGORR:** Automatic nomination to the team will be offered to the winner, if Australian, of the 2018 Australian National Women's Road Cycling Championships (subject to selectors approving the 2018 National Championship course for this purpose) and to the winner, if Australian, of the 2018 Cadel Evans' Great Ocean Road Race (subject to selectors approving the 2018 course for this purpose).

2.2 Additional Nominations – Road Race

Selectors will identify any additional nominations for the road race based on a mixture of talent that may include one or more sprinters, one-day specialists, and domestiques.

- 2.2.1 In no specific order of priority, selectors will consider the following factors pertaining to performances in UCI listed competitions to select any additional nominations;
 - a. **Competitions:** The quality of the UCI competition and field. *(the highest UCI ranked competitions in Europe will take priority)*
 - b. **Individual results:** Demonstrated technical qualities, skills and suitability of the athlete to deliver an individual result on the proposed courses for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
 - c. **Team results:** Demonstrated ability to perform a team role as a domestique, servicing team leaders. Team results will be considered within this assessment. Athletes who best demonstrate qualities, skills and suitability to contribute to a team effort to achieve the best team performance on the 2018 Commonwealth Games course.
 - d. **Team leadership:** Demonstrated leadership/captaincy qualities.
 - e. **Team player:** Particular regard will be given to an athlete's demonstrated ability for teamwork, team cohesion and consistency of performance.

2.3 Additional Nominations – Time Trial

Selectors will consider the following factors in selecting athletes for the Road Time Trial at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

- 2.3.1 **Competitions:** Time trial competitions that satisfy the following criteria will be considered valid for team nomination purposes:
 - a. UCI Listed 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, CC categorised time trial events conducted within the performance time period.
 - b. be a minimum of 12km in distance

Section E Mountain Bike Men and Women (Cross Country XCO)

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 **Objectives:** Refer to Section A, clause 1.
- 1.2 **Performance Time Period:** The period identified for recording a qualifying performance is: 10 March 2017 – 31 January 2018
- 1.3 **Team Size & Events:** Refer to Section A, clause 4.2.
- 1.4 **Selections for Start List:** The High Performance Director (HPD), with advice from MTBA, will determine the athletes to start in each event on the basis of performances in competition and training leading into the competition.
- 1.5 **Next Best:** If no athletes or too few athletes achieve the Nomination Criteria, then the selectors may consider the next best athlete(s) based on performances assessed against the performance criteria.
- 1.6 **Mandatory Requirements:** An athlete will be required to participate in a minimum of two XCO World Cup competitions (elite or U23) to be eligible for team nomination. Refer to Section A, clause 5 for information regarding exemption for extenuation circumstances that will also apply here.
- 1.7 **Reserves:** A minimum of one male and one female reserve may be identified for the mountain bike cross country team.

2. NOMINATION CRITERIA – FINAL TEAM

2.1 Direct Nomination

- 2.1.1 Direct nomination will be made for a maximum of one male and one female athlete who achieves a top 10 performance at a 2017 XCO World Cup event in the elite men or elite women categories.
- 2.1.2 Where more than one elite male or one elite female achieves a qualifying performance, selectors will rank the athletes from the best placing in the selection period.

2.2 Discretionary Nomination

The selectors will exercise full discretion to determine all additional nominations in accord with the objectives listed below.

- 2.2.1 **Competition:** Athlete performances will be assessed within the following events within the performance time period, in order of priority;
 - a. 2017 World Championships (XCO)
 - b. 2017 Elite Men and Women Cross Country (XCO) World Cup(s)
 - c. 2017 U23 Men and Women Cross Country (XCO) World Cup(s)
 - d. 2017 Oceania Championships (XCO)
 - e. 2018 Round 3 of the 2018 Cross-Country National Series (Nerang Day1)

- 2.2.2 **Performance:** The performances recorded by athletes will be ranked on the following:
- a. UCI category of competition
 - b. Final placing
 - c. Performances obtained on courses and or under conditions and or against competition that most closely reflects those expected at the 2018 Commonwealth Games
 - d. Average race speeds, lap splits and time comparisons