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2018 Commonwealth Games Selection Process

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The Commonwealth Games are to be held in Brisbane from 5th - 15th April 2018. Selection for the Commonwealth Games will be made in the week of the 5th February 2018.

1 Aim

- 1.1 This process is regarding selection for nomination to Commonwealth Games England (CGE) and does not guarantee selection. CGE must approve all nominations made by the England Cycling Team before the team is confirmed. No announcement may be made by British Cycling or any riders regarding selection without the approval of CGE.
- 1.2 The aim of this process is to enable the England Cycling Team to win medals and to provide identified riders with multi- sport games experience at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 To be eligible to compete at the 2018 Commonwealth Games as part of the team, each rider shall:
 - 2.1.1 Hold a valid British passport and be eligible to represent England in accordance with the constitution of CGE;
 - 2.1.2 Hold a valid international racing licence issued by a national cycling federation that is affiliated to the UCI;
 - 2.1.3 Be at least 18 years old;
 - 2.1.4 In the case of visually impaired riders (para-cycling) have a confirmed or review classification in line with Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) policies, with classification review due no later than 2019;
 - 2.1.5 Have signed the Team England TMA (Team Members Agreement); and
 - 2.1.6 Have signed a British Cycling Athlete Agreement. (*Any non-Great Britain Cycling Team (GBCT) programme members must have signed the British Cycling Guest rider Agreement)

3 Selection Panel

- 3.1 All selections are made by a selection panel chaired by the GBCT Performance Director or Programmes Director (or another individual appointed by the Performance Director). Representation from within GBCT and/or externally will form the remainder of the panel, who may include but are not restricted to GBCT programme staff, coaching staff and expert advisers. There will be a minimum of 3 voting members of the Panel.
- 3.2 In addition to voting members, there will be one or more additional individuals as appointed by the Chief Executive of British Cycling, who will not have voting rights but will be present to supervise procedures and to ensure that due process is followed.
- 3.3 The selection panel will exercise its discretion fairly and without bias in making its decision. The selection panel will use all available data provided to it and will declare all conflicts of interest so that no rider will be treated unfairly or unequally.
- 3.4 Where possible, GBCT seeks to have diverse representation across all of its selection panels in order to recognise that each individual is unique. Decisions will be made by majority vote.

4 Process

- 4.1 The team will be selected on a discretionary basis by the selection panel.
- 4.2 The selection panel will consider only riders it feels will enable the England Cycling Team to meet the aim of the process (as outlined in clause 1.2 of this document).
- 4.3 The panel may elect to take fewer than the maximum number of permitted riders for the event.
- 4.4 Para Track;
- 4.4.1 Riders will directly qualify a named place for the Commonwealth Games using the 2017 Para-Cycling UCI Track World Rankings as at 31st October 2017.
- 4.4.2 Results attained by British riders at UCI sanctioned events (i.e. competitions where athletes must compete for their international federation affiliated-organisation) shall be extracted by the relevant Commonwealth Games Association (CGA) designation (in this case Commonwealth Games England);
- 4.4.3 At the cessation of the qualification period, the following procedure will be implemented:
- UCI and the CGF will provide the list of eligible riders and CGA's will be advised through GOLDOC;
 - British Cycling will confirm, using the below criteria, whether each rider place is to be accepted for that named athlete;
 - CGAs will confirm whether they intend to accept the eligible athlete qualification slots;
 - In the event a CGA elects not to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the CGF Reallocation Policy.

5 Application Process

- 5.1 The following riders will be automatically considered;

- 5.1.1 All members of the GBCT Olympic Track, MTB XC or Road programmes in receipt of A, B or C level UK Sport APA on the date of the selection meeting;
- 5.1.2 Visually impaired riders who have been awarded a place by GOLDOC (Gold Coast Organising Committee); and
- 5.1.3 Pilots who are members of the GBCT Paralympic Programme.

Other riders who may or may not be members of the GBCT Programme may also be considered at the discretion of the selection panel.

- 5.2 Any rider racing internationally that wishes to be considered for selection but is not automatically considered under the criteria in clause 5.1 must submit an application template before midnight on 29th January 2018. The template is available from GBCT Programmes Co-ordinator Melanie Knowles (melanieknowles@britishcycling.org.uk). Only the template provided by the GBCT Programme is admissible. All templates submitted will be checked by the England Cycling Team. Any incorrect information provided will be discounted.

6 Criteria

- 6.1 There is no right of automatic selection nor will any performance in one competition be a definitive factor in selecting one rider over another. When making its decision, the selection panel will consider the following factors, in any order and with appropriate weighting that the selection panel sees fit:

6.2 Track

- 6.2.1 Race performances in comparable National/International Track events in the period 12th April 2017 – 5th February 2018. The selection panel will take account of age and experience of riders, as well as the quality of field, track conditions and the percentage of time behind the winning rider;
- 6.2.2 Training performances in the period between 12th April 2017 and the selection date;
- 6.2.3 Whether the rider's personal conduct and attitude allows them to contribute positively to the performance of team and the team; and
- 6.2.4 Any other points that the selection panel deems necessary.

6.3 Para Track

6.3.1 Criteria used to confirm riders to CGE:

- 6.3.1.1 Training performances in the period between 12th April 2017 and the selection date;
- 6.3.1.2 Whether the rider is developing & showing progression towards the standards required to win a medal at the Commonwealth Games;
- 6.3.1.3 Whether the rider's personal conduct and attitude allows them to contribute positively to the performance of team and the team environment; and
- 6.3.1.4 Any other points that the selection panel deems necessary.

6.3.2 Criteria used to selection for nomination of pilots to CGE:

- 6.3.2.1 Training performances in the period between 12th April 2017 and the selection date;
- 6.3.2.2 Whether the rider is developing & showing progression towards the standards required to win a medal at the Commonwealth Games;

- 6.3.2.3 Whether the rider's personal conduct and attitude allows them to contribute positively to the performance of team and the team environment;
 - 6.2.3.4 In the event that multiple pilots are competing to ride with the named classifiable athlete training data of each tandem pairing will be compared; and
 - 6.2.3.5 Any other points that the selection panel deems necessary.
- 6.4 Mountain Bike Cross Country
- 6.4.1 Race performances in comparable National and International MTB Cross Country races 1st July 2017 to 30th September 2017. The selection panel will take account of age and experience of riders, as well as the quality of field, the percentage of time behind the winning rider
 - 6.4.2 Whether the rider's personal conduct and attitude allows them to contribute positively to the performance of team and the team nature of the course and;
 - 6.4.3 Any other points that the selection panel deems necessary.
- 6.5 Road Race & TT
- 6.5.1 Race performances in comparable National/International Road and TT events in the period 12th April 2017 – 5th February 2018. The selection panel will take account of age and experience of riders, as well as the quality of field, nature of the course and the percentage of time behind the winning rider
 - 6.5.2 Whether the rider's personal conduct and attitude allows them to contribute positively to the performance of team and the team nature of the course and;
 - 6.5.3 Any other points that the selection panel deems necessary.
- 6.5 For the track and road competitions, the selection panel may initially choose to select a squad rather than a team for performance reasons. As such, after the initial selection, riders will not be guaranteed to ride in particular events, or indeed to race at all at the competition. GBCT Performance Director will subsequently appoint an individual to make the final selection decision at the competition itself.
- 6.6 The final decision as regards which riders ride in which events will take place at the competition prior to each race and therefore riders will not be permitted any further right of appeal at that stage. Riders' selection for the competition is therefore made strictly on this basis.
- 6.7 Following selection of riders that will make up the team, the selection panel will also consider reserve places. Only automatically considered riders or those who have formally submitted an application as outlined in clause 5.2 are guaranteed to be considered by the selection panel.
- 6.8 The number of reserve places offered will be at the discretion of the selection panel. Reserves may not necessarily be identified for every event and will be selected using the same criteria listed above.
- 6.9 Any reserves identified will be prioritised in number order by the selection panel. There will be no right to appeal this order. If the requirement to use a reserve rider does arise, there will be no subsequent right of appeal for any unused reserves.
- 6.10 Following selection, in any case that a reserve rider is required to be brought into the team, the selection panel will nominate this rider CGE following the process outlined in clause 1.1.

- 6.11 Selected riders must comply with the UCI and UK Anti-Doping rules and anti-doping blood/urine testing policies and must have completed and be up to date in the training required by UKAD in the Clean Games Policy. Those notified riders on the National and/or International testing pools will comply with the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Code and International Standard for Testing with regard to ADAMS and whereabouts information.
- 6.12 Selected riders may be required to undergo an assessment (physiological, medical etc.) in the period between the selection date and the event. All assessments will be conducted by the GBCT Programme sports science support team or an appropriate individual identified by the England Cycling Team.
- 6.13 Selected riders must agree to participate fully in the bespoke and generic elements of the England Cycling Team preparation for the event. Failure to participate fully without the written and express permission of the GBCT Performance Director may result in a rider forfeiting their place in the team.

7 Appeals

- 7.1 The England Cycling Team operates a formal appeals procedure for challenging selection decisions which is available on the British Cycling website. The appeals process procedure must be instigated within 3 working days of riders receiving official selection decision communications from the England Cycling Team. Appeals will only be accepted from automatically considered riders or those who formally express an interest in accordance with the process outlined in clause 5.2.
- 7.2 Please note; this document may be amended if necessary.