CYCLING FEDERATION OF INDIA

Selection Policy for Athletes, Coaches, and Support Staff for various International Cycling competitions including Asian Championships & multi sporting events (Road/ Track & MTB)

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Preamble:

The Cycling Federation of India (CFI) is committed to fostering a transparent, fair, and merit-based selection process for athletes, coaches, and support staff to represent India in international and national cycling events. This policy outlines a structured, efficient, and inclusive framework to identify and nurture talent while minimizing disruptions to team dynamics and ongoing training programs. Aligned with the guidelines of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS) vide letter No. 12-2/2025-SP-III dated March 5, 2025, this policy ensures clarity, accountability, and equal opportunity for all stakeholders.

1. Aims and Objectives:

- Identify Talent: Select talented athletes for international championships, national coaching camps, and foreign training camps.
- Minimize Disruptions: Limit the frequency of selection trials to ensure continuity in training and team cohesion.
- Ensure Fairness: Provide an inclusive, transparent, and merit-based process to offer equitable opportunities for new and existing talent.

2. Trial Schedule and Structure:

The CFI will conduct selection trials twice annually, in January and July, unless adjusted to align with major international competition schedules. The results of each trial remain valid until the subsequent trial, ensuring selected athletes are eligible for national coaching camps and international events during the interim period.

- Purpose: Trials aim to create a long list of riders for international competitions, national camps, and foreign training programs, ensuring competitive readiness.
- Training Centers: Selected athletes will be inducted into National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) at Delhi (Sprint events) and NIS Patiala (Endurance and MTB events). Athletes failing to meet the required standards will be excluded from the long list.
- Publication: The schedule of trials will be published on the CFI website immediately following each UCI Senior World Championship, detailing the number and dates of trials for the year.

3. Selection Process for Athletes

Athlete selection for national camps, foreign training camps, and international shall be as per the performance based on the selection trails. The process adheres to the following event-specific criteria:

The age criteria for the selection will be as per UCI/CFI norms as given below:

Elite Men & Women -	19 and above

Junior Boys & Girls: 17-18 years
Sub Junior Boys & Girls (for Youth Asian Games) – 14-16 years

3.1 Track Events (Men and Women, Senior and Junior Categories)

Track Event (Male/Female)				
S.no	**Event**	**Selection Trial / National Championships**	**Category**	**Remarks**
1	Sprint	Best 2 cyclists in 200 Mtrs. Flying start shall be selected. The final team composition and the race order will be decided by the Chief Coach by assessment trails during training period/ camp	Senior & Junior (Men & Women)	The long list for the Sprint/ team sprint will be comprising of 06 riders from the sprinting events 2 from 200 Mtrs. 2 from 250 mtrs. 2 from 500 mtrs
2	**Team Sprint** 1. 250mtr. Time Trial 2. 500mtr. Time Trial	Trials for team sprint will be conducted in 2 phases 1. 250 mtrs time trials & 2. 500 Mtrs time trial Top 2 athletes registering the best time in the 250m standing start and in the 500m standing start will be selected. The final team composition and the race order will be decided by the Chief Coach by assessment trails during training period/ camp	Senior & Junior (Men & Women)	
3	Keirin	The selection for the Keirin event is made among the riders selected for the Sprint and Team Sprint event. The final selection will be decided by the Chief coach/ HPD from among the riders selected in sprint/ team sprint. The final team composition and the race order will be decided by the Chief Coach by assessment trails during training period/ camp **And/ or** If any athlete achieved TOP 40 in UCI ranking, can be considered for the event selection	Senior & Junior (Men & Women)	However, the on basis of the UCI ranking as mentioned to be justified by the Chief Coach and Selection committee
4	1000 Mtrs. Time trail	The best time achieved over 1 km in the Elite Men, Women, Junior Boys and Girls category is taken into account for selection.	Senior & Junior (Men & Women)	
5	Individual Pursuit 4000 Mtrs/ 3000 Mtrs.	Athlete registering the best time clocked for 4 Km in Men & Women category is considered for selection in the subject event. Similarly, athlete registering best time in 3	Senior & Junior (Men & Women)	

	For Junior Men & Women	Km. for Junior Men & Women will be selected		
6	Team Pursuit	Top 8 riders are considered from Individual Pursuit event and Further performance is evaluated during Team pursuit training. Final selection of 05 Riders is done on the basis of Timings registered in team pursuit trial during final phase of training session, clocking benchmark timing.	Senior & Junior (Men & Women)	
7	Omnium	If any rider achieves highest UCI ranking among Indian rider in endurance, can be considered for selection **And/ or** The selection for Omnium & Madison will be done by organizing a Points race as follows:- ME – 25 Km., WE & MJ – 20 Km and WJ – 15 Km. The best 2 cyclists will be considered, depending on composition of the team	Senior & Junior (Men & Women)	However, the on basis of the UCI ranking as mentioned to be justified by the Chief Coach and Selection committee
8	Madisson	If the Indian team ranked highest UCI ranking among Indian riders in Madisson event, can be considered for the selection. **And/ or** The selection for Madison will be done by organizing a Points race as follows:- ME – 25 Km., WE & MJ – 20 Km and WJ – 15 Km. The best 2 cyclists will be considered, depending on composition of the team		

3.2 Road Events (Men and Women, Senior and Junior Categories)

Road Event (Male/Female)				
S.no	**Event**	**Selection Trial / National Championships**	**Category**	**Remarks**
1	Individual Time Trial	Individual time trial: The Athlete registering best timing will be selected as per UCI/ CFI	Senior & Junior (Men & Women)	Number of the riders will be

		regulations		as per the required entries for respective championships / events
2	Road Mass start event	2 riders shall be considered for selection from the among the riders selected from Individual time trials in section 1 of Road events. The remaining riders shall be selected from the CFI National ranking. (Provided the ranking has a minimum of 4 Mass start event during presiding year/ season	Senior & Junior (Men & Women)	Number of the riders will be as per the required entries for respective championships / events

3.3 MTB Events (Men and Women, Senior and Junior Categories)

MTB Event (Male/Female)				
S.no	**Event**	**Selection Trial/ National Championships**	**Category**	**Remarks**
1	XCO Event	2-4 Best cyclists, who classify during the trials shall qualify for the selection	Senior & Junior (Men & Women)	The composition of the team will be as per requirement of the competition

3.4 Selection for Multi-Sporting Events

The selection of athletes for major multi-sporting events shall be carried out as per the following guidelines:

1. **Olympic Games:**

   Selection will be **subject to qualification** as per the norms and quota allocation defined by the **International Cycling Union (UCI)**.

2. **Commonwealth Games (CWG) & Asian Games:**

- Selection will be made in accordance with the **criteria prescribed in the Selection Policy** formulated by the Cycling Federation of India and/or the **selection guidelines issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports vide their Letter No. 70-9/2025-Governance-I dated 24th Sep. 2025**, Government of India / Indian Olympic Association (IOA) as follows.

- Since the final entry by name for both CWG & AG will be before July, hence this implies that the trials done in January will be the basis on which teams will be selected for these two

major Games. There won't be much point of July trials next year since all major events' selection are before July.

- MYAS' circular will be applied on the performance achieved in 2026 Road Asian Cycling Championships to be held in Saudia Arabia from February 2 to 13 and Asian Track Cycling Championships to be held in Philippines from 25 to 31 March.

- Athletes selected through trials in January will effectively play all major competitions in 2026 i.e Asian Championships, CWG, Asian Games, 3 Track Nations Cup.

Timeline of Major Cycling events in 2026

- January trials
- Feb- Asian Road Cycling Championships
- March- Asian Track Cycling Championships & Track World Cup (Formerly Nations Cup)
- April- Track World Cup (Formerly Nations Cup)
- April- Track World Cup (Formerly Nations Cup)
- July 1- Entry by name last date for Asian Games
- July 31-2 August CWG Games
- 29 Sept- 2 Oct Asian Games
- World Track Cycling Championships14-18 Oct

S.no	Event	Eligibility criteria	Selection trials
1	**Individual events** Sprint, Kerin & Omnium	Athlete is eligible to qualify, if he/ she has matched or bettered the 6th place performance from the last Senior Asian Championships at a competition recognised by the International sports Federation for that sport, held within the 12 months preceding the upcoming Asian Games.	The athletes will be considered for selection based on their performance at Asian Track Cycling Championships at Philippines in March 2026, if they meet the eligibility criteria *
2	**Team events** Team Pursuit, Team Sprint & Madison	The team is eligible to qualify, if the team achieved a top 8 finish in the last Senior Asian Championships held within 12 months, or the team is ranked within the top 8 among Asian countries in international ranking as of 10 days before submission deadline of the final list by name.	The team with the same composition will be considered for selection based on their performance at Asian Track Cycling Championships at Philippines in March 2026, if they meet the eligibility criteria or at the 8th Ranking among Asian Countries in Global ranking*

3	Road – Individual Time Trial	Athlete is eligible to qualify, if he/ she has matched or bettered the 6th place performance from the last Asian Games/ Senior Asian Championships at a competition recognised by the International sports Federation for that sport, held within the 12 months preceding the upcoming Asian Games.	The athletes will be considered for selection based on their performance at Asian Road Cycling Championships at Saudi in Feb., if they meet the eligibility criteria*
4	Road – Individual Road Race	Athlete is eligible to qualify, if he/ she has matched or bettered the 6th place performance from the last Asian Games/ Senior Asian Championships at a competition recognised by the International sports Federation for that sport, held within the 12 months preceding the upcoming Asian Games.	The athletes will be considered for selection based on their performance Asian Road Cycling Championships at Saudi in Feb. 2026, if they meet the eligibility criteria*
5	MTB – XCO	Athlete is eligible to qualify, if he/ she has matched or bettered the 6th place performance from the last Asian Games/ Senior Asian Championships at a competition recognised by the International sports Federation for that sport, held within the 12 months preceding the upcoming Asian Games.	The athletes will be considered for selection based on their performance at Asian MTB Cycling Championships at Uzbekistan in June 2026, if they meet the eligibility criteria*

Determination of ranking cut off in cases where there is low participation in Asian Championships

Number of participating Countries at Asian Championships

If number of competing countries are less than 12 in an event, then the following shall be considered:-

No. of participating countries in a particular event at Asian Championships	**Position required to secure Asian Games eligibility**
6-12	Top 4
Less than 6	Top 2

3.5 UCI World Championships/ UCI Nations Cup:

Selection will be **subject to the qualification** as per the **UCI norms**, and may also be governed by the **selection policy prescribed by the Cycling Federation of India**, where applicable.

UCI Rankings: Athletes achieving top UCI World Rankings (qualifying for World Championships or Olympic Games) will be automatically considered for selection.

To participate in UCI Track Nations cup, the rider must have the UCI points as mentioned below:-

- Sprint, Kerin, Omnium & Elimination race – Minimum 500 points in UCI Individual Endurance/ sprint ranking
- Madison – Minimum 250 Points in UCI individual Madison ranking

4. Additional Provisions

- Medical Fitness: All selected athletes must pass a mandatory medical check-up to confirm physical fitness for competition.
- Videography and Authentication: Selection trials will be videographed (where logistically feasible), and Time Trial results will be authenticated using Timing System Results (TSR).
- Publication: The finalized contingent will be published on the CFI website immediately after selection, endorsed by the Selection Committee.
- Notification: CFI will inform the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) and Sports Authority of India (SAI) at least 15 days prior to trials for deputation of a government observer/ SAI nominee (not a Selection Committee member). The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) will also be notified in advance.
- Policy for Consideration of Athletes Unable to Participate in Selection Trials Due to Illness in exceptional circumstances where a highly ranked athlete is unable to attend the designated selection trials owing to illness, and provides valid medical documentation substantiating the same, the Selection Committee may, at its discretion, grant the athlete an opportunity to undergo a subsequent trial. Such subsequent trial shall be scheduled within a period of 2 to 4 weeks from the date of the original trials, or at such other time as the Committee deems appropriate. If the athlete's performance in the subsequent trial meets or exceeds the established selection criteria and framework for the event in question, the athlete shall be eligible for consideration for selection to represent the team in the relevant competition. The onus shall remain entirely upon the athlete to demonstrate full fitness and readiness to compete at the required level prior to and during the subsequent trial. The Committee reserves the right to require additional medical clearance or fitness verification as it sees fit. This provision is intended to ensure fairness while maintaining the integrity of the selection process and the highest performance standards.

5. Selection Committee for Athletes

The Selection Committee for athletes comprises:

1. Chief Coach/Foreign Coach (Track, Road, or MTB, as applicable).
2. Mr. Maninder Pal Singh, Secretary General, CFI.
3. Dr. Maxwel Trevor, Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit (SOM).
4. Mr. Jagdeep Kahlon, Former International Cyclist, Convenor, Athlete Commission
5. Mr. V N Singh, TIDC Member

6. Selection Policy for Coaches and Support Staff

The selection of coaches and support staff adheres to MoYAS guidelines (letter No. 12-2/2025-SP-III dated March 5, 2025) to ensure merit-based appointments and exclude individuals with tainted records.

6.1 Coaches

- Eligibility: Coaches must have trained athletes for at least 90 days. In case the non-availability of female coaches, the empanelled female coaches can be considered as deemed fit.
- Merit-Based Selection: Coaches associated with athletes selected through UCI ranking points or trials will be prioritized, subject to Selection Committee recommendations.

6.2 Support Staff

- Eligibility: Support staff involved in daily training of Elite/Junior riders at SAI NCOEs or CFI academies will be considered.
- Multi-Sport Events: Coaches and support staff involved in coaching camps (if organized) will be included in the long list for multi-sport events.

7. Selection Committee for Coaches and Support Staff

The Selection Committee for coaches and support staff comprises:

1. Mr. Amar Singh, Arjuna Awardee, Chairman.
2. Mr. Maninder Pal Singh, Secretary General, CFI.
3. Nominee of DG, SAI.
4. Mr. Shailendra Pathak, Joint Secretary, CFI.
5. Dr. Maxwel Trevor, Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit (SOM).
6. Mr. Jagdeep Kahlon, Former International Cyclist, Convenor, Athlete Commission
7. Mr. V N Singh, TIDC Member

8. Grievance Redressal

- Process: Athletes, coaches, or support staff with grievances regarding the selection process may submit complaints via email to grievancecommitteecfi@gmail.com
- Resolution Timeline: Grievances will be addressed and resolved within seven days of filing.
- Transparency: The selection policy will be published on the CFI website at least three months prior to trials or championships.
- The Grievance Redressal Committee for Selection policy comprises the following member:-
    1. Sh. Vimal Chaudhary, Chairman
    2. Sh. Shailendra Pathak, Joint Secretary, CFI, Member
    3. Sh. Sudeesh Kumar, Member
    4. Sh. Sudam Rokade, Ex. International Coach - Member
    5. Sh. Abhijit Sett, Ex. International Cyclist - Member
    6. Ms. Jagriti Sarswati, International Coach – Member
    7. Sh. V N Singh, TIDC Member - Member

9. Compliance and Oversight

- MoYAS and SAI: CFI will ensure compliance with MoYAS guidelines, including timely notification for observer deployment and adherence to anti-doping regulations.
- NADA: The National Anti-Doping Agency will be informed in advance of all trials and championships to facilitate dope testing.

- Public Disclosure: All selection outcomes, including the finalized contingent, will be promptly published on the CFI website, ensuring transparency and accountability.

Conclusion

This selection policy establishes a robust framework to identify and nurture cycling talent while upholding fairness, transparency, and meritocracy. By adhering to MoYAS guidelines and fostering an inclusive process, the Cycling Federation of India aims to build a competitive and cohesive national team capable of excelling on the global stage.

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Cycling Federation of India

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Number of the riders to be selected as follows:-

Category	Individual Pursuit trials	Point Race trials	Total Cyclists
Men Elite	6	2	8
Women Elite	4	2	6
Men Junior	6	2	8
Women Junior	4	2	6

Note: Selection of the cyclists will be subject to the cut off timings in timed event (individual as well as team event) only shall be applied 6th place timing of last Asian Games/ Asian Championships