 

**Cycling Ulster Youth Academy**

**Selection Criteria for Squads to Represent the National Youth Academy**

Purpose:

The following document is to assist the Cycling Ulster Cycling Academy **(CUYA)** in selecting the most suitable riders for the Academy to compete in youth events within Ireland & Europe in the discipline of road, TT & Track.

It is also intended to assist riders who wish to be considered for selection by giving them an insight into the criteria that is part of the decision making process of the board.

Target:

**CUYA** have a number of goals in selecting squads and teams:

* **CUYA** canselect up to 12 riders as part of the Cycling Ulster Youth Academy squad.
* To select youth riders into Cycling Ulster Youth Academy squad or team to represent the province at events.
* To promote team work as the number 1 priority for each individual rider & learn that success is for the overall goal of the team.

Note:

* In certain instances, **CUYA** may not send a full complement of riders if funding is not available or it believes that there are not enough suitable riders available at the time.

**Selection Criteria**

* Commitment to the Cycling Ireland and the UCI anti-doping policies;
* Agreement to Cycling Ireland’s Code of Conduct for riders;
* Hold a valid racing license;
* Must be a member of an Ulster Cycling Club;
* Riders must be registered to the Cycling Ulster Youth Academy for each season:
* A rider may only be a member of one panel during a season: (A rider can only be upgraded or downgraded by the Provincial Academy)
* Attend Cycling Ulster Youth Academy & other provincial training camps if requested:
* Demonstrate good conduct to other riders & officials;
* The rider must be & needs to be seen as a team player;
* Attendance at Cycling Ulster Youth Academy Cycling Championships;
* Race results will be used as a guide in the consideration but may not be the deciding factor;
* Riders need to show aggressive riding during a race;
* The age and development potential of the rider;
* Tactical awareness and skill levels of the rider;
* The nature of the course of the upcoming event and the suitability of the rider for same;
* Be able to take instruction from the Team Manager/Coach & follow the team plan;
* Selected riders will be expected to make themselves available if requested;

Other Notes:

**CUYA** have a number of other items that riders need to be aware of, if selected for squads and teams but also circumstances that could influence their selection.

* The selection panel will be made up of members from the **CUYA** only;
* Riders can be added or dropped from squads at any time due to their performances and ability to meet the demands of the squad’s objectives/criteria at the discretion of the selection panel;
* A rider will be expected to contribute to the cost of event if selected;
* All team categories may not be filled if suitable riders are not available.
* Parents or guardians cannot influence their rider if under the control of the Team Manager/Coach;
* Parents or guardians are not permitted to participate with the team at events or camps if they have not been invited or been given prior permission by the Team Manager/Coach;

Appeals

An appeal about selection must be sent by e-mail to CUYA Chair, Steven Lindsay (sglindsay1@gmail.comDoreena.White@uk.fujitsu.comsglindsay1@gmail.com) and Commission Secretary, Doreena White (Doreena.White@uk.fujitsu.com). A fee of £25stg/€30euro must also be lodged for the appeal. Riders (or parents if under 18) must lodge an appeal within 48 hours of being notified they have not been selected.

The original selection panel will meet to review the selection process and scoring along with a nominated member of the Cycling Ulster Executive. If an appeal is upheld, the CUYA will seek to amend their entry to the race.