



Road Commission Selection Policy 2021

Objective

This document is an overall policy for selection to represent Ulster in the Newcastle West Stage Race from 30th July to 2nd August for Senior/U23 Men.

Expression of Interest

In order to represent Ulster in this event, you must register your interest on Eventbrite, click on the following link - [Cycling Ulster Team - Newcastlewest Tickets, Mon 5 Jul 2021 at 18:40 | Eventbrite](#)

Rider CV (see Appendix 1)

Riders based outside of Ireland must submit a rider CV before, highlighting recent results before the end of the selection period window for the event they are interested in. Other riders may also be asked to submit this at the request of the selection panel.

Eligibility to represent Ulster

- Completed the Rider Code of Conduct (see Appendix 2)
- Having expressed interest in selection the rider must have an appropriate competition licence from a UCI national federation, must not have represented another Province in **2021** and must satisfy one of the following criteria;
- Belong to a club/team based in Ulster
- Unattached and resident in the Province
- Residency in the Province
- Belong to a club/ team based outside Ireland but,
 1. Immediate past address was in Ulster
 2. Most previous Irish club / team was based in the Province.

Selection Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the Road Commission. The Panel may co-opt extra panel members as necessary. The team will be selected on a discretionary basis by the selection panel.

An individual may not form part of the selection panel where they have a conflict of interest. If there is a question over whether a conflict of interest exists then it should be referred to the Cycling Ulster Executive to decide upon. A conflict of interest may arise where a panel member is connected to the riders who are part of the selection pool for an event such as being a relation, a member of the same club or a coach. The Road Commission will take into account the possibility of a conflict of interest when they are choosing their selection panel.

The panel may elect to take fewer than the maximum number of permitted riders for the event.

Selection Criteria

Riders will be scored based in accordance with the selection chart below and the highest scoring riders will be selected to represent CU for the event.

If a selected rider is unable to compete for any reason, substitute selections will be at the discretion of the selection panel.

Notes will be taken by selectors of how selection scores were reached for purposes of any appeal that may arise.

Selection Chart

Criteria Item	Max Points	Rider Score
Results Performances achieved in similar Level events in 2021	30	
Results and Performances achieved in National Level events in 2021	15	
Results and Performances achieved in NRS events in 2021	30	
Commitment to CU Road commission programme and ability to form part of a cohesive team, accepting direction from team support personnel and event officials	10	
Training age, development potential and developmental stage of the rider and potential to perform in the future	10	
Current fitness and health	10	
Total	105	

Testing

Selected riders may be required to

- attend training days in preparation for competition
- attend event specific selection days/events
- undergo an assessment (physiological, medical etc.) in the period between the selection date and the event to confirm fitness following injury, illness or a period of marked under-performance.

Announcement of Team

Riders (or parents if under 18) who have expressed an interest in selection for an event and not been selected will be notified by email. A rider may choose to appeal not being selected for the event by lodging an appeal to the Road Commission (as outlined in the Appeals process below).

Following the ending of the Appeals process, the team will be announced on www.cyclingulster.com. The Road Commission will endeavour to have a team announced 3 weeks in advance of the event.

Appeals

An appeal must be sent by e-mail to Commission Chair, Frank Campbell (frsports1960@gmail.com) and Commission Secretary, Patrick Withers (pswithers@hotmail.com). Riders must lodge an appeal within 48 hours of being notified they have not been selected and submit a fee of £30 which will be returned if the appeal is successful.

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 Road Commission will seek to amend their entry to the race.

Expenses

The Road Commission will provide

- race entry fee
- a rider's accommodation (B&B)
- travel from the team pick-up point to the team drop-off point.
- Cycling Ulster Kit which must be returned to the team manager following the event. Riders may have to provide their own plain black shorts.

Any other subsistence support for riders such as food and drink while attending an event with the Ulster team will be subject to the budget allocated for that event by the Road Commission.

Race food, gels, drinks and recovery drinks are the responsibility of the individual rider.

Liability

Riders are reminded that insurance for their bikes is their responsibility.

Riders understand that no liability in respect of injury, loss or damage whatsoever shall attach to the promoter, promoting club, sponsor, race official, Provincial Federation or National Federation approving the event.

Appendix 2 – Rider Code of Conduct

1. I will treat others with the respect and fairness that I would like them to show me, including other athletes who are still competing when I have finished my event.
2. I will compete within the rules, and respect officials and their decisions.
3. I will demonstrate fair play on and off the sporting arena and will not use foul or abusive language.
4. I will respect the differences between everyone at all events in terms of age, gender (including transgender), ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or disability.
5. I will not smoke, possess or consume alcohol, illegal and/or performance enhancing drugs.
6. I will not engage in sexual activity.
7. I will not leave the accommodation or any competition or training venue during the event unless specific permission has been granted or I am accompanied by an official.
8. On Residential trips I will not enter any accommodation other than my own and will return to my own room and be quiet by 22.00 each night at the latest or at the time designated by those in charge of the event.
9. I will disclose any injury or condition which would impede my full participation at the event as an athlete to my Team Manager prior to and during the event.
10. I agree to remain at the event until the official end of the event.
11. I understand that any breach of this code of conduct could result in my being sent home and subject to disciplinary action from Cycling Ulster and or Cycling Ireland which could jeopardise my future participation within the sport
12. I understand that I may be photographed or videoed during this event for publicity, training or media purposes.
13. I am aware that I am an ambassador for Cycling Ulster and I take full responsibility for my actions.
14. I have read this code of conduct with my parent/guardian (For those Under 18)
15. I understand the points set out below and agree to comply fully with them.
16. I understand that I am solely responsible for all personal items, including my bike and that no liability attaches to Cycling Ireland, Cycling Ulster, the Commission or any official or volunteer involved in the event.

Name of Rider.....

Rider’s Signature.....

Date.....

Name of Parent/Guardian (if under 18)

Parent/Guardian’s Signature (if under 18):.....

Date:.....