



Cycling Ulster Youth Tour of Scotland 2024 Selection Policy

Objective

This document is the policy for selection to represent Ulster in the Youth events in 2024.

Team Selection Date 22nd March

Event 1:

Venue Strathallan School Perthshire

Date Friday 5th April – Monday 8th April.

Age categories

- Youth Group A Boys under 16
- Youth Group A/B Girls under 14 & 16

Stage details 5 Stages

- Prologue
- Road stage
- Team Time Trial
- Road stage
- Kermesse.

Eligibility to represent Ulster

- Completed the Rider Code of Conduct (see Appendix 1)
- 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 2023 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,
 - Immediate past address was in Ulster
 - Most previous Irish club / team was based in the Province.

Selection Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the Cycling Ulster 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 panel may elect to take fewer than the maximum number of permitted riders for the event.

Selection Criteria

The following will be considered when selecting a team for this event.

Results from the following domestic events that cater for Under 16s/Under14'S will be taken into consideration. (In the case of girls, results from the events which cater for Under 14s will be considered.)

- International Youth Races, July 2023
- National Youth Championships Aug 2023
- Ulster Youth Championships Sept. 2023
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Selectors will consider athletes against the criteria listed below;

- Attacking riding / ability to make repeated efforts;
- Bike handling;
- Tactical awareness;
- Finish position;
- Self-sufficiency / behaviour / discipline.

Testing

Selected riders will be required to

- Attend training days in preparation for competition
- 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.

Permission Forms

Riders will be required to complete Cycling Ulster's permission forms and further details of this will be provided to riders once the teams have been finalised.

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 Cycling Ulster (as outlined in the CU Selection Appeals Policy)

Following the ending of the Appeals process, the team will be announced on www.cyclingulster.com. Teams will be announced once the selection period closes.

Appeals

An appeal must be sent by e-mail to Cycling Ulster secretary@cyclingulster.com

Parents 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 along with a nominated member of the Cycling Ulster Executive. If an appeal is upheld, then we will seek to amend entry to the event. If an amendment to the team is not possible, then the original team will stand as selected.

Liability

Riders are reminded that insurance for their bikes is their responsibility. In the case of those riders under 18, the bike insurance is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. 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 1 – 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:.....