

Section G: PARA-CYCLING Selection Criteria

2009 Outline:

In consideration for selection to a 2009 Australian Para-cycling Team, the primary objective is towards gold medal prospects at the UCI World Para-cycling Championships to be held in Spain, in September 2009, in each athlete's respective competition.

Additionally, any new/developing athletes who are considered to be 2012 London Paralympic selection potential and/or medal prospects, may be considered for selection, solely through discretionary circumstances, by the CA Para-cycling Selection Committee.

Through alignment with UCI qualification criteria for the London 2012 Paralympic Games, any results and/or performances throughout 2009 do not count towards the London 2012 Paralympic Games qualifications. Therefore the concerted effort by the Australian Para-cycling Program throughout 2009 will be directed towards TID development and consolidation of funds and resources towards the period determining maximum qualification for London 2012.

1 SELECTION IN A NATIONAL PARA-CYCLING TEAM

- 1.1 Selection of athletes in the National Para-cycling Team will be based on an athlete being able to meet the following selection criteria, in addition to the criteria set out in Section A, Clause 4.

2 UCI PARA-CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM

- 2.1 To be selected for the Australian Team to compete at the 2009 UCI World Para-cycling Championships, the following must be achieved, in order to be considered by CA Para-cycling Selection Committee (Selectors):

- 2.1.1 Fulfil requirements as stipulated in Section A, Clause 5;

and

- 2.1.2 Athletes seeking road only selection must also compete in the Oceania Para-cycling Road Championships;

and

- 2.1.3

- a. Athletes seeking track selection must achieve the time specified in Attachment A for the athlete's nominated event at the competition specified in clause 2.1.1;

- b. Athletes seeking road selection must achieve the average speed specified in Attachment A for the athlete's road time trial at the competitions specified in clause 2.1.1 and 2.1.2;

or

- 2.1.4 A 2008 Paralympic Champion in their respective event or those athletes who have established a world record in their respective class must indicate his/her intentions to pursue World Para-cycling gold medal objectives to the CA Para-

cycling HPM (before 1 May 2009) to be nominated for selection to the World Championships.

These athletes must have satisfied and/or agreed in writing to the specific programming and training camp requirements, as approved by the CA Para-cycling HPM and CA Para-cycling Head Coach (Head Coach) for final selection into the team.

2.2 The selectors will convene to decide on a priority order of athletes who have met these criteria. Considerations in the priority order may include:

- 2.2.1 Ability to fulfil the objectives of this selection criteria; or
- 2.2.2 An athlete's current UCI world ranking; or
- 2.2.3 Race and training performances over the past 12 months; or
- 2.2.4 Specific nature of the road race and road time trial courses; or
- 2.2.5 Review of performances during the National Handcycling Series; or
- 2.2.6 Talented developing athletes who will benefit from a international competition experience and are considered medal prospects for the London 2012 Paralympic Games; or
- 2.2.7 Ability to maximise team compatibility and ensure team harmony; or
- 2.2.8 Budget considerations.

2.3 The selectors will nominate the final team for selection based on the priority order of athletes.

Should the number of athletes nominated for the final team be less than the available starting places (see 4.2), then the selectors at their sole discretion, may then choose to:

- 2.3.1 Select athletes who did not fulfil the requirements stated in 2.1; or
- 2.3.2 Not consider any additional athletes, thus selecting fewer athletes than the available starting places.

3 SELECTION TO EVENTS OTHER THAN THE UCI PARA-CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Selection for the Australian team at events other than the World Championships shall be done through the sole discretion of the selectors. The selectors may take into consideration the factors referred to in clause 2.2 above.

4 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Eligibility

To be eligible for nomination by CA, athletes must:

- 1. fulfil requirements as stipulated in Section A, Clause 2.2;
- 2. be at least eighteen years old or reach this age by the first day of competition of the event being selected; and
- 3. have a minimum of a National IPC Cycling Classification.

4.2 Available Starting Places

The event Organising Committee or the CA Para-cycling HPM may limit the number of athletes who can be entered for the team, or, within a classification, or, for an

event. CA must accept the event Organising Committee's policy in this regard. The CA Para-cycling HPM may also limit maximum numbers for the team, or, a classification, or, an event due to budget or other considerations, in addition to, or separate to, those imposed by the Organising Committee.

4.3 Future Prospects

To be recognised as a future prospect for selection to the National Para-cycling Team, an athlete must have demonstrated a sufficient standard and/or a consistent rate of improvement such that they are considered by the selectors to be a genuine prospect to win a medal at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

4.4 One pilot

In the case of a tandem team, only performances by one pairing of two cyclists will be considered for the purposes of determining whether or not that team has achieved the relevant time as required in Attachment A.

In the event that a tandem athlete has a change of tandem pilot following their selection in the National team, their eligibility for selection will then be determined at the absolute discretion of the selectors.

The selectors may request that a tandem team complete an evaluation trial no later than 30 days prior to the first day of competition. The times will need to reflect those stated in Attachment A.

4.5 Training programs

It is the athlete's responsibility to maintain individual training programs and, upon request, provide such programs to the Head Coach for monitoring purposes.

4.6 Regular communication

It is the athlete's responsibility to maintain regular communication with the Head Coach and CA Para-cycling HPM (and staff designated by the Head Coach and CA Para-cycling HPM).

4.7 Medically fit

Athletes must be medically fit to complete all obligations. It is the athlete's responsibility to report all injuries or medical conditions which may affect an athlete's performance, to the Head Coach or CA Para-cycling HPM as soon as the athlete is, or should reasonably be, aware of such injury or medical condition.

4.8 Selections for Start List

The Head Coach will determine the athletes to start in each event on the basis of performances in competition and training leading into the competition.

4.9 Appeals

All non-selections of the selectors may be appealed, under the appeal criteria set out in Clause 8 of Section A.

4.10 Levies

Criteria will be determined and announced by the CA Para-cycling HPM to enable budget relief for the coordination of the team through a payment or levy payable by athletes. Appeals cannot be lodged based on the levy proposed to be paid by an athlete.

5 SCHEDULE FOR PARA-CYCLING TEAM SELECTIONS

TRACK TEAM

- Mon 9 Feb - Deadline for recording a track time by riders for consideration for selection into the Australian team to compete at the 2009 World Para-cycling Championships
- Wed 11 Feb – Selections submitted to the CA CEO for HPMC endorsement
- Tue 17 Feb – Para track team announced by CA
- Fri 20 Feb - Closing date for appeals against non-selection to the track team
- Week commencing 23 Feb - Period identified to conduct any appeal hearings, if required

ROAD TEAM

- Mon 18 May - Deadline for recording a road average speed time by riders for consideration for selection into the Australian team to compete at the 2009 World Para-cycling Championships
- Wed 20 May - Selections submitted to the CA CEO for HPMC endorsement
- Tue 26 May – Para Road team announced by CA
- Fri 29 May - Closing date for appeals against non-selection to the Para road team
- Week commencing 1 June - Period identified to conduct any appeal hearings, if required

ATTACHMENT A

Time requirements for consideration to selection in the National Para-cycling Team to compete at the World Championships

TRACK

The time must be achieved at the following event:

- 2009 Australian Track Championships – 3 to 8 February 2009, Adelaide Super-Drome

MEN	Indiv. Time Trial		Indiv. Pursuit		Flying 200m Sprint
BVI Tandem	1:03.718	1km	4:25.335	4km	10.629
LC1	1:10.475	1km	4:44.375	4km	
LC2	1:11.182	1km	4:51.482	4km	
LC3	1:17.314	1km	3:52.253	3km	
LC4	1:21.172	1km	4:05.932	3km	
CP4	1:11.189	1km	3:38.205	3km	
CP3	1:11.161	1km	3:58.817	3km	

WOMEN	Indiv. Time Trial		Indiv. Pursuit		Flying 200m Sprint
BVI Tandem	1:10.465	1km	3:40.997	3km	
LC1	38.356	500m	3:57.966	3km	
LC2	41.996	500m	4:16.043	3km	
LC3	44.161	500m	4:22.051	3km	
LC4	*52.000	500m	*4:40.000	3km	
CP4	45.617	500m	4:31.057	3km	
CP3	46.427	500m	4:42.884	3km	

These times reflect the second fastest times in each classification, recorded at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games; either as a Time Trial final or Pursuit qualification round.

* LC4 women have not competed internationally, and therefore the above LC4 women's times reflect the minimum requirement stipulated by the UCI to claim a world record.

ROAD

The average speed must have been achieved at any one of the following events:

- 2009 Australian Road Championships
 - Handcycles and Tricycles - 21-22 February 2009, Brisbane
 - Tandem and Single bikes - 1-3 May 2009, Murwillumbah
- 2009 Oceania Road Championships
 - 9-17 May 2009, Darwin (specific dates to be confirmed)

Road Time Trial	MEN	WOMEN
	avg. km/h	
BVI Tandem	44.148	38.998
LC1	40.745	37.923
LC2	42.057	32.149
LC3	37.194	31.614
LC4	36.452	--
CP4	39.376	34.728
CP3	37.755	31.587
CP2	32.538	25.067
CP1	23.134	--
HCA	24.159	--
HCB	32.749	28.218
HCC	35.703	30.574

The proposed average speeds have been set at 95% of the fastest average speeds from each classification in their respective road time trial events at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. This is in consideration of the nature of the difficulty of the course in Beijing, and the level of performances and average speeds set at this competition.