



5th World University Cycling Championships 2014

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Team Ireland Selection Criteria and Supporting Information



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Introduction

Student Sport Ireland is the sole sanctioning body responsible for identifying, selecting and organising Irish teams and individuals to attend the 2014 FISU World University Championships.

Events (Men and Women)

Events
Road Race
Track
Mountain Bike
BMX
Cyclo Cross

Participants

Each country may enter a maximum of forty-eight (48) competitors:

- for Road Race Events a maximum of four (4) men participants and four (4) women participants
- for Track Events a maximum of six (6) men participants and six (6) women participants
- for Mountain Bike Events a maximum of six (6) men participants and six (6) women participants
- for BMX Events a maximum of four (4) men participants and four (4) women participants
- for Cyclo-Cross Race Events a maximum of four (4) men participants and four (4) women participants

The delegation may include the following officials, according to the participants entered:

- up to nine (9) participants two (2) officials
- up to twenty (20) participants four (4) officials
- over twenty (20) participants five (5) officials

2014 World University Cycling Championship Selection Criteria

The criteria consists of:

1. All students being considered to participate at the WUCs must meet the FISU and SSI Eligibility Criteria for International Competitions published on the SSI web site. Please click on the following link to view the eligibility criteria: [SSI Eligibility Criteria for International Competitions](#);
2. Cycling Ireland Eligibility Criteria – these are to be met by riders before they will be assessed against the performance criteria, riders not meeting any of the eligibility criteria will not be considered for selection;

- a. Does the rider hold a current UCI licence which permits them to ride in the discipline(s) they are being considered for and which has an “IRL” UCI licence code;
- b. Does the rider hold, or is eligible to hold, a valid Irish passport (note that riders who have transferred from another nationality must meet the UCI transfer requirements).
- c. Has the rider completed the UCI’s “True Champion or Cheat” programme or similar programme as set by Cycling Ireland;
- d. Has the rider signed Cycling Ireland’s Code of Conduct for riders?

3. The Performance Criteria Consideration Factors:

- a. Male – Road Race
 - i. Emphasis will be placed on results in events with World/European class fields, particularly for riders at the older end of the age range;
 - ii. UCI events (including Nations Cup events) - top 15 result in UCI 1.2 , top 10 result in 2.2 stages, top 20 on GC
 - iii. Top 10 result in British Cycling Premier Calendar races
 - iv. Top 10 finish in National Road or time trial championships in last 12 months
 - v. Stage win or top 5 on GC in Suir Valley Three Day, Rás Mumhan, Tour of the North, Tour of Ulster;
 - vi. A1 race win
 - vii. Results in other similar standard events will also be considered;
 - viii. The qualifying period is 1st May 2013 – 1st May 2014
- b. Female
 - i. Top 3 in Women’s National League or Women’s only Races;
 - ii. Top 6 in Women’s National Championships;
 - iii. Performances in Domestic A3 races;
 - iv. Experience from overseas Races.

Please note that

- c. Interested riders should submit results to Ronan McLaughlin; Team Manager
- d. Student Sport Ireland, in consultation with Cycling Ireland, may not fill the full complement of race places available to it send a full complement of riders where it believes that there are not enough suitable riders available;
- e. Some team members may be selected solely to act in a support role;

4. Rider characteristics:

Irrespective of the category or event type, some or all, of the following points will be considered when selecting members of national teams or squads:

- Commitment to Cycling Ireland and the UCI anti-doping policies including completion of UCI True Champion or Cheat programme;
- Agreement to Cycling Ireland’s Code of Conduct for riders;
- The profile of the rider, their ability to form part of a team and their interaction with Cycling Ireland support personnel;
- International and national race performances in comparable events and UCI ranking (where applicable).
- Tactical awareness and skill levels of the riders
- The nature of the course and the suitability of the riders, and;
- Commitment to national team training sessions.

All national team selections will be discretionary and based upon the judgement of the selectors, selectors may seek expert opinion from specific personnel where necessary.

It is intended to select teams as far as possible in advance to allow them the maximum time to prepare specifically for the event. All team selections will be notified in advance of publication of the team or squad.

Student Cyclist Selection

The Team Manager will submit to Student Sport Ireland the student cyclist list for participation at the Championships. SSI High Performance Committee, aided by the selection criteria outlined above and student nomination forms submitted (see below), will review each student cyclist nominated individually and adopt her/his nomination as appropriate.

5. The Team Manager will nominate eligible student cyclists who have achieved the selection criteria to be considered for selection for the WUC by SSI HPC;
6. All students being considered to participate at the WUCs must meet the FISU and SSI Eligibility Criteria for International Competitions published on the SSI web site. Please click on the following link to view the eligibility criteria: [SSI Eligibility Criteria for International Competitions](#);
7. All students nominated must complete and submit a student nomination form for the SSI HPC to review and ratify where appropriate.

Ultimately the decision of whether a student cyclist is selected on the team that travels to the Championships rests with SSI High Performance Committee.

Nomination Forms:

To establish that individual student cyclists meet the above selection criteria, FISU and SSI Eligibility Criteria and to subsequently facilitate submission of his/her Nominative Entry Forms to FISU students will be required to submit to Student Sport Ireland:

- a completed stamped and signed hard copy of [SSI's Student Nomination Form](#);
- hard copy [Academic Eligibility](#) form signed and stamped by the college registrar's office;
- two passport photos and
- a copy his/her passport page.

Please note that unsigned and unstamped forms will not be processed and returned.

Age: The competitors must be at least 17 and less than 28 years of age on 1st January 2014.

Funding: Student Sport Ireland itself will not be in a position to provide any funding to support student cyclist participating at WUCs.

Ultimately the cost of participation is the responsibility of the student cyclist but in many instances the NGB does provide significant support. In addition the student's college may be in a position to also support his/her participation. It is advised that student cyclists under consideration approach their Sports Officer in their college to indicate their interest in participating in the event at the earliest opportunity and to determine if the College may be in a position to support their participation.

The costs associated with participation at the Championships include but not limited to:

- Flights (to be booked by NGB or Team Manager);
- Participation Fee: €60 per person per day (included transfers, accommodation and meals);
- Travel Insurance: €25 approx.
- FISU Registration Fee (€20 per person);
- Student Sport Ireland Admin Fee (€75 for SSI member students, €150 for non SSI member students);
- Walk Out Polo shirt (approx. €30)
- Competition Gear (sourced via NGB).

For further information or clarification please contact the Team Manager, Ronan McLaughlin.