

## **Selection Policy for Athletes, Coaches, and Support Staff**

### **2026 Asian Games: 19<sup>th</sup> Sep. to 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2026**

1. Indian athletes wishing to participate in the Asian Games 2026 are to fulfil the following criteria to be selected in the Indian Cycling teams:-
  - A. Athletes born on or before 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2007 are eligible to participate in the Games.
  - B. Cyclists, who qualify the minimum qualification time in track sprint/ endurance events will be provisionally selected as probable for the 2026 Asian Games.
  - C. The final selection will be made in the final phase of coaching before 60 days of the competition on the basis of minimum qualification time in individual event including team events, which shall be 6<sup>th</sup> position in the team and Individual event of last edition of the Asian Track Championships/ Games.

### **2. Trial Schedule and Structure:**

- Purpose: Trials aim to prepare a list of probable for the Asian Games, National camps, and foreign training programs for preparation of the Asian Games.
- Training Centers: Selected athletes will be inducted into National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) at Delhi (Sprint events) and NIS Patiala (Endurance events).
- Athletes, who desire to train outside NCOE on their own, will required to submit undertaking.
- Number of riders to be selected for the probable for the Asian Games is given below:-

Category	Endurance group		Sprinting group	
	Individual pursuit	Point Race	250 Mtr. & 500 Mtrs.	200 Mtrs. Sprint
Men Elite	10	5	6	2
Women Elite	8	4	6	2

### **3. Selection Process for Athletes**

Athlete selection for national camps is aimed to prepare a prbables of riders, who will take part in ensuing competition prior to Asian Games. The date of the selection trials is given below:-

#### **a. Date of the selection trials: Track**

- Preliminary selection trials: 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2025
- Assessment trials: 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## 3.1 Track Events (Born on or before 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2007)

Track Event (Male/Female)				
S.no	Event	Selection Trial / National Championships	Category	Remarks
1	Sprint	Best time in Individual time trial for 200 mtrs.	Born on or before 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2007	Benchmark time will at least 8 <sup>th</sup> place time clocked during last edition
2	<b>Team Sprint</b> 1. 250mtr. Time Trial 2. 500mtr. Time Trial	Trials for team sprint will be conducted in 2 phases 1. 250 mtrs time trials & 2. 500 Mtrs time trial Top 2 athletes registering the best time in the 250m standing start and in the 500m standing start will be selected. The final team composition and the race order will be decided by the Chief Coach upon their training camp.	Born on or before 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2007	
3	Keirin	The selection for the Keirin event is made among the riders selected for the Sprint and Team Sprint event. The final selection will be decided by the Chief coach/ HPD from among the riders selected in sprint/ team sprint.  <b>And/ or</b>  If any athlete achieved within 40 UCI ranking, the best 2 rankers can be considered for selection.	Born on or before 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2007	
4	Individual Pursuit 4000/3000mtr for Team Pursuit	Athlete registering the best time clocked for 4 Km in Men & Women category is considered for selection in the subject event. Similarly, athlete registering best time in 3 Km. for Junior Men & Women will be selected	Born on or before 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2007	Cutt off timing is attached as <b>Annexure - 1</b>
6	Team Pursuit	Top 8 riders are considered from Individual Pursuit event and Further performance is evaluated during Team pursuit training. Final selection of 05 Riders is done on the basis of Timings registered in team pursuit trial during final phase of training session, clocking benchmark timing.	Born on or before 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2007	Cut off timing is attached as <b>Annexure - 1</b>

7	Omnium	<p>If any rider achieve within 40 UCI ranking in endurance, the best 2 rankers can be considered for selection</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>And/ or</b></p> <p>The selection for Omnium &amp; Madison will be done by organizing a Points race as follows:- ME – 25 Km., WE &amp; MJ – 20 Km and WJ – 15 Km. The best 2 cyclists will be considered, depending on composition of the team</p>	Born on or before 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2007	Cut off timing of Point race is attached as <b>Annexure - 1</b>
8	Madisson	<p>If the Indian team ranked within 30 UCI ranking in Madisson event, can be considered for the selection.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>And/ or</b></p> <p>The selection for Madison will be done by organizing a Points race as follows:- ME – 25 Km., WE &amp; MJ – 20 Km and WJ – 15 Km. The best 2 cyclists will be considered, depending on composition of the team</p>	Born on or before 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2007	Cut off timing of Point race is attached as <b>Annexure - 1</b>

#### **4. Additional Provisions:-**

- Training at foreign venues: Those riders, who are training at foreign venues at the time of primarily selection trials, shall be considered for long list, however, they need to attend the assessment trials 60 days before the competition or as and when planned.
- Medical Fitness: All selected athletes must pass a mandatory medical check-up to confirm physical fitness for competition.
- Videography and Authentication: Selection trials will be videographed (where logistically feasible), and Time Trial results will be authenticated using Timing System Results (TSR).
- Publication: The finalized contingent will be published on the CFI website immediately after selection, endorsed by the Selection Committee.
- Notification: CFI will inform the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) and Sports Authority of India (SAI) at least 15 days prior to trials for deputation of a government observer/ SAI nominee (not a Selection Committee member). The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) will also be notified in advance.

## **5. Selection Committee for Athletes**

The Selection Committee for athletes comprises:

1. Chief Coach/Foreign Coach - Track.
2. Mr. Maninder Pal Singh, Secretary General, CFI.
3. Dr. Maxwell Travor, Sportsman of Outstanding Merit (SOM).
4. Mr. Jagdeep Kahlon, Former International Cyclist.

## **6. Selection Policy for Coaches and Support Staff**

The selection of coaches and support staff adheres to MoYAS guidelines (letter No. 12-2/2025-SP-III dated March 5, 2025) to ensure merit-based appointments and exclude individuals with tainted records.

### **6.1 Coaches**

- Eligibility: Coaches must have trained athletes for at least 90 days. For Assistant Coaches and Women Coaches, this requirement may be waived based on availability and circumstances.
- Merit-Based Selection: Coaches associated with athletes selected through UCI ranking points or trials will be prioritized, subject to Selection Committee recommendations.
- A long list of coaches/ support staff shall be prepared along with the long list of the riders and they will have to attend the camp, as and when planned.

### **6.2 Support Staff**

- Eligibility: Support staff involved in daily training of Elite/Junior riders at SAI NCOEs or CFI academies will be considered.
- Multi-Sport Events: Coaches and support staff involved in coaching camps (if organized) will be included in the long list for multi-sport events.

## **7. Selection Committee for Coaches and Support Staff**

The Selection Committee for coaches and support staff comprises:

1. Mr. Amar Singh, Arjuna Awardee, Chairman.
2. Mr. Maninder Pal Singh, Secretary General, CFI.
3. Nominee of DG, SAI.
4. Mr. Shailendra Pathak, Joint Secretary, CFI.
5. Dr. Maxwell Travor, Sportsman of Outstanding Merit (SOM).
6. Mr. Jagdeep Kahlon, Former International Cyclist.

## **8. Grievance Redressal**

- Process: Athletes, coaches, or support staff with grievances regarding the selection process may submit complaints via email to [grievancecommitteecfi@gmail.com](mailto:grievancecommitteecfi@gmail.com)
- Resolution Timeline: Grievances will be addressed and resolved within seven days of filing.
- Transparency: The selection policy will be published on the CFI website at least three months prior to trials or championships.
- The Grievance Redressal Committee of Selection policy comprises the following member:-
  1. Sh. Vimal Chaudhary, Chairman
  2. Sh. Sudeesh Kumar, Member

3. Sh. Sudam Rokade, Member
4. Sh. Abhijit Sett, Member
5. Ms. Seema Rani, Member

#### **9. Compliance and Oversight**

- MoYAS and SAI: CFI will ensure compliance with MoYAS guidelines, including timely notification for observer deployment and adherence to anti-doping regulations.
- NADA: The National Anti-Doping Agency will be informed in advance of all trials and championships to facilitate dope testing.
- Public Disclosure: All selection outcomes, including the finalized contingent, will be promptly published on the CFI website, ensuring transparency and accountability.

#### **Conclusion**

This selection policy establishes a robust framework to identify and nurture cycling talent while upholding fairness, transparency, and meritocracy. By adhering to MoYAS guidelines and fostering an inclusive process, the Cycling Federation of India aims to build a competitive and cohesive national team capable of excelling on the global stage.

#### **Approved by:**

Cycling Federation of India

## **Annexure – 1**

### **Cut-off timings – Individual Pursuit**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Indoor Track</b>	<b>Outdoor Track</b>
Men Elite	4000 Mtrs.	4:34.000 Sec. (52.55 kmph)	5:00.000 Sec. (48 Kmph)
Women Elite	4000 Mtrs.	5:10.000 Sec. (46.45 kmph)	5:35.000 Sec. (42.98 kmph)
Men Junior	3000 Mtrs.	3:32.000 Sec. (50.94 kmph)	3:45.000 Sec. (48 kmph)
Women Junior	3000 Mtrs.	4:10.000 sec. (43.20 kmph)	4:25.000 Sec. (40.75 kmph)

### **Cut-off timings – Team Pursuit**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Indoor Track</b>	<b>Outdoor Track</b>
Men Elite	4000 Mtrs.	4:07.000 Sec. (58.29 kmph)	4:22.000 Sec. (55 Kmph)
Women Elite	4000 Mtrs.	4:35.000 Sec. (52.36 kmph)	5:00.000 Sec. (50 kmph)
Men Junior	4000 Mtrs.	4:12.000 Sec. (57.12 kmph)	4:48.000 Sec. (50 kmph)
Women Junior	4000 Mtrs.	4:48.000 sec. (50 kmph)	5:13.000 Sec. (46 kmph)

### **Cut-off timings – Point Race**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Indoor Track</b>	<b>Outdoor Track</b>
Men Elite	25 Km.	30:00.000 Sec. (50 kmph)	31:30.000 Sec. (46.80 kmph)
Women Elite	20 Km.	30:00.000 Sec. (40 kmph)	31:00.000 Sec. (38.70 kmph)
Men Junior	20 Km.	25:00.000 Sec. (48 kmph)	26:00.000 Sec. (46.10 kmph)
Women Junior	15 Km.	24:00.000 sec. (37.5 kmph)	24:00.000 Sec. (36 kmph)

**Note:** Selection of the cyclists will be subject to the cut off timings in each event and each category