



PNZ PARA CYCLING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

2019 UCI Para Cycling Road World Championships

Emmen, Netherlands, 12 – 15 September 2019

Please Note: This selection criteria should be read in conjunction with the PNZ General Selection Regulation for PNZ Managed Sports - <http://www.paralympics.org.nz/Pathway/High-Performance>

1.0 Eligibility Criteria: To be eligible to represent the New Zealand Para cycling team at the 2019 UCI Para Cycling World Championships an athlete must -

1.1 Satisfy all UCI, eligibility, nationality, and participation rules.

1.2 Be a registered member of Cycling NZ

1.3 Achieved a '**top six**' finish at the 2018 UCI Para Cycling Road World Championships or

1.4 Achieved a '**top four**' finish at either the

1.4.1 2019 UCI Para Cycling Road World Cup – Italy, 9 – 12 May 2019

1.4.2 2019 UCI Para Cycling Road World Cup – Belgium, 16 – 19 May 2019

1.4.3 Where an athlete has competed in one of the above events (1.4.1 or 1.4.2) however in their races there have been ten or less riders the athlete shall have needed to finish in the top half of the field to be considered for selection.

2.0 Important Notes:

2.1 Meeting the above criteria does not guarantee selection to the New Zealand Para cycling team to compete at the 2019 UCI Para Cycling Road World Championships. Paralympics New Zealand will be allocated athlete slots from UCI for athletes in each class. Where the number of athletes achieving the PNZ Para Cycling Eligibility Criteria in a specific class exceed the number of slots allocated to New Zealand in that class, the PNZ Para Cycling Selection Panel will use Clause 4.0 of this eligibility criteria to determine which athlete or athletes are selected.

2.2 Team Relay's' **will not** be included as part of this selection criteria. Athletes must qualify as individual Para cyclists.

2.3 Athletes wishing to gain eligibility through a performance at a 2019 UCI Para Cycling Road World Cup will be eligible to represent New Zealand at one, or both World Cups stated in 1.4.1 and 1.4.2 if they have -

2.3.1 Achieved a top six placing at the 2018 UCI Para Cycling Road World Championships or a top six placing at any 2018 UCI Para Cycling Road World Cup. Clause 1.4.3 of this eligibility criteria pertaining to fields of ten or less shall be applied to this eligibility.

2.3.2 Are a member of the PNZ Para Cycling High Performance or High Performance Athlete Development Programme and therefore have a current PNZ Athlete Agreement.

2.3.3 Athletes wishing to gain selection to the New Zealand Para cycling team to compete at the 2019 UCI Para Cycling Road World Championships through a performance at a 2019 UCI Para Cycling Road World Cup however do not meet the eligibility criteria as set out in Clause 2.3.1 or 2.3.2 will be eligible to ride at a 2019 UCI Para Cycling World Cup as an independent.

3.0 Other Selection Factors:

3.1 Consideration will be given to an athlete wishing to compete at the 2019 UCI Para Cycling Road World Championships who has not met the standards set out in Clause 1 of this eligibility criteria where -

3.1.1 It is deemed by the PNZ Para Cycling Selection Panel that the athlete is tracking towards medalling in a Para cycling event (Road or Track) at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games and will benefit from the international experience by competing at the 2019 UCI Para Cycling Road World Championships.

3.1.2 The athlete is deemed to be a new exceptional rider, or they are a sport talent transfer athlete who it is believed will benefit from international competition experience and demonstrate the ability to be 'fast tracked' to a podium finish at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

3.1.3 It is deemed by the PNZ Para Cycling Selection Panel that the athlete can collect a high number of UCI points that will contribute to New Zealand athlete allocations for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

4.0 Where an athlete is being considered for selection as per clause 3.1.1, 3.1.2 or 3.1.3 the following criteria will be used in the decision-making process;

- i. Athletic ability
- ii. Athlete's duration in the sport of Para cycling
- iii. Athlete's classification status
- iv. Athlete's commitment to training and competition
- v. Athlete's rate of improvement
- vi. Depth of international field
- vii. The nature of course on which the event is to be held.

5.0 Investment:

5.1 PNZ will contribute some funds to any athlete who has met the eligibility criteria under Clause 1 and is selected to represent New Zealand at the UCI 2019 Para Cycling Road World Championships

5.2 Any athlete who is selected to compete at the UCI 2019 Para Cycling Road World Championships under Clause 3.1.1, 3.1.2 or 3.1.3 will be required self-fund.

6.0 Selection Date: Monday 27 May 2019

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