



International representation: Selection criteria and team member responsibilities

Purpose

During any season there may be a number of opportunities for Bermuda to be represented at international cycle competitions, either by teams or individuals.

While the organizers of each competition may impose certain criteria governing the selection of individuals or teams, the purpose of this document is to set out the selection criteria that will be followed by the Bermuda Bicycle Association (BBA).

With selection for national representation come certain responsibilities. This document also sets out the expectations that the BBA has of its selected team members.

Aims

The aims of the BBA, in selecting representatives to compete on behalf of Bermuda in international competition include the following:

- To expose Bermuda's top riders to quality overseas competition
- To provide experience to developing riders
- To select teams or individuals with a reasonable capability of finishing in the top two thirds of the field
- To promote the BBA and sport of cycling within the Bermuda community

Competitions

Individual riders are free to compete overseas in any number of locally organized races at their own expense. A rider may not compete in events as a representative Bermuda without the express sanction of the BBA.

These criteria are concerned with the competitions that require the National Governing Body to sanction riders competing in a national team. These competitions include, but are not limited to:

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Olympic Games
Commonwealth Games
Pan American Games
CAC Games
Caribbean Cycling Championships
World Championships
Continental Championships
Island Games

Consideration will be for competition in both road racing and mountain bike disciplines as appropriate.

Selection Committee

A Selection Committee will be established by the BBA Executive ahead of each competition. The Selection Committee will be comprised of at least one member of the BBA Executive plus up to four other members of the BBA appointed by the Executive.

The panel of Selectors comprising a given Selection Committee may be different for each competition.

Invitation of interest

The BBA Executive will circulate brief details of upcoming international events at which Bermuda may compete and request members to make their interest in representing Bermuda at that event known. The BBA Executive may set a timetable or deadline for receipt of responses.

The BBA Executive will also advise of any specific competition standards to be met, if known, including nationality and residency requirements.

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Minimum Criteria

All athletes wishing to be selected on Bermuda teams must meet the minimum criteria listed below.

a) BBA Membership

Any athlete selected must be a paid up member of the BBA in good standing, that is, not under suspension by the BBA or higher governing authority.

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b) Nationality/residence

Any athlete selected must meet the nationality or residence criteria of the competition. For instance, only Bermudian athletes may be selected to represent Bermuda at the Olympic or Commonwealth Games. Proof of nationality or residence may be required. The invitation of interest will set out any nationality or residence requirement, as far as they may be known at the time.

c) Anti-drug commitment

Athlete shall be in good standing with the Bermuda Sport Anti Doping Authority (“BSADA” (that is the athlete must not be the subject of any ongoing investigation and/or under any suspension notified by the BSADA or any international or regional governing authority)).

Any athlete selected must be committed to the Bermuda government’s anti-drugs in sport policy, as supported by the BBA (accordingly, all team members will be required to take and pass a mandatory test for illicit drugs ahead of the competition and elite riders may be required to be tested for certain performance enhancing drugs, tests to be administered by the BSADA).

Selection Process and Performance Criteria

All teams will be selected on a discretionary basis by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will consider only riders deemed to be competitive at the level of competition being considered, and may elect to take fewer than the maximum permitted riders for these events, or decline to select any riders. The Selection Committee, in consultation with the BBA Executive Committee, may deem it appropriate to set different standards for different competitions though they take place in the same year and in consideration of the anticipated level of competition at the event.

The Selection Committee may, but are not required to, select reserve members for a team, if appropriate, who may fill in vacancies if initially selected athletes are subsequently unable to take part in the relevant competition.

In reaching its decision, the Selection Committee will take into account the following performance considerations for each rider, as applicable:

Road Racing/Mountain Bike Racing

- Current Pro-Tour / UCI World Ranking
- Current standing in Bermuda point series competition*

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- Race performance in the preceding nine months*
- Race performance in the previous year's competition
- Specific nature of the competition, if known
- Proven ability at relevant race distance
- The profile of riders selected to ensure optimal team composition, including ability and commitment to a team support role if required.

Time Trials

- Time trial performance in comparable international competition in the previous nine months
- Time trial performance in local competition in the previous nine months*
- Specific nature of the competition, if known

* It is expected that riders under consideration will be competing in the highest local category in local competition. Juniors are expected to be competing in categories that provide a similar level of racing experience as the competition under consideration – Juniors are not expected to ride in the top local category but should expect to be directed to the category which is considered to best prepare the individual for the anticipated international competition.

Overseas residents/students - Those living or primarily residing outside of Bermuda and wishing to be considered are expected to participate in racing and training and provide a detailed report on their results and training to the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee may take into consideration, where applicable, the fact that an athlete has put himself/herself forward for consideration for selection for other sports, in addition to cycling, that may be held at the same games/competition. In general, the preference of the BBA is that athletes selected to represent Bermuda at a particular games/competition should not also be representing Bermuda in another sport at the same games.

Athlete Responsibilities Post Selection

After announcement of the team, selected athletes have the following responsibilities:

- Local riders are expected to participate in all BBA races if in Bermuda and healthy
- Overseas residents should provide a training summary report and racing schedule to the Team Manager
- Continue to comply with BSADA drug policies
- Promptly notify the Team Manager in the event of any injury that might reasonably be expected to impact the athlete's ability to train for or participate at the expected level in the competition
- Support BBA and team fund raising efforts connected with the competition

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- Support BBA publicity and public relations efforts in connection with the competition
- Conduct themselves in a manner consistent with being a representative of Bermuda and the BBA generally and in particular while traveling to and from and attending the competition