

## Canadian Sport Centre Pacific / Cycling BC Athlete Carding

Canadian Sport Centre Pacific and the network of PacificSport Centres are committed to supporting Cycling BC performance athletes who are demonstrating exceptional potential to advance to the senior national team. Athletes identified and targeted according to the following criteria will be provided access to benefits and services of the Integrated Performance System.

### General Eligibility

- Athletes must be competing in an Olympic cycling discipline (Road, Track, Cross Country, BMX).
- Athletes must be 23 years of age and under.
- Through a written application process, Cycling BC may award carding to individual athletes over the age of 23 years, or from non-Olympic disciplines where those athletes
  - Are endorsed by Cycling BC and Cycling Canada, and
  - Demonstrate results from the last 6 months achieving minimum Cycling Canada Cyclisme performance standards
- The athlete must hold a valid UCI racing license issued by Cycling BC.
- Athletes must complete an application and profile (*available on line*) for submission to Cycling BC.
- Athletes are eligible for CSC P / Cycling BC carding for a maximum of 6 years.
- Annual CSC Pacific / Cycling BC carding period runs December 1<sup>st</sup> to November 31<sup>st</sup>

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*Athletes meeting the General Eligibility will be considered for classification based on the following general and sport-specific criteria.*

### Canadian Development Level 1

*These are athletes who compete on the senior national team in eligible events who do not receive Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program funding; OR athletes targeted as "hot prospects" - expected to be selected to NT within one year (verified by NSO).*

General Criteria:

- Member of Cycling Canada Cyclisme National Team (Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 - annually updated on cyclingcanada.ca)

Cycling BC Specific Criteria:

- Minimum age must be 18 years.
- Competed in the previous year as member of the Cycling Canada Cyclisme National Team or Development Team.

**Canadian Development Level 1A**

*These are athletes targeted as "Hot-prospects" expected to be selected to National Team within 2-3 years (verified by NSO).*

General Criteria:

- Expected to compete on the senior national team or senior development team within two to three years.

Cycling BC Specific Criteria:

- Minimum age must be 18 yrs.
- Must meet one of the following,
  - Evidence of tracking toward the current NSO published time/performance standards in the last year, or
  - Competed in the previous year World Junior or U23 Championships, or equivalent event.

Exclusions:

- Previously held Canadian Development Level 1 carding from Cycling BC.
- Previously Canadian Development Level 1A carded for more than two years.

**Provincial Development Level 2**

*These are provincial elite athletes who are tracking towards Canadian Development Level 1 according to the sport specific development path.*

General Criteria:

- Competed at age appropriate national championships (or equivalent)

- Consistently performing within top 20% at national level competitions.
- Have been on the HP athlete pathway in the sport for a minimum of 2 years.

Cycling BC Specific Criteria:

- Must turn at least 13 years in the calendar year for which they are selected.
- Provide evidence of tracking toward Cycling BC time/performance standards in race results and/or fitness tests.
- Must meet one of either,
  - Finished in the top-third of the field and within 10% of the finishing time in a National Championship during the year of application in the U17, U19, or U23 age group, or
  - Finished in the top-quarter of the field and within 10% of the finishing time in a Provincial Championship during the year of application in the U17, U19, or U23 age group, or
  - For 13-14 year old athletes, consistent podium finishes in significant regional races during the year of application in their age category, or upgraded category.
- Must meet with Provincial or Regional coach for acceptable athlete profiling of physical, technical, tactical, mental, and social readiness.
- Must be coached by a Cycling BC licensed coach.

Exclusions:

- Previously held any level National carding from Cycling Canada.
- Previously held any higher level of CSC P / Cycling BC carding (Level 1/1A).
- Level 2 carding is provided for a maximum of 3 years total.

**Provincial Development      Level 3**

*These are provincial level athletes who are tracking towards Provincial Development Level 2 according to the sport specific development path.*

General Criteria:

- Competed at age appropriate national championships (or equivalent) and/or provincial championships.
- Consistently performing within top 30% at national level competitions or 10% of provincial level competitions.
- Have been on the HP athlete pathway in the sport for a minimum of 2 years.

Cycling BC Specific Criteria:

- Must turn at least 13 years in the calendar year for which they are selected.
- Athletes 19-23 years who apply are eligible for Level 3 carding at the discretion of CSC P / Cycling BC, for a maximum of 1 year, where those athletes are
  - Endorsed by Cycling BC and Canadian Sport Centre Pacific, and
  - Demonstrate time/performance results from within the last 6 months.
- Provide evidence of tracking toward Cycling BC time/performance standards in race results and/or fitness tests.
- Must meet one of either,
  - Finish in top-half of the field and within 10% of the finishing time in a National Championship during the year of application in the U17, U19, or U23 age group, or
  - Finish in top-third of the field and within 10% of the finishing time in a Provincial Championship during the year of application in the U17, U19, or U23 age group, or
  - For 13-14 year old athletes, consistent top-5 finishes and within 5% of the winning time in significant regional races during the year of application in their age category, or upgraded category.
- Other consistent podium finishes in local or regional provincial-level competitions.
- Must meet with Provincial or Regional coach for acceptable athlete profiling of physical, technical, tactical, mental, and social readiness.
- Must be coached by a Cycling BC licensed coach.

Exclusions:

- Previously held any level National carding from Cycling Canada.
- Previously held any higher level of development carding (Level 1/1A/2).
- Level 3 carding is provided for a maximum of 3 years total.