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This document outlines the criteria and information used for participation in the Team NB 2027 Cross-Country (XC) Projects.

The criteria are organized as follows:

- **Section A** - Program Overview
- **Section B** - Eligibility Criteria
- **Section C** – Program Selection Criteria
- **Section D** - General Selection Criteria

The program objectives and calendar are described in **Section A**.

Athletes must meet the **Eligibility Criteria** in **Section B** to be considered for participation.

Selection decisions are based on the **Specific Criteria** in **Section C**.

Unless otherwise stated, all selections are subject to the **General Selection Criteria** in **Section D**.

Section A - Program Overview

The **Velo NB Team NB program** is guided by our shared values of Community, Collaboration, Inclusion, Leadership & Excellence, and Innovation.

National and inter-provincial competition opportunities form the foundation of our team program. These opportunities motivate athletes who aspire to compete at the next level in their performance pathway. Well-designed provincial programs create a positive learning environment that allows athletes to grow both as competitors and as individuals.

The **Velo NB Team NB XC Program** aims to achieve this through structured programming, supported by professional staff who help athletes develop their skills and perform to their potential.

The Team NB process sets clear, objective performance standards for athletes seeking to participate in Team NB projects at the **U17, Junior, and U23** levels.

2027 Team NB Projects

Dates	Project	Location	Selection Status
Feb - Sept	Velo NB Performance Training Program	Various	Selected
Mar / Apr / May	Training Camp	TBD	Selected
May / June	Quebec Canada Cups Competition	TBD	Selected
July	National Championships	TBD	Selected
Oct / Nov	Cyclocross Project – Canadian Cyclocross Championships / Challenge	TBD	Optional

Project invitations will be extended to athletes selected for the **Velo NB Performance Training Program** (see Section C), additional Project Selection criteria (Section C) and may also be extended at the **coach's discretion** based on the **General Selection Criteria** (Section D).

If additional project opportunities become available, Velo NB will notify eligible athletes as soon as possible.

Section B - Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for participation in a Velo NB project, an athlete must:

- Be a **Canadian Citizen**
- Have a **valid Canadian passport** that does not expire before the date of a project if traveling outside of Canada.
- Be in compliance with all **UCI, Cycling Canada, and Velo NB** eligibility requirements.
- Hold a **valid UCI race license**.
- (For minors) Provide **written parental/guardian permission** and any **required waivers** prior to participation.
- Submit the official **Team NB Application Form** to indicate interest in the project or program. Athletes who do not submit this form prior to the deadline will not be considered for selection.

Additional eligibility requirements may be outlined in the program-specific selection criteria below.

Section C - Program Selection Criteria

Project	**Velo NB Performance Training Program**		
Project Dates	February to September		
Training Dates and Location	TBD		
Category	U17, Junior, U23		
Objective	To increase the number of New Brunswick athletes named to Cycling Canada National Programs and improve performance within Team NB Provincial Programming by providing structured off-bike training, support services, and integrated athlete development.		
Team Size		Women	Men
	U17	4	4
	U19	4	4
	U23	2	2
Selection Date	December 15, 2026		
Selection Approval	Selections Approved by: Velo NB		
Application Form	2027 Velo NB Performance Training Program Application – Fill out form Deadline: November 30, 2026, at 11:59pm (Atlantic Time)		
Participation Criteria	Athletes will be selected in the following order of priority until the team size is filled or there are no further qualified athletes: U17 Men and Women: • Priority #1 - Riders born in 2011 who finished **Top 20** in the U17 XCO at the 2026 Canadian Championships • Priority #2 – Riders born in 2011 who finished **Top 15** in a U17 XCO Canada Cup Competition in 2026 • Priority #3 – Riders born in 2011 finishing in **Top 3** of a 2026 Velo NB U17 XCO Competition		

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	• Priority #4 – Riders born in 2012 finishing in **Top 3** of a 2026 Velo NB U15 XCO Competition • Coach discretion based on factors in Section D Junior Men and Women: • Priority #1 - Riders born in 2009 who finished **Top 20** in the U19 XCO at the 2026 Canadian Championships • Priority #2 – Riders born in 2009 who finished **Top 15** in a U19 XCO Canada Cup Competition in 2026 • Priority #3 - Riders born in 2010 who finished **Top 20** in the U17 XCO at the 2026 Canadian Championships • Priority #4 – Riders born in 2010 who finished **Top 15** in a U17 XCO Canada Cup Competition in 2026 • Priority #5 – Riders born in 2009 finishing in **Top 3** of a 2026 Velo NB A/Elite XCO Competition • Priority #6 – Riders born in 2010 finishing in **Top 3** of a 2026 Velo NB U17 XCO Competition • Priority #7 - Coach discretion based on factors in Section D U23 Men and Women: • Priority #1 - Riders born in 2005-2007 who finished **Top 20** in the U23 XCO at the 2026 Canadian Championships • Priority #2 – Riders born in 2005-2007 who finished **Top 15** in an Elite XCO Canada Cup Competition in 2026 • Priority #3 - Riders born in 2008 who finished **Top 20** in the U19 XCO at the 2026 Canadian Championships • Priority #4 – Riders born in 2008 who finished **Top 15** in a U19 XCO Canada Cup Competition in 2026 • Priority #5 – Riders born 2005-2007 finishing in **Top 3** of a 2026 Velo NB A/Elite XCO Competition • Priority #6 - Coach discretion based on factors in Section D Tie-Breaking Procedure In the event of a tie, ranking will be determined by: - Best single race placing - Highest total UCI points - Highest total Canada Cup Series points from the previous year. - If a tie remains, final selection will be made by the Velo NB Performance Committee using factors outlined in Section D. Quota Adjustment If fewer athletes meet the selection criteria than there are quota spots, or if a selected athlete declines, **Velo NB** reserves the right to reallocate spots to another category to best support athlete development and program objectives. Health and Fitness Declaration Selected athletes are expected to follow a **Yearly Training Plan (YTP)** to ensure continued athletic development. Velo NB recognizes the benefits of multi-sport engagement and actively encourages athletes to participate in

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	other sports; for **multi-sport athletes**, a **Seasonal Training Plan** is accepted. Additionally, as selection criteria rely on performances from the previous season, all selected athletes must maintain regular communication with Velo NB regarding their health, fitness, and overall training status. As a condition of program participation, selected athletes are required to complete physiological testing twice per year to assess development against provincial benchmarks derived from national standards. Additionally, the program director may require training oversight to ensure safe, balanced athlete progression.
Funding:	Selected Athletes are responsible for the following costs: **All costs not covered** by the Velo NB Performance Training Program. Cost details will be communicated to athletes in advance of each project.

Project			
Project Dates			
Competion Dates and Location			
Category			
Objective			
Team Size		Women	Men
Selection Dates	- Coaches submitted team selection - Selection Approved. Athletes notified, appeal period starts. - Appeal Deadline		
Selection Approval	Selections recommended by : Selections Approved by:		
Selection Criteria	Athletes will be selected in the following order of priority until the team size is filled or there are no further athletes to be recommended:		
Funding:	Selected Athletes are responsible for the following costs:		

Section D - General Selection Criteria

During competition, all decision-making authority will reside with the designated team leader. The composition of team events shall be determined on-site by the project's coach.

In addition to the Program Participation Criteria, selection may take into consideration any one or more of the following factors, in no particular order:

• The rider’s past performances and/or results in competition.
• The rider’s potential to contribute to future projects
• The rider’s technical ability.
• The rider's tactical ability.
• The rider’s physical ability / fitness.
• The rider’s suitability for the course, venue, and environmental conditions of the event.
• The rider’s attitude, composure, and behavior in high-pressure competitive environments.
• The rider’s consistency and reliability in competition.
• The rider’s ability to contribute to a team result.
• The rider’s attendance, performance, attitude and conduct in training while a member of a previous Team NB project or program (e.g., DTE, training camp or competition).