

## Youth Upgrade Policy

### Track

#### **Eligibility**

Athletes that are currently in the U17 age category (that is a racing age of 15-16 years old in 2019) may be eligible to apply for an upgrade (temporary or full-time) to race in the Track O-Cup series (Events 1 and/or 2).

Please note that Ontario athletes should be racing "A" category for males, and "B" categories for females to be eligible to submit an upgrade request. Male athletes will be eligible to submit a request for Cat 1 or 2 Men in the Ontario Cup Series, while female athletes will be eligible to submit a request for Cat 1 Women.

Athletes must indicate if they are upgrading for ENDURANCE or SPRINT or BOTH types of events [it is possible an upgrade may be granted for one and not the other].

**For O-Cup #3 (February 9-10), athletes in the U17 and Junior categories  
must race in their National Age Category as per the technical guide.**

#### **Application Process**

Note this is an application process. Athletes will not be automatically considered for an upgrade if they have not submitted a formal request for the 2018-2019 season. Please ensure you understand all the steps of the process below:

- 1) An NCCP Coach must complete and submit the OCA Upgrade Request form below.
- 2) Upgrade requests must be submitted by the eligible cut-off date below for consideration. Applications to upgrade for the season prior to the first event MUST be submitted no later than November 20.

No consideration for upgrades will be given after the cut-off date for that event. Athletes who are approved for an upgrade are not guaranteed a race spot. Please ensure your request is submitted well in advance of the cut-off date to ensure you have time to register for your upgraded category before it fills up.

| <b>Cut-Off Date For Request</b> | <b>Event</b> | <b>Event Date</b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| November 20 2018                | O-Cup #1     | December 2, 2018  |
| January 2, 2019                 | O-Cup #2     | January 13, 2019  |

3) The committee responsible for reviewing youth upgrades will be comprised of a minimum of three members not affiliated with the athlete applying for the request.

4) Decisions for upgrade will take into consideration the following items [in no priority order]:

- a) The athlete's current competitive field
- b) The athlete's current season's results [e.g. Youth Series]
- c) The athletes sanctioned race history [e.g. Youth Series]
- d) The impact on the competition field

5) **Category limits:** The number of upgraded athletes may be restricted as a result of the maximum field size allowable.

### **Provincial Championships**

Athletes will be required to race in their recognized National racing age category for Provincial Championships.\* Requests to participate in the Provincial Championships where that athlete's age category does not exist may be considered closer to the event date (specific information related to that process will be provided with the Championship Technical Guide).

\*Any deviations from the above may be considered in extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the committee.

The committee reserves the right to review and make athlete category modifications and adjust the Upgrade Policy at anytime as deemed required.

## Youth Upgrade Request Form - Track

Please complete this form if you are requesting an upgrade for a youth athlete (U17) to upgrade their race category in Track.

Requests should be completed and/or supported by an NCCP certified cycling coach. The Committee will only consider sanctioned track racing events. Events such as club events will not be considered when reviewing the applicant's request.

Requests will be reviewed based on the information provided below. For any information on the process or eligibility for Youth upgrades, please read the **Youth Upgrade Policy – Track** document.

Please email your request to [support@ontariocycling.org](mailto:support@ontariocycling.org)

**Athlete Name:**

**Athlete Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD):**

**Club/Team (If Applicable):**

**Coach's Name:**

**Type of Event (Endurance/Sprint/Both):**

**Requested Category**

**Reason for Request:**

**Race Results:**

| Date | Race Name | Result (in Cat) | Result Web Link |
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Please note all decisions by the Committee are final.