



WESTERN ISLES ISLAND GAMES ASSOCIATION (WIIGA) INTERNATIONAL ISLAND GAMES – FAROE ISLANDS | 3–9 JULY 2027

CYCLING SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Expression of Interest

Athletes wishing to be considered for selection must register their interest with the Cycling Team Manager by 1st October 2026. Initial contact may be made via email or telephone; written confirmation is required. Athletes should maintain regular communication throughout the qualification period and provide updates on results, training, and availability.

2. Events

Selection may be considered across the following disciplines: Road Race, Road Criterium, Road Time Trial, MTB Cross Country, and MTB Criterium. Selection may be for individual and/or team events depending on squad composition and Games entry limits.

3. Eligibility

Athletes must meet IIGA eligibility rules: (a) be born in the Western Isles or have at least 12 months consecutive residency prior to the Games; (b) hold a valid British Cycling or equivalent race licence; (c) be available for the full Games period including travel; (d) demonstrate knowledge of IIGA cycling by-laws and competition rules.

4. Performance Criteria – Road

Riders should demonstrate active race involvement through a minimum of 5 road races or criteriums. Evidence should include finishes in points, breakaway participation, effective teamwork, and sprint finishes where relevant. Riders should be performing at or progressing toward 3rd Category standard or equivalent.

Performance Criteria – Time Trial

A minimum of 5 time trials is expected. Indicative performance benchmarks are sub 1:00:00 for men and sub 1:05:00 for women (25 miles). Consistency and progression across the season will be considered in addition to absolute times.

Performance Criteria – MTB

Aligned with Scottish XC Series and British National XC standards. Athletes should complete 5–8 XC races including participation in at least 2 national-level events where possible. Expected performance is Top 20 regional / Top 30 national (men) and Top 15 regional / competitive national level (women). Riders must demonstrate strong technical skills, ability to adapt to varied terrain (particularly Faroese conditions), and sustained effort over 60–90 minute race formats.

5. Selection Considerations

Meeting criteria does not guarantee selection. The selection panel will consider overall performance level, consistency across the season, ability to contribute to team objectives, suitability to specific events, and squad balance. External factors including logistics, budget constraints, and Games entry limits will

also influence final selections.

6. Manager's Discretion

The Team Manager retains full discretion in the selection process. This may include selecting athletes who have not met all criteria but demonstrate clear ability, progression, or potential. Priority may be given to developing riders showing long-term commitment to the sport within the Western Isles. Exceptional performances outside listed events may also be taken into account.

7. Additional Information

The Island Games represents elite-level competition. Squad size may be restricted by IIGA regulations and travel logistics. Athletes are expected to prepare to a high standard and contribute positively to team culture, performance, and representation of the Western Isles.

Cycling Team Manager: Christina Mackenzie

Email: christinamackenzie1@hotmail.com