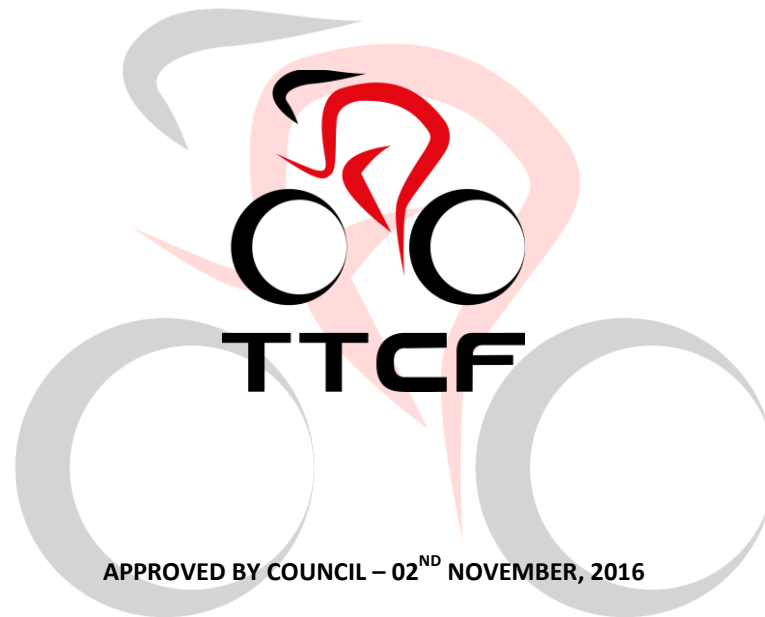


## Policy and Procedures for the Promotion/Demotion of Cyclists



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## CHAPTER I – ORGANISATION

- PP.1.001 The goal of this document is to establish policies and procedures that guide the promotion or demotion of cyclists with respect to their racing categories in Trinidad & Tobago.
- PP.1.002 The objective of this document is to promote or demote cyclists based on their performances over a 12 month period. In some instances, promotion will be based on a cyclist's age in the year in question.
- PP.1.003 The Racing Committee of the Trinidad & Tobago Cycling Federation, herein known as the Racing Committee, shall be charged with the responsibility to ensure the policy is executed.
- PP.1.004 This policy document will govern the promotion or demotion of cyclists in the disciplines of Track, Road and Mountain Bike
- PP.1.005 Promotion or Demotion will be based on performances over a period of twelve (12) months or the length of the racing calendar for the specific discipline.
- PP.1.006 The Racing Committee will present the list of promoted or demoted cyclists to the General Council for approval at least two (2) months before the beginning of the Annual Racing Calendar.
- PP.1.007 Cyclists will be placed in categories for three (3) separate disciplines; track, road and mountain bike.
- PP.1.008 Road categories will be used for cyclists participating in Road Races, Road Time Trials (Individual & Team) and/or Criterium events.
- PP.1.009 The Racing Committee will review and amend, if necessary, the content of this policy document and submit any amendments and revisions to Council for Approval in accordance to the TTCF constitution.

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## CHAPTER II – CATEGORY DEFINITION

PP.2.001 Track (TR), Road (RD) & Mountain Bike (MB) cyclists will be separated into the following categories based on age and performance

- Youth Development Cyclists – Under 7 (Male & Female)
- Youth Development Cyclists – Under 9 (Male & Female)
- Youth Development Cyclists – Under 11 (Male & Female)
- Youth Development Cyclists – Under 13 (Male & Female)
- Tnymites (Male & Female)
- Juveniles (Male & Female)
- Juniors (Male & Female)
- Elite (Male & Female)
- Masters 40-44
- Masters 45-49
- Masters 50-54
- Masters 55-59
- Masters 60-64
- Masters 65-69
- Masters 70+

PP.2.002 The age requirements for the specified categories in **PP.2.001** is as follows

	Category	Age Requirement
1	Youth Development Cyclists Under 7	6 years old or younger
2	Youth Development Cyclists Under 9	8 years old or younger
3	Youth Development Cyclists Under 11	10 years old or younger
4	Youth Development Cyclists Under 13	12 years old or younger
5	Tnymites	13 or 14 years of age
6	Juveniles	15 or 16 years of age
7	Juniors	17 or 18 years of age
8	Elite (1-3)	19 years of age or older
9	Masters 40-44	40 – 44 years of age
10	Masters 45-49	45 – 49 years of age
11	Masters 50-54	50 – 54 years of age
12	Masters 55-59	55 – 59 years of age
13	Masters 60-64	60 – 64 years of age
14	Masters 65-69	65 – 69 years of age
15	Masters 70+	70 years of age or older

PP.2.003 As stated in UCI Rule 1.1.034, “riders’ categories are determined by the age of those competing as defined by the difference between the year of the event and the year of birth of the rider.”

PP.2.004 Cyclists will be automatically promoted into a respective category once they have met the recommended age requirement.

PP.2.005 Promotion for specific disciplines in the Elite categories will be detailed in the following Chapters

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### CHAPTER III – TRACK PROMOTION/DEMOTION

PP.3.001 Cyclists will receive points based on their finishing positions within their respective categories. These points will be used for the promotion of cyclists within the Elite cyclists Categories (Elite 1, 2, 3 & 4). Cyclists will receive points as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 5points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 3 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 2 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – 1 point

PP.3.002 Cyclists will receive points from the following events

- Barracuda Track League
- Easter International Grand Prix
- Southern Games
- Palo Seco Games
- National Track Championships
- Any other Local or Local International events decided upon by the Racing Committee

PP.3.003 Any cyclist amassing a total of more than thirty (30) points in an Elite category at the events stated in **PP.3.002** would gain automatic promotion to next Elite category for the following year.

PP.3.004 Cyclists amassing a total of more than twenty (20) but less than thirty(30) in an Elite category at the events stated in **PP.3.002** would qualify for consideration of promotion by the Racing Committee.

PP.3.005 Cyclists competing in more than fifteen (15) track races during one (1) racing calendar as a Junior in their final year or an Elite 3 cyclist will automatically gain promotion to the Elite 2 category for the following year.

PP.3.006 Final year Junior cyclists earning a selection onto a Senior National Team for either a Foreign or Local International Competition would gain automatic promotion to the Elite 1 category immediately following the event in question.

PP.3.007 Any cyclist earning a medal at a foreign Junior International Track competition during their final year as a Junior cyclist would gain automatic promotion to the Elite 1 category for the following year.

PP.3.008 A final year Junior cyclist who does not meet the criteria in Rule **PP.3.006** and **PP.3.007** can still be considered for promotion into the Elite 1 categories based on exceptional performances in the Junior category.

PP.3.009 Final year Junior cyclists who do not meet the criteria set in **PP.3.006**, **PP.3.007** or **PP.3.008** will automatically gain promotion into the Elite 2 category.

PP.3.010 Any Elite cyclist earning a selection to a Senior National Team will gain immediate automatic promotion to the Elite 1 category.

PP.3.011 Any Elite cyclist earning the title of National Champion in a track discipline will automatically be promoted to the Elite 1 category for the following year.

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- PP.3.012 Any Elite cyclist who has not competed in at least five (5) track races over a period of twenty-four (24) months will be demoted to the next Elite category where applicable. A cyclist can be demoted from Elite 2 to Elite 3.
- PP.3.013 Any Elite cyclist who has not competed in the past five (5) years will immediately be placed into the Elite 3 category.
- PP.3.014 In the interest of a cyclist's development, the Racing Committee may select a 17 years or younger cyclist onto a National Senior Team. This cyclist will return to his/her respective age category immediately following the event in question.
- PP.3.015 Clubs may request for a cyclist to be promoted into a higher age group category in order to be exposed to higher level of competition. The Racing Committee will take the performance of the cyclist over the past track racing calendar into consideration.
- PP.3.016 Any cyclists receiving promotion outside of their age category, must return to said category for National Track Cycling Championships.
- PP.3.017 Cyclists being considered by rule **PP.3.015** must amass a minimum of thirty (30) points in the events stated in rule **PP.3.002** for the last track racing year.



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## CHAPTER IV – ROAD PROMOTION/DEMOTION

PP.4.001 Cyclists will receive points based on their finishing positions within their respective categories. These points will be used for the promotion of cyclists within the Elite cyclists Categories (Elite 1, 2, 3 & 4). Cyclists will receive points as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 5 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 3 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 2 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – 1 point

PP.4.002 Cyclists will receive points from the following events

- OWTU Rienzi Cycling Classic
- Devil's Woodyard
- Leslie King Memorial
- National Criterium Championships
- National Road Championships
- Petrotrin International Criterium
- Nathan Hajal Cycling Classic
- Newsday Republic Day Classic
- Any other competition decided upon by the Racing Committee

PP.4.003 Any cyclist amassing a total of more than twenty (20) points in an Elite category at the events stated in **PP.4.002** would gain automatic promotion to next Elite category for the following year.

PP.4.004 Cyclists amassing a total of more than ten (10) but less than twenty(20) in an Elite category at the events stated in **PP.4.002** would qualify for consideration of promotion by the Racing Committee.

PP.4.005 Cyclists competing in more than five (5) road races during one (1) racing calendar as a Junior cyclist in their final year or as an Elite 3 cyclist will automatically gain promotion to the Elite 2 category for the following year.

PP.4.006 Final year Junior cyclists earning a selection onto a Senior National Team for either a Foreign or Local International Competition would gain automatic promotion to the Elite 1 category immediately following the event in question.

PP.4.007 Any cyclist earning a medal at a foreign Junior International Road competition during their final year as a Junior cyclist would gain automatic promotion to the Elite 1 category for the following year.

PP.4.008 A final year Junior cyclist who does not meet the criteria in Rule **PP.4.006** and **PP.4.007** can still be considered for promotion into the Elite 1 categories based on exceptional performances in the Junior category.

PP.4.009 Final year Junior cyclists who do not meet the criteria set in **PP.4.006**, **PP.4.007** or **PP.4.008** will automatically gain promotion into the Elite 2 category.

PP.4.010 Any Elite cyclists earning a selection to a Senior National Team will gain immediate automatic promotion to the Elite 1 category.

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- PP.4.011 Any Elite cyclist earning the title of National Champion in a road discipline will automatically be promoted to the Elite 1 category for the following year.
- PP.4.012 Any Elite cyclist who has not competed in at least five (5) road races over a period of twenty-four (24) months will be demoted to the next Elite category where applicable. A cyclist can be demoted from Elite 2 to Elite 3.
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- PP.4.016 Any cyclists receiving promotion outside of their age category, must return to said category for National Road Cycling, Road Time Trial and Criterium Championships.
- PP.4.017 Cyclists being considered by rule **PP.4.015** must amass a minimum of thirty (30) points in the events stated in rule **PP.4.002** for the last road racing year.





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