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Elite national teams operate beneath the UCI Continental category but are distinct from a sponsored club set up as they operate in a way that shares many aspects with a UCI Continental or Pro-Continental set up.

Elite National Team Status may be an end in itself for teams who only wish to guarantee inclusion in national series races, for others it will provide a stepping stone toward applying for UCI Continental status in the future.

Teams attaining British Cycling Elite National Status, for example, need to fulfil the following criteria (the actual criteria will be different for each National Federation depending on their set up / races etc).

Teams must:

- Be registered for the British Cycling Elite Road Series
- Have a team size of between six and 12 riders
- Have a majority of riders who are younger than 28
- Be comprised of riders who are all either elite, 1st or 2nd category
- Include a minimum of 50% British riders
- Attend each Elite Road Series event with a minimum of four riders to each (with a maximum of eight riders per team will be allowed at each event respectively)
- Confirm their final rider list to each event organiser no later than four weeks in advance of each event respectively
- Be present at national series races to provide support before, during and after the race for team riders.
- Provide a team car with the requisite racking and equipment in order to provide service role within the race convoy
- Have all staff members (full or part time) holding a valid British Cycling licence, with the requisite endorsement, i.e. team manager
- Be committed for staff to undertake any development/education as required by the National Federation (for example, team manager training).

These teams register with a National Federation rather than the UCI and each Federation will have it's own guidelines re insurance, contracts etc.

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