

Discipline Specific Selection Criterion

2026 UCI Downhill Individual (DHI) World Championships

26-30 August 2026, Val di Sole, Italy
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Before submitting an Expression of Interest, athletes must read the [AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships – non-Olympic Sports \(the Policy\)](#) which details the selection process, objectives, eligibility and general selection criteria.

1. Junior (U19) athletes will be required to earn 2026 UCI DHI World Championship Team (WCT) selection in accordance with the requirements set out in *the Policy*, and this discipline specific document of the AusCycling (AC) selection criteria.

2. JUNIOR (U19) OBJECTIVES

See clause 2 of *the Policy*.

3. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD

1 January 2026 – 21 June 2026 (inclusive)

4. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

To be eligible for nomination to the WCT, athletes **MUST** submit an expression of interest by the closing date listed at clause 10 of this document.

The expression of interest form is located at <https://auscycling.org.au/athlete-selection-policies> from the published open date.

5. JUNIOR (U19) MANDATORY EVENTS

To be eligible for selection, all riders must compete in the following events or seek an exemption under clause 5 of *the Policy*.

a) 2026 AusCycling DHI National Championships, Mount Buller, Victoria; **PLUS**

b) **a minimum of two (2) of the following:**

- > 2026 Oceania DHI Championship, Toowoomba, QLD;
- > 2026 Oceania DHI Continental Series (any round);
- > 2026 Australian DHI National Series (any round).

6. ADDITIONAL JUNIOR (U19) SELECTION EVENTS

Selections are subject to *the Policy* where the Panel may, at their absolute discretion, consider athletes for selection based upon their performances in the Mandatory Events (outlined in clause 5(a) and (b) of this criterion) and the following additional DHI events.

a) 2026 UCI MTB World Cups (during Performance Time Period)

b) Other international results during the Performance Time Period. International results are defined as performances in UCI listed DHI events and may include events in Australia.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Panel may in its discretion consider the athlete's performance in some, all or none of the Mandatory Events (outlined in clause 5(a) and (b) of this policy) and/or the DHI events listed in clause 6. The Panel is under no obligation to consider the athlete's performance in each of the events outlined in clauses 5 or 6 and may attribute different weighting to each event in its absolute discretion.

7. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

To be eligible and considered for selection, all athletes must meet any of the following minimum performance standards **on at least two (2) separate occasions** during the Performance Time Period. Meeting the minimum performance standards does not guarantee selection nor mean automatic selection.

Junior (U19) Men

minimum performance standards

a) Have a race time **within 110% of the Elite men's category** winning race time at any of the following:

- > 2026 DHI Oceania Championships; or
 - > 2026 DHI National Championships; or
 - > A 2026 Oceania DHI Continental Series round; or
- b) A top 20 result in the qualifying round of a 2026 UCI Junior (**U19**) DHI World Cup.

Junior (U19) Women

minimum performance standards

a) Have a race time **within 110% of the Elite Women's category** winning race time at any of the following:

- > 2026 DHI Oceania Championships;
 - > 2026 DHI National Championships; or
 - > A 2026 Oceania DHI Continental Series round; or
- b) A top 10 result in the qualifying round of a 2026 UCI Junior (**U19**) DHI World Cup

For the purposes of meeting the time based minimum performance standards at (a) above, the Panel reserves the right to disregard results, at their discretion, where there were significant weather and/or track condition differences between the elite and junior categories.



8. AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Automatic selections will be made in the following order from athletes who meet the eligibility requirements at clause 5 of this document **AND** minimum performance standards at clause 7 of this document:

Junior (U19) Men

- > 2026 Oceania Junior (U19) DHI Champion (if won by an Australian)
- > 2026 AusCycling Junior (U19) DHI National Champion
- > Any athlete with a top 20 result in a 2026 UCI MTB World Cup final during the Performance Time Period in order of their best result, subject to the number of quota places available
- > If quota places remain, any athlete with a top 5 result in a 2026 Oceania Continental Series round final in order of their best result.

Junior (U19) Women

- > 2026 Oceania Junior (U19) DHI Champion (if won by an Australian)
- > 2026 AusCycling Junior (U19) DHI National Champion
- > Any athlete with a top 10 result in a 2026 UCI MTB World Cup final during the Performance Time Period in order of their best result, subject to the number of quota places available
- > If quota places remain, any athlete with a top 3 result in a 2026 Oceania Continental Series round final in order of their best result.

9. NON-AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

If quota places remain after all automatic selections have been made, the Panel, at their absolute discretion, may nominate additional athletes eligible under clauses 5 and 7 based on:

- a) The demonstrated ability of the athlete to meet objectives in clause 2 of *the Policy*.
- b) The discretionary factors listed in clause 3.2 of *the Policy*.

10. SELECTION TIMELINES

Refer

<https://auscycling.org.au/athlete-selection-policies>.

11. LEVIES

Selected athletes will be required to pay a levy to attend the 2026 UCI MTB DHI Junior World Championships. Estimated levy costs are provided in the Expression of Interest Form.

LEGEND

AC	AusCycling
DHI	Downhill
MTB	Mountain Bike
UCI	Union Cycliste International
U19	Under 19 Athlete (Junior)
WCT	World Championship Team

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