

Discipline Specific Selection Criterion

2026 UCI Cross-country Marathon (XCM) World Championships

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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. Athletes will be required to earn 2026 UCI XCM Elite World Championships 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. ELITE OBJECTIVES

See clause 1 of the *the Policy*.

3. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD

23 August 2025 – 14 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 9 of this document. The expression of interest form is located at <https://auscycling.org.au/athlete-selection-policies/u23-elite-selection-policies> from the published open date.

5. 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 following events;

- a) 2025 XCM World Championships
 - b) 2025 XCM AusCycling National Championships
 - c) National and International level UCI and/or AusCycling approved XCM events
 - d) National and International level UCI and/or AusCycling approved XCO events
 - e) National and International level UCI and/or AusCycling approved Road events
 - f) National level private promoter XCM events
- For the avoidance of doubt, the Panel may consider the athlete's performance in some, all or none of the

events listed in clause 5. The Panel is under no obligation to consider the athlete's performance in any of the events outlined in clause 5 and may attribute different weighting to each event in its absolute discretion.

6. AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

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- a) If the UCI regulations provide for automatic qualification to the 2026 XCM Elite World Championships through results or rankings, any rider achieving the required results or ranking for automatic qualification will be automatically selected.

7. NON-AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

If quota places remain after all automatic selections have been made, the Panel, at their absolute discretion, may nominate additional eligible athletes based on the;

- a) Demonstrated ability of the athlete to meet objectives in clause 1 of *the Policy*;
- b) Discretionary factors listed in clause 3.3 of *the Policy*.

8. Once an athlete is selected, they must provide a performance plan for the World Championships to the MTB and Non-Olympic Operations Manager for approval. Team members without an approved performance plan will not be entered in the event. The rationale for the inclusion of this clause is to ensure all selected athletes have sufficient support on the ground at the World Championships. Currently, AusCycling does not have the resources to provide full staffing on the ground.

A performance plan must include, but not limited to, details on:

- a) Professional Team (if applicable) OR;
- b) Support staff (including mechanic)

9. SELECTION TIMELINES

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

10. LEVIES:

Selected athletes may be required to pay a levy to attend the 2026 UCI XCM Elite World Championships. Estimated levy costs will be provided in the Expression of Interest Form.

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