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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 DHI 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. U23 AND ELITE OBJECTIVES

See clause 1 of the *the Policy*.

3. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD

1 January 2026 – 12 July 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/u23-elite-selection-policies> from the published open date.

5. MANDATORY EVENTS

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

- a) 2026 AusCycling DHI National Championships, Mount Buller, VIC; **PLUS**
- b) **a minimum of ANY three (3) races in total from the following list of events:**
 - 2026 Oceania DHI Championship, Toowoomba, QLD;
 - 2026 Oceania DHI Continental Series (any round/s, with each individual round raced contributing one (1) race towards the 3 mandatory race requirements at clause 5.b));
 - 2026 UCI DHI World Cups during the performance period (with each individual round raced contributing one (1) race towards the 3 mandatory race requirements at clause 5.b)).

6. ADDITIONAL 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 results in the following additional DHI events.

- a) Other international DHI events during the performance period. International events are defined as DHI events listed on the UCI calendar and may include events in Australia.
- b) 2026 AusCycling MTB National Series (individual event results only)

For the avoidance of doubt, the Panel may consider the athlete's performance in some, all or none of the Mandatory Events (outlined in clause 5(a) and (b) of this criterion) and/or the additional DHI events listed in clause 6. The Panel is under no obligation to consider the athlete's performance in any of the events outlined in clause 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.

Elite Men

- a) Have a race time within **105% of the Elite men's category** winning race time at any of the following:
 - 2026 Oceania DHI Championships; **OR**
 - 2026 AusCycling DHI National Championships; **OR**
 - A 2026 Oceania DHI Continental Series round; **OR**
- b) A top 20 result in qualifying round 1 of a 2026 UCI DHI World Cup (Elite Category) during the performance period; **OR**
- c) A top 10 result in qualifying round 2 of a 2026 UCI DHI World Cup (Elite category) during the performance period.



Elite Women

- a) Have a race time within **105% of the Elite Women's category** winning race time at any of the following:
 - 2026 Oceania DHI Championships; **OR**
 - 2026 DHI National Championships; **OR**
 - A 2026 AusCycling Oceania DHI Continental Series round; **OR**
- b) A top 10 result in qualifying round 1 of a 2026 UCI DHI World Cup (Elite Category) during the performance period; **OR**
- c) A top 5 result in qualifying round 2 of a 2026 UCI DHI World Cup (Elite category) during the performance period.

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:

Elite Men

- 2026 Oceania Elite DHI Champion (if won by an Australian)
- 2026 AusCycling Elite DHI National Champion
- Any athlete with a top 30 result in a 2026 UCI MTB World Cup final during the performance 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.

Elite Women

- 2026 Oceania Elite DHI Champion (if won by an Australian)
- 2026 AusCycling Elite DHI National Champion
- Any athlete with a top 15 result in a 2026 UCI MTB World Cup final during the performance 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

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 1 of *the Policy*.
- b) The discretionary factors listed in clause 3.3 of *the Policy*.

10. SELECTION TIMELINES

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

11. LEVIES

Selected athletes may be required to pay a levy to attend the 2026 UCI MTB DHI Elite World Championships. Further information will be provided at the time of selection.

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