

Discipline Specific Selection Criterion

2025 DOWNHILL INDIVIDUAL (DHI)
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
2-7 September 2025, Champéry, Switzerland
Elite Men and Women

1. General

- 1.1 Athletes will be required to earn 2025 DHI Elite World Championships Team selection in accordance with the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*, and this discipline specific document of the AusCycling (AC) selection criteria.
- 1.2 **Objectives:** See clause 1 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*.
- 1.3 **Performance Time Period:**

Elite men and Women: 27 Aug 2024 – 8 June 2025
- 1.4 In the case of extenuating circumstances being approved under clause 4 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*, the Selection Panel may consider the results in the 6 months prior to the performance period.
- 1.5 **Team size:** Refer to clause 3.3 of the AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships.
- 1.6 **Expression of Interest:** To be eligible for nomination to the Australian Team, athletes **MUST** submit an **expression of interest** by the closing date listed in section 4 of this document. Athletes that do not submit an expression of interest will not be considered by the selection panel, regardless of meeting any other eligibility criteria or minimum performance standards. The expression of interest form will be located at <https://auscycling.org.au/australian-cycling-team/page/selection> from the published open date.
- 1.7 The submission of an Expression of Interest is solely the **responsibility of the athlete** seeking selection
- 1.8 Selectors at their absolute discretion may exempt an applicant from meeting requirements under clause 3 & 4 of this document in extraordinary circumstances.
- 1.9 In extraordinary circumstances, and if team quotas allow, the Selection panel may, at their absolute discretion, add additional athletes to the team after the initial team selection processes have been followed, and if all selection criteria, objectives and minimum performance standards are met.

2. Eligibility and Mandatory Events

2.1 Mandatory Events for Eligibility for Selection

To be Eligible for selection to the team, all athletes must compete in the following events or apply for an exemption under Clause 4 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*. Athletes must compete in the same category they are seeking World Championship Selection in.

Elite Men and Women:

2.1.1 2025 AusCycling DHI National Championships



3. Selection Events and Minimum Performance Standards

3.1 Selection Events:

Subject always to the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*, the Selection Panel may, at their absolute discretion, consider athletes for selection to the 2025 UCI DHI Elite World Championships team based upon performances in the competitions listed in clause 3.1.1. The Selectors may, at their absolute discretion, weight events according to the level of competition, depth of field, the quality and difficulty of the course, and the relevance of the course in relation to the 2025 World Championships Course:

3.1.1 Elite Men and Women – Results from DHI events:

- 2024 UCI MTB World Championships
- 2024 and 2025 UCI MTB World Cups (during performance period)
- 2025 Oceania DHI Championships
- 2025 Continental DHI Series (individual event results only)
- 2025 AusCycling DHI National Championships
- Other international results during the performance period. International results are defined as performances in UCI listed DHI events and may include events in Australia.
- 2025 AusCycling MTB National Series (individual event results only)

3.2 Minimum Performance Standards

To be eligible for selection, all athletes must meet any of the following minimum performance standards on **at least two (2) separate occasions** during the performance period:

3.2.1 Elite Men

- a) Have a race time within **105% of the Elite men's category** winning race time at any of the following:
 - 2025 DHI Oceania Championships
 - 2025 DHI National Championships
 - A 2025 Oceania DHI Continental Series round
- b) Have a race time within **103% of the Elite Men's category** winning race time a 2025 DHI National Series race (Elite Category);
- c) A top 40 result in qualifying round 1 (or qualifying for 2024 World Cups) of a UCI DHI World Cup (Elite Category) during the performance period
- d) A top 20 result in qualifying round 2 of a UCI DHI World Cup (Elite category) during the performance period.



3.2.2 Elite Women

- a) Have a race time within **105% of the Elite Women's category** winning race time at any of the following:
 - 2025 DHI Oceania Championships
 - 2025 DHI National Championships
 - A 2025 Oceania DHI Continental Series round
- b) Have a race time within **103% of the Elite Women's category** winning race time a 2025 DHI National Series race (Elite Category);
- c) A top 15 result in qualifying round 1 (or qualifying for 2024 World Cups) of a UCI DHI World Cup (Elite category), during the performance period;
- d) A top 10 result in the qualifying round 2 of a UCI DHI World Cup (elite category) during the performance period.

3.3 Automatic Selection Criteria

3.3.1 Elite Men

- 2025 AusCycling DHI National Champion
- 2025 Oceania DHI Champion (if awarded to an Australian)

3.3.2 Elite Women

- 2025 AusCycling DHI National Champion
- 2025 Oceania DHI Champion (if awarded to an Australian)

3.4 Non-Automatic Selection Criteria

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

- 3.4.1 The demonstrated ability of the athlete to meet objectives in clause 1 of *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*
- 3.4.2 The discretionary factors listed in clause 2.2 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*

3.5 Conditional Selection

- 3.5.1 The Selection Panel, at their absolute discretion, may select an eligible rider subject to Performance Conditions. This will only occur in the case of approved extenuating circumstances and may include:
 - Recovery from injury to the satisfaction of the relevant Selection Panel by a specified date
 - Recovery from illness to the satisfaction of the relevant Selection Panel by a specified date
 - Returning to training and competition following any other approved extenuating circumstances



4. Schedule for World Championship Team Selection

4.1 The timeframes for the selection process of the World Championships Team to contest the 2025 UCI DHI Elite World Championships* are:

Selection Timelines

- Monday, 7 April 2025 – **Mandatory** Expressions of Interest Open
- Monday, 9 June 2025 (5PM AEST) – **Mandatory** Expressions of Interest Close
- Friday, 20 June 2025 (5PM AEST) - Final team selections forwarded to AusCycling CEO for endorsement.
- Tuesday, 24 June 2025 (5PM AEST) – Athletes receive confidential notification of selection / non-selection to the DHI World Championships Team
- Thursday, 26 June 2025 (5PM AEST) – Closing date for appeals to be lodged against non-selection (refer to the AusCycling Selection Appeals Policy for UCI World Championships, clause 7)
- Week of Monday, 7 July 2025 - Week scheduled for appeal hearings, if required
- Wednesday, 14 July 2025 - Final MTB DHI World Championship Team announced by AusCycling

**Selected athletes may be required to pay a levy to attend the 2025 UCI MTB World Championships. Estimated levy costs will be provided closer to selection.*

4.2 Changes to schedule

- 4.2.1** AusCycling reserves the right to change the above listed dates if more time is needed to ensure due process and fairness in selection and compliance with UCI entry dates

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Legend

AEST	Australian Eastern Standard Time	CN	National Championships
DHI	Downhill Individual	UCI	Union Cycliste International
CDM	World Cups		
CM	World Championships		
CC	Continental Championships		



