

Discipline Specific Selection Criterion

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

1. General

- 11 Athletes will be required to earn 2025 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.
- 12 **Objectives:** See clause 1 of the AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships.
- 13 **Performance Time Period:**

 Junior men and women: 27 Aug 2024 – 8 June 2025
- 14 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.
- 15 **Team size:** Refer to clause 3.3 of the AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships.
- 16 **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 clause 4. 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.
- 17 The submission of an Expression of Interest is solely the **responsibility of the athlete** seeking selection
- 18 Selectors at their absolute discretion may exempt an applicant from meeting requirements under clause 2 & 3 of this document in extraordinary circumstances.
- 19 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 if all selection criteria, objectives and minimum performance standards are met.



2. Eligibility and Mandatory Events

2.1 Specific eligibility for the Junior (U19) athletes will be based on the principle that those athletes be in formal education or training and remain engaged in that education or training course to completion throughout the 2025 UCI MTB World Championships selection and competition periods. This requirement will be given weight by the Selection Panel but will not be mandatory. Education may include but are not limited to:

- a) Secondary School certificate of Education (i.e. SACE, VCE, International Baccalaureate (IB);
- b) TAFE and/or Vocation Education Training (VET) (i.e. Traineeship, Apprenticeship);
- c) Tertiary Study. i.e. Undergraduate degree

2.2 Athletes who are unable to satisfy the education or training requirements of clause 2.1 will need to provide reasons to the Selection Panel as why this is the case. The rationale for the inclusion of this clause is that AusCycling does not believe it is generally in the best interests of junior athletes to focus solely on cycling at this point in their development.

2.3 If selected, junior athletes must participate in the full AusCycling World Championships campaign unless they are a member of a UCI listed MTB Team and have applied for and received prior approval from the AusCycling Operations Manager – MTB.

2.4 Mandatory Events for Eligibility for Selection

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

Junior Men and Women:

2.4.1 2025 AusCycling DHI National Championships

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2.4.2 A minimum of two (2) of any of the following:

- a) 2025 Oceania DHI Championships
- b) 2025 Oceania DHI Continental Series (any round)
- c) 2025 Australian DHI National Series (any round)



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 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 Junior 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 Oceania Continental 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 Junior Men

- a) Have a race time within **110% 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 **108% of the Elite Men's category** winning race time a 2025 DHI National Series race;
- c) A top 20 result in the qualifying round of a 2025 UCI DHI World Cup (Junior category)



3.2.2 Junior Women

a) Have a race time within **110% 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 **108% of the Elite Women's category** winning race time a 2025 DHI National Series race;

c) A top 10 result in the qualifying round of a 2025 UCI DHI World Cup (Junior category)

3.2.3 For the purposes of meeting minimum performance standards, at their absolute discretion, the Selection panel reserves the right to disregard results where there were significant weather and/or track condition differences between the elite and junior categories.

3.3 Automatic Selection Criteria

3.3.1 Junior Men

- 2025 AusCycling DHI National Champion
- 2025 Oceania DHI Champion (if awarded to a junior aged Australian)

3.3.2 Junior Women

- 2025 AusCycling DHI National Champion
- 2025 Oceania DHI Champion (if awarded to a junior aged 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 X 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 athlete 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

For the Extenuating Circumstances process, refer clause 6 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*



4. Schedule for World Championships Team

4.1 The timeframes for the selection process of the World Championships Team to contest the 2025 UCI DHI U19 World Championships* are:

Selection Timelines

- Monday, 7 April 2025 – **Mandatory** Expressions of Interest Open
- Monday, 2 June 2025(5PM AEST) – **Mandatory** Expressions of Interest Close
- Friday, 13 June 2025(5PM AEST) - Final team selections forwarded to AusCycling CEO for endorsement.
- Tuesday, 17 June 2025 (5PM AEST) – Athletes receive confidential notification of selection / non-selection to the BMX SX World Championships Team
- Thursday, 19 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, 23 June 2025 - Week scheduled for appeal hearings, if required
- Wednesday, 2 July 2025 - Final MTB DHI U19 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
C1	International MTB Competition
CDM	World Cups
CM	World Championships
CC	Continental Championships

CN	National Championships
UCI	Union Cycliste International



