



AUSCYCLING

***DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC
SELECTION CRITERIA***

2025 CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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2025 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships

U19, U23 and Elite Men and Women

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1 GENERAL

- 1.1. **Athletes** will be required to earn 2025 Cyclo-cross World Championships Team selection in accordance with clause 1 of 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. **Team size:** Refer to clause 3.3 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*. Team size will be at the discretion of the National Selection Panel.
- 1.4. **Performance period:** 1 October 2023 to 10 November 2024
- 1.5. **Expressions of Interest:** To be eligible for selection consideration to the Australian Team, **athletes must submit an expression of interest by the closing date listed in clause 6. Athletes that do not meet this requirement will not be considered by the selectors regardless of meeting any other eligibility criteria including minimum performance standards.** The rationale for the inclusion of this criteria is that it is often the case that otherwise eligible athletes have no intention of travelling to World Championships and do not wish to be considered for selection. The expression of interest form will be located at <https://www.auscycling.org.au/australian-cycling-team/page/selection> from the published open date. **Submitting an expression of interest is solely the responsibility of the athlete seeking selection.**
- 1.6. Selectors at their absolute discretion may exempt an applicant from meeting requirements under clause 3 and 4 of this document in extraordinary circumstances.
- 1.7. **Vaccination:** To be eligible for selection consideration, athletes must be able to abide by Federal and/or State and Territory Government laws regarding vaccinations. When travelling as part of the National Team, all athletes are to comply with the relevant State/Territory/Country vaccination requirements, and any additional measures implemented by AusCycling where necessary. AusCycling strongly recommends individuals to be fully up to date with their vaccinations prior to travel. If vaccination is required due to State/Territory/Country entry requirements, but vaccination is not appropriate due to underlying health conditions or other, athletes will be required to obtain both a medical report from a registered medical doctor

validating the condition(s) and their basis for contraindication to vaccination.

- 1.8.** Once selected all team members must provide a performance plan for World Championships to the Operations Manager MTB and CX for approval, within 28 days of notification of selection. **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.

A performance plan must include (but is not limited to) details on the following:

- List of your equipment including:
 - Spare bike (mandatory)
 - Spare wheels
 - Warm up rollers
 - Appropriate clothing in addition to the supplied Australian Team clothing
- List of your support staff (including mechanic and pit crew)
- List of lead-in events you will be attending in Europe

2. JUNIOR SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY

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

- a) Secondary School Certificate of Education (i.e., SACE, VCE, or International Baccalaureate (IB) etc)
- b) TAFE and/or Vocational Education Training (VET) (i.e., Traineeship or 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 to 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.

3. MANDATORY SELECTION EVENTS

- 3.1** To be eligible for selection consideration all athletes **must** compete in the following mandatory events or apply for exemption under clause 4 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*. The rationale for the inclusion of this clause is that the quality and depth of field, course difficulty, and weather conditions at the Cyclo-cross World Championships are significantly different from racing in Australia, and it is not in the best interests of athletes to compete at a World Championships without prior international experience.

3.1.1 U19 Men

- 2024 AusCycling CX National Championships **PLUS**
- A minimum of three (3) UCI listed U19 CX events outside of Australia during the 2-year period prior to the performance period ending.

3.1.2 U19 Women

- 2024 AusCycling CX National Championships **PLUS**
- A minimum of three (3) UCI listed U19, U23 or Elite Cyclo-cross events outside of Australia during the 2-year period prior to the performance period ending.

3.1.3 U23 Men and Women

- 2024 AusCycling CX National Championships **PLUS**
- A minimum of four (4) UCI listed Cyclo-cross events outside of Australia during the 2-year period prior to the performance period ending in the U19, U23 or Elite category. This must include a minimum of one (1) World Cup event.

3.1.4 Elite Men and Women

- 2024 AusCycling CX National Championships **PLUS**
- A minimum of four (4) UCI listed Cyclo-cross events outside of Australia during the 2-year period prior to the performance period ending in the U23 or Elite category. This must include a minimum of one (1) World Cup event.

4. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

4.1 To be eligible for selection consideration all athletes **must** meet the following minimum performance standards during the performance period. **Meeting the minimum performance standard is not the equivalent of automatic selection.**

4.1.1 Junior Men

- Finish on the lead lap at a UCI CX U19 World Cup or UCI listed event outside of Australia, OR
- Finish in the top 3 at the 2024 CX National Championships (U19 category)

4.1.2 Junior Women

- Finish on the lead lap at a UCI CX U19, U23 or Elite World Cup or UCI listed event outside of Australia, OR
- Finish in the top 2 at the 2024 CX National Championships (U19 category)

4.1.3 U23 Men

- Finish on the lead lap at a UCI CX U23 or Elite World Cup or European UCI C1 or C2 event, OR
- Finish in the top 3 at the 2024 CX National Championships (U23 or Elite category)

4.1.4 U23 Women

- Finish on the lead lap at a UCI CX U23 or Elite World Cup or European UCI C1 or C2 event, OR
- Finish in the top 2 at the 2024 CX National Championships (U23 or Elite category)

4.1.5 Elite Men and Women

- Finish on the lead lap at a UCI CX Elite World Cup or European UCI C1 or C2 event, OR
- Finish in the top 3 at the 2024 CX National Championships (Elite category)

5 SELECTION EVENTS

5.1 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 Cyclo-cross World Championships Team based upon performances in the competitions listed at Clauses 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3 and 5.1.4 of this document and:

- The demonstrated ability of the athlete to meet objectives in clause 1 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*.
- The discretionary factors listed in clause 2.2 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*.
- The level of competition, the depth of field, the quality and difficulty of the course, and the relevance of the course in the events listed in relation to the 2025 World Championship course.

5.1.2 U19 Men

- UCI CX World Cups and UCI listed CX events during the performance period (U19 Category)
- 2023 AusCycling CX National Championships U19 Category

5.1.3 U19 Women

- UCI CX World Cups and UCI listed CX events during the performance period (U19, U23 and Elite Category)
- 2023 AusCycling CX National Championships U19 Category

5.1.4 U23 Men and Women

- UCI CX World Cups and UCI listed CX events during the performance period (Elite and U23 category)
- 2024 AusCycling CX National Championships (Elite or U23 category)

5.1.5 Elite Men and Women

- UCI CX World Cups and UCI listed CX events during the performance period (Elite category)
- 2024 AusCycling CX National Championships (Elite category)

5.6 If team quotas allow, the Selection Panel may, at their absolute discretion, add additional athletes to the team after the initial team selection processes detailed in clause 6.1 have been followed, and if all selection criteria, objectives, and eligibility criteria (including submitting an EOI as outlined in clause 1.5) have been met.

6 SCHEDULE FOR 2025 UCI U19, U23 and ELITE CX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM SELECTION

6.1 The timeframes for the selection process of the Cyclo-cross World Championships Team to contest the 2025 Cyclo-cross World Championships are:

- Monday, 28 October 2024 – Expressions of Interest Open
- Monday, 11 November 2024 (5PM AEDT) – Expressions of Interest Close
- Tuesday, 12 November 2024 (5PM AEDT) – Deadline for submission of recorded performances for selection purposes (AusCycling internal deadline)
- Friday, 15 November 2024 (5PM AEDT) – Final team selections forwarded to AusCycling CEO for review (AusCycling internal deadline)
- Tuesday, 19 November 2024 (5PM AEDT) – Athletes receive confidential notification of selection / non-selection to the Cyclo-cross World Championships Team

- Thursday, 21 November 2024 (5PM AEDT) – closing date for appeals to be lodged against non-selection (refer to the *AusCycling Selection Appeals Policy for UCI World Championships*, clause 7)
- Thursday, 28 November 2024 – Scheduled day for appeal hearings, if required
- Tuesday, 3 December 2024 - Final 2024 Cyclo-cross World Championship Team announced by AusCycling

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LEGEND

AC	AusCycling
AEDT	Australian Eastern Daylight Time
C1	Category 1
C2	Category 2
CX	Cyclo-cross
EOI	Expression of Interest
IB	International Baccalaureate
SACE	South Australia Certificate of Education
TAFE	Technical and Further Education
UCI	Union Cycliste International
U19	Under 19
U23	Under 23
VCE	Victorian Certificate of Education
VET	Vocational Education Training

Related Selection Documents available on the [AusCycling Selection Website](#).

- AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships
- AusCycling Selection Appeals Policy for UCI World Championships
- AusCycling UCI World Championship Selection Appeal Guide