



AUSCYCLING

***2025 UCI WORLD CUP
INDEPENDENT ATHLETE ENTRY
and
FEDERATION ENTRY SELECTION
CRITERION
Downhill Individual (DHI)***

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INDEPENDENT ATHLETE ENTRY PROCESS and FEDERATION ENTRY SELECTION CRITERION 2025 UCI World Cup DHI

PREAMBLE

This criterion should be read in conjunction with the *Privateer and Independent Athlete Policy*. The policy provides general information on eligibility, extenuating circumstances, and clothing requirements.

AusCycling administers entries for DHI World Cup events for Australian riders not on UCI World Series and UCI MTB Teams. This includes riders that have qualified for independent entry under UCI regulations. Riders that have not qualified must apply for a Federation entry. Riders on UCI World Series and UCI MTB teams are entered by their team. **See Table 1 for full information on qualifying and Federation entry quotas.**

Federation entries are provided by the UCI to National Federations and are the equivalent of National Team entries, similar to World Championships. As a result, there are minimum standards, a selection process, and specific mandatory requirements that must be met to be eligible. Federation entries are limited and demand for entries often exceeds the number of places available. All riders are advised to carefully read and understand all the information below.

1. MANDATORY EVENT REQUIREMENTS (Federation Entries Only)

1.1. To be eligible for a federation entry applicants **MUST** compete in the following events **or apply for exemption for extenuating circumstances as outlined in *Privateer and Independent Athlete Policy*.**

1.1.1. Elite Men and Women DHI

- 1) 2025 AusCycling DHI National Championships (Elite category) **AND**
- 2) A minimum of 2 Continental Series DHI events **OR**
1 Continental Series DHI events and the 2025 Oceania DHI Championships (Elite category)

1.1.2. Junior Men and Women DHI

- 1) 2025 AusCycling DHI National Championships (Junior category) **AND**
- 2) A minimum of 2 Continental Series DHI events **OR**
1 Continental Series DHI events and the 2025 Oceania DHI Championships

2. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (Federation Entries Only)

2.1. To be eligible for a federation entry applicants **MUST** meet at least 1 of the following minimum performance standards **or apply for exemption for extenuating circumstances as outlined in Privateer and Independent Athlete Policy**.

2.1.1. Elite Men DHI

- 1) Top 12 at the 2025 DHI National Championships (Elite category) **OR**
- 2) Top 20 at the 2025 DHI Oceania Championships **OR**
- 3) Top 15 at a 2025 Oceania Continental DHI Series round **OR**
- 4) Top 60 at a 2024 DHI World Cup qualifying round

2.1.2. Elite Women DHI

- 1) Top 5 at the 2025 DHI National Championships (Elite category) **OR**
- 2) Top 12 at the 2025 DHI Oceania Championships **OR**
- 3) Top 8 at a 2025 Oceania Continental DHI Series round **OR**
- 4) Top 20 at a 2024 DHI World Cup qualifying round

2.1.3. Junior Men DHI

- 1) Top 12 at the 2025 DHI National Championships (Junior category) **OR**
- 2) Top 20 at the 2025 DHI Oceania Championships **OR**
- 3) Top 15 at a 2025 Oceania Continental DHI Series round **OR**
- 4) Top 8 at a 2025 DHI National Series event (Junior category)

2.1.4. Junior Women DHI

- 1) Top 5 at the 2025 DHI National Championships (Junior category) **OR**
- 2) Top 10 at the 2025 DHI Oceania Championships **OR**
- 3) Top 15 at a 2025 Oceania Continental DHI Series round **OR**
- 4) Top 3 at a 2025 DHI National Series event (Junior category)

3. FEDERATION ENTRY SELECTION PROCESS

3.1. Entry allocation will be made using the following process and criteria:

3.1.1. Elite Men and Women DHI

- 1) Entries will be allocated on the dates listed in table 2 below from applications received to eligible riders in order of UCI ranking at each of the respective allocation dates.

3.1.2. Junior Men and Women DHI (**Block 1 only**)

- 1) Entries will be allocated on the date listed in table 2 below from applications received, to eligible riders ranked in the top 10 (Men and Women) at the 2024 DHI World Championships in results order.
- 2) If any entries remain after clause 1, entries will be allocated on the date listed in table 2 below from applications received, to eligible riders ranked in the top 5 (Men) and Top 3 (Women) at the 2025 DHI National Championships in results ranking order.

- 3) If any entries remain after clause 2, entries will be allocated on the date listed in table 2 below from applications received, to eligible riders in order of UCI ranking at each of the respective allocation dates.

3.1.3. **Junior Men and Women DHI (Blocks 2 and 3)**

- 1) Entries will be allocated on the dates listed in table 2 below from applications received to eligible riders in order of UCI ranking at each of the respective allocation dates.

3.2. Any remaining entry allocations from applications received after each round will be allocated on a first come first serve basis during the season. Applications must be received at least 2 weeks prior to the entry closing date (see table 2).

3.3. AusCycling reserves the right to allocate federation entries to riders who were granted exemption from attending mandatory events in extraordinary circumstances.

3.4. Riders who are allocated federations entries who subsequently cannot race due to injury, illness, changed travel plans or any other circumstance **MUST** notify AusCycling's MTB Operations Manager immediately so entries can be allocated to the next rider in line. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of any other federation entries allocated and inability to apply again in the future.

4. INDEPENDENT ATHLETE ENTRIES

Athletes that have qualified for entry through the UCI system (see table below for details) can request entry processing using the application form in clause 5.

5. APPLICATIONS

Applications for Federation entry allocation and requests for qualified independent athlete entries can be made via the form [HERE](#).

All enquiries to AusCycling's MTB Operations Manager – Evan James
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Table 1: Summary of the UCI requirements for UCI DHI World Cup entry

UCI rankings and points can be found at <https://www.uci.org/mountain-bike/rankings>

Category	UCI Qualification for Independent Entry	National Federation Entry Allocation per round
DHI - Elite Men and Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top 50 DHI ranking at entry ranking date (see table 2)• Top five riders of any round of a Continental Series - <u>limited to 1 round of the current UCI MTB World Cup</u>• Current UCI World Champion, Continental Champion, National Champion (<u>where applicable</u>)	3 Men + 3 Women
DHI – U19 Men and Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top 100 DHI ranking at entry ranking date (see table 2)• Top five riders of any round of a Continental Series - <u>limited to 1 round of the current UCI MTB World Cup</u>• Current UCI World Champion, Continental Champion, National Champion (<u>where applicable</u>)	4 Men + 4 Women

Table 2: DHI World Cup Federation Application, Entry Allocation and Entry Closing Dates

Event Date	Event Venue	Country	Entry Ranking Date	Entry Closing Date	Federation Entry Application Close	Federation Entry Allocation Date	Allocation Block
17 - 18 May	Bielsko-Biala	POL	15.04.2025	18.04.2025	25.03.2025	27.03.2025	Block 1
31 May - 1 June	Loudenvielle – Peyragudes	FRA	29.04.2025	02.05.2025			
6 - 8 June	Saalfelden Leogang – Salzburgerland	AUT	06.05.2025	09.05.2025			
20 - 22 June	Val di Sole, Trentino	ITA	20.05.2025	23.05.2025	22.04.2025	24.04.2025	Block 2
5 - 6 July	La Thuile	ITA	03.06.2025	06.06.2025			
11 - 13 July	Pal Arinsal	AND	10.06.2025	13.06.2025			
30 - 31 August	Haute-Savoie, Les Gets	FRA	29.07.2025	01.08.2025			
19 - 21 September	Lenzerheide	SUI	19.08.2025	22.08.2025	22.07.2025	24.07.2025	Block 3
3 - 5 October	Mt Van Hoevenberg - Lake Placid	USA	02.09.2025	05.09.2025			
10 - 12 October	Mont-Sainte-Anne	CAN	09.09.2025	12.09.2025			