



AUSCYCLING

***2025 UCI WORLD CUP
INDEPENDENT ENTRY***

and

***FEDERATION ENTRY SELECTION
CRITERION***

Olympic Cross-country (XCO)

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INDEPENDENT AND FEDERATION ENTRY SELECTION CRITERION 2025 UCI World Cup XCO

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 XCO 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 the *Privateer and Independent Athlete Policy*.**

1.1.1. Elite Men and Women XCO

- 2025 AusCycling XCO National Championships (Elite category) **AND**
- 2025 Oceania XCO Championships (Elite category)

1.1.2. U23 Men and Women XCO

- 2025 AusCycling XCO National Championships (Elite or U23 category) **AND**
- 2025 Oceania XCO Championships (Elite or U23 category)

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 on at least 2 separate occasions **or apply for exemption for extenuating circumstances as outlined in Privateer and Independent Athlete Policy**.

2.1.1. Elite Men and Women XCO

- Finish on the lead lap at any event listed in 1.1.1. **OR**
- Finish on the lead lap in any UCI listed Continental Series, HC, C1 or C2 XCO event during 2024/25 (Elite category, or U23 category in 2024 if the applicant is a first year Elite in 2025)

2.1.2. U23 Men and Women XCO

- Finish on the lead lap at any event listed in 1.1.2. **OR**
- Finish on the lead lap of any UCI listed Continental Series, HC, C1 or C2 XCO event during 2024/25 (Elite or U23 category) **OR**
- Finish on the lead lap of any UCI listed Continental Series, HC, C1, C2 or Junior Series event in 2024 (Junior category, first year U23s in 2025 only)

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 XCO

Entries will be allocated as per dates listed in table 2 below from applications received using the following criteria:

- 1) Eligible athletes in order of UCI ranking at each respective allocation dates.

3.1.2. U23 Men and Women XCO

Entries will be allocated as per dates listed in table 2 below from applications received using the following criteria (in order):

- 1) Any athletes selected for a 2025 AusCycling Pathways project (only applicable to World Cups included in the Pathways project)
- 2) If any entries remain after clause 1, eligible athletes in order of UCI ranking at each respective allocation dates.

3.1.3. Any remaining entries from applications received after each allocation round will be allocated on a first come first serve basis during the season. Closing date for any subsequent allocations of remaining federation entries is 3 weeks prior to each UCI Mountain Bike World Cup.

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

3.3. 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 ineligibility 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 XCO 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
XCO - Elite Men and Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top 100 XCO 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 Olympic Champion, UCI World Champion, Continental Champion, National Champion (<u>where applicable</u>)	3 Men + 3 Women
XCO - U23 Men and Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top 200 XCO 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 Olympic Champion, UCI World Champion, Continental Champion, National Champion (<u>where applicable</u>)	4 Men + 4 Women

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

Event Date	Event Venue	Country	Entry Ranking Date	Entry Closing Date	Entry List Published	Federation Entry Application Close	Entry Closing Date	Allocation Block
5 - 6 April	Araxá, Minas Gerais	BRA	04.03.2025	07.03.2025	01.04.2025	Contact Operations Manager MTB & CX before 01.03.2025		
11 - 12 April	Araxá, Minas Gerais	BRA	11.03.2025	14.03.2025	08.04.2025			
24 - 25 May	Nové Město na Moravě	CZE	22.04.2025	25.04.2025	20.05.2025	25.03.2025	27.03.2025	Block 1
6 - 8 June	Saalfelden Leogang – Salzburgerland	AUT	06.05.2025	09.05.2025	03.06.2025			
20 - 22 June	Val di Sole, Trentino	ITA	20.05.2025	23.05.2025	17.06.2025	22.04.2025	24.04.2025	Block 2
11 - 13 July	Pal Arinsal	AND	10.06.2025	13.06.2025	08.07.2025			
30 - 31 August	Haute-Savoie, Les Gets	FRA	29.07.2025	01.08.2025	26.08.2025			
19 - 21 September	Lenzerheide	SUI	19.08.2025	22.08.2025	16.09.2025	22.07.2025	24.07.2025	Block 3
3 - 5 October	Mt Van Hoevenberg - Lake Placid	USA	02.09.2025	05.09.2025	30.09.2025			
10 - 12 October	Mont-Sainte-Anne	CAN	09.09.2025	12.09.2025	07.10.2025			