

Discipline Specific Selection Criterion

2025 UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE MARATON (XCM)
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

4 - 6 September 2025, Verbier, Switzerland
Elite Men and Women

1. General

- 1.1 Athletes will be required to earn 2025 UCI XCM 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:** 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 Once an athlete is selected, they must provide a performance plan for the World Championships to the Operations Manager MTB for approval. 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 on the ground.

A performance plan must include, but not limited to details on:
 - Professional Team (if applicable) OR.
 - Support staff (including mechanic)
- 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. Selection Eligibility Criteria

2.1 Minimum Performance Standards

To be eligible for selection, all athletes must meet the minimum performance standards. This includes all automatic and non-automatic selections.

2.1.1 Elite Men and Women

- Have a race time within 108% of the winning race time in their respective Elite category at ANY of the following events:
 - The Rapid Ascent Otway Odyssey -22 Feb 2025
 - The Convict 100 – 3 May 2025**OR**
- Top 50 at a UCI XCM World Series, HC, or S1 stage race event
OR
- At the selection panels discretion



3. Selection Events and Selection Criteria

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 XCM World Championships team based upon performances in the competitions listed in clause 2.1.1. 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

- The Rapid Ascent Otway Odyssey – 22 February 2025
- The Convict 100 – 3 May 2025
- UCI Sanctioned international XCM events
- Established private promotor XCM events
- Major national and/or international level one day Road, Gravel and XCO results where appropriate

3.2 Automatic Selection

Riders achieving the following performances automatically qualify under the UCI regulations

3.2.1 Elite Men and Women

- Top 20 at a 2025 UCI XCM World Cup
- Top 80 ranking in the 2025 XCM World Cup Series

3.3 Non-automatic Selection

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

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



4. Schedule for World Championships Team Selection

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

Selection Timelines

- Monday 20 May 2025 – **Mandatory** Expressions of Interest Open
- Monday, 16 June 2025(5PM AEST) – **Mandatory** Expressions of Interest Close
- Friday, 27 June 2025(5PM AEST) - Final team selections forwarded to AusCycling CEO for endorsement.
- Tuesday, 1 July 2025 (5PM AEST) – Athletes receive confidential notification of selection / non-selection to the XCM World Championships Team
- Thursday, 3 July 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)
- Monday, 7 July 2025 - Week scheduled for appeal hearings, if required
- Monday, 14 July 2025 (5PM AEST) - Final MTB XCM World Championship Team announced by AusCycling

4.1 Changes to schedule

- 4.1.1 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
UCI	Union Cycliste International



