

Discipline Specific Selection Criterion

2025 CROSS COUNTRY OLYMPIC (XCO) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
10-14 September 2025, Crans-Montana, Switzerland
Junior Men and Women

1. General

- 1.1 Athletes will be required to earn 2025 MTB XCO Junior 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:**

 Junior Men and Women: 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 Selectors at their absolute discretion may exempt an applicant from meeting requirements under clause 3 & 4 of this document in extraordinary circumstances.
- 1.9 If selected, all athletes must stay with the team during the World Championships 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 & CX. Approval will only be given to riders who can demonstrate they are fully supported to operate independently from AusCycling.
- 1.10 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 3.1 have been followed, and if all selection criteria, objectives, and eligibility criteria (including submitting an EOI as outlined in clause 1.6) have been met.



2. Junior Specific Eligibility and Mandatory Events

2.1 Junior Specific Eligibility

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 XCO Junior World Championships selection and competition periods. This requirement will be given weight by the Selection Panel but will not be mandatory. Education requirements 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

- 2.1.1 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.
- 2.1.2 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.

2.2 Mandatory Events for Eligibility for Selection

To be Eligible for selection, 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*. Athletes must compete in the same category they are seeking World Championships selection.

Junior Men and Women:

- 2.2.1 2025 AusCycling XCO National Championships
AND
- 2.2.2 2025 XCO Continental Series round – Canberra, 1 March 2025
AND
- 2.2.3 2025 XCO Continental Series round – Canberra, 2 March 2025



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 MTB XCO Junior 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 XCO events:

- 2024 UCI MTB World Championships
- 2025 Oceania XCO Championships
- 2025 Continental Series XCO Races
- 2025 AusCycling MTB National Championships
- Other international results during the performance period. International results are defined as performances in UCI listed XCO events and may include events in Australia.
- 2024/2025 AusCycling National Series Races

3.1.2 **Team Relay:** Athletes who are a member of the UCI 2025 MTB XCO Junior World Championships Team in XCO are eligible to compete in the team relay and may be selected at the discretion of the Team Manager.

3.2 Minimum Performance Standards

To be eligible for selection, all athletes must meet one (1) or more of the following minimum performance standards on **at least two (2) separate occasions** during the performance period. Meeting the minimum performance standards does not equate to automatic selection.

3.2.1 Junior Men and Women

- a) Finish on the lead lap and have a total race time within **105%**, of the winning race time in their respective event at any of the selection events listed in clause 3.1.1

4. Schedule for World Championship Team Selection

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

Selection Timelines

- Thursday, 11 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
- Wednesday, 18 June 2025 (5PM AEST) – Athletes receive confidential notification of selection / non-selection to the 2025 MTB XCO Junior World Championships Team
- Friday, 20 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 (5PM AEST) - Final 2025 MTB XCO Junior World Championship Team announced by AusCycling

**selected athletes will be required to pay a levy to attend the 2025 UCI MTB XCO Junior 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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| AEST | Australian Eastern Standard Time |
| CEO | Chief Executive Office |
| IB | International Baccalaureate |
| MTB | Mountain Bike |
| XCO | MTB Cross-country |
| UCI | Union Cycliste International |