

# Discipline Specific Selection Criterion

2025 CROSS COUNTRY OLYMPIC (XCO) U23 AND ELITE  
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

10-14 September 2025, Crans-Montana, Switzerland  
U23 and Elite Men and Women

# 1. General

- 11 Athletes will be required to earn 2025 MTB XCO U23 and Elite 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.
- 12 **Objectives:** See clause 1 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*.
- 13 **Performance Time Period:**  
  
**Elite and U23 Men and Women:** 27 Aug 2024 – 8 June 2025
- 14 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.
- 15 **Team size:** Refer to clause 3.3 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*.
- 16 **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.
- 17 The submission of an Expression of Interest is solely the responsibility of the athlete seeking selection
- 18 Selectors at their absolute discretion may exempt an applicant from meeting requirements under clause 3 & 4 of this document in extraordinary circumstances.
- 19 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 athletes 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 section 3 have been followed, and if all selection criteria, objectives, and eligibility criteria (including submitting an EOI as outlines in clause 1.6) have been met.

# 2. Selection Eligibility and Mandatory Events

## 2.1 Mandatory Events for Eligibility for Selection

To be Eligible for nomination to the team, 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*.

### Elite Men and Women:

2.1.1 2025 AusCycling XCO National Championships (Elite category)

**AND**

2.1.2 2025 Oceania XCO Championships (Elite category)

**AND**

2.1.3 A minimum of one Oceania Continental Series XCO round (Elite category)

### U23 Men and Women:

2.1.4 2025 AusCycling XCO National Championships (U23 category or Elite category if approval to ride up has been granted)

**AND**

2.1.5 2025 Oceania XCO Championships (U23 category or Elite category if approval to ride up has been granted)

**AND**

2.1.6 A minimum of one Oceania Continental Series XCO round (U23 category or Elite category if approval to ride up has been granted)



# 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 XCO U23 and Elite 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 Elite and U23 Men and Women – Results from XCO events:

- 2024 UCI MTB World Championships
- 2024 and 2025 UCI MTB World Cups (during performance period)
- 2025 Oceania XCO Championships
- 2025 Continental Series XCO Races
- 2025 AusCycling XCO 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.

3.1.2 **Team Relay:** Athletes who are a member of the UCI 2025 MTB XCO U23 and Elite World Championships Team are eligible to compete in the team relay and may be selected at the discretion of the Team Manager

3.1.3 **XCC:** Elite and U23 category athletes who are a member of the UCI 2025 MTB World Championships Team in XCO are eligible to compete in the XCC event 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 Elite Men and Women

- a) Finish on the lead lap and have a total race time within **105% (men) and 108% (women)**, of the winning race time in their respective Elite category at:

- 2025 Oceania XCO Championships **OR**
- 2025 Continental Series XCO race **OR**
- 2025 AusCycling MTB National Championships

**OR**

- b) Finish on the lead lap and have a race time within **110%** of the winning race time at a UCI World Cup during the performance period, in the respective Elite Category



**OR**

- c) Finish on the lead lap and within **108%** of the winning race time at any UCI listed HC, C1 or C2 race in their respective Elite category

### 3.2.2 U23 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 U23 or Elite category (if approval to ride up has been granted) at:
  - 2025 Oceania XCO Championships **OR**
  - 2025 Continental Series XCO race **OR**
  - The 2025 AusCycling XCO National Championships

**OR**

- b) Finish on the lead lap and have a race time within **110%** of the winning race time at a UCI World Cup during the performance period, in their respective U23 or Elite category (if approval to ride up has been granted)

**OR**

- c) Finish on the lead lap and within **108%** of the winning race time at any UCI listed HC, C1 or C2 race in their respective U23 or Elite category



# 4. Schedule for World Championships Team Selection

4.1 The timeframes for the selection process of the World Championships Team to contest the 2025 UCI MTB XCO U23 and Elite World Championships\* are:

## Selection Timelines

- Monday, 7 April 2025 – **Mandatory** Expressions of Interest Open
- Monday, 2 June 2025 (5PM AEST) – **Mandatory** Expressions of Interest Close
- Friday, 20 June 2025 (5PM AEST) - Final team selections forwarded to AusCycling CEO for endorsement
- Wednesday, 25 June 2025 (5PM AEST) – Athletes receive confidential notification of selection / non-selection to the XCO World Championships Team
- Friday, 27 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, 30 June 2025 - Week scheduled for appeal hearings, if required
- Wednesday, 9 July 2025 (5PM AEST) - Final XCO U23 and Elite World Championship Team announced by AusCycling

*\*selected athletes may be required to pay a levy to attend the 2025 UCI XCO 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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## Legend

AEST	Australian Eastern Standard Time
CEO	Chief Executive Office
XCC/XCO	Cross Country Short Track / Cross Country Olympic
IB	International Baccalaureate
MTB	Mountain Bike

SACE	South Australian Certificate of Education
TAFE	Technical and Further Education
U23	Under 23 Age Category
UCI	Union Cycliste International



