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Discipline Specific Selection Criterion

2026 CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

30 January – 1 February 2026, Hulst, The Netherlands

U19 | U23 | Elite Men and Women



1. General

11. Athletes will be required to earn 2026 Cyclo-cross World Championship 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, U23 and U19 Men and Women: 1 October 2024 to 9 November 2025
14. **Team size:** Refer to clause 3.3 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*.
15. **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.
16. The submission of an Expression of Interest is solely the responsibility of the athlete seeking selection.
17. Selectors at their absolute discretion may exempt an applicant from meeting requirements under clause 3 & 4 of this document in extraordinary circumstances.
18. 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 6 have been followed, and if all selection criteria, objectives, and eligibility criteria (including submitting an EOI as outlines in clause 1.5) have been met.
19. Once selected all team members must provide a performance plan for World Championships to the Operations Manager MTB for approval, within 28 days of notification of selection. **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.
 - 1.9.1. A performance plan must include (but is not limited to) details on the following:
List of your equipment including:
 - a) Spare bike (mandatory)
 - b) Spare wheels
 - c) Warm up rollers
 - d) Appropriate clothing in addition to the supplied Australian Team clothing.
 - 1.9.2. List of your support staff (including mechanic and pit crew).
 - 1.9.3. List of lead-in events you will be attending in Europe..



2. Junior Eligibility

throughout the UCI 2026 CX World Championships selection and competition periods. This requirement will be given significant weight by the Selection Panel but will not be mandatory. Education may include, but not be limited to:

2.1.1 Secondary School Certificate of Education (i.e., SACE, VCE, or International Baccalaureate (IB) etc)

2.1.2 TAFE and/or Vocational Education Training (VET) (i.e., Traineeship or Apprenticeship)

2.1.3 Tertiary study (i.e., Undergraduate degree)

2.2 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 to 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.

3. Mandatory Events

- 3.1 To be eligible for selection consideration all athletes must compete in the following mandatory events or apply for exemption under clause 4 of the AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships. The rationale for the inclusion of this clause is that the quality and depth of field, course difficulty, and weather conditions at the Cyclo-cross World Championships are significantly different from racing in Australia, and it is not in the best interests of athletes to compete at a World Championships without prior international experience.

3.1.1 U19 Men

3.1.1.1 2025 AusCycling CX National Championships **PLUS**

3.1.1.2 A minimum of five (5) of the following during the performance period.

- UCI listed U19 CX events
- Australian CX National Series events (U19 category)

3.1.2 U19 Women

3.1.2.1 2025 AusCycling CX National Championships **PLUS**

3.1.2.2 A minimum of five (5) of the following during the performance period.

- UCI listed U19, U23 or Elite CX events
- Australian CX National Series events (U19 category)

3.1.3 U23 Men and Women

3.1.3.1 2025 AusCycling CX National Championships **PLUS**

3.1.3.2 A minimum of four (4) UCI listed Cyclo-cross events outside of Australia during the 2-year period prior to the performance period ending, in the U19, U23 or Elite category. This must include a minimum of one (1) World Cup event.

3.1.4 Elite Men and Women

3.1.4.1 2025 AusCycling CX National Championships **PLUS**

3.1.4.2 A minimum of five (5) UCI listed Cyclo-cross events outside of Australia during the 3-year period prior to the performance period, ending in the U23 or Elite category. This must include a minimum of two (2) World Cup events.

4. Minimum Performance Standards

- 4.1 To be eligible for selection consideration all athletes **must** meet the following minimum performance standards during the performance period. **Meeting the minimum performance standard is not the equivalent of automatic selection.**
- 4.2 **Junior Men**
- Finish on the lead lap at a UCI CX U19 World Cup or UCI listed event, **OR**
 - Finish in the top 3 at the 2025 CX National Championships (U19 category)
- 4.3 **Junior Women**
- Finish on the lead lap at a UCI CX U19, U23 or Elite World Cup or UCI listed event, **OR**
 - Finish in the top 2 at the 2025 CX National Championships (U19 category)
- 4.4 **U23 Men**
- Finish on the lead lap at a UCI CX U23 or Elite World Cup or European UCI C1 or C2 event, **OR**
 - Finish in the top 3 at the 2025 CX National Championships (U23 or Elite category)
- 4.5 **U23 Women**
- Finish on the lead lap at a UCI CX U23 or Elite World Cup or European UCI C1 or C2 event, **OR**
 - Finish in the top 2 at the 2025 CX National Championships (U23 or Elite category)
- 4.6 **Elite Men and Women**
- Finish on the lead lap at a UCI CX Elite World Cup or European UCI C1 or C2 event, **OR**
 - Finish in the top 3 at the 2025 CX National Championships (Elite category)

5. Selection Events

5.1 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 2026 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships Team based upon performances in the competitions listed at Clauses 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3 and 5.1.4 of this document and:

- The demonstrated ability of the athlete to meet objectives in clause 1 of the AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships.
- The discretionary factors listed in clause 2.2 of the AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships.
- The level of competition, the depth of field, the quality and difficulty of the course, and the relevance of the course in the events listed in relation to the 2025 World Championship course.

5.1.1 U19 Men

- UCI CX World Cups and UCI listed CX events during the performance period (U19 Category)
- 2025 AusCycling CX National Championships U19 Category
- 2025 CX national Series

5.1.2 U19 Women

- UCI CX World Cups and UCI listed CX events during the performance period (U19, U23 and Elite Category)
- 2025 AusCycling CX National Championships U19 Category
- 2025 CX National Series

5.1.3 U23 Men and Women

- UCI CX World Cups and UCI listed CX events during the performance period (Elite and U23 category)
- 2025 AusCycling CX National Championships (Elite or U23 category)

5.1.4 Elite Men and Women

- UCI CX World Cups and UCI listed CX events during the performance period (Elite category)
- 2025 AusCycling CX National Championships (Elite category)

6. Schedule for World Championships Team Selection General

6.1 The timeframes for the selection process of the World Championships Team to contest the 2026 UCI CX World Championships are:

Selection Timelines

- Tuesday, 21 October 2025 – **Mandatory** Expressions of Interest Open
- Monday, 3 November 2025 (5PM AEST) – **Mandatory** Expressions of Interest Close
- Friday, 14 November 2025 (5PM AEST) - Final team selections forwarded to AusCycling CEO for endorsement
- Tuesday, 18 November 2025 (5PM AEST) – Athletes receive confidential notification of selection / non-selection to the CX World Championships Team
- Thursday, 20 November 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, 24 November 2025 - Week scheduled for appeal hearings, if required
- Wednesday, 3 December 2025 - Final CX World Championship Team announced by AusCycling

6.2 Changes to schedule

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
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



