

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

2024 CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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U19, U23 and Elite Men and Women

2024 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships

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1 GENERAL

- **1.1. Athletes** will be required to earn 2024 Cyclo-cross World Championships Team selection in accordance with clause 1 of 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. Team size**: Refer to clause 3.3 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*. Team size will be at the discretion of the National Selection Panel.
- 1.4. Performance time period: 1 Jan 2023 to 22 Oct 2023
- 1.5. Expressions of Interest: To be eligible for selection athletes MUST submit an expression of interest by the closing date listed in clause 6. Athletes that do not submit an expression of interest may be included by the AusCycling Pathways Manager MTB & CX and considered by the Panel but will not be notified of non-selection. The expression of interest form will be located at https://www.auscycling.org.au/australian-cycling-team/page/selection from the published open date.
- **1.6.** Selectors at their absolute discretion may exempt an applicant from meeting requirements under clause 3 and 4 of this document in extraordinary circumstances.
- 1.7. Vaccination: To be eligible for selection consideration, athletes must be able to abide by Federal and/or State and Territory Government laws regarding COVID-19. When travelling as part of the National Team, all athletes are to comply with the relevant State/Territory/Country COVID-19 restrictions, COVID-19 testing, or vaccination requirements, and any additional measures implemented by AusCycling where necessary. AusCycling strongly recommends individuals to be fully up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations prior to travel. If vaccination is required due to State/Territory/Country COVID-19 entry requirements, but vaccination is not appropriate due to underlying health conditions or other, athletes will be required to obtain both a medical report from a registered medical doctor validating the condition(s) and their basis for contraindication to vaccination.

2. JUNIOR SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Specific eligibility for Junior Athletes will be based on the principle that those athletes are undertaking formal education or training and remain engaged in that education or training course to completion throughout the UCI 2023 MTB 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:
 - a) Secondary School Certificate of Education (i.e., SACE, VCE, or International Baccalaureate (IB) etc)
 - b) TAFE and/or Vocational Education Training (VET) (i.e., Traineeship or Apprenticeship)
 - c) 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 U19, U23, and Elite athletes MUST compete in the following events:
 - **3.1.1** The 2023 AusCycling Cyclo-cross National Championships, 19 August 2023 at Victoria Park, Newington, Ballarat, Victoria

4. SELECTION EVENTS

4.1 Subject always to the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*, the Panel may, at their absolute discretion, consider athletes for selection to the 2024 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships Team based upon performances in the competitions listed in section 4.2 and 4.3 of this document, and discretionary factors in clause 2.2 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*, where the Panel may use absolute discretion.

4.2 Elite and U23 Events

- UCI CX World Cups, UCI C1 and C2 events during the performance period Elite and U23 Categories
- 2023 AusCycling CX National Championships Elite and U23 Categories
- 2023 AusCycling CX National Series Events Elite Category
- Other National and International CX Events

4.3 **U19 Events**

- 2023 AusCycling CX National Championships U19 Category
- 2023 AusCycling CX National Series events U19 Category
- Other National and International CX Events
- **4.4** The Panel, in their absolute discretion may consider results achieved in other major national and international level events within the performance time- period, such as UCI sanctioned international events and AusCycling approved events, including State and Territory Championships.

4.5 The Panel, at their absolute discretion may add additional riders to the team after the initial team selection process detailed in 7.1 if team quotas allow and selection criteria and objectives have been met.

5. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

5.1 To be eligible for selection all athletes MUST meet the following minimum performance standards during the performance period.

5.2 Elite Men and Women

- **5.2.1** Top 30 result at a UCI CX World Cup, UCI C1 or C2 event Elite category OR
- **5.2.2** Top 5 result at the 2023 CX National Championships Elite category OR
- **5.2.3** Top 3 result at a 2023 CX National Series round Elite category

5.3 U23 Men and Women

- 5.3.1 Top 30 result at a UCI CX World Cup, UCI C1 or C2 event U23 or Elite category OR
- **5.3.2** Top 3 result at the 2023 CX National Championships U23 category OR
- **5.3.3** Top 8 result at a 2023 CX National Series round Elite category

5.4 Junior Men and Women

- **5.4.1** Top 3 result at the 2023 CX National Championships Junior category OR
- **5.4.2** Top 2 result at a 2023 CX National Series round Junior category

6. SCHEDULE FOR 2024 UCI U19, U23 and ELITE CX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM SELECTION

- **6.1** The timeframes for the selection process of the Cyclo-cross World Championships Team to contest the 2024 Cyclo-cross World Championships are:
 - Monday, 4 September 2023 Expressions of Interest Open
 - Monday, 2 October 2023 (5PM AEST) Expressions of Interest Close
 - Wednesday, 25 October 2023 (5PM AEST) Deadline for submission of recorded performances for selection purposes (AusCycling internal deadline)
 - Friday, 27 October 2023 (5PM AEST) Final team selections forwarded to AusCycling CEO for review (AusCycling internal deadline)
 - Tuesday, 31 October 2023 (5PM AEST) Athletes receive confidential notification of selection / non-selection to the Cyclo-cross World Championships Team
 - Thursday, 2 November 2023 (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)
 - Thursday, 9 November 2023 Scheduled day for appeal hearings, if required
 - Tuesday, 14 November 2023 Final 2024 Cyclo-cross World Championship Team announced by AusCycling

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