



AUSCYCLING

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SELECTION CRITERIA***

***2024 DOWNHILL INDIVIDUAL (DHI)
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS***

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U19 and Elite Downhill Individual (DHI)

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1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Athletes will be required to earn 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:** As outlined in clause 1 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*.
- 1.3. **Team size:** As outlined in clause 3.3 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*.
- 1.4. To be eligible for selection athletes MUST submit an expression of interest by the closing date listed in clause 8. Athletes that do not submit an expression of interest may be included by the AusCycling Pathways and Operations 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://auscycling.org.au/australian-cycling-team/page/selection> from the published open date.
- 1.5. Selectors at their absolute discretion may exempt an applicant from meeting requirements under clause 4 and 5 of this document in extraordinary circumstances.
- 1.6. 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 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 2024 UCI MTB World Championships selection and competition periods. This requirement will be given weight by the Selection Panel but will not be mandatory. Education may include, but not be limited to:
- i) Secondary School Certificate of Education (i.e., SACE, VCE, or International Baccalaureate (IB) etc.)
 - ii) TAFE and/or Vocational Education Training (VET) (i.e., Traineeship or Apprenticeship)
 - iii) 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.
- 2.3. If selected, junior athletes must stay with the team during World Championships unless they are a member of a UCI listed MTB trade team and have applied for and received prior approval from the AusCycling Pathways and Operations Manager – MTB & CX.

3. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD AND SELECTION EVENTS

- 3.1. **Performance Time Period:** The performance period for the purposes of selections is:
- 3.1.1. **Elite Men and Women:** 1 August 2023 – 16 June 2024
 - 3.1.2. **Junior Men and Women:** 1 August 2023 – 26 May 2024
 - 3.1.3. In the case of extenuating circumstances being approved under clause 4 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*, the Selectors may consider an athlete's results in the 6 months prior to the performance time period.
- 3.2. **Selection Events:** For the purposes of nominations, the Selectors will consider performances achieved in the following events during the performance period. **Events are not listed in any particular weighting order and selectors may, at their absolute discretion, consider results in the context of, but not limited to, the level of competition, the depth of field, the quality and difficulty of the racetrack, and the relevance of the racetrack in relation to the 2024 World Championship track.**
- 3.2.1. **Elite Men and Women:** Results from DHI events at:
- a) 2023 UCI MTB World Championships
 - b) 2023 and 2024 UCI MTB World Cups
 - c) 2024 Oceania DHI Championships
 - d) 2024 AusCycling MTB National Championships
 - e) 2024 AusCycling MTB National Series (individual event results only)
 - f) Other international results during the performance period. International results are defined as performances in UCI listed DHI events and may include events in Australia.

3.2.2. **Junior Men and Women:** Results from DHI events at the:

- a) 2023 UCI MTB World Championships
- b) 2023 and 2024 UCI World Cups
- c) 2024 Oceania DHI Championships
- d) 2024 AusCycling MTB National Championships
- e) 2024 AusCycling MTB National Series (individual event results only)
- f) Other international results during the performance period. International results are defined as performances in UCI listed DHI events and may include events in Australia.

4. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

4.1. To be eligible for nomination to the team all riders must compete in the following events or apply for exemption under clause 4 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*. Riders must compete in the same category they are seeking World Championships selection in.

4.1.1. **Elite Men and Women:**

- a) 2024 AusCycling DHI National Championships

4.1.2. **Junior Men and Women:**

- a) 2024 AusCycling DHI National Championships
- b) **Plus**, a minimum of two rounds of the 2024 DHI National Series **OR** a minimum of one round of the 2024 DHI National Series plus the 2024 DHI Oceania Championships.

5. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

5.1. To be eligible for nomination to the team all riders must meet minimum performance standards. This includes automatic and non-automatic nominations. All results refer to finals only unless specifically mentioned otherwise.

5.1.1. **Elite Men:**

- a) Have a race time within 105% of the winning race time at the 2024 DHI National Championships (Elite category).
- b) **OR** have a race time within 105% of the winning race time at a 2024 DHI National Series race (Elite category).
- c) **OR** a top 60 result in the qualifying round of a UCI DHI World Cup (Elite category) during the performance period.

5.1.2. **Elite Women:**

- a) Have a race time within 108% of the winning race time at the 2024 DHI National Championships (Elite category).
- b) **OR** have a race time within 108% of the winning race time at a 2024 DHI National Series race (Elite category). **OR** a top 15 result in the qualifying round of a UCI DHI World Cup (Elite category) during the performance period

5.1.3. **Junior Men:**

- a) Have a race time within 110% of the Elite Men's category winning race time at 2024 DHI National Championships.

- b) **OR** have a race time within 108% of the Elite Men's category winning race time at a 2024 DHI National Series race.
- c) **OR** a top 15 result in the qualifying round of a UCI DHI World Cup (Junior category) during the performance period.

5.1.4. Junior Women:

- a) Have a race time within 112% of the Elite Women's category winning race time at 2024 DHI National Championships.
 - b) **OR** have a race time within 110% of the Elite Women's category winning race time at a 2024 DHI National Series race.
 - c) **OR** a top 10 result in the qualifying round of a UCI DHI World Cup (Junior category) during the performance period.
 - d)
- 5.2. For the purposes of meeting minimum performance standards, the Selectors, at their absolute discretion, reserve the right to disregard results where there were significant weather and/or track condition differences between the elite and junior categories.

6. AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Automatic selection will be determined using the following criteria in order.

6.1. Elite Men

- 6.1.1 A top 5 finish at 2023 UCI Elite DHI World Championships
- 6.1.2 2024 AusCycling DHI Elite National Champion
- 6.1.3 2024 Oceania DHI Champion (if awarded to an Australian)

6.2. Elite Women

- 6.2.1 A top 5 finish at 2023 UCI Elite DHI World Championships
- 6.2.2 2024 AusCycling DHI Elite National Champion
- 6.2.3 2024 Oceania DHI Champion (if awarded to an Australian)

6.3. Junior Men

- 6.3.1 2024 AusCycling DHI Junior National Champion
- 6.3.2 2024 Oceania DHI Champion (if awarded to a junior aged Australian)

6.4. Junior Women

- 6.4.1 2024 AusCycling DHI Junior National Champion
- 6.4.2 2024 Oceania DHI Champion (if awarded to a junior aged Australian)

7. NON-AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

- 7.1 If quota places remain after all automatic selections have been made the Selectors, at their absolute discretion, may nominate additional athletes that meet the objectives stated in clause 1.2. All non-automatic nominations must meet eligibility criteria and minimum performance standards.

8. SCHEDULE FOR 2024 MTB DHI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION

8.1 Junior (U19) Men and Women Selection Schedule

- Monday, 8 January 2024 – Mandatory Expressions of Interest Open
- Monday, 19 May 2024 (5PM AEST) – Mandatory Expressions of Interest Close
- Wednesday, 29 May 2024 (10AMM AEST) – Final team selections forwarded to AusCycling CEO for endorsement.
- Friday 31 May 2024 (5PM AEST) – Athletes receive confidential notification of selection / non-selection to the DHI (U19) World Championships Team
- Sunday, 2 June 2024 (5PM AEST) – Closing date for appeals against non-selection (*AusCycling Selection Appeal Policy for UCI World Championships, clause 7*)
- Monday, 3 June 2024 Week scheduled for appeal hearings, if required
- Wednesday, 12 June 2024 - Final MTB DHI U19 World Championships Team announced by AusCycling.

8.2 Elite Men and Women Selection Schedule

- Monday, 8 January 2024 – Mandatory Expressions of Interest Open
- Monday, 3 June 2024 (5PM AEST) – Mandatory Expressions of Interest Close
- Monday, 24 June 2024 (5PM AEST) – Final team selections forwarded to AusCycling CEO for endorsement.
- Tuesday, 25 June 2024 (5PM AEST) – Athletes receive confidential notification of selection / non-selection to the DHI World Championships Team
- Thursday, 27 June 2024 (5PM AEST) – Closing date for appeals against non-selection (*AusCycling Selection Appeals Policy for UCI World Championships, clause 7*)
- Monday, 1 July 2024 - Week scheduled for appeal hearings, if required
- Monday, 8 July 2024 - Final MTB DHI World Championships Team announced by AusCycling.

9. CHANGES TO SCHEDULE

- 9.1 AusCycling reserves the right to change these announcement dates if more time is needed to ensure due process and fairness in selection and compliance with UCI entry dates.
- 9.2 Additional athletes may be nominated to a National Team after the selection dates at the discretion of the Selectors.

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LEGEND:

AC	AusCycling
AEST	Australian Eastern Standard Time
CEO	AusCycling Chief Executive Officer
CX	Cyclo-cross
DHI	Downhill
IB	International Baccalaureate
MTB	Mountain Bike
SACE	South Australian Certificate of Education
UCI	Union Cycliste International
VCE	Victorian Certificate of Education