



***DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC SELECTION  
CRITERION***

***2024 CROSS COUNTRY OLYMPIC (XCO)  
World Championships***

***Junior, U23, and Elite Men and Women***

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# AUSCYCLING

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### UCI 2024 MTB World Championships

28 August – 1 September 2024 | Vallnord Pal Arinsal, Andorra

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#### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. **Athletes** will be required to earn 2024 MTB XCO 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. **Expressions of Interest:** 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 3 and 4 of this document in extraordinary circumstances.
- 1.6. **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.
- 1.7. If selected, all athletes must stay with the team during World Championships unless they are a member of a UCI listed MTB team **and** have applied for and received prior approval from the AusCycling –Head Coach Endurance. Approval will only be given to riders who can demonstrate they are fully supported to operate independently from AusCycling.

## 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 2024 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. PERFORMANCE PERIOD AND SELECTION EVENTS

3.1. **Performance Time Period:** The performance period for the purposes of selections is:

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| 3.1.1. <b>Junior Men and Women</b> | 21 August 2023 to 3 June 2024 |
| <b>Elite and U23 Men and Women</b> | 21 August 2023 to 1 July 2024 |

3.1.2. 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, and discretionary factors as outlined in clause 2.2 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships*, where Selectors may use absolute discretion. 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 and U23 Men and Women:** Results from XCO events at:

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

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

- a) 2023 UCI MTB World Championships
- b) 2024 Oceania XCO Championships
- c) 2024 AusCycling XCO National Championships
- d) 2024 AusCycling XCO National Series Races

- e) Other international results during the performance period may be considered. International results are defined as performances in UCI listed XCO events and may include events in Australia.

3.3. **Team Relay:** Athletes who are a member of the UCI 2024 UCI MTB World Championships Team in XCO are eligible to compete in the team relay and may be selected at the discretion of the Team Manager.

3.4. **XCC:** Elite category athletes who are a member of the UCI 2024 UCI 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.

#### 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 and U23 Men and Women:

- a) 2024 AusCycling XCO National Championships
- b) 2024 Oceania XCO Championships

##### 4.1.2. Junior Men and Women:

- a) 2024 AusCycling XCO National Championships
- b) 2024 Oceania XCO Championships  
**plus**
- c) A minimum of two rounds of the 2024 AusCycling XCO National Series

#### 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.

##### 5.1.1 Elite Men and Women:

- a) Finish on the lead lap and have a total race time within 105% (men) and 110% (women) of the winning race time at any of the events listed in 4.1.1 in their respective Elite category.
- b) OR 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 Elite category.

##### 5.1.2 U23 Men and Women:

- a) Finish on the lead lap and have a total race time within 105% of the winning race time at any of the mandatory events listed in 4.1.1 in their respective U23 category (or elite category if approval to ride up has been granted).
- b) OR 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 category.

##### 5.1.3 Junior Men and Women:

- a) Finish on the lead lap and have a total race time within 105% of the winning race time at any of the mandatory events listed in 4.1.2 in their respective Junior category.

## 6. SCHEDULE FOR 2024 MTB XCO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION

### 6.1 Junior (U19) Men and Women Selection Schedule

- Friday, 3 November 2023 – Mandatory Expressions of Interest Open.
- Friday, 1 May 2024 – Mandatory Expressions of Interest Close.
- Tuesday, 11 June 2024 (5PM AEST) – Final team selections forwarded to AusCycling CEO for endorsement.
- Wednesday, 12 June (5PM AEST) – Athletes receive confidential notification of selection / non-selection to the XCO (U19) World Championships Team.
- Friday, 14 June 2024 (5PM AEST) – Closing date for appeals against non-selection (*AusCycling Selection and Appeals Policy for UCI World Championships, clause 7*).
- Monday, 17 June 2024 - Week scheduled for appeal hearings, if required.
- Wednesday, 26 June 2024 (5PM AEST) - Final MTB XCO U19 World Championships Team announced by AusCycling.

### 6.2 U23 and Elite Men and Women Selection Schedule

- Friday, 3 November 2023 – Mandatory Expressions of Interest Open.
- Monday, 3 June 2024 – Mandatory Expressions of Interest Close.
- Monday, 8 July 2024 – Final team selections forwarded to AusCycling CEO for endorsement.
- Tuesday, 9 July 2024 (5PM AEST) – Athletes receive confidential notification of selection / non-selection to the XCO U23 and Elite World Championships Team.
- Thursday, 11 July 2024 (5PM AEST) – Closing date for appeals against non-selection (*AusCycling Selection and Appeals Policy for UCI World Championships, clause 7*).
- Monday, 15 July 2024 - Week scheduled for appeal hearings, if required.
- Wednesday, 24 July 2024 - Final MTB XCO U23 and Elite World Championships Team announced by AusCycling.

## 7. CHANGES TO SCHEDULE

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 Additional athletes that meet the criteria may be nominated to a National Team after the selection dates at the discretion of the Selectors.

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### LEGEND

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| AEST | Australian Eastern Standard Time          |
| CEO  | Chief Executive Officer                   |
| CX   | Cyclo-cross                               |
| IB   | International Baccalaureate               |
| MTB  | Mountain Bike                             |
| SACE | South Australian Certificate of Education |
| TAFE | Technical and Further Education           |
| UCI  | Union Cycliste International              |
| U19  | Under 19 (Junior) age category            |
| U23  | Under 23 age category                     |
| VCE  | Victorian Certificate of Education        |
| VET  | Vocational Education Training             |
| XCC  | Cross-country Short Track                 |
| XCO  | Cross-country Olympic                     |