

# SELECTION CRITERIA

2024 UCI BMX RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: CHALLENGE  
CATEGORIES



# 1. PREAMBLE

AusCycling (AC) is the national body responsible for the sport of cycling in Australia as recognised by the International Cycling Union (UCI), the Australian Government through Sports Australia, the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) and the Paralympic Australia (PA).

Regardless of the cycling discipline, the UCI recognises AC as the sole body responsible for Cycling in Australia. AC holds all rights and is responsible for all selections for Teams at UCI World Championships.

This Selection Policy applies to all athletes who are potentially eligible to be considered for selection in National Championships ('Championships') where riders are selected for Sport based National Teams ('team').

# 2. OBJECTIVES

The Selection Panel (Panel) for each Championship will select athletes who they consider in their absolute discretion will have the best chance of meeting one or both of the following objectives, with the Panel having absolute discretion as to the weighting given to the two objectives:

1. Riders who are able to achieve the best possible results at a Championships; and/or
2. Riders considered to be capable of supporting the team

# 3. ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

## General Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for selection, athletes must:

- a. Be an Australian citizen.
- b. Have a current racing membership issued by AC or hold a UCI licence with another UCI National Federation with a UCI ID noting Australia as the Sporting Country.
- c. Have read, signed and returned the execution page of the current Team Agreement.
- d. In the case of Masters aged (all categories 30+) selections, have read, signed and returned the AusCycling No Doping Declaration and declared that their circumstances have not changed since submitting the declaration.
- e. Agree to participate in and meet all competition and participation requirements as determined by the Team Manager.
- f. Not have breached the Anti-Doping Policies of UCI or AusCycling nor have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed. For the purpose of considering eligibility for selection, a breach of an Anti-Doping Policy may include:
- g. An athlete currently under investigation for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) where an infraction notice has been issued or the athlete has been stood down under UCI and/or AusCycling Anti-Doping Policies; or
- h. A failure to comply with an athlete's obligations under either UCI or AusCycling Anti-Doping Policy, even if such a breach does not result in an ADRV.
- i. Have completed SIA Anti-Doping Education: To be eligible to compete, all athletes must be up to date and fully compliant with Sports Integrity Australia Anti-Doping training requirements as set by team management.
- j. Not currently be suspended by AusCycling for any reason.
- k. Not currently be under investigation as a result of any indictable criminal charge (even where such charge has been heard summarily) having been brought against them, nor be currently serving a



penalty issued by a Court as a result of an indictable criminal charge being proven, unless he/she is able to satisfy the AusCycling Board (at its sole discretion) that exceptional circumstances (in the context of the charge and/or penalty) apply. Where the Board is satisfied that exceptional circumstances apply, the athlete may be considered for selection in accordance with these selection criteria. Any request for the Board to consider an athlete's particular circumstances must be submitted to the AusCycling CEO in writing at least 3 weeks prior to selection. The Board is not obliged to consider any request made under this clause.

## 4. TEAM SIZE

AusCycling is permitted to register up to sixteen (16) riders in each Challenge and Masters level category which is scheduled for competition.

The limits specified above exclude the riders ranked from one (1) to eight (8) at the UCI BMX World Challenge or Masters event of the previous year. These riders can be automatically qualified and added to the quota of riders selected according to AusCycling criteria.

## 5. CATEGORIES

Within the competition specialty of BMX Racing, the categories are as follows:

Categories for Standard 20" bicycles at the Challenge level

- Boys: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
- Girls: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
- Men: 17-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35 and over
- Women: 17-24, 25 and Over
- Masters Men: 30 and over
- Masters Women: 30 and Over

Categories for Cruiser 24" bicycles at the Challenge Level

- Boys: 12 and under, 13 and 14, 15 and 16
- Men: 17-24, 25-29, 30 - 34, 35 - 39, 40 - 44, 45-49, 50 and over
- Girls: 12 and under, 13 - 16
- Women: 17-29, 30-39, 40 and over



## 6. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for nomination to the team all riders must compete in the following event, if conducted, and complete SIA's (SIA e-learning) online courses.

- 2023 AusCycling BMX Racing National Championships (Shepparton)
- Anti-doping Fundamentals
- Annual Update (Anti-doping)
- Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting

## 7. SELECTION PROCESS

Criteria are listed in priority order, (i.e., all athletes achieving the first criteria will be nominated). If positions remain after the first criteria has been considered, then the second criteria will be considered etc. until team size is achieved.

## 8. AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Automatic selection will be determined using the following criteria.

### Challenge Categories Male and Female

- A top sixteen (16) finish at the 2023 UCI BMX Racing World Championships

For UCI aligned categories:

- A top eight (8) finish at the 2023 AusCycling BMX Racing National Championships

For non-UCI aligned categories

- The top finishers to the maximum number of spots reserved as outlined in section 11.

### 9.1 NON-AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Riders not meeting selection criteria will be able to submit an expression of interest for consideration to AusCycling where spots remain unfilled. In determining non-automatic selection spots the Panel will consider:



**Performance Time Period:** The performance period for the purposes of non-automatic selections is: 1 January 2023 – 5 November 2023

1. **Selection Events (non-Automatic Selections):** For the purposes of nominations the selectors will consider performances achieved in the following events, if conducted.
  
2. **Challenge Men and Women (excluding Masters Men):** Performance times from 2023 AusCycling BMX Racing National Championships. The most recent results and performance times from 2023 AusCycling BMX Racing National Rounds.

## 9.2 SCHEDULE FOR AUSTRALIAN BMX CHALLENGE TEAM SELECTION

Applications CLOSE	01/2/2024
Notification of selection outcome to all applicants.	15/2/2024

## 10. CHANGES TO SCHEDULE

- a. 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.
- b. Additional athletes may be nominated riders after the selection dates at the discretion of AusCycling.

## 11. UCI AND AUSCYCLING CATEGORY ALIGNMENT

The AusCycling and UCI categories do not align in some cases. As such the following table provides clarity on UCI ages and AusCycling selection by category.

UCI Ages	AusCycling Ages	Maximum Number of Riders Selected in the Category
Boys and Girls 20 Inch 8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16	Boys and Girls 20 Inch 8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16	Top 16



Men 20 Inch 17-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35+	Men 20 Inch 17-24, 25-29, 30-34 35-39 40-44 45-49 50-54 55-59 60+	Top 16 Top 5 Top 5 Top 2 Top 2 Top 1 Top 1
Women 20 Inch 17-24, 25+	Women 20 Inch 17-24 25-29 30-34 35-39 40-44	Top 16 Top 3 Top 3 Top 3 Top 2
	45-49 50-54 55-59 60+	Top 2 Top 1 Top 1 Top 1
Boys Cruiser 24 Inch 8-12, 13-14, 15-16	Boys Cruiser 24 Inch 8-10 11-12 13-14, 15-16	Top 8 Top 8 Top 16
Girls Cruiser 24 Inch 8-12, 13-16	Girls Cruiser 24 Inch 8-10 11-12 13 – 14 15 – 16	Top 8 Top 8 Top 8 Top 8
Men Cruiser 24 Inch 17-24, 25-29, 30-34,35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50+	Men Cruiser 24 Inch 17-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39 40-44, 45-49 50-54 55-59 60+	Top 16 Top 8 Top 6 Top 2
Women Cruiser 24 Inch 17-29, 30 - 39, 40+	Women Cruiser 24 Inch 17-24 25-29 30-34 35-39 40-44 45-49 50-54 55-59 60+	Top 10 Top 6 Top 10 Top 6 Top 6 Top 6 Top 6 Top 2 Top 1 Top 1



## 12. SELECTION PANEL (PANEL)

### 12.1 Panel members

The Panel for the team will consist of up to 5 selectors including the National Pathway Manager - BMX or equivalent. The Panel will be appointed by the CEO and must have at least two (2) male and two (2) female members.

### 12.2 Role of the Panel

- a. The Panel will only consider positions for categories where there are more riders who have expressed interest than quota spots available.
- b. Each Panel is responsible for considering athletes for selection in accordance with these selection criteria including general eligibility criteria, general performance criteria and specific discipline criteria.
- c. Each Panel member will consider and vote on athlete selection in good faith, without bias and otherwise in accordance with these selection criteria. If the Panel cannot agree, the AusCycling Pathway Manager – BMX or equivalent will have the final selection decision.
- d. The AusCycling Pathway Manager - BMX or equivalent shall perform the role of convener of each Panel. The AusCycling Pathway Manager – BMX or equivalent shall be responsible for facilitating and monitoring procedures in accordance with these criteria and directing the administration of the processes of endorsement and advice to athletes.
- e. Riders may be added or deleted from the team at the sole discretion of the Panel, subject to their performances and obligations in accordance with these criteria.

### 12.3 Size of the Team

The team size is subject to the UCI allocated quotas. AusCycling reserves the right to not fill any quota. Unless otherwise determined by the AusCycling CEO may exercise the right of AusCycling under this clause to not fill all quotas. Where athletes exceed qualified quotas, the Panel in its sole discretion will determine which athletes are to be selected.

### 12.4 Reserves

Reserves may be identified for any event. The Panel may reconvene at any time between selection and competition to replace a previously selected athlete for reasons which may include failure to maintain performance at the level which earned selection, or for non-compliance with the AusCycling Team Agreement.

### 12.5 Extenuating Circumstances

In considering athletes' performances under these criteria, the AusCycling Pathway Manager - BMX may consider and approve "extenuating circumstances".

For the purposes of this clause, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, attend training camps or perform at an optimum level arising from:

- a) Injury or illness



- b) Travel delays
- c) Equipment failure
- d) Bereavement or personal misfortune
- e) Any other factors reasonably considered by the AusCycling Pathway Manager - BMX to constitute extenuating circumstances

Athletes unable to compete, at an optimum level they must advise and seek approval from the Team Manager. This should be done in writing and outlining the reasons for the inability, with as much advance notice as possible (ideally at least seven days) prior to the commencement of the competition.

A decision in each case of advised, possible extenuating circumstances may be made by AusCycling on an individual basis. AusCycling is not obliged to consider any notification by an athlete under this clause 4. There is no appeal against any decision made in respect of extenuating circumstances.

## 13. COMMUNICATION

It is the responsibility of each athlete to indicate their desire to be selected for a team.

## 14. APPEALS

An athlete may appeal against non-selection in a team. The process for such appeal is as follows:

### 14.1 Grounds of Appeal

A non-selected athlete may appeal against a decision of the Panel under this policy on the sole ground that the Panel did not properly follow or implement the process in these selection criteria. There is no appeal on the merits of any particular selection decision.

### 14.2 Procedure for Appeal

- a. Any appeal against a decision of a Panel must be made within 48 hours of the athlete being advised of their non-selection.
- b. The appeal must be lodged in writing to AusCycling and accompanied by the prescribed fee of \$500. If the matter does not proceed to a hearing or if the appeal is successful, the appeal fee may be refunded in part or in full.
- c. All correspondence for appeals and proof of payment should be forwarded to:

Email – [luke.madill@auscycling.org.au](mailto:luke.madill@auscycling.org.au)





The prescribed fee is to be deposited by Electronic Funds Transfer:

AusCycling Ltd.  
BSB 063-171  
Account # 11 229 997

The appeal must set out:

- The decision in question; and
  - The ground(s) on which the appeal is made; and
  - The reasons or circumstances supporting the alleged ground of appeal.
- d. Nothing in these criteria prevents the withdrawal of an appeal at any time in writing.
- e. On receipt of a correct appeal under these criteria, the CEO must forward the appeal documents to the Selection Review Panel (SRP) without delay.

### **14.3 Constitution of the selection review panel**

- a. The AC CEO will appoint a SRP constituted by any three persons available to hear the appeal, but which must include the following:
  - b. a person with legal training, experience in dispute resolution, or suitable experience in the process of determining selection appeals in sport, who will chair the SRP; and
  - c. a person with experience and understanding of cycling or high-performance sport and with suitable skills for membership of the panel.
- d. SRP Panel members must not be a party to or directly interested in the matter under consideration.
- e. All members of the SRP must declare any possible conflict or perception of conflict of interest. The chair of the SRP will review any declaration and determine whether any member of the SRP cannot sit on a particular appeal.

### **14.4 Functions of the SRP**

The SRP has no power of selection or re-selection. The SRP may review the matter set out in the appeal and may (as appropriate) refer the matter back to the relevant Panel for consideration.

### **14.5 Procedures for the SRP**

The SRP shall, as soon as practical after receiving notice of the appeal, investigate and consider the matter and shall within seven days of receiving such notice, progress as follows:



## Preliminary Assessment

Upon request by the CEO, the chair of the SRP may conduct a review of the appeal in order to assess the strength of the appeal. The SRP chair may contact the appellant and/or the Panel, should it be required, for clarification or additional information in this preliminary assessment phase. If, after the review, the chair determines the appeal has:

- merit the appeal will progress to a hearing; or
- no merit the appeal will be dismissed and will not progress to a hearing and the matter will be closed. The appellant will then be informed in writing of such a finding.

If the matter is referred to a hearing the SRP shall, as soon as practicable, having regard to the timing of selection and proximity of relevant competition, direct the CEO to serve a notice in writing on the appellant:

- a. stating that the appellant may address the Panel's decision at a meeting to be held as soon as practicable;
- b. stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
- c. informing the appellant that they may do any one or more of the following:
  - Attend that meeting personally, by teleconference link or by his or her representative, not being legally trained or qualified; or
  - Give the SRP, no later than 24 hours before the time of that meeting, a further written statement setting out relevant information supporting the appeal.

Any other athlete/s that may be affected by the outcome of an appeal shall also be notified and be:

- advised of the appeal and the ground(s) of appeal; and
- provided the opportunity to lodge a written submission or attend a hearing and provide evidence or be represented at the hearing by a nominated person/s (not being legally trained or qualified).

4. The Panel will also be requested to lodge a written statement outlining the reasons for its decision regarding non-selection of the appellant.

5. The SRP may conduct a meeting convened under these criteria (or any adjournment thereof) in such manner as it sees fit, but shall endeavour to:

- give the appellant, affected athlete/s and the Panel every opportunity to be heard.
- give due consideration to any written statement by the appellant.
- allow all relevant parties to be present along with their adult representative (not being legally trained or qualified); and may, request or require such persons or any other witness to attend the meeting or provide such evidence as is available.
- allow any affected party to make a submission to the SRP and attend the hearing and provide evidence as is available.
- consider all relevant and available information and shall arrive at a finding. A decision of the SRP may be by a majority decision.
- The SRP shall notify the CEO of its finding within 24 hours.

If the SRP considers the ground(s) alleged by the appellant to be satisfied, it shall refer the matter back to the relevant Panel for reconsideration. Each Panel member shall comply with any direction provided by the SRP in any referral. Any further selection decision of the Panel under the direction of the SRP shall be final, and no further appeal shall be available to the aggrieved person in respect of that selection.



## 16. AMENDMENTS TO THE SELECTION CRITERIA

These selection criteria and any specific discipline criteria may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for in these criteria. All amendments must be approved by the AC CEO. If approved, AC will use their best endeavors to notify all relevant parties in writing, of the criteria amendment or supplement, with as much notice as possible.

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