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Before submitting an Expression of Interest, Athletes must read the [AusCycling Selection Policy for UCI World Championships – non-Olympic Cycling Sports \(the Policy\)](#) which details the selection process, objectives, eligibility, and general selection criteria.

1. Athletes will be required to earn 2027 UCI Cyclo-Cross (CX) World Championships Team (WCT) selection in accordance with the requirements set out in *the Policy* and this discipline specific document of the AusCycling (AC) selection criteria.

2. U23 AND ELITE OBJECTIVES

See clause 1 of *the Policy*.

3. U19 OBJECTIVES

See clause 2 of *the Policy*.

4. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD

U19: 1 October 2025 – 4 October 2026 (inclusive)

U23: 1 October 2023 – 4 October 2026 (inclusive)

Elite: 1 October 2024 – 4 October 2026 (inclusive)

5. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

To be eligible for nomination to the WCT, Athletes **MUST** submit an expression of interest **by the closing date listed at clause 10** of this document. The expression of interest form is located at <https://auscycling.org.au/athlete-selection-policies> from the published open date. The submission of an expression of interest is solely the responsibility of the athlete seeking selection.

6. MANDATORY EVENTS

Selections are subject to *the Policy* where the Panel may, at their absolute discretion, consider athletes for selection based upon their performances and results from the following CX events.

Elite Men and Women:

- a) 2026 AusCycling CX National Championships (Elite category); **PLUS**
- b) A minimum of four (4) UCI listed CX events **outside** of Australia during the Performance Time Period, ending in the U23 or Elite category. This must include a minimum of two (2) World Cup events. Events from either category count towards the minimum of four.

U23 Men and Women:

- a) 2026 AusCycling CX National Championships; **PLUS**
- b) A minimum of three (3) UCI listed CX events **outside** of Australia during Performance Time Period, ending in the U19, U23 or Elite category. This must include a minimum of one (1) World Cup event. Events from either category count towards the minimum of three.

U19 Men:

- a) 2026 AusCycling CX National Championships; **PLUS**
- b) A minimum of four (4) of the following during the Performance Time Period;
 - > UCI listed CX events (U19 category)
 - > Australian CX National Series events (U19 category)

Events from either category count towards the minimum of four.

U19 Women:

- a) 2026 AusCycling CX National Championships; **PLUS**
- b) A minimum of four (4) of the following during the Performance Time Period;
 - > UCI listed CX events (U19, U23 or Elite category)
 - > Australian CX National Series events (U19 category)

Events from either category count towards the minimum of four.

Note: U19 Women may compete in UCI listed U23 or Elite category events to satisfy this requirement, reflecting the available international racing opportunities for U19 Women in CX.

For avoidance of doubt, the Panel may consider the athlete's performance in some, all, or none of the CX events listed in clause 6. The Panel is under no obligation to consider the athlete's performance in any of the events outlined in clause 6 and may attribute different weighting to each event in its absolute discretion.



7. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

To be eligible for selection, all Athletes must meet any of the following minimum Performance Standards during the Performance Time Period

Meeting the minimum performance standards does not equate to automatic selection for the athlete.

Elite Men and 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 3 at the 2026 CX National Championships (Elite Category).

U23 Women

- Finish on the lead lap at a UCI CX U19 or Elite World Cup or European UCI C1 or C2 event; **OR**
- Finish in the top 2 at the 2026 CX National Championships (U23 or Elite Category).

U23 Men

- Finish on the lead lap at a UCI CX U19, U23 or Elite World Cup or European UCI C1 or C2 event; **OR**
- Finish in the top 3 at the 2026 CX National Championships (U23 or Elite Category).

U19 Women

- Finish on the lead lap at a UCI CX U19 or Elite World Cup or UCI listed event; **OR**
- Finish in the top 2 at the 2026 CX National Championships (U19 Category).

U19 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 2026 CX National Championships (U19 Category).

The Panel, at their absolute discretion, may nominate additional athletes eligible under clause 7 based on;

- > The demonstrated ability of the athlete to meet the objectives in clause 1 (Elite and U23) or clause 2 (U19) of *the Policy*;
- > The discretionary factors listed in clause 3.3 of *the Policy*.

8. Once an athlete is selected, they must provide a performance plan for the World Championships to the MTB and Non-Olympic Operations Manager for approval within 28 days of notice 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 on the ground.

A performance plan must include, but not limited to, details on:

- > Spare bike (Mandatory);
- > Spare wheels
- > Warm up rollers
- > Appropriate clothing in addition to the supplied Australian Team clothing
- > List of your support staff including mechanic and pit crew
- > List of lead-in events you will be attending in Europe

9. SELECTION TIMELINES

Refer <https://auscycling.org.au/athlete-selection-policies/selection-calendar>

10. LEVIES

Selected Athletes may be required to pay a levy to attend the 2027 UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships. Levies will be communicated at the time of selection.

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