

World Junior MTB XCO Selection Briefing 9 February 2026



MTB XCO BRIEFING

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- World Junior Mountain Bike XCO Championships (WJRC)
 - WJC Championships performance time period
 - EOI process – [Submit here](#)
 - Selection Events and Standards
 - Levies
 - Pathway update

WJT Selection Key Dates

Performance Time Period:

- 1 September 2025 – 1 June 2026 (inclusive)

Expression of Interest:

- Closing Date 30 May 2026

Discipline specific

- Criterion is live on the AusCycling website
- AusCycling → Rider Selection → Jr Selection Policies → EOI → 2026 UCI Jr World Championships- Olympic Disciplines

JUNIOR (U19) MANDATORY EVENTS

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- 2026 AusCycling XCO National Championships, Mount Buller, VIC

And 1 of the 2 events below:

- a) 2026 XCO Oceania Championships, Brisbane, QLD; and/or
- b) 2026 XCO Continental Series, Mount Stromlo, ACT – Rounds 3 and 4

JUNIOR (U19) SELECTION EVENTS

- 2025 UCI MTB World Championships
- 2026 XCO Oceania Championships
- 2026 XCO Continental Series Races
- 2026 AusCycling MTB National Championships
- 2025/2026 AusCycling National Series Races
- Other international results during the Performance Time Period.
- International results are defined as performances in UCI listed XCO events and may include events in Australia.

Minimum Performance Standards

- To be eligible for selection, all athletes must meet the following minimum performance standard on at least two separate occasions during the performance period*

Minimum Performance Standard

- Finish on the lead lap and have a total race time within 105% of the winning race time in their respective event at any of the selection events

**Meeting the minimum performance standard does not equate to automatic selection for the athlete*

LEVY

- There will be a levy component for J19's selected for MTB XCO World Championship National Team members
- The levy will cover all individual athlete costs with AusCycling covering staff costs
- AusCycling Pathways will contribute 30k towards the J19/U23 XCO Europe Camp

AusCycling Performance Pathway



MTB XCO Pathway Projects 2026

2026 U19/U23 MTB XCO European Camp

- Czech MTB Cup C1 – Vimperk, Czechia, 9-10 *May*
- Heubacher Mountain Bike Festival - Bike the Rock (UCI XCO Junior Series) – Heubach, Germany, 16-17 *May*
- Nové Město na Moravě (UCI XCO Junior Series) - Czech Republic, 22-24 *May*

EOIs close 5pm AEDT on Sunday 22 March

AusCycling → Rider Selection → Jr Selection
Policies → EOI → Pathway Projects

October Endurance Camp

- U19/U23/Elite @ AIS
- 2 weeks
- S&C, Sport Psych, Nutrition education
- Recovery Centre
- Accommodation and meals included
- EOI July

QUESTIONS

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Thank you

