



AUSCYCLING

***DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC
SELECTION CRITERIA***

DOWNHILL INDIVIDUAL (DHI)



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UCI 2021 MTB World Championships

24 – 29 August 2021 - Val di Sole, Italy

1. GENERAL

1.1 Athletes will be required to earn World Championships Team selection in accordance with clause 1 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy and Appeals Process for UCI World Championships*, and this discipline specific document of the AusCycling (AC) selection criteria.

1.2 **Objectives:**

a) As outlined in clause 1 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy and Appeals Process for UCI World Championships*.

1.3 **Team size:** Refer to clause 3.3 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy and Appeals Process for UCI World Championships*.

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 2021 UCI 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:

- 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.

3. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD AND SELECTION EVENTS

- 3.1. **Performance Time Period:** In addition to performances at the 2020 UCI DHI World Championships, the performance period for the purposes of selections is:
- 3.1.1. **Elite Men and Women** - 1st January 2021 to 4th July 2021.
 - 3.1.2. **Junior Men and Women** – 1st January to 30th May 2021.
 - 3.1.3. In the case of extenuating circumstances being approved under clause 4 of the *AusCycling Selection Policy and Appeals Process for UCI World Championships*, the Selectors may consider an athlete's results in the 12 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, if conducted.
- 3.2.1. **Elite Men and Women:** Results from DHI events at:
 - a) 2020 UCI MTB World Championships
 - b) 2021 UCI MTB World Cups
 - c) 2021 MTB Oceania Championships
 - d) 2021 AusCycling MTB National Championships
 - e) 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) 2020 UCI MTB World Championships
 - b) 2021 UCI World Cups
 - c) 2021 MTB Oceania Championships
 - d) 2021 AusCycling MTB National Championships
 - e) National Cup Gold level and higher level DHI events during the performance period

4. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. To be eligible for nomination to the team all riders must compete in the following events, if conducted.
- 4.1.1. **Elite Men and Women:**
 - a) 2021 AusCycling DHI National Championships
 - 4.1.2. **Junior Men and Women:**
 - a) 2021 AusCycling DHI National Championships.
 - b) 2021 DHI Oceania Championships.
 - c) MTB National Cup Gold Level event – to be announced
- 4.2. All junior athletes once selected must participate in the full National Team preparation program immediately prior to World Championships and stay with the team during World Championships unless they are a member of a UCI listed MTB trade team or have applied for and received prior approval from the AusCycling Sport Manager - MTB. Details of the program will be available on the AusCycling website prior to applications closing.

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:

- a) Have a race time within 105% of the winning race time at any mandatory event listed in 4.1.1.
- b) OR a top 50 result at a 2021 UCI Elite DHI World Cup during the performance period.

5.1.2. Elite Women:

- a) Have a race time within 110% of the winning race time at any mandatory event listed in 4.1.1.
- b) OR a top 12 result at a 2021 UCI Elite DHI World Cup 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 any of the events listed in 4.1.2

5.1.4. Junior Women:

- a) Have a race time within 115% of the Elite Women's category winning race time at any of the events listed in 4.1.2

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. SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1. 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 in accordance with Section A part 1.
- 6.2. Due to COVID 19 impact on the 2020/2021 racing calendar, public health and domestic and international travel restrictions, athlete selections, team size, and overall participation for the 2021 UCI DHI World Championships may require the selection panel to make discretionary decisions and selections.

7. AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Automatic selection will be determined using the following criteria.

7.1. Elite Men

- 7.1.1. A top 5 finish at 2020 UCI Elite DHI World Championships
- 7.1.2. 2021 AusCycling DHI Elite National Champion

7.2. Elite Women

- 7.2.1. A top 5 finish at 2020 UCI Elite DHI World Championships
- 7.2.2. 2021 AusCycling DHI Elite National Champion

7.3. Junior Men

- 7.3.1. A top 5 result at the 2020 UCI Junior DHI World Championships
- 7.3.2. 2021 AusCycling DHI Junior National Champion

7.4. Junior Women

7.4.1. A top 5 result at the 2020 Junior DHI World Championships

7.4.2. 2021 AusCycling DHI Junior National Champion

8. NON-AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

- 8.1. 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, minimum performance standards.

9. SCHEDULE FOR AUSTRALIAN DHI NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

JUNIOR

Applications CLOSE	31 st May 2021
Submission of all applications to the selection panel.	2 nd June 2021
Notification of selection outcome to all applicants.	7 th June 2021
Appeal period OPEN	12pm – 8 th June 2021
Appeal period CLOSED	12pm – 10 th June 2021
Commencement of appeals hearing (if required)	15 th June 2021
Public announcement of team	TBC following close of appeal period or appeal proceedings.

ELITE

Applications CLOSE	5 th July 2021
Submission of all applications to the selection panel.	7 th July 2021
Notification of selection outcome to all applicants.	12 th July 2021
Appeal period OPEN	12pm – 12 th July 2021
Appeal period CLOSED	12pm – 14 th July 2021
Commencement of appeals hearing (if required)	19 th July 2021
Public announcement of team	TBC following close of appeal period or appeal proceedings.

10. CHANGES TO SCHEDULE

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. Additional athletes may be nominated to a National Team after the selection dates at the discretion of the Selectors.
- 10.3. Any competition results after the announcement of the team will only be considered if places are available on the team.

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