



AUSCYCLING

***DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC
SELECTION CRITERIA***

OLYMPIC CROSS COUNTRY (XCO)



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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*.
- b) Athletes who have the potential to be one of the top three ranked Australians on the UCI XCO individual rankings at the end of 2021 such that their performance at World Championships may assist Australia's overall nation ranking.

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 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 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.

- 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 TIME PERIOD AND SELECTION EVENTS

- 3.1. **Performance Time Period:** In addition to performances in XCO events at the 2020 UCI MTB World Championships, the performance period for the purposes of selections is **1st December 2020 to 30th May 2021**. 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, U23 Men and Women:** Results from XCO events at:

- a) 2020 UCI MTB World Championships
- b) 2021 UCI 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 XCO events and may include events in Australia

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

- a) 2021 MTB Oceania Championships
- b) 2021 AusCycling MTB National Championships
- c) UCI Junior World Series races during the performance period
- d) AusCycling National Cup Tier 1 (Gold) and higher level XCO 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 in XCO (if conducted).

- 4.1.1. **Elite Men and Women, U23 Men and Women:**

- a) 2021 AusCycling MTB National Championships
- b) 2021 MTB Oceania Championships

- 4.1.2. **Junior Men and Women:**

- a) 2021 AusCycling MTB National Championships
- b) 2021 MTB Oceania Championships
- c) AusCycling National Cup Tier 1 / Junior World Series – Mackay 29 -30 May 2021

- 4.2. Once selected all Junior Athletes must participate in the full National Team preparation program immediately prior to UCI World Championships and stay with the team during the 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 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 Elite category
- b) OR finish on the lead lap and have a race time within 107% (men) and 110% (women) of the winning race time at a UCI World Cup, HC or C1 XCO event 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 107% (men) and 110% (women) of the winning race time at a UCI World Cup, Hors or C1 XCO event during the performance period in their respective U23 or Elite category.

5.1.3. Junior Men and Women:

- a) 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
- b) OR have a total race time within 104% of the winning race time at an Auscycling MTB National Cup Tier 1 (Gold) level or higher XCO race (excluding state championships and stage races) during the performance period in their respective junior category.

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 MTB 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 10 finish at 2020 UCI Elite MTB XCO World Championships.

7.1.2. 2021 AusCycling MTB XCO Elite National Champion

7.1.3. If positions remain, any unselected rider ranked in the first 3 of all Australians (including U23 aged athletes) in UCI Elite MTB XCO rankings at the end of the performance period

7.2. Elite Women

7.2.1. A top 10 finish at 2020 UCI Elite MTB XCO World Championships

7.2.2. 2021 AusCycling MTB XCO Elite National Champion

7.2.3. If positions remain, any unselected rider ranked in the first 3 of all Australians (including U23 aged athletes) in UCI Elite MTB XCO rankings at the end of the performance period

7.3. U23 Men

7.3.1. A top 10 result at the 2020 UCI U23 MTB XCO World Championships

7.3.2. 2021 AusCycling MTB XCO U23 National Champion

7.3.3. If positions remain, any unselected rider ranked in the first 5 of all Australians (including elite aged athletes) in UCI Elite MTB XCO rankings at the end of the performance period

7.4. U23 Women

7.4.1. A top 10 result at the 2020 UCI U23 MTB XCO World Championships

7.4.2. 2021 AusCycling MTB XCO U23 National Champion

7.4.3. If positions remain, any unselected rider ranked in the first 5 of all Australians (including elite aged athletes) in UCI Elite MTB XCO rankings at the end of the performance period

7.5. Junior Men

7.5.1. 2021 AusCycling MTB XCO Junior National Champion

7.6. Junior Women

7.6.1. 2021 AusCycling MTB XCO 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. TEAM RELAY

9.1. Athletes who are a member of the 2021 UCI MTB World Championships Team in XCO are eligible for selection in the team relay and may be selected at the discretion of the Team Manager.

10. SCHEDULE FOR AUSTRALIAN MTB XCO NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

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.

11. CHANGES TO SCHEDULE

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. Additional athletes may be nominated to a National Team after the selection dates at the discretion of the Selectors.
- 11.3. Any competition results after the announcement of the team will only be considered if places are available on the team.

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