

**Schedule 3 – Mountain Bike (XCO) – Elite, U23 and Junior (U19)**

**Selection for 2024 UCI MTB (XCO) World Championships**

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**1. General Selection Regulation and this Schedule**

- 1.1 This Schedule 3 is a schedule to the Cycling New Zealand General Selection Regulation (last updated 6 March 2024) ([General Selection Regulation](#)) for selection of the Mountain Bike Cross Country Teams for the Elite, U23 and Junior categories of the 2024 UCI MTB (XCO) World Championships.
- 1.2 Both the General Selection Regulation and this Schedule apply, including that riders must be Eligible (as defined in the Regulation). Definitions used in the General Selection Regulation apply to this Schedule, unless stated otherwise. If there is any inconsistency between this Schedule and the General Selection Regulation, the General Selection Regulation will apply to the extent of any such inconsistency.

**2. Selection Objectives**

- 2.1 Cycling New Zealand's objectives in selecting MTB (XCO) Teams for the 2024 UCI MTB (XCO) World Championships differ between Elite / U23 riders and Junior (U19) riders as set out in this clause. The objectives are to select Eligible riders who:
- 2.1.1 **Selection Objectives for Elite and U23 Men and Women**
- a. will benefit from the opportunity of competing at international level to continue their development; and
  - b. are capable of winning medals at the 2024 UCI MTB (XCO) World Championships; or
  - c. show potential for medal success in Elite classes for future World Championships.
- 2.1.2 **Selection Objectives for Junior (U19) Men and Women**
- a. will benefit from the opportunity of competing at international level to continue their development; and
  - b. show potential for medal success in Elite classes for future World Championships and other International Competitions.

### **3. Additional Eligibility Requirements**

- 3.1 All riders seeking selection to a Team must complete the Rider Application by providing all the information requested in the online Rider Application by the date set out in clause 7.
- 3.2 In addition to the Eligibility requirements in the General Selection Regulation, all riders wishing to be considered for selection must participate in the 2024 New Zealand Torpedo 7 MTB National Championships in Queenstown from 24–25 February 2024 in MTB (XCO) Events, unless non-participation is agreed to in writing with the High Performance Director (HPD) or designate. Non-participation is to be applied for prior to the start of competition of the 2024 National Championships by completing the Event Exemption Application Form [HERE](#).

### **4. Additional Requirement**

- 4.1 It is a condition of selection that riders must fund themselves to attend and compete at the 2024 UCI MTB (XCO) World Championships and any competitions from which results or performances may be taken into account in considering their selection.

### **5. Selection Criteria for Elite and U23 Riders – Men and Women**

- 5.1 In considering which Eligible Elite and U23 riders satisfy the Selection Objectives (in clause 2.1.1):
  - 5.1.1 Primary Selection Criteria: The Selection Panel will select any female riders and any male riders who achieve a top 10 placing in a UCI World Cup MTB (XCO) Event during the Performance Window (see clause 7), subject to available quota places at the 2024 UCI MTB (XCO) World Championships.
  - 5.1.2 Secondary Selection Criteria: If there are more riders entitled to selection under the Primary Selection Criteria than there are available quota places, the Selection Panel will select riders, for the number of quota places available, in order of their ranking based on their best top 10 placing result at a UCI World Cup MTB (XCO) competition during the Performance Window;
  - 5.1.3 Tertiary Selection Criteria: If there are quota places remaining after consideration of the Primary Selection Criteria (clause 5.1.1) and the Secondary Selection Criteria (5.1.2) the Selection Panel will select riders, for the number of quota places remaining, based on the following:
    - a. Elite and U23 male riders who achieve a top 60 finish in a UCI MTB (XCO) World Cup during the Performance Window, will be selected in order of their ranking based on their best top 60 placing result; and

- b. Elite and U23 female riders who achieved a top 45 finish in a UCI MTB (XCO) World Cup during the Performance Window will be selected in order of their ranking based on their best top 45 placing result,

5.1.4 Quaternary Selection Criteria: If there are still quota places remaining in any of the Elite Men, Elite Women, U23 Men and U23 Women categories after consideration of the Primary Selection Criteria (clause 5.1.1), the Secondary Selection Criteria (clause 5.1.2) and the Tertiary Selection Criteria (clause 5.1.3), the Selection Panel, with agreement from the High Performance Director, may select one additional Eligible rider per category to the Team, if the Selection Panel considers the rider satisfies the Selection Objectives (clause 2.1.1) .

## **6 Selection Criteria for Junior (U19) Riders – Men and Women**

6.1 In considering which Eligible Junior (U19) riders satisfy the Selection Objectives (in clause 2.1.2):

6.1.1 Primary Selection Criteria: The Selection Panel will select any female riders and any male riders who achieve a podium finish (top 3) at the 2024 MTB (XCO) Oceania Continental Championships or the 2024 MTB (XCO) National Championships, subject to available quota places at the 2024 UCI MTB (XCO) World Championships;

6.1.2 Secondary Selection Criteria: If there are more riders entitled to selection under the Primary Selection Criteria (clause 6.1.1) than there are available quota places, the Selection Panel will select riders, for the number of quota places available, in order of their podium placing/s, with the results in the Oceania Continental Championships having priority;

6.1.3 Tertiary Selection Criteria: If there are quota places remaining after consideration of the Primary Selection Criteria (clause 6.1.1) and the Secondary Selection Criteria (clause 6.1.2), the Selection Panel will select riders for the number of quota places remaining based on the following, in priority order:

- a. riders who achieve a top 5 placing in a UCI Class 1 or UCI Junior Series U19 competition during the Performance Window, if that top 5 placing finishes within 7.5% of the time of the winner of that Event;
- b. if there are more riders than quota places remaining who achieve the criteria in sub-clause (a) of this clause, or no riders achieve that criteria, the Selection

Panel will then rank those riders in order of their finishing placing within the top 5 placings in the Events in those competitions.

## 7. Key Timelines

The MTB (XCO) Teams will be selected in accordance with the Key Timelines set out below, unless Cycling New Zealand needs to change those dates for reasons outside of its control.

<b>Key Timelines</b>	
1 January 2024 to 16 June 2024	Performance Window
1 April 2024	Rider Application due date
26 June 2024	MTB XCO Teams Selection Date (conditional on confirmation of quota from the UCI)
28 August to 1 September 2024	2024 MTB (XCO) World Championships Vallnord Pal Arinsal, Andorra