

Cycling New Zealand - Selection Regulations

Schedule 3 – Mountain Bike Teams – XCO



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NOTICE: Covid-19 has had an unprecedented impact on the world and continues to evolve both internationally and in New Zealand. As such there could be further changes to the international cycling calendar which could result in changes to these regulations.

1. Mandatory Eligibility Requirements for Athletes Seeking Selection: All athletes seeking selection to the Team must:

- 1.1. Complete the Athlete Application process by providing all the information requested in the online Rider Application Form by the date set out in Paragraph 8 below; and
- 1.2. Participate in the 2021 New Zealand National Championships in Christchurch from 27-28 February 2021 unless non-participation is agreed to in writing by the High Performance Director (HPD) or designate, pursuant to Clause 8 of the Cycling New Zealand General Selection Regulations.

2. Selection Process

- 2.1. There is no obligation on the Relevant Selection Panel to fill the maximum number of positions specified by the UCI, pursuant to the UCI MTB World Championship participation rules.
- 2.2. Participation at the Mountain Bike events is dependent on selected athletes being able to fund themselves.

3. Primary Selection – Men and Women Elite and U23

- 3.1. Subject to available national starting positions at the 2021 World Championships, any athlete who achieves a Top 10 finish in a World Cup XCO in the ten months immediately prior to the 2021 World Championships Team selection date is entitled to selection.

4. Secondary Selection – Men and Women Elite and U23

- 4.1. The Secondary Selection applies in one of two circumstances:
 - 4.1.1 If more athletes would be entitled to selection under the Primary Selection than there are available national starting positions; or
 - 4.1.2 If an athlete has not qualified for selection by the Primary Selection.

4.2 Athletes eligible to be considered for selection under the Secondary Selection are to be selected according to their respective UCI MTB-XCO individual ranking positions at the 2021 World Championships Team selection date ("individual ranking positions").

4.2.1 Only male athletes ranked in the top 150 and female athletes ranked in the top 100 of the UCI individual ranking positions at the 2021 World Championships Team selection date who have participated in at least one UCI World Cup in the selection period may be considered for selection.

5. Tertiary Selection – Men and Women Elite and U23

5.1 In the event that there are still positions available for selection after the secondary selection, the HPD or designate may in his or her sole discretion select one additional eligible rider per category.

6. Primary Selection – Men and Women U19

6.1 Subject to available national starting positions at the World Championships, any athlete who achieves a top 10 at a UCI Class 1 / UCI Junior Series U19 event in the ten months immediately prior to the 2021 World Championships Team selection date is entitled to selection.

7. Secondary Selection – Men and Women U19

7.1 The Secondary Selection applies in one of two circumstances:

7.1.1 If more athletes would be entitled to selection under the Primary Selection than there are available national starting positions; or

7.1.2 If an athlete has not qualified for selection by the Primary Selection.

7.2 Athletes eligible to be considered for selection under the Secondary Selection are to be ranked in order of priority according to the following criteria:

7.2.1 Any Top 5 positions achieved in the 2021 Oceania Continental MTB Championships that finishes within 7.5% of the time of the winner.

7.2.2 Any Top 3 positions achieved at the 2021 New Zealand National MTB Championships that finishes within 7.5% of the time of the winner.

8. International Mountain Bike Competitions where formal selection is needed:

Unless Cycling New Zealand decides otherwise, Mountain Bike Teams for the International Mountain Bike Competitions identified in the table below will be selected and named at or before the specified dates.

International Mountain Bike Competition	Competition Date	Application Due Date	Team Selection Date
2021 MTB World Championships – XCO, Val di Sole, Italy	25-29 August 2021	1 July 2021	14 July 2021

9. Additional Competitions:

Without limiting the Board's power under clause 1.5 of Cycling New Zealand's General Selection Regulations, the HPD or designate may, in his / her sole discretion, decide to send MTB Teams to compete in additional International MTB Competitions as outlined in 5.4 of Cycling New Zealand's General Selection Regulations.