

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 information requested on 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

3.1 Subject to available national starting positions at the 2021 World Championships, any athlete who finished in the top 25% of the field at the 2020 MTB World Championships – DHI and who is competing in UCI events during the present UCI MTB DHI season is entitled to selection.

4. Secondary Selection – Men and Women Elite

4.1 If the available national starting positions are not filled after application of the Primary Selection criteria, athletes eligible to be considered for selection under the Secondary Selection are to be selected according to their respective UCI MTB-DHI individual ranking positions at the 2021 World Championships Team selection date ("individual ranking positions").

4.2 Athletes will be selected to the Team in order of their individual ranking positions until all available national starting positions are filled or there are no more riders with UCI points.

5. Primary Selection – Men and Women U19

5.1. Any athlete being selected to the team will be determined according to their individual UCI DHI ranking positions for U19 riders at the 2021 World Championships Team selection date. This selection process, by selecting the riders having the most points down to the riders having the least UCI points, will be followed through until all UCI quota spots, have been allocated or there are no more riders with UCI points.

6. Secondary Selection – U19

- **6.1** The Secondary Selection applies in one of two circumstances being:
 - **6.1.1** Where more athletes would be entitled to selection pursuant to the Primary Selection than there are available national starting positions or;
 - 6.1.2 Where an athlete has not qualified for selection by the Primary Selection.
- **6.2** Athletes eligible to be considered for selection under the Secondary Selection are to be ranked in order of priority according to the following criteria:
 - **6.2.1** Any Top 10 positions achieved in the 2021 Oceania Continental MTB Championships and;
 - **6.2.2** Any Top 5 positions achieved at the 2021 New Zealand National Championships; in the ten (10) months immediately prior to the World Championships Team selection date.

7. Naming of alternates:

In considering the naming of alternates, The Selection Panel will name alternates to the Team being the next best ranked athlete in their category according to their UCI individual points ranking position at the 2021 World Championships Team selection date.

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	Application	Team Selection
Competition	Date	Due Date	Date
2021 MTB World Championships – DHI, Val di Sole, ITA	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, HPD, or designate, , may, in his/her sole discretion, decide to send Teams to compete in additional International Competitions as outlined in 5.4 of Cycling New Zealand's General Selection Regulations.