

- 1. Mandatory Eligibility Requirements for Athletes Seeking Selection:** In order to be eligible, all New Zealand athletes seeking selection for the 2023 UCI Gravel World Championships must:
 - 1.1.** meet all the eligibility requirements set out in clause 4 of the Cycling New Zealand General Selection Regulations 2021-2024. (See <https://www.cyclingnewzealand.nz/assets/CNZ/High-Performance/2021-2024-Selection-Regs/CNZ-General-Selection-Regulations-2021-2024-Updated-7-February-2023-1.pdf>); and,
 - 1.2.** complete the Cycling New Zealand Athlete Application process by providing all the information requested in the online Rider Application Form by the Application Date set out in clause 6 below.

- 2. Qualification and Automatic Selection**
 - 2.1.** Qualification to the 2023 UCI Gravel World Championships is set out in the UCI Qualification System. Details can be found here:
(https://assets.ctfassets.net/76117gh5x5an/3CvKY9gpDTz10EPNyLTFby/cb1568fe8b18613c85c8cdb2e812dedc/2023_UCI_Gravel_World_Championships_-_Qualification_System_-_ENG_.pdf)
 - 2.2.** For qualification through the UCI Gravel World Series (see clause 4 below), the UCI Qualification System for the World Championships states:

“Each UCI Gravel World Series event grants qualification rights for the UCI Gravel World Championships. Based on the results of each race, the first 25% of athletes in each age group will be qualified for the UCI Gravel World Championships. The 25% is calculated based on the number of starters in each age group, and not on the number of riders having finished the race. In addition, the first three riders of each official age category will qualify directly for the World Championships independent of the number of starters in that age group. Riders must finish the race to gain qualification”.
 - 2.3.** Any eligible age group athlete who qualifies for the World Championships through the UCI Gravel World Series in accordance with clause 2.2 will automatically be selected and entitled to enter and compete in the World Championships as a New Zealand athlete, subject to clause 2.4. (See clause 3 below for the age group categories and clause 4 for the UCI Gravel World Series events).

2.4. Athletes who qualify for the World Championships under clause 2.3:

- a. must be adequately insured against accidents and civil responsibility in the country in which the UCI Gravel World Championships are held as per UCI article 15.6.013 of the UCI Regulations. 1. This must be in place at the time the athlete registers their entry with the UCI;
- b. must register their entry with the UCI directly in accordance with requirements of the UCI;
- c. compete as athletes from New Zealand and must arrange, pay for and wear their own jersey which is representative of their nationality as a New Zealander;
- d. must make all arrangements and meet all costs and expenses associated with competing in the World Championships;
- e. must meet all other UCI requirements.

3. Age Categories

As per article 15.5.004 of the UCI Regulations, the age categories for both male & female for the UCI Gravel World Championships are:

- Elite
- 19 – 34
- 35 – 39
- 40 – 44
- 45 – 49
- 50 – 54
- 55 – 59
- 60 – 64
- 65 – 69
- 70 – 74
- 75 – 79
- Etc.

4. UCI Gravel World Series

The UCI Gravel World Series is set out below (or as amended by the UCI). See

<https://ucigravelworldseries.com/en/calendar>).

23 Apr 2023 La Indomable Borja, ESP	29 April 2023 Swartberg 100 Prince Albert, ZAF	30 April 2023 Gravel Fondo Limburg Valkenburg, TNLD
6 May 2023	13 May 2023	13 May 2023

Gravel Challenge Blaavands Huk, Blaavands, DNK	3RIDES Gravel Race Aachen, DEU	Seven Nannup, AUS
20 May 2023 The Gralloch Gatehouse of Fleet, GBR	4 June 2023 Hutchinson Ranxo Gravel Ponts, ESP	11 June 2023 Blue Mountains Gravel Fondo Thornbury, CAN
18 June 2023 Wish One Millau Grands Causses Millau, FRA	24 June 2023 Highlands Gravel Classic Fayetteville, USA	15 July 2023 Gravel One Fifty Roden
22 July 2023 Gravel Adventure Swieradow Zdroj, POL	19 August 2023 Gravel Grit 'n Grind Halmstad, SWE	26 August 2023 Houffa Gravel Houffalize, BEL
2 September 2023 La Monsterrato Quattordio, ITA		

5. Discretionary Selection

5.1 Cycling New Zealand can enter for elites and age groups, 20 quotas in total, in both genders in the World Championships. This excludes those athletes who automatically qualify under clause 2.3 of this Schedule.

5.2 If an eligible athlete has not automatically qualified for selection under clause 2.3 and New Zealand has remaining quota positions available, athletes will be selected in accordance with either clause 5.3 or clauses 5.4 to 5.6, whichever is applicable.

5.3 In the event there are more UCI quota places available, than there are eligible athletes, the eligible athletes will automatically be selected.

5.4 In the event there are more eligible athletes than there are quota places, the Cycling New Zealand Road Selection Panel will, using its discretion, rank the athletes based on their results in the events listed in clause 5.5 during the Performance Selection Period, and then select the athletes in order of ranking for the remaining quota places.

5.5 The events during the Performance Selection Period which the Selection Panel will consider, in order of priority, are:

- a. results in the UCI Gravel World Series (see clause 4);
- b. results at other Gravel races sanctioned by the UCI or any UCI National Federation;
- c. results in road races.

5.6 The Performance Selection Period is from 1 February to 3 September 2023 inclusive.

5.7 Athletes selected under either clause 5.3 or 5.4 to 5.6:

- a. must be adequately insured against accidents and civil responsibility in the country in which the UCI Gravel World Championships are held as per UCI article 15.6.013 of the UCI

Regulations. 1. This must be in place at the time the athlete registers their entry with the UCI;

- b. will be registered for the World Championships by Cycling New Zealand;
- c. compete as athletes from New Zealand and must arrange, pay for and wear their own jersey which is representative of their nationality as a New Zealander;
- d. must make all arrangements and meet all costs and expenses associated with competing in the World Championships;
- e. must meet all other UCI requirements.

6. Important Dates

6.1 The following dates apply to this Schedule, unless amended by Cycling New Zealand due to reasons out of its control.

International Gravel Competition	Competition Date	Athlete Application Date	Selection Date*
2023 UCI Gravel World Championships, Veneto, ITA	7 - 8 October 2023	14 September 2023	18 September 2023

*For athletes selected under clause 5 only.