

Cycling New Zealand – Selection Regulations

Schedule 3 – Mountain Bike Teams – XCO



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1. Objectives for Men and Women Elite and U23:

- 1.1.** Provide riders with opportunities for competition at international level to continue their development and preparation for achieving as many medals as possible at the 2024 Olympic Games, and/or;
- 1.2.** Maximise the medal winning opportunities at World Championships, particularly in Priority Events, and/or;
- 1.3.** Provide age and stage appropriate international racing opportunities for development riders to prepare them for medal success in elite classes for future World Championships, and Major Games.

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

- 2.1.** Complete the Athlete Application process by providing all the information requested in the online Rider Application Form by the date set out in Clause 11; and
- 2.2.** Participate in the 2023 New Zealand Torpedo 7 MTB National Championships in Queenstown from 25-26 February 2023 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. Non-participation is to be applied for prior to the 2023 National Championships by completing the Extenuating Circumstances Form [HERE](#).

3. Selection Process

- 3.1.** 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.
- 3.2.** Participation at the Mountain Bike events is dependent on selected athletes being able to fund themselves.

4. Primary Selection – Men and Women Elite and U23

- 4.1.** Subject to available national starting positions at the 2023 World Championships, any athlete who achieves a Top 10 finish in a UCI World Cup XCO event in the calendar year, starting 1 January 2023 until the Team Selection date, is entitled to selection.

5. Secondary Selection – Men and Women Elite and U23

- 5.1.** The Secondary Selection applies in one of two circumstances:
- 5.1.1** If more athletes would be entitled to selection under the Primary Selection than there are available national starting positions; or
 - 5.1.2** If an athlete has not qualified for selection by the Primary Selection.
- 5.2** Athletes eligible to be considered for selection under the Secondary Selection are to be selected according to the following:
- 5.2.1** Elite and U23 male athletes who have achieved a Top 60 finish in a UCI World Cup in the calendar year starting 1 January 2023 until the 2023 World Championship selection date.
 - 5.2.2** Elite and U23 female athletes who have achieved a Top 45 finish in a UCI World Cup in the calendar year starting 1 January 2023 until the 2023 World Championship selection date.

6. Tertiary Selection – Men and Women Elite and U23

- 6.1** In the event that there are still positions available for selection after the secondary selection, the MTB Selection Panel, with agreement from the HPD, may select one additional eligible rider per category.

7. Objective for Men and Women U19

- 7.1.** Provide age and stage appropriate international racing opportunities for development riders to prepare them for medal success in elite classes for future World Championships, and Major Games

8. Primary Selection – Men and Women U19

- 8.1** Subject to available national starting positions at the 2023 UCI MTB World Championships, any athlete who achieves a podium finish (top 3) at the 2023 MTB Oceania Continental Championships or the 2023 MTB National Championships, is entitled to selection.

9. Secondary Selection – Men and Women U19

9.1 The Secondary Selection applies in one of two circumstances:

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

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

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

9.2.1 Any Top 5 positions achieved in a UCI Class 1 or UCI Junior Series U19 event that finishes within 7.5% of the time of the winner, in the calendar year starting 1 January 2023, until the Team selection date, may be considered for selection.

10. 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
2023 MTB World Championships – XCO, Glasgow, GBR	8-12 August 2023	19 June 2023	5 July 2023
2023 Junior MTB World Championships – XCO, Glasgow, GBR	8-12 August 2023	19 June 2023	5 July 2023

11. 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.