

- 1. **Objective**: Maximise the medal winning opportunities at World Championships.
- 2. Mandatory Eligibility Requirements for Athletes Seeking Selection: All athletes seeking selection to the Team must complete the Athlete Application process by providing all the information requested in the on-line Rider Application Form by the date set out in clause 6.

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. Consideration to Mountain Bike Team Selection

- Any athlete having finished in the top 25% of the field at the 2022 MTB Marathon World Championships, or who has competed in UCI Marathon or XCO events during the current 2023 UCI MTB Marathon season.
- **4.2** Should there be more athletes having met the selection process than quota spots available, selection of athletes to the Team, per racing category, will be determined by selecting best placed finishing rider, to worse placed finishing rider at previous MTB-Marathon World Championships.
- 4.3 In the case where country quota has not been reached per the above-mentioned conditions, and in order of priority any other athlete being selected to the team will be determined using each athlete's individual UCI Marathon Series ranking position then each athlete's individual UCI XCO ranking position as long as ranked inside the top 200 in those rankings at the 2023 World Championships Team selection date.

5. Naming of alternates

In considering the naming of alternates for the events mentioned in clause 6, the Selection Panel will merely name the next best ranked athlete, according to their UCI Marathon Series ranking position then each athlete's individual UCI XCO ranking position at the 2023 World Championships Team selection date.

6. International Mountain Bike Competitions where formal Selection is needed:

Unless Cycling New Zealand decides otherwise, Mountain Bike Teams will be selected and named at the dates mentioned below.

International Mountain	Competition	Application	Team
Bike Competition	Date	Date	Selection Date
2023 Marathon World Championships, Glasgow, SCO	6 August 2023	19 June 2023	5 July 2023

7. Additional Competitions: Without limiting the Board's power under clause 1.5 of Cycling New Zealand's General Selection Regulations, HP Director, or designate as applicable may, in their 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.