

1. Introduction and Qualification

- 1.1 This entry allocation document outlines the process and eligibility requirements for New Zealand riders who wish to seek an entry for the 2025 UCI Gravel World Championship. There are two pathways for riders to obtain an entry: through the UCI Gravel World Series Qualification pathway (all age categories), or through the Cycling New Zealand National Federation Wild card quota (elite riders only).
- 1.2 Riders who gain qualification through the UCI Gravel World Series Qualification Pathway (see clause 6) must meet all Eligibility Requirements outlined in clause 2.

2. Eligibility Requirements

- 2.1 All riders seeking entry to the New Zealand Gravel Team must, at time of entry:
 - a. be a New Zealand citizen with a current New Zealand passport or proof of New Zealand citizenship by way of an official certificate issued by the relevant ministry, New Zealand consulate or New Zealand embassy;
 - b. have a current UCI international racing licence issued by CNZ or another cycling federation affiliated with the UCI, with the nationality marked as "NZL";
 - c. complete the Rider Application and submit it to CNZ via the designated website link by the Application Date;
 - d. not, in CNZ's view, be in breach of, or be under investigation or the subject of any disciplinary proceedings, for any breach of, the constitutions, rules, regulations or requirements of the UCI, CNZ, a Member Organisation or any of the centres, clubs and other members of the UCI, CNZ or a Member Organisation;
 - e. not have any outstanding debts owed to CNZ or any Member Organisation;
 - f. not have acted in a manner so as to bring themselves, the sport of cycling, CNZ, or a Member Organisation, into public disrepute;
 - g. not have used any substances or methods on the prohibited list (which is published annually by the World Anti-Doping Agency) and which, if it had been detected as being present in a sample from the rider's body tissue or fluids provided for anti-doping purposes, would

constitute an anti-doping rule violation under the CNZ anti-doping rules (which are the Sports Anti-Doping Rules or the UCI's anti-doping rules);

- h. not be under investigation or in any disciplinary proceedings, for any breach of, or antidoping rule violation, of CNZ's anti-doping rules, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules, the UCI Anti-Doping Regulations, or the WADA Code;
- i. not have been convicted of a criminal offence or have any charge in respect of any criminal offence punishable by a term of imprisonment pending against the rider;
- j. to have completed anti-doping education within the calendar year of the International Competition;
- k. be eligible under UCI Regulations to represent New Zealand at the applicable International Competition for which the Team is being selected, including complying with any relevant Age Group or other requirement, determined in accordance with the rules of the relevant International Competition.

3. Additional Eligibility Requirements

It is a condition of entry allocation that riders must fund themselves to attend and compete at the 2025 UCI Gravel World Championships and any competitions from which their results may count towards achieving an entry allocation.

4. National Federation – Wild card quota

Cycling New Zealand can enter for the Elite category only, 5 women and 5 men into the World Championships. This excludes those athletes who automatically qualify under clause 6 of this Schedule. In 2025, National Federation wild card quota cannot be used for Age Group category riders.

5. Allocation Process for National Federation Wild cards – Elite Men and Women

- 5.1 Eligible athletes will be allocated an entry in accordance with either clause 5.2 or clause 5.3, whichever is applicable.
- 5.2 In the event that there are more UCI quota places available than there are eligible athletes, all eligible athletes will be allocated an entry.
- 5.3 In the event there are more eligible athletes than there are quota places, the Selection Manager will rank the athletes based on the following, listed in order of priority:
 - a. results in the UCI Gravel World Series within the Performance Window;

- b. results at other Gravel races within the Performance Window sanctioned by the UCI or any UCI National Federation;
- c. UCI Road, UCI MTB XCO, UCI MTB XCM or UCI CX individual rider rankings as at 27 August 2025, with each discipline ranking being given equal weight.

5.4 Athletes allocated an entry under either clause 5.2 or 5.3:

- a. will be registered for the World Championships by Cycling New Zealand;
- b. must wear New Zealand team kit;
- c. must sign a Cycling New Zealand athlete agreement;
- 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 Automatic Qualification

6.1 Automatic qualification to the 2025 UCI Gravel World Championships is achieved through the UCI Gravel World Series. Details can be found [HERE](#).

6.2 Any eligible athlete who qualifies for the World Championships through the UCI Gravel World Series will automatically be selected and is entitled to enter and compete in the World Championships as a New Zealand athlete, subject to clause 6.3.

6.3 Athletes who qualify for the World Championships under clause 6.1 must meet the Eligibility Requirements outlined in clause 2, and must:

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

7 Key Timelines*

New Zealand team allocation will be carried out in accordance with the Key Timelines set out below, unless Cycling New Zealand needs to change those dates for reasons outside of its control.

*For athletes allocated an entry under clause 5 only.

Key Timelines	
1 January 2025 – 26 August 2025	Performance Window
1 August – 17 August 2025	Rider Application Period
29 August 2025	Gravel Worlds entry allocation Notification Deadline
11 – 12 October 2025	2025 UCI Gravel World Championships, Zuid Limburg, Netherlands