
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 2026 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships (Elite, U23 and U19 categories).

2. Eligibility Requirements

- 2.1 All riders seeking allocation of a National Federation entry must:

- 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";
- 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

- 3.1 All riders seeking allocation of a National Federation entry must complete the Rider Application by providing all the information requested in the online Rider Application by the date set out in clause 6.
- 3.2 Riders must fund themselves to attend and compete at the 2026 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships and any competitions from which results contribute towards meeting criteria.

4. Allocation Process

- 4.1 Eligible Elite, U23 and U19 riders will be allocated an entry in accordance with the following:
 - 4.1.1 **Primary Criteria:** The female and male New Zealand National Champion in U19, U23 and Elite categories at the 2026 New Zealand Cyclo-cross National Championships (31 August 2025, Blenheim), subject to available quota places at the 2026 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships.

In the event of a combined race at the 2026 New Zealand Cyclo-cross National Championships, the winner of each age category (U19, U23 and Elite) will be eligible for selection under this primary selection criteria.
 - 4.1.2 **Secondary Criteria:**

If a rider does not meet the Primary Criteria for automatic selection the following criteria will apply:
 - a. any rider who finishes in the top 50% of the field at a UCI Cyclo-Cross World Cup race (in the category for which that rider is seeking an entry) during the performance window will be allocated an entry.

- b. if there are more Eligible riders than remaining quota spots, riders will be ranked according to their best World Cup placing during the performance window and selected in ascending order until quota is allocated.

5. Key Timelines

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

Key Timelines	
31 August 2025 – 5 January 2026	Performance Window
1 September – 30 September 2025	Rider Applications Window
9 January 2026	Cyclocross Worlds Team Notification Deadline
30 January – 1 February 2026	2026 UCI Cyclocross World Championships Hulst, Netherlands