

Schedule 3 – Mountain Bike (XCO) – Elite, U23 and Junior (U19)

Selection for 2025 UCI MTB (XCO) World Championships

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1. General Selection Regulation and this Schedule

- 1.1 This Schedule 3 is a schedule to the Cycling New Zealand General Selection Regulation (last updated December 2024) ([General Selection Regulation](#)) for selection of the Mountain Bike Cross Country Teams for the Elite, U23 and Junior categories of the 2025 UCI MTB (XCO) World Championships.
- 1.2 Both the General Selection Regulation and this Schedule apply, including that riders must be Eligible (as defined in the Regulation). Every reference to a rider in this Schedule means an Eligible rider, unless stated otherwise. Definitions used in the General Selection Regulation apply to this Schedule, unless stated otherwise. If there is any inconsistency between this Schedule and the General Selection Regulation, the General Selection Regulation will apply to the extent of any such inconsistency.

2. Selection Objectives

- 2.1 Cycling New Zealand's objectives for the 2025 UCI MTB (XCO) World Championships are to select riders it considers:
 - a. are capable of winning medals at the 2025 UCI MTB (XCO) World Championships; or
 - b. show potential for medal success in Elite classes for future World Championships.

3. Additional Requirements

- 3.1 In order to be Eligible, all riders seeking selection to a Team must complete the Rider Application in the Rider Application Period set out in clause 8 below.
- 3.2 It is a condition of selection that riders must fund themselves to attend and compete at the 2025 UCI MTB (XCO) World Championships and any competitions from which their results may count towards achieving selection. (See clause 8 of the General Selection Regulation for conditional selections).

4. Selection Criteria for Elite and U23 Riders – Men and Women

Selection of Elite Riders (Men and Women) for the Team to compete at the 2025 UCI MTB (XCO) World Championships is subject to available quota places and will be decided wholly on the basis

of the following Objective Criteria:

4.1 Primary Selection Criteria:

- 4.1.1 Subject to clause 4.1.2 any rider who achieves a top 10 placing in the Elite or U23 category (in the category for which they are seeking selection) at any UCI World Cup MTB (XCO) competition during the Performance Window (see clause 8), will be selected.
- 4.1.2 If there are more riders entitled to selection under clause 4.1.1 than there are available quota places, riders will be selected in order of their highest top 10 placing result in the Elite or U23 category (in the category for which they are seeking selection) at any UCI World Cup MTB (XCO) competition during the Performance Window for the number of quota places available.
- 4.1.3 If riders are tied under clause 4.1.2, the rider with the most recent highest top 10 placing under clause 4.1.2 will be selected.

4.2 Secondary Selection Criteria:

- 4.2.1 If there are quota places remaining after application of the Primary Selection Criteria, riders will be selected for the remaining quota places, based on the following:
 - a. Elite and U23 Women riders who achieve a top 40 finish placing in the Elite or U23 category respectively at a UCI MTB (XCO) World Cup during the Performance Window, will be selected in order of their best top 40 placing result, in the Elite or U23 category in which they competed.
 - b. Elite and U23 Men riders who achieve a top 60 finish placing in the Elite or U23 category respectively at a UCI MTB (XCO) World Cup during the Performance Window, will be selected in order of their best top 60 placing results, in the Elite or U23 category in which they competed.
- 4.2.2 If riders are tied under clause 4.2.1a or clause 4.2.1b, the rider with the most recent highest top 40 placing (for women) and top 60 placing (for men) in the Elite or U23 category respectively at a UCI World Cup MTB (XCO) competition during the Performance Window will be selected.

Please read the [Addendum 3](#) for the addition of Tertiary Criteria

5. Selection Criteria for Junior (U19) Riders – Men and Women

Selection of Junior (U19) riders (Men and Women) for the Team to compete at the 2025 UCI MTB (XCO) World Championships is subject to available quota places and will be decided wholly on the basis of the following Objective Criteria:

5.1 Primary Selection Criteria:

5.1.1 Subject to clause 5.1.2, any rider who achieves a podium finish (top 3 placing) in the Junior (U19) category at the 2025 MTB (XCO) Oceania Continental Championships or the 2025 MTB (XCO) National Championships will be selected.

5.1.2 If there are more riders entitled to selection under clause 5.1.1 than there are available quota places, riders will be selected on their results in the Junior (U19) category in the following order, for the number of available quota places:

1. 2025 Oceania MTB XCO Champion
2. 2025 New Zealand National MTB XCO Champion
3. 2025 Oceania MTB XCO Championships – 2nd Place
4. 2025 New Zealand MTB XCO National Championships – 2nd Place
5. 2025 Oceania MTB XCO Championships – 3rd Place
6. 2025 New Zealand MTB XCO National Championships – 3rd Place

5.2 **Secondary Selection Criteria:** If there are quota places remaining after application of the Primary Selection Criteria (clause 5.1) riders will be selected for the number of quota places remaining based on the following, in priority order:

5.2.1 Subject to clause 5.2.2, riders who achieve a top 5 placing in the Junior (U19) category at the 2025 Oceania MTB XCO Championships or in a UCI Class 1, HC or UCI Junior Series U19 competition¹ during the Performance Window will be selected.

5.2.2 If there are more riders entitled to selection under clause 5.2.1 than there are available quota places, or there is a tie in the top 5 placings of riders in clause 5.2.1, riders will be selected in order of their finishing times as a percentage behind the event winner, with riders closest to the winning time ranked higher.

6. Reserves

If there are riders who meet the Primary or Secondary Selection Criteria in any of the Elite, U23 or Junior (U19) categories who are not selected due to insufficient quota, two riders in each category

¹ These competitions can be found by searching in the [UCI MTB Calendar](#). The 'Class' type (Class 1, HC, or Junior Series) can be found under each competition listing.

will be selected as non-travelling reserves. The two selected non-travelling reserve riders will be ranked by their highest result that meets the relevant Primary or Secondary Selection Criteria in an Elite, U23 or Junior (19) category. Grounds for promoting non-travelling reserves to selected Team members are outlined in clause 4.8 of the General Selection Regulations.

7. Verification, Confirmation and Notification of Selection

The Selection Manager will verify the riders' results, confirm and notify the selected riders in accordance with clause 5.2.2 of the General Selection Regulation by the Notification Deadline.

8. Key Timelines

The MTB (XCO) Teams will be selected in accordance with the Key Timelines set out below, unless Cycling New Zealand needs to change those dates for reasons outside of its control.

Key Timelines	
1 January 2025 – 14 July 2025	Performance Window
13 January – 11 April 2025	Rider Application Period
28 March 2025	MTB XCO U19 team selection Notification Deadline for any riders selected under the Primary Selection Criteria. (selection is conditional on confirmation of quota from the UCI)
21 July 2025	MTB XCO Elite and U23 team selection Notification Deadline. MTB XCO U19 team selection Notification Deadline for any riders selected under the Secondary Selection Criteria. (selection is conditional on confirmation of quota from the UCI)
8 – 14 September 2025	2025 MTB (XCO) World Championships Valais, Switzerland