

Cycling New Zealand - Selection Regulations

Schedule 3 – Mountain Bike Teams – XCO



1 September 2020

NOTICE: The Covid-19 situation continues to evolve both internationally and in New Zealand. As such there could be further changes to the international cycling calendar which could result in changes to these regulations.

This policy has been updated following the UCI's release of their Covid-19 health and safety protocols for UCI MTB events.

1. **Athlete Nomination:** All athletes seeking selection to the Team must complete the Athlete selection process by completing all information on the on-line Rider Application Form as prescribed in Paragraph 9 in this selection schedule.
2. **Selection prerequisite:** Participation in the 2020 New Zealand National Championships at Dunedin from 24-26 January is mandatory for all nominees for selection. Unless agreed in writing by HPD or designate, pursuant to Clause 10 of the Cycling New Zealand General Selection Regulations.
3. **Selection Process**
 - 3.1. Under this Schedule there will be no pool selection (Article 5 of the Cycling New Zealand General Selection Regulations 2017 – 2020) conducted by the Relevant Selection Panel. All applicants will go directly to the Team Selection Process.
 - 3.2. When exercising its discretion about which (if any) of the factors set out in Article 8 of the Cycling New Zealand General Selection Regulations 2017 – 2020, the Selection Panel shall consider only the criteria in this Schedule.
 - 3.3. 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.
 - 3.4. Participation at the Mountain Bike events, is dependent on selected athletes being able to fund themselves.
 - 3.5. Consideration will be first given to athletes who have registered Extenuating Circumstances as per Clause 10 of the Cycling New Zealand General Selection Regulations.
4. **Primary Selection – Men and Women Elite and U23**
 - 4.1. Subject to available national starting positions at the 2020 World Championships any athlete who achieves a Top 10 finish in a World Cup XCO in the twelve (12) months immediately prior to the 2020 World Championships 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 (2) circumstances listed below:
 - 5.1.1 If more athletes would be entitled to selection than there are available national starting positions under the Primary Selection 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 their UCI individual ranking positions at the 2020 World Championships Team selection date ("individual ranking positions").

Only male athletes ranked in the top 150 and female athletes ranked in the top 100 of the UCI individual ranking positions at the 2020 World Championships Team selection date may be eligible for selection. This clause is conditional on an athlete not having qualified by the Primary Selection (see paragraph 5.1.2 above).

6. Tertiary Selection – Men and Women Elite and U23

- 6.1 In the event that there is still spots available for selection after the secondary selection the High Performance Director and or designate may in his or her sole discretion select one additional eligible rider per category to be added to the team.

7. Primary Selection – Men and Women U19

- 7.1 Subject to available national starting positions at the World Championships, any athlete who achieves a top 10 at a UCI Class 1 / UCI Junior Series U19 event in the twelve (12) months immediately prior to the 2020 World Championships Team selection date is entitled to selection.

8. Secondary Selection – Men and Women U19

- 8.1 The Secondary Selection applies in one of two circumstances being:

- 8.1.1 Where more athletes would be entitled to selection pursuant to the Primary Selection than there are available national starting positions or;
- 8.1.2 Where an athlete has not qualified for selection by the Primary Selection.

- 8.2 Athletes eligible to be considered for selection under the Secondary Selection are to be ranked according to the following criteria:

- 8.2.1 Any Top 3 positions achieved at the 2020 New Zealand National MTB Championships and;
- 8.2.2 Any Top 5 positions achieved in the 2020 Oceania Continental MTB Championships.

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

Unless Cycling New Zealand decides otherwise, Mountain Bike Teams will be selected and named at or before the dates mentioned below. Teams will be selected to attend the International Mountain Bike Competitions listed in the table below:

International Mountain Bike Competition	Competition Date	Application Date	Team Selection Date
2020 MTB World Championships - XCO, Leogang, AUT	5-11 October 2020	24 July 2020	7 September 2020

10. 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 his/her sole discretion, decide to send MTB Teams to compete in additional International MTB Competitions as outlined in 6.3 of Cycling New Zealand's General Selection Regulations.

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ADDENDUM

CYCLING NEW ZEALAND POSITION STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AND PROJECT ACTIVITIES – UPDATE #3

31 August 2020

COVID-19 has had an unprecedented impact on the world. On the [15 July](#) and [17 August](#) Cycling New Zealand (herein referred to as CNZ) published position statements on international campaigns and project activities. In developing this position statement, consideration was given (but not exclusively) to how the pandemic has affected the general population worldwide, cycle racing, travel, short and long term health risks and CNZ's duty of care towards its members and staff. Along with recommendations from MFAT and the New Zealand Government.

On 24 August UCI published its [protocol](#) for the resumption of mountain bike competitions in 2020.

The document applies to all UCI-registered international competitions, in particular the UCI MTB World Championships of cross country, downhill, E-MTB and marathon and eliminator. In relation to the published protocols, CNZ has taken the following position:

- CNZ will NOT enter any riders in the 2020 UCI MTB World Championships, 2020 MTB Marathon World Championships and 2020 MTB World Cups unless they have 2020 contractual obligations with a UCI listed mountain bike team;
- Any riders named in national teams for any of these events are required to be based in Europe for at least 1 month prior and to make their own arrangements with regard to entry exemptions and quarantine requirements for the countries they intend to travel to. Additionally, would be responsible for their own quarantine when returning to New Zealand;
- CNZ will NOT provide any New Zealand based staff for any of these events. Any riders named in national teams for these events will need to be solely reliant on their UCI teams for support. CNZ will facilitate entries as required and provide national team uniform. However, we strongly recommend all riders undertake their own personal risk assessment of the situation, and ensure they have support measures and plans in place should they find themselves in a changed circumstance;
- CNZ will work in collaboration with selected athlete's UCI trade teams to ensure staff can service riders during the events;
- Finally, for avoidance of doubt, CNZ will not enter any U19 (UCI Junior category) riders in any overseas events over which it has entry jurisdiction between now and 31 December 2020 (Regardless of any potential exceptions listed above).

CNZ continues to monitor the global situation and reserves the right to modify its approach to its activities at any time prior to the above events running.