

BMXNZ TEAMS 2018/2019

YOUTH DEVO TEAM



YOUTH DEVO Team Selection for Australian Trip 2019

AUGUST 2018

Rider retention and development has been identified as one of the strategic goals for BMX NZ. With our largest challenge rider classes in the under 11 year classes, the challenge is to keep these riders in the sport into their early teens and beyond and provide a structured skills development path up to and including Junior Elite level.

Currently UCI11 and 12 year classes have the draw of the Mighty 11 format to encourage participation, while the arrival of the CNZ BMX Performance HUB now caters for riders from 15+.

BMXNZ now need to transform the format of the steps between the M11s and the HUB, build on a development of the riders that will direct the focused in the right direction and provide a potential goal to retain riders.

Key to this is keeping hold of the overseas experience that is a large part of the old format that was the TEST Teams & Senior DEVO Teams.

Youth DEVO Team Format

Firstly a change in ages is needed to bridge the gap after the Mighty 11s, so the new focus will be on riders UCI 13-14yrs. The main theory behind this, is the progression & development need to follow on & take a step up so we have a consistency of delivery. The CNZ HUB will look at riders from 15/16yrs, so this is the obvious age group.

BMXNZ values the experience that comes with travelling as a team away from the usual environments that are in New Zealand and so will aim to hold on to this process.

The selection process will remain the same as the previous format but the selection dates will move from pre-Norths to later in the year, so that there is a shorter, more focused window, in which to train & ride as a development group. The intention is to hold trials at the last regional champs meeting of each year. For 2018, this would be the Central Region champs in Taupo. The Devo Team will work with the Manager/Coach to increase skills & condition to be ready to compete at a selected AUS event in 2019, likely an Australian National Series round in NSW, Victoria or Queensland, though the specific event will only be to be confirmed once the BMXA publish the 2019 race calendar.

As before BMXNZ will be using the existing format at a starting point, then evolve the program & look further in to other opportunities to develop the program.

Culture

A key point of this development step is to instil an independent athlete culture into riders & move away from the assisted mentality that comes from helpful parents & supporters. BMXNZ believe that development of riders includes more than racing, it is about personal growth, maturity & self-sufficiency, then add to that travelling away and building new contacts & relationships with managers, team members & competitors, BMXNZ is aiming for a win/win for the sport & athlete.

Building the culture, will prepare riders for potential inclusion in the HUB program where self-management of goals and training is required and build better riders that will be beneficial to the sport when riders travel the world later in their racing careers.

Logistics

Selection to the team will give the riders focused training & opportunities that will be built to increase the development of the riders. Riders will receive a trip (flights, accommodation, race entry etc. as per previous format) to a BMX AUS Event. Further racing may be offered as part of the program at the riders cost.

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Youth DEVO Team Structure

The Youth DEVO Team shall consist of:

- 4 male riders – 2 x UCI 13 and 2 x UCI 14 at time of trial
- 4 female riders - any combination of UCI 13/14 at time of trial

Team Management will consist of a maximum of 2 adults.

1 x Manager and 1 x Coach.

Trialling

The Youth DEVO Team Trial racing is \$25 entry and for all riders applying in the correct age groupings.

Riders entered in the Youth DEVO Team Trial must also be entered in, and ride in their age group 20" class at the trial event.

Youth DEVO Team Selection & Travel Dates

Selection - Central Region Champs (Taupo) Dec 2018

BMX AUS Series Event - Feb or Mar 2019 to be confirmed

Events Attended

The Youth DEVO program will initially consist of the one BMX AUS event, plus the possibility of the requirement to compete in the BMXNZ SUPERclass series. Development of the program may offer other options.

Training

BMXNZ will offer selected riders training & athlete development opportunities. Rider must attend these camps to travel with the team.

Substitution/Reserve

The substitution/reserve is allocated to the next top points scorer irrelevant of age, and may be called upon if a rider is injured and is unable travel on the AUS trip. Reserves will need to be at all training & development sessions to be allocated the space.

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