



## SECTION B1

### 2019 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships – Cross-Country Olympic (XCO)

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of the B1 - XCO selection criteria is to nominate athletes to the National Team pursuant to the following objectives:
  - 1.1.1. Athletes capable of achieving a top 20 result at 2019 UCI World Championships.
  - 1.1.2. Athletes who have demonstrated through international performances and results the potential to progress toward a top 20 result at the UCI MTB World Championships within 2 years, and are capable of finishing on the lead lap at the 2019 UCI MTB World Championships.
  - 1.1.3. Junior athletes who have demonstrated potential to progress towards a top 20 result at future World Championships, and are capable of finishing on the lead lap at the 2019 UCI MTB World Championships.
  - 1.1.4. Athletes who have the potential to be one of the top three ranked Australians on the UCI XCO individual rankings at the end of 2019 such that their performance at World Championships may assist Australia's overall nation ranking.

#### 2. TEAM SIZE

- 2.1. The maximum number of athletes in each category is equal to the relevant UCI quota.
- 2.2. MTBA reserves the right to not fill quotas.
- 2.3. If quotas are filled the Selectors may list reserves in case athletes decline, are injured, withdraw or are removed from the team. **Reserves must meet all eligibility requirements, minimum performance standards and meet the objectives stated in Section A part 1.**

#### 3. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD AND SELECTION EVENTS

- 3.1. **Performance Time Period:** The performance period for the purposes of selections is 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019. In the case of extenuating circumstances being approved under the criteria in Section A part 4, the Selectors may consider an athlete's results in the 12 months prior to the performance time period.
- 3.2. **Selection Events:** For the purposes of nominations the selectors will consider performances achieved in the following events.
  - 3.2.1. **Elite Men and Women, U23 Men and Women:** Results from XCO events at:
    - a) 2018 UCI MTB World Championships.
    - b) 2019 Oceania MTB Championships.
    - c) 2019 MTBA MTB National Championships.
    - d) Other international results during the performance period. International results are defined as performances in UCI listed XCO events and may include events in Australia.
    - e) **MTBA National Cup Tier 1 and higher XCO events during the performance period.**
  - 3.2.2. **Junior Men and Women:** Results from XCO events at the:
    - a) 2018 UCI MTB World Championships.
    - b) 2019 Oceania MTB Championships.
    - c) 2019 MTBA MTB National Championships.
    - d) UCI Junior World Series races during the performance period.
    - e) **National Cup Tier 1 and higher level XCO events during the performance period.**

#### 4. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY (in addition to Section A)

- 4.1. To be eligible for nomination to the team all riders must compete in the following events. In the case of extenuating circumstances being approved under the criteria in Section A part 4, the MTBA Sport Manager may grant exemptions.
- 4.1.1. **Elite Men and Women, U23 Men and Women:**
- a) 2019 XCO National Championships.
  - b) 2019 Oceania Championships.
- 4.1.2. **Junior Men and Women:**
- a) 2019 XCO National Championships.
  - b) 2019 Oceania Championships.
  - c) MTBA National Cup Tier 1/Junior World Series – Mt Stromlo 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019
  - d) MTBA National Cup Tier 1/Junior World Series – Mackay 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- 4.2. All junior athletes once selected must participate in the full MTBA AUS team program immediately prior to World Championships and stay with the team during World Championships unless they are a member of a UCI listed MTB trade team or have applied for and received prior approval from the MTBA Sport Manager. Details of the program will be available on the MTBA website prior to applications closing.

#### 5. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- 5.1. To be eligible for nomination to the team all riders must meet minimum performance standards. This includes automatic and non-automatic nominations.
- 5.1.1. **Elite Men and Women:**
- a) Have a total race time within 105% of the winning race time at any of the mandatory events listed in 4.1.1 in their respective elite category.
  - b) OR finish on the lead lap at the 2019 UCI XCO World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3, or 4 in their respective Elite category.
  - c) OR finish on the lead lap and have a race time within 107% (men) and 110% (women) of the winning race time at a UCI listed Hors or C1 XCO event during the performance period in their respective Elite category.
- 5.1.2. **U23 Men and Women:**
- a) Have a total race time within 105% of the winning race time at any of the mandatory events listed in 4.1.1 in their respective U23 category or elite category if approval to ride up has been granted.
  - b) OR finish on the lead lap at the 2019 UCI XCO World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3, or 4 in their respective U23 category.
  - c) OR finish on the lead lap and have a race time within 107% (men) and 110% (women) of the winning race time at a UCI listed Hors or C1 XCO event during the performance period in their respective U23 or Elite category.
- 5.1.3. **Junior Men and Women:**
- a) Have a total race time within 105% of the winning race time at any of the mandatory events listed in 4.1.2 in their respective junior category.
  - b) OR have a total race time within 104% of the winning race time at an MTBA National Cup Tier 1 or above XCO race (excluding state championships and stage races) during the performance period in their respective junior category.

#### 6. SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1. Criteria are listed in priority order, (i.e. all athletes achieving the first criteria will be nominated). If positions still remain after the first criteria has been considered, then the second criteria will be considered etc. until team size is achieved in accordance with Section A part 1.
- 6.2. If multiple athletes meet a specific criteria such that selecting both athletes would exceed the max UCI quota, then the athlete with the highest result will take precedence. If their best results are the same, then a count back system based on next best result against the same criteria will be used.

## 7. AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

### 7.1. Elite Men

- 7.1.1. 2019 XCO Elite Oceania Champion.
- 7.1.2. A top 10 finish at 2018 Elite XCO World Championships.
- 7.1.3. A top 30 result in the 2019 UCI XCO Elite World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3, or 4. For a result to be considered the rider must finish on the lead lap.
- 7.1.4. **A top 20 result in the Elite category at a UCI listed HC or C1 XCO event in Europe between Jan 1<sup>st</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. For a result to be considered the rider must finish on the lead lap.**
- 7.1.5. A **top 10** result in the Elite category at a UCI listed HC or C1 XCO event in the United States or Canada during the performance period. For a result to be considered the rider must finish on the lead lap.
- 7.1.6. 2019 XCO Elite National Champion.
- 7.1.7. **Any unselected rider ranked in the first 3 of all Australians (including U23) in UCI Elite XCO rankings at the end of the performance period.**

### 7.2. Elite Women

- 7.2.1. 2019 XCO Elite Oceania Champion.
- 7.2.2. A top 10 finish at 2019 Elite XCO World Championships.
- 7.2.3. A **top 25** result in the 2019 UCI XCO Elite World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3 or 4. For a result to be considered the rider must finish on the lead lap.
- 7.2.4. **A top 15 result in the Elite category at a UCI listed HC or C1 XCO event in Europe during the performance period. For a result to be considered the rider must finish on the lead lap.**
- 7.2.5. A **top 8** result in the Elite category at a UCI listed HC or C1 XCO event in the United States or Canada during the performance period. For a result to be considered the rider must finish on the lead lap.
- 7.2.6. 2019 XCO Elite National Champion.
- 7.2.7. **Any unselected rider ranked in the first 3 of all Australians (including U23) in UCI Elite XCO rankings at the end of the performance period.**

### 7.3. U23 Men

- 7.3.1. 2019 XCO U23 Oceania Champion.
- 7.3.2. A top 10 result at the 2018 U23 XCO World Championships.
- 7.3.3. A top 30 result in the 2019 UCI U23 XCO World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3 or 4. For a result to be considered the rider must finish on the lead lap.
- 7.3.4. **A top 20 result in the U23 or Elite category at a UCI listed HC or C1 XCO event in Europe during the performance period. For a result to be considered the rider must finish on the lead lap.**
- 7.3.5. A **top 10** result in the U23 or Elite category at a UCI listed HC or C1 XCO event in the United States or Canada during the performance period. For a result to be considered the rider must finish on the lead lap.
- 7.3.6. 2019 XCO U23 National Champion.
- 7.3.7. **Any unselected rider ranked in the first 5 of all Australians (including elite) in UCI Elite XCO rankings at the end of the performance period.**

### 7.4. U23 Women

- 7.4.1. 2019 XCO U23 Oceania Champion.
- 7.4.2. A top 10 result at the 2018 U23 XCO World Championships.
- 7.4.3. A **top 20** result in the 2019 UCI U23 XCO World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3 or 4. For a result to be considered the rider must finish on the lead lap.
- 7.4.4. **A top 10 result in the U23 or Elite category at a UCI listed HC or C1 XCO event in Europe during the performance period. For a result to be considered the rider must finish on the lead lap.**
- 7.4.5. A **top 6** result in the U23 or Elite category at a UCI listed HC or C1 XCO event in the United States or Canada during the performance period. For a result to be considered the rider must finish on the lead lap.
- 7.4.6. 2019 XCO U23 National Champion.
- 7.4.7. **Any unselected rider ranked in the first 5 of all Australians (including elite) in UCI Elite XCO rankings at the end of the performance period.**

## 7.5. Junior Men

7.5.1. 2019 XCO Junior Oceania Champion.

7.5.2. A top 10 result at the 2018 Junior XCO World Championships.

7.5.3. 2019 MTBA National Champion.

7.5.4. **Best placed unselected rider at the MTBA National Cup Tier 1/Junior World Series – Mt Stromlo 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

7.5.5. **Best placed unselected rider at the MTBA National Cup Tier 1/Junior World Series – Mackay 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

7.5.6. The next best unselected Australian athlete on the UCI junior XCO ranking list at the end of the performance period.

## 7.6. Junior Women

7.6.1. 2019 XCO Junior Oceania Champion.

7.6.2. A top 10 result at the 2018 Junior XCO World Championships.

7.6.3. 2019 MTBA National Champion.

7.6.4. **Best placed unselected rider at the MTBA National Cup Tier 1/Junior World Series – Mt Stromlo 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

7.6.5. **Best placed unselected rider at the MTBA National Cup Tier 1/Junior World Series – Mackay 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

7.6.6. The next best unselected Australian athlete on the UCI junior XCO ranking list at the end of the performance period.

## 8. NON-AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

- 8.1. If quota places remain after all automatic selections have been made the Selectors, at their absolute discretion, may nominate additional athletes that meet the objectives stated in part 1. All non-automatic nominations must meet eligibility criteria, minimum performance standards, and be endorsed by the MTBA CEO before they become selections to the team.

## 9. TEAM RELAY

- 9.1. Athletes who are a member of the 2019 Australian World Championships Team in XCO are eligible for selection in the team relay and may be selected at the discretion of the National Team Manager.

## 10. ATHLETE SUPPORT

10.1. MTBA will provide team uniform to athletes selected in the National Team.

10.2. MTBA will provide staff at the World Championships event to assist with rider registration, coaching and mechanical support.

10.3. MTBA will provide ground transport, accommodation and meals on a cost recovery basis for all athletes choosing to stay within the Australian team program. Note: Junior athletes must stay with the team unless they are a member of a UCI listed MTB trade team or have applied for and received prior approval from the MTBA Sport Manager.

## 11. SCHEDULE FOR AUSTRALIAN XCO NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

Action	Date
Applications <b>CLOSE</b> .	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
Submission of all applications to the selection panel.	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
Submission of nominations to the MTBA CEO.	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
Notification of selection outcome to all applicants.	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019
Appeal period <b>OPEN</b>	12pm – 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
Appeal period <b>CLOSED</b>	12pm – 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
Commencement of appeals hearing (if required)	29 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Public announcement of team	TBC following close of appeal period or appeal proceedings.

## 12. CHANGES TO SCHEDULE

- 12.1. MTBA reserves the right to change these announcement dates in the event that more time is needed to ensure due process and fairness in selection, subject to section A, article 2.4 and compliance with UCI entry dates.
- 12.2. Additional athletes may be nominated to a National Team after the selection dates at the discretion of the Selectors.
- 12.3. Any competition results after the announcement of the team will only be considered if places are available on the team

## 13. APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information and all documents visit the International Representation page of the MTBA website.

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