



## SECTION B2

### 2019 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships – Downhill Individual (DHI)

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of the B2 - DHI selection criteria is to nominate athletes to the National Team pursuant to the following objectives:
  - 1.1.1. Athletes capable of achieving the following results at 2019 UCI World Championships.
    - a) Elite Men – Top 15
    - b) Elite Women – Top 10
    - c) Junior Men – Top 20
    - d) Junior Women – Top 8
  - 1.1.2. Athletes who have demonstrated through international performances and results the potential to progress toward a result as listed in 1.1.1 at the UCI MTB World Championships within 2 years.
  - 1.1.3. Junior athletes who have demonstrated potential to progress towards a result as listed in 1.1.1 at future World Championships.
  - 1.1.4. Athletes who have the potential to be one of the top three ranked Australians on the UCI DHI 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 clause 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:** Results from DHI events at the:
    - a) 2018 UCI DHI World Championships.
    - b) 2019 UCI DHI World Cups rounds 1 to 5.
    - c) Other international results during the performance period. International results are defined as performances in UCI listed DHI events and may include events in Australia.
    - d) 2019 Oceania DHI Championships.
    - e) 2019 MTBA National DHI Championships.
    - f) **MTBA National Cup Tier 1 and higher DHI events during the performance period.**
  - 3.2.2. **Junior Men and Women:** Results from DHI events at the:
    - a) 2018 UCI DHI World Championships.
    - b) 2019 Oceania DHI Championships.

- c) 2019 MTBA National DHI Championships.
- d) International results during the performance period. International results are defined as performances in UCI listed DHI events and may include events in Australia.
- e) MTBA National Cup Tier 1 and higher DHI 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**
    - a) 2019 DHI National Championships.
    - b) 2019 DHI Oceania Championships.
  - 4.1.2. **Junior Men and Women:**
    - a) 2019 DHI National Championships.
    - b) 2019 DHI Oceania Championships.
    - c) MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Buller 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
    - d) MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Baw Baw 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019
- 4.2. All junior athletes 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:**
    - a) Have a race time within 105% of the winning race time at any mandatory event listed in 4.1.1.
    - b) OR a top 50 result at the 2019 UCI Elite DHI World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5
  - 5.1.2. **Elite Women:**
    - a) Have a race time within 110% of the winning race time at any mandatory event listed in 4.1.1.
    - b) OR a top 12 result at the 2019 UCI Elite DHI World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.
  - 5.1.3. **Junior Men:** Have a race time within 110% of the Elite Men's category winning race time at:
    - a) The 2019 DHI National Championships.
    - b) OR the 2019 DHI Oceania Championships.
    - c) OR the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Buller.
    - d) OR the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Baw Baw.
  - 5.1.4. **Junior Women:** Have a race time within 120% of the Elite Women's category winning race time at:
    - a) The 2019 DHI National Championships.
    - b) OR the 2019 DHI Oceania Championships.
    - c) OR the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Buller.
    - d) OR the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Baw Baw.
- 5.2. For the purposes of meeting minimum performance standards the selectors, at their absolute discretion, reserve the right to disregard results where there were significant weather and/or track condition differences between the elite and junior categories.

#### 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 clause 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 DHI Elite Oceania Champion.
- 7.1.2. A top 5 finish at 2018 Elite DHI World Championships.
- 7.1.3. A top 25 result in the 2019 UCI Elite DHI World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.
- 7.1.4. 2019 DHI Elite National Champion.
- 7.1.5. Any unselected rider ranked in the first 3 UCI ranked Australian Elite riders at the end of the performance period.

### 7.2. Elite Women

- 7.2.1. 2019 DHI Elite Oceania Champion.
- 7.2.2. A top 5 finish at 2019 Elite DHI World Championships.
- 7.2.3. A top 10 result in the 2018 UCI Elite DHI World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.
- 7.2.4. 2019 DHI Elite National Champion.
- 7.2.5. Any unselected rider ranked in the first 3 UCI ranked Australian Elite riders at the end of the performance period.

### 7.3. Junior Men

- 7.3.1. 2019 DHI Junior Oceania Champion.
- 7.3.2. A top 5 result at the 2018 Junior DHI World Championships.
- 7.3.3. 2019 MTBA DHI Junior National Champion.
- 7.3.4. Best placed unselected rider at the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Buller.
- 7.3.5. Best placed unselected rider at the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Baw Baw
- 7.3.6. Any unselected rider ranked in the first 2 UCI ranked Australian junior riders at the end of the performance period.

### 7.4. Junior Women

- 7.4.1. 2019 DHI Junior Oceania Champion.
- 7.4.2. A top 5 result at the 2018 Junior DHI World Championships.
- 7.4.3. 2019 MTBA DHI Junior National Champion.
- 7.4.4. Best placed unselected rider at the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Buller.
- 7.4.5. Best placed unselected rider at the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Baw Baw
- 7.4.6. Any unselected rider ranked in the first 2 UCI ranked Australian junior riders at the end of the performance period.

## 8. NON-AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

- 8.2. 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 clause 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. ATHLETE SUPPORT

- 9.2. MTBA will provide team uniform to athletes selected in the National Team.
- 9.3. MTBA will provide all staff at the World Championships event to assist with rider registration, coaching and technical support.
- 9.4. 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.

## 10. SCHEDULE FOR AUSTRALIAN DHI 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.

## 11. CHANGES TO SCHEDULE

11.2. 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.

11.3. Additional athletes may be nominated to a National Team after the Selection Dates at the discretion of the Selectors.

11.4. Any competition results after the announcement of the team will only be considered if places are available on the team

## 12. APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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