



SECTION B8

2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships – E-Mountain Bike (E-MTB)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted the international racing calendar, and individual countries' lockdown measures have severely limited travel opportunities. While the UCI has scheduled a revised World Cup series and a Mountain Bike World Championships, it cannot be guaranteed (as of 27-5-2020) that these events will proceed. Many European countries are planning limited border reopenings in mid-June however some countries require a 14-day self-isolation period or a health certificate, and do not include international travellers. Any increase in the rate of COVID-19 cases may quickly reverse these measures at any time. In addition, athletes considering applying and planning for participation in the rescheduled 2020 World Championships should carefully consider the following.

- International travel from AUS is currently banned with no date for recommencement scheduled.
- It will be virtually impossible to obtain travel insurance to cover you for COVID or any COVID related illness or travel disruptions. If you are overseas and get sick it will be exceptionally expensive to be treated and you will be personally liable.
- You may have to go into 14-day isolation in a government organised facility when returning to AUS, potentially at your own expense.
- There may be considerable logistical limitations to travel and accommodation.

In keeping with the UCI's plan of running a 2020 MTB World Championships if the required easing of COVID-19 specific lockdown restrictions occurs, MTBA will select a team, and facilitate participation in the World Championships for any selected athlete willing and able to travel to the event.

Given the risks and logistical challenges at this point in time (27-5-2020) MTBA cannot commit to the provision and sending of any Australian based support staff for the assistance of riders who do choose to travel. The pandemic situation is constantly changing and it is impossible to predict the situation in 4 months' time. All athletes selected should consider themselves as essentially self-supported and be prepared to accept all responsibilities. MTBA will continue to monitor the situation and should this position change, will provide updates as required.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of the B8 E-MTB 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 2020 UCI E-MTB World Championships.

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.

3. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD AND SELECTION EVENTS

- 3.1. **Performance Time Period:** In addition to performances at the 2019 XCO World Championships, the performance period for the purposes of selections is 1st December 2019 to 5th April 2020. 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

- a) 2020 MTBA E-MTB National Championships.
- b) E-MTB races held in conjunction with MTBA National Cup Tier 1 or higher XCO events during the performance period. (Note that while E-MTB is not currently included in the MTBA National Cup, any XCO style E-MTB race held in conjunction with a National Cup Tier 1 or higher listed XCO event during the performance time period will be considered a selection event).

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) 2020 MTBA E-MTB National Championships.

4.2. To be eligible for nomination to the team all riders must be aged 19 or over as of December 31st 2020.

5. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

5.1. To be eligible for nomination to the team all riders must meet the following minimum performance standards. This includes automatic and non-automatic nominations.

5.1.1. Elite Men:

- a) Have an average lap time AND fastest lap time during the E-MTB race within 105% of the average lap time and fastest lap time of the winner of the Elite Men's XCO race at the 2020 MTBA MTB National Championships.

5.1.2. Elite Women:

- a) Have an average lap time AND fastest lap time during the E-MTB race within 105% of the average lap time and fastest lap time of the winner of the Elite Women's XCO race at the 2020 MTBA MTB National Championships.

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 parts 1 and 2 of this document.
- 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

To be eligible for automatic selection riders must meet mandatory requirements and minimum performance standards.

7.1. Elite Men

7.1.1. 2020 Elite Men's E-MTB National Champion.

7.2. Elite Women

7.2.1. 2020 Elite Women's E-MTB National Champion.

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 mandatory requirements, minimum performance standards, and be endorsed by the MTBA CEO before they become selections to the team.

9. ATHLETE SUPPORT

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

9.2. MTBA will provide staff at the World Championships event to assist with rider registration.

9.3. ~~All selected riders will be eligible for the MTBA Elite Athlete reward Program. More details on the program can be found on the International Representation page of the MTBA website.~~

10. SCHEDULE FOR AUSTRALIAN XCO NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

Action	Date
Applications CLOSE .	28 th June 2020
Submission of all applications to the selection panel.	6 th July 2020
Submission of nominations to the MTBA CEO.	8 th July 2020
Notification of selection outcome to all applicants.	9 th July 2020
Appeal period OPEN	12pm – 13 th July 2020
Appeal period CLOSED	12pm – 15 th July 2020
Commencement of appeals hearing (if required)	20 th July 2020
Public announcement of team	TBC following close of appeal period or appeal proceedings.

11. CHANGES TO SCHEDULE

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. Additional athletes may be nominated to a National Team after the selection dates at the discretion of the Selectors.
- 11.3. 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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