



## SECTION B2

### 2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships – Downhill Individual (DHI)

#### REVISED 22-7-2020 – ELITE MEN and WOMEN ONLY

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION: 22-7-2020.** The COVID-19 pandemic continues to dramatically affect international travel and racing. The cancellation of the first 3 rescheduled 2020 UCI MTB DHI World Cups has forced an update to the DHI selection criteria. [Nominations resulting from these criteria are provisional subject to final approval under the MTBA / Cycling Australia International Activities position statement \(see appendices\).](#)

#### 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 2020 UCI World Championships.
    - a) Elite Men – Top 15
    - b) Elite Women – Top 10
  - 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.

#### 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:**
  - 3.1.1. **Elite Men and Women:** 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to 17<sup>th</sup> March 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:** Results from DHI events at the:
    - a) 2020 Oceania DHI Championships.
    - b) 2019 UCI DHI World Championships.
    - c) 2020 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.

#### 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 DHI National Championships.

#### 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 selection events listed in 3.2.1.
  - 5.1.2. **Elite Women:**
    - e) Have a race time within 110% of the winning race time at any selection events listed in 3.2.1.

#### 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 criterion 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. 2020 DHI Elite Oceania Champion (note Elite could be awarded to a junior rider if they are fastest on the day).
- 7.1.2. A top 5 finish at 2019 Elite DHI World Championships.
- 7.1.3. 2020 DHI Elite National Champion.
- 7.1.4. Any unselected rider ranked in the first seven (7) UCI ranked Australian Elite riders at the end of the performance period.

##### 7.2. Elite Women

- 7.2.1. 2020 DHI Elite Oceania Champion (note Elite could be awarded to a junior rider if they are fastest on the day).
- 7.2.1. A top 5 finish at 2019 Elite DHI World Championships.
- 7.2.2. 2020 DHI Elite National Champion.
- 7.2.3. Any unselected rider ranked in the first three (3) UCI ranked Australian Elite riders 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 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

- 9.1. MTBA will provide team uniform to athletes selected in the National Team.
- 9.2. MTBA will appoint a team manager to facilitate all entry requirements. Further updates regarding support will be made closer to the event.

## 10. SCHEDULE FOR AUSTRALIAN DHI NATIONAL ELITE TEAM SELECTION

Action	Date
Applications <b>CLOSE</b> .	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
Submission of all applications to the selection panel.	29 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
Submission of nominations to the MTBA CEO.	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
Notification of selection outcome to all applicants.	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2020
Appeal period <b>OPEN</b>	12pm – 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2020
Appeal period <b>CLOSED</b>	12pm – 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2020
Commencement of appeals hearing (if required)	10 <sup>th</sup> August 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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## APPENDIX

### MOUNTAIN BIKE AUSTRALIA POSITION STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

24 July 2020

In response to the current global COVID-19 pandemic, Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA) wish to make public its current position on its international competition activities. In developing this position statement, consideration was given to a range of factors including but not limited to, how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected:

- The general population worldwide.
- International MTB racing.
- Domestic and international travel restrictions and logistics.
- Short and long term health risks.
- MTBA's duty of care towards its members and staff.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) currently advise there is a ban on overseas travel from Australia. Australian citizens cannot leave Australia without an exemption from DFAT.

As such, MTBA will not be conducting any national team campaigns or projects due to take place outside of Australia before 1 January 2021 with the following possible exceptions:

1. MTBA's position may be reconsidered for campaigns and projects in New Zealand in the case there is a government endorsed Trans-Tasman travel bubble.
2. MTBA's position may be reconsidered for the 2020 UCI MTB World Championships, the 2020 MTB Marathon World Championships and federation entries for the remaining 2020 season Mountain Bike World Cups.

When considering its position in relation to the above events, MTBA will consider a range of factors including but not limited to the most up-to-date DFAT position, the current COVID-19 position of the host country, information from the UCI and event organisers, and the ability of MTBA to provide the appropriate duty of care to their members and staff.

With all aforementioned being taken into account:

- A decision, in conjunction with Cycling Australia, on federation entries for the remaining 2020 season UCI Mountain Bike World Cups will be taken around but not later than 7 August, 2020. **Note this does NOT affect riders on UCI listed trade teams.**
  - A decision, in conjunction with Cycling Australia, on the 2020 UCI MTB World Championships participation will be taken around but no later than 14 August, 2020.
  - A decision, in conjunction with Cycling Australia, on the 2020 UCI MTB Marathon World Championships will be taken around but no later than 14 August, 2020.
3. In the case that this position is reconsidered for the above events, MTBA will only consider selecting and endorsing entries for Elite, U23 and professional riders. For the purposes of this position statement, a professional is defined as a rider that is a member of a UCI listed trade team. Riders in these categories wishing to be considered will need to have been based in Europe for a minimum of one (1) month prior to the date of the start of the competition in question.
  4. **For the avoidance of doubt, MTBA 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) unless they have contractual obligations with a UCI listed trade team.**
  5. **For the avoidance of doubt, MTBA will not send any Australian based staff to any overseas events between now and 31 December 2020 (regardless of any potential exceptions listed above). Locally based staff will facilitate entries only.**

MTBA continues to monitor the global situation and reserves the right to modify its approach to its activities over the next few months.