



SECTION B2

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

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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 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
 - 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 2020 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:**
 - 3.1.1. **Junior Men and Women:** In addition to performances at the 2019 DHI World Championships, the performance period for the purposes of selections is 1st January 2020 to 5th July 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.
 - 3.1.2. **Elite Men and Women:** In addition to performances at the 2019 DHI World Championships, the performance period for the purposes of selections is 1st January 2020 to 20th September 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) 2019 UCI DHI World Championships.
 - b) 2020 UCI DHI World Cups rounds 1 to 3 (Lenzerheide Sept 5-6, Val di Sole Sept 12-13, Les Gets Sept 19-20).
 - 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) 2020 Oceania DHI Championships.
 - e) 2020 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) 2019 UCI DHI World Championships.
 - b) 2020 Oceania DHI 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.
 - 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) 2020 DHI National Championships.
 - 4.1.2. **Junior Men and Women:**
 - a) 2020 DHI National Championships.
 - b) MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Baw Baw (Feb 15-16 2020)
 - ~~c) MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Beauty (March 28-29 2020)~~
- ~~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.
 - g) OR a top 50 result at the **2020 UCI DHI Elite World Cups rounds 1 to 3 (Lenzerheide Sept 5-6, Val di Sole Sept 12-13, Les Gets Sept 19-20).**
- 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.
 - h) OR a top 12 result at the **2020 UCI DHI Elite World Cups rounds 1 to 3 (Lenzerheide Sept 5-6, Val di Sole Sept 12-13, Les Gets Sept 19-20).**
- 5.1.3. **Junior Men:** Have a race time within 110% of the Elite Men's category winning race time at:
- a) The 2020 DHI National Championships.
 - b) OR the 2020 DHI Oceania Championships.
 - c) OR the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Baw Baw (Feb 15-16 2020).
 - ~~d) OR the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Beauty (Mar 28-29 2020).~~
- 5.1.4. **Junior Women:** Have a race time within 115% of the Elite Women's category winning race time at:
- a) The 2020 DHI National Championships.
 - b) OR the 2020 DHI Oceania Championships.
 - c) OR the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Baw Baw (Feb 15-16 2020).
 - ~~d) OR the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Beauty (Mar 28-29 2020).~~
- 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. 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. **A top 25 result in the 2020 UCI Elite DHI World Cups rounds 1 to 3 (Lenzerheide Sept 5-6, Val di Sole Sept 12-13, Les Gets Sept 19-20).**
- 7.1.4. 2020 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. 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. **A top 10 result in the 2020 UCI Elite DHI World Cups rounds 1 to 3 (Lenzerheide Sept 5-6, Val di Sole Sept 12-13, Les Gets Sept 19-20).**
- 7.2.3. 2020 DHI Elite National Champion.
- 7.2.4. 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. 2020 DHI Junior Oceania Champion.
- 7.3.2. A top 5 result at the 2019 Junior DHI World Championships.
- 7.3.3. 2020 MTBA DHI Junior National Champion.
- 7.3.4. Best placed unselected rider at the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Baw Baw (Feb 15-16 2020)
- ~~7.3.5. Best placed unselected rider at the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Beauty (March 28-29 2020)~~
- 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. 2020 DHI Junior Oceania Champion.
- 7.4.2. A top 5 result at the 2019 Junior DHI World Championships.
- 7.4.3. 2020 MTBA DHI Junior National Champion.
- 7.4.4. Best placed unselected rider at the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Baw Baw (Feb 15-16 2020)
- ~~7.4.5. Best placed unselected rider at the MTBA National Cup Tier 1 DHI – Mt Beauty (March 28-29 2020)~~
- 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 a team manager to facilitate all entry requirements. Further updates regarding support will be made closer to the event.~~
- ~~9.4. MTBA will provide staff at the World Championships event to assist with rider registration, coaching and technical support.~~
- ~~9.5. 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.~~
- ~~9.6. 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 DHI NATIONAL JUNIOR 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.

SCHEDULE FOR AUSTRALIAN DHI NATIONAL ELITE TEAM SELECTION

Action	Date
Applications CLOSE .	20 th August 2020
Submission of all applications to the selection panel.	21 st September 2020
Submission of nominations to the MTBA CEO.	23 rd September 2020
Notification of selection outcome to all applicants.	24 th September 2020
Appeal period OPEN	12pm – 28 th September 2020
Appeal period CLOSED	12pm – 30 th September 2020
Commencement of appeals hearing (if required)	5 th October 2020
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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