

SECTION B4

2020 UCI World Championships – Cyclo-cross (CX)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of the B4 - CX selection criteria is to nominate athletes to the National Team pursuant to the following objectives:
- 1.1.1. Athletes capable of achieving a top 30 result at 2020 UCI CX World Championships.
 - 1.1.2. Athletes who have demonstrated through international performances and results the potential to progress toward a top 30 result at the UCI MTB World Championships within 2 years, and are capable of finishing on the lead lap at the 2020 UCI CX World Championships.
 - 1.1.3. Junior athletes who have demonstrated potential to progress towards a top 30 result at future World Championships, and are capable of finishing on the lead lap at the 2020 UCI CX World Championships.

2. TEAM SIZE

- 2.1. The maximum number of athletes in each category is equal to the relevant UCI quota.

Category	Max Quota
Elite Men	5
Elite Women	5
U23 Men	5
U23 Women	5
Junior Men	5
Junior Women	5

- 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 objectives stated in Section A and Section B4.

3. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD AND SELECTION EVENTS

- 3.1. **Performance Time Period:** The performance period for the purposes of selections is 1st January 2019 to 22nd September 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, Junior Men:**
- a) 2019 MTBA CX National Championships.
 - b) 2019 MTBA CX National Series.
 - c) Other international performances during the performance period. International performances are defined as performances in CX events listed on the UCI calendar 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, U23 Men and Women, Junior Men and Women:**
- a) 2019 CX National Championships – August 10-11.
 - b) 2019 CX National Series rounds 8 and 9 – August 17-18.

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) Possess 40 UCI points in the most recently published Elite UCI rankings after the conclusion of the performance period.
 - b) AND/OR have a total race time within 104% of the winning race time at a 2019 CX National Series race and/or the 2019 CX National Championships in their respective Elite category.
- 5.1.2. **U23 Men and Women:**
- a) Possess 30 UCI points in the most recently published Elite UCI rankings after the conclusion of the performance period.
 - b) AND/OR have a total race time within 107% of the winning race time at a 2019 CX National Series race in their respective Elite category
 - c) AND/OR have a total race time within 104% of the winning race time at the 2019 CX National Championships in their respective U23 category.
- 5.1.3. **Junior Men:**
- a) Have a total race time within 104% of the winning race time at a 2019 CX National Series race and/or the 2019 CX National Championships in the Junior Men's category.
- 5.1.4. **Junior Women:**
- a) Have a total race time within 104% of the winning race time at a 2019 CX National Series race and/or the 2019 CX National Championships in the Junior Women's category.
- 5.2. 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.

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 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.

6. AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

- 6.1. **Elite Men:**
- 1.1.1. Athletes ranked in the top 100 on the most recently published Elite Men's UCI ranking after the conclusion of the performance period.
 - 6.1.1. Top 3 Elite Men in the 2019 MTBA CX National Championships.
 - 1.1.2. Any unselected athlete ranked in the top 3 Australians in the most recently published UCI Elite Men's ranking after the conclusion of the performance period.

6.2. Elite Women:

1.1.3. Athletes ranked in the top 100 on the most recently published Elite Women's UCI ranking after the conclusion of the performance period.

6.2.1. Top 3 Elite Women in the 2019 MTBA CX National Championships.

1.1.4. Any unselected athlete ranked in the top 3 Australians in the most recently published UCI Elite Women's ranking after the conclusion of the performance period.

6.3. U23 Men:

1.1.5. Athletes ranked in the top 200 on the last published UCI Elite Men ranking after the conclusion of the performance period.

6.3.1. Top 3 U23 Men in the 2019 MTBA CX National Championships.

1.1.6. Any unselected athlete ranked in the top 3 U23 Australians in the most recently published UCI Elite Men's ranking after the conclusion of the performance period.

6.4. U23 Women:

1.1.7. Athletes ranked in the top 200 on the last published UCI Elite Women ranking after the conclusion of the performance period.

6.4.1. Top 3 U23 Women in the 2019 MTBA CX National Championships.

1.1.8. Any unselected athlete ranked in the top 3 U23 Australians in the most recently published UCI Elite Women's ranking after the conclusion of the performance period.

6.5. Junior Men:

6.5.1. Top 3 Junior Men in the 2019 MTBA CX National Championships.

7.5.2. Top 3 Junior Men in the 2019 CX National Series overall.

7.5.3. Any unselected athlete ranked in the top 3 Australians in the last published UCI Junior rankings after the conclusion of the performance period.

7.6. Junior Women:

7.6.1. Top 3 Junior Women in the 2019 MTBA CX National Championships.

7.6.2. Top 3 Junior Women in the 2019 CX National Series overall.

7.6.3. Any unselected athlete ranked in the top 3 Australians in the last published UCI Junior rankings after the conclusion 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. ATHLETE SUPPORT

9.1. Athletes should take careful note of the decision by MTBA to not send Australian based staff to CX World Championships in 2020 to chaperone and support junior riders. Instead MTBA will focus on an international development trip to races more suitable, and financially more realistic, for the current state of the sport in the junior categories.

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

9.1.2. MTBA will provide staff at the World Championships event to assist all athletes with registration and mechanical support as required.

10. SCHEDULE FOR AUSTRALIAN XCO NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

Action	Date
Applications CLOSE .	22 nd September 2019
Submission of all applications to the selection panel.	24 th September 2019
Submission of nominations to the MTBA CEO for endorsement.	27 th September 2019
Notification of selection outcome to all applicants.	1 st October 2019
Appeal period OPEN	12pm – 2 nd October 2019
Appeal period CLOSED	12pm – 4 th October 2019
Commencement of appeals hearing (if required)	7 th October 2019
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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