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SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE 2021 BMX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Cycling Canada is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact programs and policies. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, Cycling Canada will respect published programs and policies as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require programs or policies to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly affect the program or policy. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow a program or policy to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including selection decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in the relevant policy, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Cycling Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

BMX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION KEY DATES

Date	Event
March 3, 2020	UCI ranking used to establish quotas (see below)
July 16, 2021	Deadline for technical assessment of athletes (see appendix)
July 22, 2021	Nomination recommendations submitted to HPC
July 26, 2021	Athletes notified of selection
July 31, 2021	Deadline to file notice of appeal (11:59 p.m. EST in Ottawa, Ontario)
Aug. 5, 2021	Public announcement of team
Aug. 5, 2021	Registration deadline
Aug. 17-22, 2021	BMX World Championships

CANADA'S 2021 BMX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS QUOTAS

Established according to UCI rule 9.4.027 and published on the UCI website.

Category	Quota
Junior women	4
Junior men	3
Elite women	3
Elite men	2



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SCHEDULE A: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA

JUNIOR WOMEN	
Quota:	4 athletes NOTE: CC reserves the right to vary the team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athletes' performance level.
Eligible athletes:	Canadian citizens born in 2003 or 2004 who hold a valid 2021 UCI junior BMX licence designating their nationality as Canadian and who have completed the technical assessment described in Appendix A.
Minimum performance standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes achieving qualifying results and technical assessment listed in Appendix A. • The top-ranked Canadian on the UCI ranking on the selection date. • Additional athletes may be considered for selection based on the recommendation of the National BMX Coach. Any such nominations must be approved by the Selection Committee
Selection criteria:	<p>Athletes will be nominated in the following order of priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The top-ranked Canadian on the UCI ranking on the selection date, providing they are in the top 10 of the UCI ranking. If there are no athletes in the top 10 then the athlete will be nominated based on coach discretion. 2. Coach discretion 3. Coach discretion from among first year juniors. 4. Coach discretion <p>Up to 2 reserves may be nominated using the same criteria.</p> <p><i>Coach discretion shall take into account performances and results from the following events in priority order:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2021 World Cup Events. ii. 2021 UCI Races on SX tracks iii. 2019 World Championships. iv. 2019 Canadian BMX Championships. v. 2021 Canada Cup Series.

JUNIOR MEN	
Canada's anticipated quota:	3 athletes NOTE: CC reserves the right to vary the team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athletes' performance level.
Eligible athletes:	Canadian citizens born in 2003 or 2004 who hold a valid 2021 UCI junior BMX licence designating their nationality as Canadian and



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	who have completed the technical assessment described in Appendix A.
Minimum performance standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes achieving qualifying results and technical assessment listed in Appendix A. • The top-ranked Canadian on the UCI ranking on the selection date. • Additional athletes may be considered for selection based on the recommendation of the National BMX Coach. Any such nominations must be approved by the Selection Committee
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ELITE WOMEN

Canada's anticipated quota:	<p>3 athletes</p> <p>NOTE: CC reserves the right to vary the team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athletes' performance level.</p>
Eligible athletes:	Canadian citizens born 2002 and earlier who hold a valid 2021 UCI elite BMX licence designating their nationality as Canadian and who have completed the technical assessment described in Appendix A.
Minimum performance standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top 3 ranked Canadians on the UCI ranking on the selection date. • Athletes achieving qualifying results and technical assessment listed in Appendix A. • Additional athletes may be considered for selection based on the recommendation of the National BMX Coach. Any such nominations must be approved by the Selection Committee
Selection criteria:	Athletes will be nominated in the following order of priority:



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The top-ranked Canadian on the UCI ranking on the selection date. 2. The next-best ranked Canadian on the UCI ranking on the selection date. 3. Coach discretion. <p>Up to 2 reserves may be nominated using the same criteria.</p> <p><i>Coach discretion shall take into account performances and results from the following events in priority order:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2021 World Cup Events. ii. 2021 UCI Races on SX tracks iii. 2019 World Championships. iv. 2019 Canadian BMX Championships. v. 2021 Canada Cup Series.
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ELITE MEN

Canada's anticipated quota:	<p>2 athletes</p> <p>NOTE: CC reserves the right to vary the team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athletes' performance level.</p>
Eligible athletes:	<p>Canadian citizens born 2002 and earlier who hold a valid 2021 UCI elite BMX licence designating their nationality as Canadian and who have completed the technical assessment described in Appendix A.</p>
Minimum performance standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top 3 ranked Canadians on the UCI ranking on the selection date. • Athletes achieving qualifying results and technical assessment listed in Appendix A. • Additional athletes may be considered for selection based on the recommendation of the National BMX Coach. Any such nominations must be approved by the Selection Committee
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SCHEDULE B: GENERAL SELECTION POLICIES

1. DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

The High Performance Director (HPD) is responsible for developing and approving all national team selection processes and procedures.

Prior to publication, world championship selection policies will be circulated to the Cycling Canada Athletes Council for feedback, published in draft form on the Cycling Canada website, and submitted to the High Performance Committee for ratification.

Nomination recommendations will be prepared based on the criteria by a selection committee composed of one or more members of the High Performance Committee and the HPD. All nominations, including alternates, will be ratified by the High Performance Committee.

During the actual competition period, all final decision making authority will reside with the HPD. The starting composition for team events shall be determined on site by the coach of that event and approved by the HPD, and must come from among the athletes competing at the World Championships.

2. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION (IF) CRITERIA

The maximum size of Canada's cycling delegation at the World Championships will be determined by the qualification system drafted by the International Cycling Union (UCI).

3. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for selection to the Canadian team, an athlete must:

- Be a Canadian citizen.
- Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before the final travel date for the World Championships
- Be in compliance with all relevant CC and UCI requirements for eligibility.
- Hold a valid UCI licence indicating nationality as Canadian.
- Sign, submit and comply with the Cycling Canada National Team Agreement no later than Aug. 30, 2021.
- Have completed all relevant UCI, WADA and CCES anti-doping requirements;
- Minors must have parental permission to participate in training programs and competitions.

4. OTHER FACTORS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED IN SELECTION

In addition to the Specific Selection Criteria, selection will take into consideration any one or more of the following additional factors:

- Individual performances and/or results in international competition of the rider in the 12-month period prior to the selection date;
- The rider's potential to contribute to future Olympic qualifying spots;
- The rider's potential to win a medal at the next Olympic Games;
- The rider's potential to compete at future Olympic Games;
- The rider's technical ability;
- The rider's tactical ability;
- The rider's physical ability / fitness;



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- The rider's suitability for the course / venue / environmental conditions of the Event in consideration;
- The rider's attitude, composure and behavior in high-pressure competitive environments;
- The results of any of the rider's sport science tests conducted by CC, including biomechanical and physiological;
- The rider's consistency and reliability in competition;
- The ability of the rider to contribute to a team result;
- The rider's attendance, performance, attitude and conduct in training whilst a member of national team program (DTE, training camp or competition);
- The rider's level of communication with CC, including sharing training programs and reports with the relevant National Coach.

5. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

In considering the performances and results of riders at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under this Policy, the selection committee may, at its discretion, give weight to extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Policy.

For the purposes of this Policy, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, attend training camps or perform at an optimum level arising from any one or more of the following:

- Injury or illness (documented at the time the incident occurred and accompanied by a certified medical explanation);
- Pregnancy;
- Travel delays caused by carriers.

Riders unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Policy must advise the HPD of the extenuating circumstances in writing of this fact and the reasons thereof, with as much advance notice as possible, ideally more than seven (7) days prior to the beginning of the events, trials, or other attendances upon which selection may be considered under this Policy.

In the case of injury or illness, riders are required to provide a doctor's certificate and/or undergo a medical examination by a medical practitioner/s nominated by CC and to provide the opinion and/or report of such practitioner to the HPD. A failure to agree to such request will result in the HPD being prevented from considering the injury or illness as extenuating circumstances.

The determination of an extenuating circumstance will be made on a case-by-case basis. Such determination will be made by the HPD and will be documented accordingly.

6. OTHER SELECTION MATTERS

- **Factors Pertaining to Team Size:** Where a greater number of riders achieves the Specific Selection Criteria than is permitted by the maximum Team size specified in this document, the selection committee shall determine which riders are to be nominated for selection. For this reason, achieving the Specific Selection Criteria does not guarantee selection to a Canadian Pool or Team.
- **Additional Riders:** Additional riders (up to the maximum number of riders specified in this document) may be added to a Pool or Team after the Selection Date, at the discretion of the Selection Committee.



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- Removal from a Team: A rider may be removed from Team in accordance with Clauses 9 and/or 10 of this Policy.
- Right to Vary or Not Enter Teams: CC reserves the right to enter a larger or smaller Team or no Team at all in any Category for any Event, regardless of the number of riders who have met the Specific Selection Criteria, for reasons including, but not limited to, CC's assessment of the athletes' ability to meet the performance objectives; budgetary restrictions; or other factors not under CC's control. CC will endeavor to notify individuals affected by such a decision as soon as practicable, with the rationale for the decision.

7. PERFORMANCE READINESS AND INJURIES

All selections made using these criteria are subject to an assessment of the athlete's performance readiness.

"Performance readiness" is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) onsite at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying. The final recommendation on competitive readiness will be made by the relevant head coach to the HPD, using all available information at his/her disposal including performance results and progress over the selection period, the suitability of the training and competition plan, fitness and other indicators, submitted medical documentation, consultation with the athlete's personal coach, and any other relevant performance related information.

Once selected, athletes who do not remain performance ready because of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team at any time. Any such removals are subject to the approval of the HPC. Athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level. Notification must be sent to the relevant head coach and to High Performance Director Kris Westwood (kris.westwood@cyclingcanada.ca).

Prior to the UCI registration deadline all nominated athletes shall have their current performance status evaluated by the relevant Head Coach, and their injury/health status assessed by the relevant IST staff member(s). If, having completed these assessments, an athlete is deemed to be underperforming significantly as a result of injury or illness the relevant head coach shall decide if the athlete will be recovered and will satisfy the definition of "performance readiness" indicated immediately above in order to maintain their nomination.

8. REMOVAL OF AN ATHLETE ONCE SELECTED

Besides in the case of performance readiness outlined above, an athlete may be removed from selection if she or he:

- breaches or fails to comply with this Policy or any term of the CC Athlete Agreement;
- breaches or fails to comply with:
- CC National team policy;
- the rules established by the CCES;
- the rules of any event, competition or activity in which the rider has been selected to participate;
- any reasonable instruction or request by the HPD or National Team Coach;
- brings him/herself, another rider in the Team, the Team as a whole, an official, CC, or cycling generally, into disrepute;



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Removal from the team is subject to the same approvals process as for selection.

Cycling Canada will advise the affected athlete, in writing, of the decision.

9. AMENDMENTS & UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection process to be fairly and objectively applied, the HPD, in consultation with the HPC, reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action.

10. APPEALS

Any selection decisions by Cycling Canada may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in the Cycling Canada Appeals Policy, published on the Cycling Canada website. Appeals may also be brought directly to the SDRCC with the consent of all parties.

11. STAFF SELECTION (Coaches, Team Leaders)

The HPD has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including coaches, for the World Championships. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the the worlds.

12. FUNDING

Cycling Canada will endeavour to fund the majority of the costs related to World Championships participation. Nevertheless, some athletes may be required to pay a reasonable project fee to contribute to costs. This fee will be communicated at the time of selection.

13. CONTACT

For clarifications or questions on the contents of this policy, please contact High Performance Director Kris Westwood at kris.westwood@cyclingcanada.ca



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APPENDIX A: Qualifying results and Technical assessment for 2021 worlds selection

ELITE EVENTS Age	WOMEN			MEN		
	24+	U23	1st year Elite	24+	U23	1st year Elite
2021 World Cup events	Top 16	Top 32	Qualify	Top 16	Top 64	Qualify
2019 World Championships	Top 16	Top 32	N/A	Top 16	Top 32	N/A
2019 & 2020 World Cup events	Top 16	Top 32	N/A	Top 16	Top 32	N/A
2021 UCI events on SX tracks	Top 8	Top 16	Top 32	Top 16	Top 32	Top 64
2019 A Pro	N/A	N/A	N/A		Top 8	Top 16
2019 Canadian BMX Championships	Top 3	Top 5	N/A	Top 3	Top 5	N/A
2021 Canada Cup Series	Top 1	Top 3	N/A	Top 1	Top 3	N/A
2019 Canada Cup Series (Junior)			Top 3			Top 3

JUNIOR EVENTS	WOMEN		MEN	
	2 nd year	1 st year	2 nd year	1 st year
2021 World Cup events	Qualify	Qualify	Qualify	Qualify
2019 World Championships	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2019 World Cup events	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2021 UCI events on SX tracks - Europe	Top 16	Top 32	Top 32	Top 64
2021 UCI events on SX tracks – USA	Top 4	Top 8	Top 8	Top 16
2019 Canadian BMX Championships	Top 5	N/A	Top 5	N/A
2019 & 2020 North American SX Open		Top 4		Top 4
2019 & 2021 Canada Cup Series	Top 3	N/A	Top 3	N/A
2019 Canada Cup Series (Jr Development)		Top 3		Top 3

Note: results must also be in the top half of the field

Technical ability assessment:

The BMX World Championships will be held on a Supercross track, which has a bigger start hill and jumps than most BMX tracks. In order to compete safely on a Supercross track, athletes must possess the appropriate skills. Cycling Canada will not select athletes who have not demonstrated these skills either in past competition, or through the technical assessment described below.

- i. Junior and Elite athletes must demonstrate the ability to complete the SX hill and first jump in either Abbotsford or Toronto a minimum of 10 times in a single session.
- ii. Male Junior and Elite athletes must also demonstrate the ability to complete the second straight pro sections at either Abbotsford or Toronto a minimum of 5 times in a single session.

Technical ability assessment must be completed by July 16, 2021, either with the national coach or by submitting video of the athlete. Please contact BMX coach Adam Muys at adam.muys@cyclingcanada.ca in order to make arrangements to conduct this assessment.