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2024 MOUNTAIN BIKE DOWNHILL SELECTION POLICY

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All programming subject to change.



GENERAL INFORMATION

This document lays out the criteria to be used for selection to the Canadian team for 2024 Para-Cycling projects.

The criteria are organized by Section as follows:

- Section A – PROGRAM OVERVIEW
- Section B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
- Section C – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

The program objectives and calendar are stated in Section A.

Athletes must meet the Eligibility Criteria in Section B to be considered for selection.

Selection decisions are based on the Specific Criteria in Section C.

Unless expressly stated in the Specific Selection Criteria, selections are subject the General Selection Criteria found on the Cycling Canada website.

SECTION A – PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Cycling Canada National Team Program is designed to contribute to Cycling Canada’s mission: “To Inspire Canadians to Cycle.”

International competition opportunities are the foundation of any national team program. They are an important motivator for athletes who hope to excel on the world stage. A well-designed national team program also creates a positive environment in which the athletes can learn as much as possible from the experience. The outcome should be well-rounded competitors with the life skills to excel in their future careers as cyclists and beyond.

The Canadian National Team program strives to achieve this through well-run programming supported by professional staff who will help the athletes grow their skills and perform to their potential.

The Mountain Bike DHI selection process is intended to build well-rounded downhill cyclists through safe and efficiently executed competition projects; to function as a springboard for the future careers of athletes and staff members; and to position Canada for success at the World Championships.

2024 MOUNTAIN BIKE DOWNHILL PROJECTS

Dates	Project	Location
Aug 23- Sept 2	UCI World Championships	Pal Arinsal AND

Development Camp Opportunities:

Throughout the year, Cycling Canada will endeavor to provide training camps and opportunities intended to better prepare athletes for competition. The number of opportunities will vary based on available funding each year.

Nomination for camp opportunities will be based on Coach Panel assessment of performances in the previous 12-24 months.

The following camps are proposed for 2024 (to be confirmed):

1. . Early May – Windrock bike park, Tennessee USA
2. . Mid August – Whistler bike park, BC or Sun Peaks bike park, BC



In the event of an additional camp, Cycling Canada will notify athletes by email as soon as information becomes available.

Privateer opportunities will be available at World Cups and the Pan American Championships. The process for accessing these opportunities can be found in Cycling Canada's Privateer Policy.

SECTION B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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 before the date required by the consular authorities of the country in which the event is being held.
- Be in compliance with all relevant CC and UCI requirements for eligibility.
- Hold a valid UCI license indicating nationality as Canadian.
- Sign, submit and comply with the CC National Team Agreement.
- Have completed all relevant UCI, WADA and CCES anti-doping requirements.
- Have signed the consent form agreeing to be bound by the Universal Code of Conduct to prevent and address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS).
- Minors must have parental permission to participate in training programs and competitions.

Additional eligibility requirements may be detailed in the Specific Selection Criteria below.

To be considered valid for selection, all results must be in the top half of the field, where the field size is defined by the number of athletes listed in the official results, including DNF, DNS and DSQ.



SECTION C – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Project		UCI World Championships	
Project dates:	Aug. 23-Sept. 2, 2024		
Competition dates and location:	Aug 28-Sept 1, 2024		
Location:	Pal Arinsal AND		
Objective:	Performance		
Max. team size:	Category	Women	Men
	Junior (born 2006-2007)	7	7
	Elite (2005 and earlier)	7	7
<p><i>Cycling Canada reserves the right to modify the team size per Clause 5 of the General Selection Policy.</i></p> <p>Note: Junior athletes will attend World Championships either as part of the National Team or with their UCI Mountain Bike Team. Cycling Canada has anticipated housing and logistical support for a limited number of junior athletes; UCI teams will be responsible for all logistical arrangements, staffing and costs associated with their athletes' attendance at World Championships.</p> <p>Elite athletes will attend World Championships either with the support of their UCI Mountain Bike Team or as privateers. These athletes and/or their teams will be responsible for all logistical arrangements, staffing and costs associated with attending the World Championships. Athletes attending as privateers may designate Cycling Canada as their emergency contact for the World Championships but must still supply their own mechanical and therapy support.</p> <p>Cycling Canada will supply all athletes with the required National Team jersey.</p>			
Selection dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug. 11, 2024 – coaches submit team selection to Head Coach and DHPS • Aug. 13, 2024 – Selection decision approved; athletes informed; appeal period starts* • Aug. 21, 2024 – Appeal deadline <p>* Anyone not named in the selection decision must appeal by the deadline or they lose their right to appeal.</p>		
Selection panel:	<p>Selections recommended by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling Canada Coach Panel (see CC website) <p>Selections approved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Coach – Dan Proulx • Director of High Performance Services 		
Prerequisite for selection:	<p>Athletes must have a skill level suitable to the demands of the course, demonstrated through national and international competition. Athletes who do not possess the appropriate skills may not be considered for selection. If you have any questions, please contact National Coach (Gravity Lead) Chad Hendren at chad.hendren@cyclingcanada.ca.</p>		
Selection criteria:	<p>Athletes will be selected in the following order of priority until the quota is filled or there are no further athletes to be recommended. If an athlete declines selection, the next athlete in order of priority will be invited:</p> <p>Junior Women:</p>		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Athletes born in 2006 who finished top 3 in the junior women’s DHI at the 2023 World Championships.• Priority 2: Athletes finishing top 5 in the junior women’s DHI at a 2024 World Cup prior to the selection date, ranked by best placing. In the event of a tie, the most recent result will take priority.• Priority 3: Athletes finishing top 5 in the junior women’s DHI at the 2024 Canadian DHI championships, ranked by finishing order, providing they finished within 110% of the winner’s time.• Priority 4: Coach discretion based on Clause 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>Junior Men:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Athletes born in 2006 who finished top 3 in the junior men’s DHI at the 2023 World Championships.• Priority 2: Athletes finishing top 5 in the junior men’s DHI at a 2024 World Cup prior to the selection date, ranked by best placing. In the event of a tie, the most recent result will take priority.• Priority 3: Athletes placing top 5 in the junior men’s DHI at the 2024 Canadian DHI championships, ranked by finishing order within 110% of the winner’s time.• Priority 4: Coach discretion based on Clause 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>Elite Women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Athletes who finished top 3 in the elite women’s DHI at the 2023 World Championships• Priority 2: Athletes finishing top 30 and top half* in the elite women’s DHI at a 2024 World Cup prior to the selection date. In the event of a tie, the most recent result will take priority.• Priority 3: Athletes ranked in the top 10% of the UCI elite women’s DHI ranking on the selection date, ranked in the order of the ranking.• Priority 4: Athletes finishing top 10 and top half* in the elite women’s DHI at the 2024 Canadian DHI championships, ranked by finishing order within 110% of the winner’s time.• Priority 5: Coach discretion based on Clause 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>Elite Men:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Athletes who finished top 3 in the elite men’s DHI at the 2023 World Championships.• Priority 2: Athletes finishing top 30 and top half* in the elite men’s DHI at a 2024 World Cup prior to the selection date. In the event of a tie, the most recent result will take priority.• Priority 3: Athletes ranked in the top 10% of the UCI elite men’s DHI ranking on the selection date, ranked in the order of the ranking.• Priority 4: Athletes finishing top 10 and top half* in the elite men’s DHI at the 2024 Canadian DHI championships, ranked by finishing order within 110% of the winner’s time.• Priority 5: Coach discretion based on Clause 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>* Refers to top half of registered starters, including athletes listed as DNF, DNS and DSQ on the official results.</p>
Self-funding:	Athletes are responsible for the following costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flights and baggage fees



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Note:</i> Elite athletes flights will be booked by Cycling Canada for all disciplines for the World Championships unless the athlete decides to stay with their UCI Professional Team.● \$TBD Project Fee*<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ This fee is based off a \$TBD/day athlete fee. <p>Elite and Junior athletes who are members of UCI Trade Teams may choose to stay with their teams for World Championships. These athletes are exempt from the project fee but will not have access to Cycling Canada mechanic or therapy services. Athletes intending to stay with their Trade Teams must inform Cycling Canada no later than the selection notification date. Cycling Canada cannot guarantee there will be sufficient accreditations, feed zone passes or training plates available for athletes not staying with the National Team.</p> <p>*Project fees are subject to change should the number of project days be altered. Project fees must be paid two weeks prior to the beginning of the project.</p>
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