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2025 MOUNTAIN BIKE DHI SELECTION POLICY

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and the High Performance Committee*

All programming subject to change.



GENERAL INFORMATION

This document lays out the criteria to be used for selection to the Canadian team.

The criteria are organized by Section as follows:

- Section A – PROGRAM CALENDAR
- Section B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
- Section C – EVENTS CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION
- Section D – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

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

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

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

SECTION A – 2025 MOUNTAIN BIKE DHI PROGRAM CALENDAR

Project Dates	Project	Location	Application deadline
Aug. 30-Sept. 8	MTB DHI World Championships	Champéry SUI	July 27

Athletes wishing to take advantage of one of Canada’s quota spots at the UCI Mountain Bike World Cups should consult the Privateer and Independent Athlete Policy in the Athlete Resources section of the Cycling Canada website.

SECTION B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Athletes must complete [the application form](#) by the deadline above to be considered for selection to a project. This is to help ensure no interested and eligible athletes are overlooked, and to improve the timeliness of selection decisions by minimizing the number of athletes who decline a project after being selected.

Cycling Canada will only consider additional athletes once all applicants who have met the selection criteria have been considered.

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

- Be a Canadian citizen.
- Have competed in the most recent Canadian DHI Championships, or have a valid exemption (see National Championships Attendance Policy on the CC website)
- 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 and have a valid TUE for any medication that requires one.
- 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.



SECTION C – RESULTS CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION

Selection decisions will only consider result from events on the UCI calendar unless otherwise specified in the criteria. For the purposes of this policy, the Canadian Championship is not considered a UCI event, and results will only be considered when specified.

All results must be top half of the field unless otherwise specified. Field size is calculated based on the number of entrants in the official results on the UCI website, including athletes listed as DNS, DNF and DSQ.

SECTION D – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Project		MTB DHI World Championships	
Project dates:	Aug. 30-Sept. 8		
Competition dates and locations:	Sept. 7 Champéry SUI		
Max. team size:	28 athletes, as follows	Women	Men
	Junior	7	7
	Elite	7	7
	Canada’s quota per category is determined by UCI regulations 9.2.034. Cycling Canada reserves the right to modify the team size per Clause 5 of the General Selection Policy.		
Selection dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 28, 2025 – Coach Panel submits recommendations to CSO and DHPS, or designates July 30, 2025 – Selection submitted to HPC Aug. 1, 2025 – Selection decision finalized; athletes informed; appeal period starts* Aug. 10, 2025 – 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:	Selections recommended by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycling Canada Coach Panel (see CC website) Selections approved by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSO or designate DHPS or designate High Performance Committee 		
Prerequisites for selection:	To be considered for this project, 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 Team Coach Chad Hendren at chad.hendren@cyclingcanada.ca .		
Selection criteria:	Selections will be made in the following order of priority until the quota is filled or there are no more eligible athletes: Junior Women, Junior Men <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority 1: Athletes born in 2007 who finished top 3 in the Junior DHI at the 2024 World Championships. 		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 2: Athletes who finished top 5 in the Junior DHI at a 2025 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 who finished top 5 in the Junior DHI at the 2025 Canadian championships, ranked by finishing order, providing they finished within 110% of the winner’s time.• Priority 4: Athletes selected at the discretion of the Coach Panel based on Section B, Clause 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>Elite Women, Elite Men</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Athletes who finished top 3 in the Elite DHI at the 2025 World Championships• Priority 2: Athletes who finished top 30 and top half in the Elite DHI at a 2025 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 ranked in the top 10% of the Elite UCI DHI ranking on the selection date, ranked in the order of the ranking• Priority 4: Athletes who finished top 10 and top half in the Elite DHI at the 2025 Canadian championships, ranked by finishing order, providing they finished within 110% of the winner’s time.• Priority 5: Athletes selected at the discretion of the Coach Panel based on Section B, Clause 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>All results must be among the results considered for selection in Section C.</p> <p>One or more alternates per category may be named using the same criteria.</p>
Self-funding:	<p>Athletes are responsible for the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flights and baggage fees• Meals during project• \$700 Project Fee* <p>* Project fees are based on Cycling Canada’s Athlete Fees Policy and are subject to change should the number of project days or the meal plan be altered. Project fees will be communicated in advance and must be paid two weeks prior to the beginning of the project.</p>