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2026 BMX FREESTYLE PARK SELECTION POLICY

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*Approved by the Cycling Canada Athletes' Council
and the Cycling Canada High Performance Committee*

All programming subject to change.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This document lays out the criteria Cycling Canada (CC) will use to select athletes to the Canadian team for international BMX Freestyle projects.

Athletes must meet all Eligibility Criteria in sections B and C 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 published on the CC website.

SECTION A – 2026 BMX FREESTYLE PROGRAM CALENDAR

Project dates	Project	Location	Application deadline
Oct. 31-Nov. 8	UCI Urban Cycling World Championships – Freestyle Park	Riyadh KSA	Sept. 21

All dates subject to change



SECTION B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Be a Canadian citizen.
- Have competed in the most recent Canadian BMX Freestyle 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.
- 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.
- Per UCI rule 6bis.10.001, athletes must be at least 15 years old on Dec. 31, 2026.

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

SECTION C – EVENTS CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION

Selections will only consider results from the events cited in this policy unless other results are required to exercise Coach Panel discretion.

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.

In cases where the field is restricted because of qualification processes or other types of entry restrictions, the number of entries in the qualification process may be taken into consideration.

Unless otherwise specified, for the purposes of this policy, results will include all athletes, not only those who applied for selection.

At the sole discretion of the Coach Panel, equivalent results in non-UCI events may be considered for selection, provided the athlete has previously demonstrated the appropriate level of skill to compete safely in the event being selected for. Selections based on equivalent results will be assessed on a case-by-case basis considering:

- the level of the event the result was achieved in;
- the depth of field of the competition the result was achieved in; and
- the athlete's demonstrated experience and skill in the discipline being selected for.



SECTION D – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

2026 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships – Freestyle Park

<i>Project title</i>	2026 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships – Freestyle Park
<i>Project dates:</i>	Oct. 31-Nov. 8
<i>Competition dates:</i>	Nov. 3-7
<i>Location:</i>	Riyadh KSA
<i>Max. team size:</i>	6 athletes per gender – Canada’s quota will be determined by the UCI World Championships qualification system (UCI rule 6bis.10.005). <i>CC reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure the team size per Clause 5 of the General Selection Policy.</i>
<i>Selection panel:</i>	Selection recommendation made by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CC BMX Freestyle Coach Panel (see CC website) Selections reviewed and approved by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Sport Officer, or delegate• Director of High Performance Services, or delegate• High Performance Committee
<i>Selection dates:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sept. 21 – Application deadline• Sept. 22 – Coach Panel submits selection recommendations to CSO and DHPS, or designates• Sept. 24 – Recommendations submitted to HPC• Sept. 28 – Selections are final; CC informs athletes; appeal period starts• Oct. 6 – Appeal deadline; selections final* * Anyone not named in the selection decision must appeal by the deadline or they lose their right to appeal.
<i>Prerequisites for selection:</i>	To be considered for this project, athletes must complete the application form found on the CC website no later than the deadline above.
<i>Eligibility</i>	In addition to the eligibility requirements in Section B, athletes must also meet the following requirement to be selected to this project: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Athletes must have accumulated UCI ranking points at an event other than the Canadian Championships in 2026.• 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 Dave Thomas at dave.thomas@cyclingcanada.ca.
<i>Selection criteria:</i>	Selections will be made in the following order of priority until the quota is filled or there are no more eligible athletes: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Best finisher at the 2025 UCI Freestyle Park World Championships2. Best result in a UCI Freestyle Park World Cup in 2025 or 20263. Athletes ranked by their number of UCI points on the selection date4. The athlete with the highest UCI C1 result at an event with more than 15 entrants One or more alternates per category may be named using the same criteria.



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Self-funding:	<p>Athletes are responsible for the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel costs to and from project• Project Fee per CC's National Team Athlete Fees Policy. The fee is based on the athlete's National Performance Pool status, the number of project days, the project location, and whether meals are provided. The fee may change if the project parameters change. Fees must be paid two weeks prior to the start of the project.