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2026 MOUNTAIN BIKE DHI SELECTION POLICY

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*Developed by the Cycling Canada Mountain Bike DHI Coach Panel
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 the Canadian team for international Mountain Bike DHI 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 MOUNTAIN BIKE DHI PROGRAM CALENDAR

Project dates	Project	Location	Application deadline
Aug. 17-31 or Aug. 23-31	UCI Mountain Bike DHI World Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none">Up to 4 of the selected junior athletes will be invited to the UCI World Cup in Haute Savoie FRA prior to World Championships.	Val di Sole ITA	July 26

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 Mountain Bike 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.
- 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 – 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 events not mentioned in this policy 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 event being selected for.

**SECTION D – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA****2026 UCI Mountain Bike DHI World Championships**

Project title	2026 UCI Mountain Bike DHI World Championships		
Project dates:	Aug. 17-31 (Haute Savoie World Cup and World Championships) Aug. 23-31 (World Championships only)		
Competition dates and locations:	Aug. 21-22: UCI DHI World Cup, Haute Savoie FRA (Junior only) Aug. 29-30: UCI DHI World Championships, Val di Sole ITA <i>Junior athletes selected as starters for the Word Championships will be automatically invited to the Haute Savoie World Cup in the order of priority indicated in the selection criteria below.</i>		
Category:	Junior, Elite		
Max. team size:	Haute Savoie World Cup – 4 athletes as follows:	Women	Men
	Junior (born 2008-2009):	2	2
	World Championships – 28 athletes as follows:	Women	Men
	Junior (born 2008-2009):	7	7
	Elite (born 2007 and earlier):	7	8*
	<p><i>* Per article 9.2.009 of the UCI regulations, 2025 Elite World Champion Jackson Goldstone is qualified by name in addition to Canada's quota of 7 athletes. In the event he does not start, he cannot be replaced by another athlete.</i></p> <p><i>CC 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. CC 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 CC as their emergency contact for the World Championships but must still supply their own mechanical and therapy support.</p> <p>CC will supply all athletes with the required National Team uniform.</p>		
Selection panel:	<p>Selections recommended by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CC Coach Panel (see CC website) <p>Selections approved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Sport Officer, or delegate Director of High Performance Services, or delegate High Performance Committee 		
Selection dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 26 – Application deadline 		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 27 – Coach Panel submits recommendations to CSO and DHPS, or their delegates July 29 – Recommendations submitted to HPC July 31 – CC finalizes Selection decision and informs athletes; appeal period starts Aug. 7 – Appeal deadline* <p>* Anyone not named in the selection decision must appeal by the deadline or they lose their right to appeal.</p>
Prerequisites for selection:	<p>To be considered for this project, athletes must complete the application form found on the CC website no later than the deadline above.</p> <p>Athletes must have a skill level suitable for 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 (Gravity Lead) Chad Hendren at chad.hendren@cyclingcanada.ca.</p>
Selection criteria:	<p>Selections will be made in the following order of priority until the quota is filled or there are no more eligible athletes:</p> <p>Junior Women and Junior Men</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes born in 2008 who finished in the top 3 in the junior DHI at the 2025 World Championships or in a junior DHI World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date. Athletes who finished in the top 5 in the junior DHI at a 2025 World Cup prior to the selection date. Ranked by best placing. Athletes who finished in the top 5 in the junior DHI at the 2026 Canadian DHI Championship, ranked by finishing order, providing they finished within 108% of the winner's time. Athletes selected at the discretion of the Coach Panel based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical results; Consideration of health-related circumstances. <p>Elite Women and Elite Men</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes who finished in the top 3 in the elite DHI at the 2025 World Championships or in an elite DHI World Cup in the 12 months prior to the selection date. Athletes who finished in the top 15 (women) or top 30 (men) and top half in the elite DHI at a 2025 World Cup prior to the selection date. Ranked by best placing. Athletes ranked in the top 10% of the UCI Elite DHI Ranking on the selection date. Ranked in the order of the ranking. Athletes who finished in the top 10 in the elite DHI at the 2026 Canadian DHI Championship, ranked by finishing order, providing they finished within 108% of the winner's time. Athletes selected at the discretion of the Coach Panel based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical results; Consideration of health-related circumstances. <p>In the event of a tie, the most recent result will take priority. If there is still a tie, it will be broken at the discretion of the Coach Panel.</p> <p>One or more alternates per category may be named using the same criteria.</p>



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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• Meals during the 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. <p>Athletes attending with their UCI Teams and not staying in Cycling Canada accommodation` are not required to pay a Project Fee.</p>