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GENERAL INFORMATION

This document lays out the criteria to be used for selection to the Canadian team for the 2024 BMX 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 Policy 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 XCO selection process is intended to set performance standards and clear and objective criteria for athletes wishing to be selected for National Team projects at the junior, U23 and Elite level.

2024 will see continued focus on Junior and U23 development programming while maintaining National Team support for elites at Championships and Games events.

2024 MOUNTAIN BIKE XCO PROJECTS

Dates	Categories	Project	Location
May 3-13	Junior, U23, Elite	Pan American XCO Championships	Soldier Hollow, USA
May 21-27	Junior, U23	World Cup 3 and Jr. Series	Nove Mesto Na Morave, CZE
May 27-30	U23, Elite	Paris – Olympic course recon	Paris FRA
July 28-29	U23 and/or Elite	Olympic Games – <i>covered in separate policy</i>	Élancourt FRA
Aug. 23-Sept. 2	Junior, U23, Elite	UCI XCO World Championships	Valnord, AND

In addition, Cycling Canada will send a coach and mechanic to support athletes at World Cup 7 (Lake Placid USA – Sept. 27-29) and World Cup 8 (Mont-Ste-Anne CAN – Oct. 4-6).



Camps and Daily Training Environment (DTE) Opportunities

Throughout the year, Cycling Canada will endeavour to provide training camps and DTE opportunities intended to better prepare athletes for competition.

The following camps are planned for 2024 (all camps to be confirmed based on budgets prior to final version of criteria):

1. March 11-22, 2024 – Victoria Race Prep Camp: Development and Performance
2. Aug. 16-23 – Altitude Preparation Camp, Andorra: Performance
3. Jan. 7-17, 2025 – XCO Technical Skills camp, Santa Cruz USA: Development

Camp invitations will be extended by coach discretion based on athletes' Performance Pool status; performances in the previous 12-24 months; and athletes selected to upcoming events. Athletes residing near the camp location may also be invited.

If additional camp or DTE opportunities become available, Cycling Canada will notify the athletes noted above as soon as information becomes available.

Athletes wishing to attend international events as Privateers are directed to 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.



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SECTION C – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Project		Pan American XCO Championships	
Project dates:	May 3-13, 2024		
Competition dates and location:	May 9-12, Soldier Hollow, Utah, USA		
Category:	Junior, U23, Elite		
Objective:	Performance; UCI points for Olympic qualification; development opportunity for juniors and U23s		
Max. team size:		Women	Men
	Junior (born 2006-2007)	2	2
	U23 (born 2002-2005)	2	2
	Elite (born 2001 or earlier)	2	2
	<p><i>Cycling Canada reserves the right to modify the team size per Section 5 of the General Selection Policy.</i></p> <p><i>Additional athletes may apply to race as Privateers per Cycling Canada's Privateer Policy.</i></p>		
Selection dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb. 27, 2024 – coaches submit team selection to Head Coach and DHPS Feb. 29, 2024 – Selection decision approved; athletes informed; appeal period starts* March 6, 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>Selection recommendation made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycling Canada Mountain Bike Coach Panel (see CC website) <p>Selection decision made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head Coach Director of High-Performance Services 		
Prerequisite for selection:	Athletes must have a skill level suitable to the demands of the course. E.g. athletes should be able to consistently ride all features at the most challenging Canada Cup courses. Athletes who do not possess the appropriate skills may not be considered for selection. If needed, this determination will be made by the National Coach in consultation with the athlete and their personal coach.		
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:</p> <p>Junior Women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority 1: Riders born in 2006 who finished top 24 in the U19 XCO at the 2023 World Championships. Priority 2: Riders born in 2006 who finished top 3 in the U19 XCO at the 2023 Canadian Championships. Priority 3: The top finisher born in 2007 in the U17 XCO at the 2023 Canadian Championships, providing they finished among the top 3. Priority 4: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. 		



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	<p>Junior Men:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Riders born in 2006 who finished top 24 in the U19 XCO at the 2023 World Championships.• Priority 2: Riders born in 2006 who finished top 3 in the U19 XCO at the 2023 Canadian Championships.• Priority 3: The top finisher born in 2007 in the U17 XCO at the 2023 Canadian Championships, providing they finished among the top 3.• Priority 4: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>U23 Women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Riders born in 2002-2004 who finished top 16 in the U23 XCO at the 2023 World Championships or a World Cup in Europe.• Priority 2: Riders born in 2005 who finished top 8 in the U19 XCO at the 2023 World Championships.• Priority 3: Riders born in 2002-2004 who finished Top 24 in the U23 XCO at the 2023 World Championships or a World Cup in Europe.• Priority 4: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>U23 Men:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Riders born in 2002-2004 who finished top 16 in the U23 XCO at the 2023 World Championships or a World Cup in Europe.• Priority 2: Riders born in 2005 who finished top 8 in the U19 XCO at the 2023 World Championships.• Priority 3: Riders born in 2002-2004 who finished Top 32 in the U23 XCO at the 2023 World Championships or a World Cup in Europe.• Priority 4: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>Elite Women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Riders who finished in top 24 in the Elite XCO at the 2023 World Championships or a 2023 World cup.• Priority 2: Riders who finished in the top 8 in the U23 XCO at the 2023 World Championships or a World Cup in Europe• Priority 3: Riders ranked among the top 3 Canadians in the UCI Olympic Nation Ranking on the selection date.• Priority 4: Riders who finished top 32 in the Elite XCO at the 2023 World Championships or a World Cup in Europe.• Priority 5: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>Elite Men:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Riders who finished in top 24 in the Elite XCO at the 2023 World Championships or a 2023 World cup.• Priority 2: Riders who finished in the top 8 in the U23 XCO at the 2023 World Championships or a World Cup in Europe• Priority 3: Riders ranked among the top 3 Canadians in the UCI Olympic Nation Ranking on the selection date.• Priority 4: Riders who finished top 32 in the Elite XCO at the 2023 World Championships or a World Cup in Europe.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority 5: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p><i>Any ties will be broken by best placing. If there is still a tie, it will be broken by the rider's number of UCI points. If there is still a tie, it will be broken at the discretion of the Coach Panel using the factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy.</i></p> <p><i>If fewer athletes meet the selection criteria than quota spots available in each category, or if a rider declines selection, Cycling Canada reserves the right to strategically reallocate the quota spot to another category to support development or Performance.</i></p> <p><i>As selection criteria for this event rely on performances from 2023, riders must be in communication with National Team coach regarding current health and fitness.</i></p>
Self-funding:	Athletes are responsible for project fees and certain costs as outlined in the Athlete Fees Policy published on the Cycling Canada website. These costs will be communicated to the athlete at the time of selection. All outstanding project fees must be paid prior to the beginning of the project.

Project		World Cup 3 and Junior Series	
Project dates:	May 21-27, 2024		
Competition dates and location:	May 24-26, 2024; Nove Mesto Na Morave CZE		
Category:	U19, U23		
Objective:	Development: International race experience, refining race preparation process and Race craft, increase course learning speed.		
Max. team size:		Women	Men
	Junior (born 2006-2007)	2	2
	U23 (born 2002-2005)	4	4
	<i>Cycling Canada reserves the right to modify the team size per Section 5 of the General Selection Policy.</i>		
Selection dates:	Juniors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb. 27, 2024 – coaches submit team selection to Head Coach and DHPS Feb. 29, 2024 – Selection decision approved; athletes informed; appeal period starts* March 6, 2024 – Appeal deadline U23s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 9, 2024 – coaches submit team selection to Head Coach and DHPS April 11, 2024 – Selection decision approved; athletes informed; appeal period starts* April 19, 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:	Selection recommendation made by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycling Canada Mountain Bike Coach Panel (see CC website) Selection decision made by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head Coach 		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director of High-Performance Services
Prerequisite for selection:	Athletes must have a skill level suitable to the demands of the course. E.g. athletes should be able to consistently ride all features at the most challenging Canada Cup courses. Athletes who do not possess the appropriate skills may not be considered for selection. If needed, this determination will be made by the National Coach in consultation with the athlete and their personal coach.
Selection criteria:	<p>Junior Women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Riders born in 2006 who finished top 24 in the U19 XCO at the 2023 World Championships.• Priority 2: Riders born in 2006 who finished top 3 in the U19 XCO at the 2023 Canadian Championships.• Priority 3: The top finisher born in 2007 in the U17 XCO at the 2023 Canadian Championships, providing they finished among the top 3.• Priority 4: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>Junior Men:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Riders born in 2006 who finished top 24 in the U19 XCO at the 2023 World Championships.• Priority 2: Riders born in 2006 who finished top 3 in the U19 XCO at the 2023 Canadian Championships.• Priority 3: The top finisher born in 2007 in the U17 XCO at the 2023 Canadian Championships, providing they finished among the top 3.• Priority 4: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>U23 Women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Riders born in 2002-2004 who finished top 24 in the U23 XCO at the 2023 World Championships or a World Cup in Europe.• Priority 2: Riders born in 2005 who finished top 8 in the U19 XCO at the 2023 World Championships.• Priority 3: The top Canadian finishers born 2002-2004 not already selected in the following events, providing they finish among the top 8 U23 athletes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ UCI US Pro Cup in Fayetteville USA on April 3, 2024 (TBC)*○ UCI US Pro Cup in Fayetteville USA on April 6, 2024 (TBC)*• Priority 4: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>U23 Men:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Riders born in 2002-2004 who finished top 24 in the U23 XCO at the 2023 World Championships or a World Cup in Europe.• Priority 2: Riders born in 2005 who finished top 8 in the U19 XCO at the 2023 World Championships.• Priority 3: The top Canadian finishers born 2002-2004 not already selected in the following events, providing they finish among the top 8 U23 athletes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ UCI US Pro Cup in Fayetteville USA on April 3, 2024 (TBC)*○ UCI US Pro Cup in Fayetteville USA on April 5, 2024 (TBC)*• Priority 4: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy.



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	<p><i>* If there is a standalone U23 XCO, results from that event will be used for selection. If the U23 XCO is combined with the elite XCO, then the finishing order of U23 athletes from that event will be used for selection.</i></p> <p><i>Any ties will be broken by best placing. If there is still a tie, it will be broken by the rider's number of UCI points. If there is still a tie, it will be broken at the discretion of the Coach Panel using the factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy.</i></p> <p><i>As selection criteria for this event rely on performances from 2023, riders must be in communication with National Team coach regarding current health and fitness.</i></p>
Self-funding:	Athletes are responsible for project fees and certain costs as outlined in the Athlete Fees Policy published on the Cycling Canada website. These costs will be communicated to the athlete at the time of selection. All outstanding project fees must be paid prior to the beginning of the project.

Project		Training Sessions on Olympic Course	
Project dates:	TBC (after the Nove Mesto na Morave World Cup)		
Training dates and location:	May 27-30, Élancourt FRA (TBC)		
Category:	U23 and Elite		
Objective:	Olympic course reconnaissance		
Max. team size:		Women	Men
	U23 and Elite	2	2
	<i>Quota to be confirmed by the UCI.</i>		
	<i>Cycling Canada reserves the right to modify the team size per Section 5 of the General Selection Policy.</i>		
Selection dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 23, 2024 – Coaches submit team selection to Head Coach and DHPS April 25, 2024 – Selection decision approved; athletes informed; appeal period starts* May 2, 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:	Selection recommendation made by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycling Canada Mountain Bike Coach Panel (see CC website) Selection decision made by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head Coach – Dan Proulx Director of High-Performance Services – Kris Westwood 		
Selection criteria:	Athletes will be selected in the following order of priority until the quota is filled: <p>Women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority 1: Riders who have met one of the objective Olympic criteria as per the Olympic selection policy. Riders will be selected in order of their best finish within the ranked priorities of the criteria. Priority 2: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. 		



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	<p>Men:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1: Riders who have met one of the objective Olympic criteria as per the Olympic selection policy. Riders will be selected in order of their best finish within the ranked priorities of the criteria. • Priority 2: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p><i>Per Section 5 of the General Selection policy, and depending on Canada's quota, Cycling Canada reserves the right to add athletes who meet the objective Olympic criteria at the Nove Mesto na Morave World Cup, subject to the ability to add athletes on this date.</i></p> <p><i>Also depending on Canada's quota, Cycling Canada reserves the right to add athletes for future Olympic experience. These athletes will be recommended at the discretion of the Coach Panel.</i></p>
Self-funding:	Athletes are responsible for project fees and certain costs as outlined in the Athlete Fees Policy published on the Cycling Canada website. These costs will be communicated to the athlete at the time of selection. All outstanding project fees must be paid prior to the beginning of the project.

Project	UCI Mountain Bike World Championships		
Project dates	Aug. 23-Sept 2, 2024		
Competition dates:	Aug 28-Sept 1, 2024		
Location:	Pal Arinsal AND		
Category:	Junior, U23, Elite		
Objective:	Performance and development opportunity for juniors and U23s		
Max. team size:		Women	Men
	Junior (born 2006-2007)	5	5
	U23 (born 2002-2005)	5	5
	Elite (born 2001 or earlier)	4	4
	<i>Cycling Canada reserves the right to modify the team size per Section 5 of the General Selection Policy.</i>		
Selection dates:	<p>All Priority 1 and Priority 2 nominations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 9, 2024 – Coaches submit team selection to Head Coach and DHPS • July 11, 2024 – Selection submitted to HPC • July 13, 2024 – Selection decision approved; athletes informed; appeal period starts* • July 21, 2024 – Appeal deadline <p>All remaining nominations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 23, 2024 – Coaches submit team selection to Head Coach and DHPS • July 25, 2024 – Selection submitted to HPC • July 27, 2024 – Selection decision approved; athletes informed; appeal period starts* • Aug. 4, 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>Selection recommendation made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling Canada Mountain Bike Coach Panel (see CC website) 		



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	<p>Selection decision made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Coach • Director of High Performance Services • High Performance Committee
<p>Prerequisite for selection:</p>	<p>Elite:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be among the top 3 Canadians on the UCI ranking on the selection date; or • Have a top 50 finish in the Elite XCO at a UCI World Cup in Europe in the 12 months prior to selection <p>Athletes must have a skill level suitable to the demands of the course. E.g. athletes should be able to consistently ride all features at the most challenging Canada Cup courses. Athletes who do not possess the appropriate skills may not be considered for selection. If needed, this determination will be made by the National Coach in consultation with the athlete and their personal coach.</p>
<p>Selection criteria:</p>	<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:</p> <p>Junior Women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1: The top Canadian finisher in the U19 XCO at the Mont Tremblant Hardwood Canada Cup (June 2, 2024). • Priority 2: The top Canadian finisher in the U19 XCO at the Canmore Canada Cup (June 15, 2024) or next best if already selected. • Priority 3: The top 3 finishers in the U19 XCO at the 2024 Canadian Championships (July 18, 2024) or next best if already selected. • Priority 4: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>Junior Men:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1: The top Canadian finisher in the U19 XCO at the Mont Tremblant Hardwood Canada Cup (June 2, 2024). • Priority 2: The top Canadian finisher in the U19 XCO at the Canmore Canada Cup (June 15, 2024) or next best if already selected. • Priority 3: The top 3 finishers in the U19 XCO at the 2024 Canadian Championships (July 18, 2024) or next best if already selected. • Priority 4: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>U23 Women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1: Riders finishing top 24 in the U23 XCO at a 2024 World Cup in Europe. • Priority 2: The top Canadian finisher in the U23 XCO at the 2024 Pan American Championships, or next best if already selected, providing they finish among the top 10. • Priority 3: Riders finishing top 3 in the U23 XCO at the 2024 Canadian Championships. • Priority 4: Riders finishing top 40 in the U23 XCO at a 2024 World cup in Europe • Priority 5: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>U23 Men:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1: Riders finishing top 24 in the U23 XCO at a 2024 World Cup in Europe.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 2: The top Canadian finisher in the U23 XCO at the 2024 Pan American Championships, or next best if already selected, providing they finish among the top 10.• Priority 3: Riders finishing top 3 in the U23 XCO at the 2024 Canadian Championships.• Priority 4: Riders finishing top 40 in the U23 XCO at a 2024 World cup in Europe• Priority 5: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>Elite Women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Athletes finishing top 32 in the Elite XCO at a 2024 World Cup in Europe• Priority 2: Riders ranked among the top 3 Canadians in the UCI ranking on the selection date at the time of selection and having done at least one XCO World cup in 2024.• Priority 3: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p>Elite Men:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Athletes finishing top 32 in the Elite XCO at a 2024 World Cup in Europe• Priority 2: Riders ranked among the top 3 Canadians in the UCI ranking on the selection date at the time of selection and having done at least one XCO World cup in 2024.• Priority 3: Coach discretion based on Other Factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy. <p><i>Any ties will be broken by best placing. If there is still a tie, it will be broken by the rider's number of UCI points. If there is still a tie, it will be broken at the discretion of the Coach Panel using the factors listed in Part 3 of the General Selection Policy.</i></p>
Self-funding:	<p>Athletes are responsible for project fees and certain costs as outlined in the Athlete Fees Policy published on the Cycling Canada website. These costs will be communicated to the athlete at the time of selection. All outstanding project fees must be paid prior to the beginning of the project.</p> <p>*Elite and U23 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>