

**Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA)**  
**SECTION B3**  
**General Selection Eligibility Criteria and Appeals Guide**



MOUNTAIN BIKE AUSTRALIA

**2010 World Championship – Downhill (DHI)**

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**1. PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD**

Results from DHI events at the 2009 World Championships, the 2009/2010 National Series, 2010 National Championships, the 2010 Oceania Championships, and international performances between 1st January and 21st June 2010 will be considered as per the Schedule for Selection (clause 6). In some cases long term performance history at the World Cup or domestic level may be compared to results achieved in the performance time period to establish whether an athlete is progressing towards medal potential performance. In documented cases of extenuating circumstances affecting the performance time period the Selectors may consider performances achieved outside the time period.

**2. SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

The purpose of the MTBA MTB Selection Committee and of this selection document is to select a team to achieve the objectives stated in clause 1.1 of Section A.

The selection of the National Team will occur in two steps for the juniors but only one for the Elite athletes. The U19 athletes must first be nominated to a 'Long Team' by the Selectors through achievement of one of the specific selection criteria set out in clause 3. These criteria refer to both domestic and international competition. In some cases, Long Team members may be invited for camps, competitions and other development opportunities before further selections are made.

In the next step, which is applicable to both Elite and Junior athletes, the 'Final Team' will be selected, using the criteria set in clause 4.

**3. 'LONG TEAM' SELECTION (U19 ONLY)**

**3.1 Long Team Criteria:**

U19 athletes will be selected to the Long Team from performances in the 2009/2010 National DHI Series, the 2010 National DHI Championships and 2009 World Championships. The U19 Long Team will then be invited to prepare at camps, compete in Oceania Championships, and 'possibly' travel to Europe in April/May for further international preparation. A maximum of 6 male athletes and 4 female athletes will be nominated to the U19 Long Team by the Selectors. The final race of the National Series will not be considered as it is the week before Oceania championships. The following are Automatic Nominations to the Long Team:

**3.2 U19 Men Automatic Long Team Criteria:**

The following are Automatic Nominations to the Long Team:

- 3.2.1 Top 5 result at 2009 U19 World Championships
- 3.2.2 2010 National Champion
- 3.2.3 2010 National Championships runner-up
- 3.2.4 2009/2010 National Series Leader after the first three rounds
- 3.2.5 Further U19 Long Team selections up to the maximum of 6 athletes per category will be made by the Selectors, based on performance in the selection races described in 3.2 and the recommendations of the National

Coordinator. Supplementary information such as attitude and performance at training camps and physiological testing results will also be considered if available.

### **3.3 U19 Women Automatic Long Team Criteria:**

The following are Automatic Nominations to the Long Team:

3.3.1 Top 5 result at 2009 U19 World Championships

3.3.2 2010 National Champion

3.3.3 2009/2010 National Series Leader after the first three rounds

3.3.4 Further U19 Long Team selections up to the maximum of 4 athletes per category will be made by the Selectors, based on performance in the selection races described in 3.3 and the recommendations of the National Coordinator. Supplementary information such as attitude and performance at training camps and physiological testing results will also be considered if available.

### **3.4 Next Best**

If no athletes or too few athletes are nominated to the Long Team in any category through the Selection Criteria to achieve the Selection Objectives, then the Selectors may in some circumstances nominate the 'next best' athletes in order to achieve these objectives.

### **3.5 Coordinator's Choice**

In each category, one athlete who has not satisfied the specific selection and performance criteria within the performance period may be nominated to Long Team directly by the National Coordinator as a 'Coordinator's Choice'. In the U19 categories, the final Long Team position in each category will be reserved for the Coordinator's choice. If the National Coordinator does not elect to fill this position it will revert to the Selectors to fill at their discretion.

## **4. 'FINAL TEAM' SELECTION**

### **4.1 Team Size**

The target size for the DHI team for the 2010 World Championships is 14 athletes. The Selectors will determine how many athletes are nominated in each category to best achieve the objectives of the selection criteria. The maximum number of athletes in each category is also subject to UCI quotas. MTBA reserves the right to enter a smaller team or no team at all in any category for any event. If enough athletes are nominated that the target team size has been achieved, the Selectors may list potential reserves in case athletes decline, withdraw or are removed from the team. The Selectors may also increase the maximum team size if necessary to achieve the objectives of clause 1.1.

### **4.2 Automatic Criteria**

Automatic criteria will be used to make the initial Elite selections (see clauses 4.6 & 4.7). These criteria are in priority order, (i.e. all athletes achieving the first criteria will be selected. If more athletes achieve this criterion than positions available, the Selectors will rank athletes in order of the quality of their achievement of that specific criterion (i.e. best result or ranking first). If positions still remain after the first criterion has been considered, then the second criteria will be considered etc.

### **4.3 Additional Selections**

If positions are still available after the Automatic Criteria have been considered, the National Coordinator shall then make additional selection recommendations to the Selectors and the National Coordinator for discussion and approval. For these additional selections, performances in World Cup competition and previous World Championships will be the primary selection consideration. In selecting athletes to achieve clause 1.1.2, development trajectory will be considered, which means that athletes performing at a lower level but demonstrating clear progression may be selected ahead of athletes who are performing at a higher level but with stable performance. World Championships are not an appropriate first experience of international competition, thus all athletes must demonstrate international experience to be selected.

If UCI quota positions are available, athletes who satisfy automatic criteria 4.6.2 or 4.7.2 after the final application date will be nominated to the Team and may be funded as per 4.5. If more athletes satisfy these criteria after the final application date than quota positions available, they will be added to the Team according to the best single World Cup performance achieved. Athletes who have previously been nominated to the Team in an unfunded position who satisfy automatic criteria 4.6.2 or 4.7.2 after the final application date may also be funded as per 4.5.

### **4.4 Coordinator's Choice**

The National Coordinator may elect to exercise Coordinator's choice over the final UCI quota position in each category in order to achieve any of the objectives of the criteria.

### **4.5 Funding / Levies**

Where funding is available Elite athletes achieving selection through the automatic criteria may be supported financially to assist with airfares and accommodation. U19 athletes and athletes selected outside of the Automatic criteria will be responsible for their costs and may be required to pay a team levy prior to travel.

### **4.6 Elite Men Automatic Criteria: (Max 6)**

- 4.6.1 Top 5 result 2009 World Championships
- 4.6.2 Top 10 result at 2010 World Cup before 21st June 2010
- 4.6.3 Ranked in Top 3 Australian athletes in last published UCI ranking at 21st June 2010
- 4.6.4 2010 National Champion
- 4.6.5 Top 3 result at 2010 Oceania Championships

### **4.7 Elite Women Automatic Criteria: (Max 2)**

- 4.7.1 Top 10 result 2009 World Championships
- 4.7.2 Top 15 result at 2010 World Cup before 21st June 2010
- 4.7.3 2010 National Champion
- 4.7.4 Top 3 result at 2010 Oceania Championships

### **4.8 U19 Men and Women Team Selection (Max 6 Male & Female in total)**

Final U19 selections to the Team from the Long Team will be made by the Selectors based on the Coordinator's recommendations at the final selection date as per the schedule in clause 6.2. This second round of selection will be heavily influenced by performances and observations made since that athletes were nominated to the Long

Team, including performance in international competitions, testing, attitude, reliability, personal responsibility, conduct, leadership, and ability to positively impact the performance of their teammates and perform in a team environment.

The U19 Oceania Champion and U19 athletes that finish a 2010 World Cup held between 1st January and 21 June 2010 in less than 106% (by an U19 male in the corresponding Elite Men's race) or less than 135% (by a U19 female in the corresponding Elite Men's race) of the winner's time can be used as an indication of the potential to achieve a medal winning performance.

#### **4.9 Next Best**

If no athletes or too few athletes are nominated to the Final Team in any category through the Selection Criteria to achieve the Selection Objectives, then the Selectors may in some circumstances nominate the 'next best' athletes in order to achieve these objectives.

### **5. REMOVAL FROM A TEAM**

An athlete may be removed from a Long Team or Final Team if s/he fails to meet the eligibility criteria, as listed within Section A, Clause 2.2.

### **6. SCHEDULE FOR NATIONAL DHI TEAM SELECTION**

#### **6.1 Elite Team Selection Dates**

- Monday 21st June 2010 - final date for submission of 'Application Package', including international results to National Coordinator for consideration
- Friday 25th June 2010 - Elite nominations for the Final Team forwarded to MTBA EO by the National Coordinator
- Tuesday 29th June 2010 - Final Team selections announced by MTBA
- Friday 2nd July 2010 - Closing date for appeals against non-selection
- Week commencing Monday 5th July 2010 - Period identified to conduct appeal hearings, if required

#### **6.2 U19 Team Selection Dates**

- Monday 15th February 2010 - final date for submission of 'Application Package', including domestic results to National Coordinator for consideration
- Friday 19th February 2010 - Automatic U19 Long Team nominations forwarded to MTBA EO by the National Coordinator (DH&4X)
- Tuesday 23rd February 2010 - U19 Worlds Long Team selections announced by MTBA
- Friday 26th February 2010 - Closing date for appeals against non-selection
- Week of 1st March 2010 - Period identified to conduct appeal hearings, if required
- Monday 21st June 2010 - final date for submission of international results to National Coordinator for consideration
- Friday 25th June 2010 - U19 nominations for the Final Team forwarded to MTBA EO by the National Coordinator
- Tuesday 29th June 2010 - Final Team selections announced by MTBA
- Friday 2nd July 2010 - Closing date for appeals against non-selection
- Week commencing Monday 5th July 2010 - Period identified to conduct appeal hearings, if required

#### **6.3 Changes to Selection Schedule**

MTBA reserves the right to change these announcement dates in the event that more time is needed to ensure due process and fairness in selection, subject to section A, clause 2.6

and compliance with UCI entry dates. Additional athletes may be added to a Long Team or Final Team after the Selection Dates at the discretion of the Selectors.

## 7. CONTACT INFORMATION

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## **Appendix 1 - Application Package**

Attachments (to be issued)

- A. Application for Selection
- B. Personal Data Form
- C. National Team Agreement
- D. Sponsor / Team Declaration Form
- E. International Licence Application Form
- F. Clothing Size Form

## **Appendix 2 - Notice of Appeal**