

Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA)
SECTION B2
General Selection Eligibility Criteria and Appeals Guide



MOUNTAIN BIKE AUSTRALIA

2010 World Championship – Four Cross (4X)

1 PERFORMANCE TIME PERIOD

Results from 2009 World Championships, the 2009/2010 National 4X Series, 2010 National 4X Championships, the 2010 Oceania 4X 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 with 'Final Team' being selected automatic criteria in clause 3.

3. 'FINAL TEAM' SELECTION

3.1 Team Size

The target size for the 4X team for the 2010 World Championships is 7 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.

3.2 Automatic Criteria

Automatic criteria will be used to make the initial selections (see clauses 3.6 & 3.7). 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.

3.3 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 for discussion and approval. For these additional selections, performances in World Cup competition and previous World Championships will be the primary selection consideration. 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 3.6.2 or 3.7.2 after the final application date will be nominated to the Team and may be funded as per

3.5. 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 3.6.2 or 3.7.2 after the final application date may also be funded as per 3.5.

3.4 Coordinators 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.

3.5 Funding / Levies

Where funding is available Elite athletes achieving selection through the first 3 points of the criteria may be supported financially to assist with airfares and accommodation. U19 athletes and athletes selected after these first 3 criteria will be responsible for their costs and may be required to pay a team levy prior to travel.

3.6 Men Automatic Criteria: (Max 4)

3.6.1 Top 5 result 2009 World Championships

3.6.2 Top 8 result at a 2010 World Cup before 21st June 2010

3.6.3 Ranked in Top 16 in last published UCI ranking at 21st June 2010

3.6.4 2010 National Champion

3.7 Women Automatic Criteria: (Max 3)

3.7.1 Top 4 result 2009 World Championships

3.7.2 Top 8 result at a 2010 World Cup before 21st June 2010

3.7.3 Ranked in Top 12 in last published UCI ranking at 21st June 2010

3.7.4 2010 National Champion

3.8 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.

4. REMOVAL FROM THE 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.

5. SCHEDULE FOR NATIONAL 4X TEAM SELECTION

5.1 Final 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

5.2 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 the Final Team after the Selection Dates at the discretion of the Selectors.

6. 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