



Cycling Ireland Guidance Notes for Expression of Interest for 2024 UCI Downhill (DHI) and Cross-country (XCO) World Championships (including cross-country short course (XCC)).

Selection Aim 1:

“Select riders that are medal competitive”

Select riders that are currently medal competitive in any of the Championship MTB events and across all categories.

Selection Aim 2:

“Select riders that are capable of a top 15 / top 20%”

In the absence of being able to meet selection aim 1, select riders that are capable of a competitive level of performance and have demonstrated this via race results & progression this season.

Selection Aim 3:

“Select riders that have evidenced a performance progression this year in International UCI ranked events, are capable of qualifying for the finals and/or will benefit from the experience of the event towards future Worlds.”

In the absence of being able to meet selection aim 1 or 2, select riders that have evidenced a performance progression this year in International UCI ranked events (higher level racing will hold a higher weighting e.g. World Cup performances are more relevant than C1 which in turn are more relevant than C2) and are capable of qualifying for the finals or will benefit from the experience of the event as part of a trajectory of improvement towards becoming competitive enough to satisfy selection aims 1 or 2 for future events

The team will be selected on a performance orientated basis by the selection panel. The selection panel will consider riders to be competitive at this level and who would also benefit from experiencing competition at this level towards being more competitive in the future. The panel may select fewer riders than the maximum number permitted under UCI rules should they not meet the desired selection criteria.

The selection panel will conduct selections fairly and without bias in making its final decision. A rider must be uninjured and currently race fit in order to gain selection. Verification of this may be sought if necessary. If a selected rider is unable to compete for any reason, substitute selections will be at the discretion of the selection panel. There is no automatic selection, nor will any performance in one event or competition be a defining factor in selecting one rider over another. This includes National Championships.



Following the closing date for expressions of interest, the selection panel will conduct an information gathering exercise to collate all of the forms and supporting comments, and then subsequently reconvene within a week to conduct the selection itself.

Those interested in putting their name forward need to complete the form by close of play on 23:59 on Wednesday 31 July 2024. It is important that the athletes submitting an expression of interest have completed their forms fully, so we possess all of their relevant performances and supporting information to hand when the panel meet.

Please note that these championships are not funded through the Cycling Ireland High Performance Unit, and all athletes selected to compete will be required to cover any associated costs.

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