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**2020  
Selection Criteria  
For the  
South African Mountain Bike Team**

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# Mountain Bike Team Selection Criteria 2019 – V01

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## 1.0 Introduction and Purpose

- 1.01 To enable riders to prepare, train and schedule for the upcoming 2020 racing season, and for their potential selection to national mountain bike teams, it is essential that clear guidelines and targets are set out for them to work to. This is the main purpose of this document.
- 1.02 The Team Selection Criteria will be used to select the teams to represent South Africa at:
- 1.02.001 Mountain Bike World Championships 2020
  - 1.02.002 Host nation RSA Team for any Mountain Bike World Cup that may be held in South Africa
  - 1.02.003 Other events, if held, where selection of an RSA team is required; e.g. African Continental Championships
  - 1.02.004 In collaboration with SASCOC guidelines and any applicable quotas, to nominate riders to compete at the 2020 Olympic Games. Any agreement between SASCOC and CyclingSA regarding qualification criteria will also be applied [to be made available as soon as published]
- 1.03 It is very important to understand at this stage that, by a rider meeting the performance criteria set out later in this document, he/she will not automatically qualify for inclusion in ANY RSA MTB team. **In addition, a selection process and panel approval will also be required.**

## 2.0 Selection Panel

As part of the process to ensure that the selection panel operates in a fair, objective and transparent manner, the following principles will apply for the appointment and participation of panel members:

### 2.01 Eligibility:

- 2.01.001 Panel members should not be directly involved with contending riders in one or more of the following roles: Parent, coach, sponsor or manager
- 2.01.002 If any panel member in such a role is co-opted or appointed due to expertise and-or specialist knowledge, they will be expected to recuse themselves from any discussion relating to their riders

### 2.02 Panel members should be appointed on the basis of proven competence in at least one or more of:

- 2.02.001 Depth of knowledge and understanding of selection principles and policy
- 2.02.002 Ability to apply selection criteria fairly, objectively and consistently
- 2.02.003 Specific discipline expertise, in one or more of XCO, DHI and XCM
- 2.02.004 Specialist sports scientific knowledge and expertise, preferably related to cycling and MTB
- 2.02.005 Direct observation and assessment of rider performances at selection events

### 2.03 Selection Panel 2020:

To retain institutional knowledge and promote continuity, panel members should serve for at least 2 years. The Panel should strive not to replace more than 3 members in any one year. The appointed panel members are:

- 2.03.001 Convenor of Selectors: Greville Ruddock
- 2.03.002 High Performance: tbc
- 2.03.003 XCO Specialist: Ian Smith
- 2.03.004 DHI Specialist: Nigel Hicks
- 2.03.005 XCM specialist: tbc
- 2.03.006 PDI Representative: tbc
- 2.03.007 Women Representative: Dellah Paul

- 2.04 A Chief Selector may be elected by the full Panel, but cannot be the Convenor.

2.05 The role of the Convenor will generally be to:

- 2.05.001 Convene and guide the selection process, and Chair meetings of the Selection Panel
- 2.05.002 Gather and compile the performance data required by the selectors
- 2.05.003 Ensure that the selectors apply the criteria fairly and objectively
- 2.05.004 Report to CyclingSA on the findings of the Selection Panel
- 2.05.005 Communicate regularly with riders in contention, and provide them with data and guidance

2.06 Additional members may be co-opted to the selection panel, to provide further inputs and observations

### **3.0 Minimum requirements for eligibility:**

To be in contention for selection, all riders must:

- 3.01 Be a South African Citizen
- 3.02 Meet the UCI requirements in terms of citizenship, particularly in cases where dual citizenship comes into question. Riders may only enter & race as a South African citizen, in all races during the season.
- 3.03 Have a "full racing" Cycling SA license by the start of the season, or first selection race if earlier
- 3.04 Never bring the sport into disrepute
- 3.05 Participate in the 2019 SA National Mountain Bike Championships
- 3.06 Participate in at least 3 Selection Races as listed below for each specific discipline
- 3.05 Familiarize themselves with-, and comply with-, all the rules of the UCI and CyclingSA
- 3.06 Meet the performance criteria detailed below
- 3.07 Note that team selection is not automatic on meeting the performance criteria only. The ability of riders to meet the targets in the relevant international competitions will also be assessed
- 3.08 Note that if no riders in any specific category or group meet the criteria, then no riders will be selected for that Category or group

### **4.0 Team Squad sizes, PDI Representation and Budget constraints**

- 4.01 Since the transformation and development plans and implementation of CyclingSA-MTB are behind that of many other sports in South Africa, we will have a quota system in place to ensure we afford PDI mountain bikers the best possible opportunity to develop into world-class mountain bikers
- 4.02 While meeting selection & performance criteria will determine final squad sizes, the target will be to achieve a **25% PDI** representation in teams. However, such PDI riders also need to meet the selection criteria. In effect, this means that where more than 1 rider has equal qualification data, then any PDI rider will have preference.
- 4.03 Within the targets set at 4.02 above, those PDI riders achieving the best overall results in selection races across all categories will be considered for selection.
- 4.04 Overall, however, team squad sizes will be limited as set out below at Clause 11.0.

- 4.05 Should there therefore be more riders who qualify through the performance criteria set out below, only the very best riders will be selected, based on the results they achieve in terms of the specific selection criteria. Please also see the tables of maximum team sizes below in this document.

## 5.0 Mountain Bike Disciplines and Age Categories recognized

- 5.01 Team selection will only focus on XCO [Cross Country], DHI [Downhill Individual] and XCM [Marathon Cross Country]
- 5.02 It is important to note that XCM only applies to riders of 19 years and older and only for the full marathon distance as per the UCI rules
- 5.03 While Youth riders may not be selected to the team, this age group is considered the entry point for talent identification. Consequently, performance data may be gathered and assessed for Youth riders
- 5.04 Senior riders [19yrs+] performing well in our local  $\pm 35$ km and  $\pm 70$ km races would have to compete in either XCO or the full distance XCM to be recognized
- 5.05 Only riders turning 17 years and older in 2020 will be considered for selection
- 5.06 Any rider of 30 years and older in 2020, and who wants to be considered for selection as an Elite, will be required to have an Elite Racing Licence at the start of the 2020 season
- 5.07 This implies that riders aiming for team selection will need to decide to obtain an Elite licence prior to the season commencing, and must then race Elite for the full season

## 6.0 Applicable Age Categories:

- 6.01 XCO and DHI:  
6.01.001 Junior and Elite racing categories only
- 6.02 XCM:  
6.02.001 19 years and older

## 7.0 Performance Criteria - XCO

### 7.01 Automatic Selection in addition to meeting performance criteria

Subject to all the above requirements, riders can qualify for automatic selection in **one-, or more-**, of the following ways, **on condition that they also meet the performance criteria in each case:**

#### 7.01.001 SA Champion 2020

On condition that there is a minimum of **five** participants per category.

#### 7.01.002 African Continental Champion [only if held in 2020]

There must be a minimum of five South African riders present per elite or junior category for this automatic selection criteria to apply, in addition to at least three of the top five South African UCI world ranked riders being present per category.

7.01.003

**Targets achieved at international selection races:**

In all cases below, where finish positions are taken into account, results where riders do not finish on the same number of laps as the winner, will not be considered. **In addition, riders must also meet the performance criteria shown. Performance levels are based on the race category winner's time [i.e. Men assessed against Men; Women against Women]**

**UCI World Cups: All**

Elite Men & Women:	Top 30%	<b>Men 108%</b>	<b>Women 108%</b>
U-23 Men & Women:	Top 30%	<b>Men 108%</b>	<b>Women 108%</b>

**Swiss, French, German, Italian and Austrian Cups: Only UCI Cat HC or Cat 1:**

Elite Men & Women:	Top 20%	<b>Men 105%</b>	<b>Women 105%</b>
U-23 Men & Women:	Top 20%	<b>Men 105%</b>	<b>Women 105%</b>
Junior Men & Women:	Top 20%	<b>Men 108%</b>	<b>Women 108%</b>

**World Junior Series Races:**

**South Africa**

Junior Men:	Top 2	South Africans	<b>Men 103%</b>
Junior Women:	Top 1	South African	<b>Women 103%</b>

**International**

Junior Men & Women:	Top 20%	<b>Men 108%</b>	<b>Women 108%</b>
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7.02

**Series Performance Selection:**

7.02.001

**SA National Cup Series:** Final standings, subject to achieving the following:

Categories:	Applies to the combined Elite+U-23 group and to Junior's
Positions:	Top 3 Men and Top 2 women overall in the Series
Performance:	Must be within <b>5%</b> of the race winner on at least 3 series races
Basis:	The measure used to assess performance will be <b>Average Lap Times</b>

7.02.002

**UCI World Rankings and UCI Junior World Series**

Any rider who is in the Top 10 of the UCI World Rankings at the time of selection, will be exempt from the requirements for performance criteria. However, the minimum requirements at 3.0 above will still apply. **Qualifying riders can apply for exemption from riding the SA Championships, but this will only be considered if the rider is considered a realistic Top 5 contender at the World Championships. This concession is not automatic, and must be approved first**

7.03

**Further competitive assessment:**

If further assessment is required where riders are very close on performances achieved in terms of 7.01 and 7.02, the Selection Panel will also be required to assess performance in terms of results achieved, in the priority order shown, as to:

7.03.001

**1<sup>st</sup> Head-to-Head:** Where positions are tallied, with the lowest total being the best result

7.03.002

**2<sup>nd</sup> Podiums:** Top 3 positions achieved in selection races, with points 1<sup>st</sup> = 3; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1

7.03.003

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ranking:** UCI World ranking followed by RSA ranking

## 8.0 Performance Criteria – DHI

### 8.01 Purpose

The purpose of the DHI selection criteria is to nominate athletes to the National Team pursuant to the following objectives:

**8.02** Athletes capable of achieving the following results at 2019 UCI World Championships.

8.02.001 Elite Men – Top 15

8.02.002 Elite Women – Top 10

8.02.003 Junior Men – Top 20

8.02.004 Junior Women – Top 8

**8.03** Athletes who have demonstrated through international performances and results the potential to progress toward a result as listed in 8.02 at the UCI MTB World Championships within 2 years.

**8.04** Junior athletes who have demonstrated potential to progress towards a result as listed in 8.02 at future World Championships.

**8.05** Athletes who have the potential to be one of the top three ranked South Africans on the UCI DHI individual rankings at the end of 2020 such that their performance at World Championships may assist South Africa's overall nation ranking.

### 8.06 Team Size

The maximum number of athletes in each category is equal to the relevant UCI quota.

Elite Men: 7 Junior Men: 7

Elite Women: 7 Junior Women: 4

**8.06.001** Cycling South Africa reserves the right to decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on the General Selection Policy.

**8.06.002** If quotas are filled, the Selectors may list reserves in case athletes decline, are injured, withdraw or are removed from the team. Reserves must meet all eligibility requirements, minimum performance standards and meet the objectives stated at 3.0 above

### 8.07 Mandatory Eligibility Requirements (in addition to clause 3.0)

**8.07.001** 2020 DHI National Championships. These qualification criteria do not exempt a rider from participating in the South African Championships unless the rider is a realistic Top 5 contender in the World Championships.

### 8.08 Performance Time Period

**8.08.001** The performance period for the purposes of selections is 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020. In the case of extenuating circumstances being approved, the Selectors may consider an athlete's results in the 12 months prior to the performance time period.

### 8.09 Selection Events:

For the purposes of nominations, the selectors will consider performances achieved in the following events.

**8.09.001** 2019 UCI DHI World Championships

**8.09.002** 2020 UCI DHI World Cups rounds 1 to 5

**8.09.003** UCI Categorized Races: Cat 1 and Cat 2 during the performance period.

**8.09.004** 2020 CSA National DHI Championships.

**8.09.005** CSA National Cup Series DHI events during the performance period.

**8.10 Selection Criteria**

Riders are required to qualify with a **minimum of three (3) points**. Subject to all the above requirements, riders can qualify for points towards selection in the following ways.

**NOTE: Points are NON-cumulative**

**8.10.001 2019 World Championships - (2 Points)**

Any athlete finishing in the top 25% of the respective category starting field at the previous MTB World Championships. Junior results are subject to the rider still being eligible for the Junior category and cannot be transferred to the Elite Category.

**8.10.002 UCI World Cup Qualifying Run: - (1 Point)**

Any athlete who qualifies for a World Cup final within the performance time period (2020 UCI DHI World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5) will receive a point. Only one point for qualification can be accrued in a calendar year.

**8.10.003 UCI World Cup Final Run: - (1 Point)**

**Elite Men:**

- (a) Have a race time within 105% of the winning race time, OR
- (b) A top 30 result at the 2020 UCI Elite DHI World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5

**Elite Women:**

- (a) Have a race time within 110% of the winning race time, OR
- (b) A top 10 result at the 2020 UCI Elite DHI World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.

**Junior Men:**

- (a) Have a race time within 110% of the Elite Men's category winning race time, OR
- (b) A top 30 result at the 2020 UCI Elite DHI World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.

**Junior Women:**

- (a) Have a race time within 120% of the Elite Women's category winning race time, OR
- (b) A top 10 result at the 2020 UCI Elite DHI World Cup rounds 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.

**8.10.004 UCI World Cup Rankings – (1 Point)**

**Elite Men:** Any athlete in the top 50 UCI Elite Men's Rankings as of the selection date (15th July 2020).

**Elite Women:** Any athlete in the top 10 UCI Elite Women's Rankings as of the selection date (15th July 2020).

**Junior Men:** Any athlete in the top 50 UCI Junior Men's Rankings as of the selection date (15th July 2020).

**Junior Women:** Any athlete in the top 10 UCI Junior Women's Rankings as of the selection date (15th July 2020).

**8.10.005 UCI Categorized Races: Cat 1 and Cat 2 (EG: IXS Cup events) - (1 Point)**

**Elite Men:**

- (a) Have a race time within 105% of the winning race time, OR
- (b) A top 5 result in the Final Run at an event held within the Performance Time Period, OR
- (c) A top 3 result in the Seeding Run at an event held within the Performance Time Period.

**Elite Women:**

- (a) Have a race time within 110% of the winning race time, OR
- (b) A top 5 result in the Final Run at an event held within the Performance Time Period, OR
- (c) A top 3 result in the Seeding Run at an event held within the Performance Time Period.

**Junior Men:**

- (a) Have a race time within 110% of the Elite Men's category winning race time, OR
- (b) A top 5 result in the Final Run at an event held within the Performance Time Period, OR
- (c) A top 3 result in the Seeding Run at an event held within the Performance Time Period.

**Junior Women:**

- (a) Have a race time within 120% of the Elite Women's category winning race time, OR
- (b) A top 5 result in the Final Run at an event held within the Performance Time Period, OR
- (c) A top 3 result in the Seeding Run at an event held within the Performance Time Period.

**Addendum:**

- (a) In the case of Cat 1 or Cat 2 UCI races at least 5 of the top 30 in the UCI world rankings must be present at the event for Elite Men and Junior Men while at least 5 of the top 20 in the UCI world rankings must be present at the event for Elite Women and Junior Women.
- (b) In the case that a rider wins the event overall in their respective category, Addendum (a) will be null-and-void.

**8.10.006 IXS Cup Rankings – (1 Point)**

Any rider who ranked within the Top 3 of **EITHER** the IXS European Cup **OR** IXS Downhill Cup Rankings as of the selection date (15th July 2020).

**8.10.007 SA Champion 2020 - (2 Points)**

Men's categories – must be a minimum of five participants per category.  
Women's categories – must be a minimum of three participants per category.

**Addendum:** If insufficient numbers occur in the Elite or Junior Lady's categories – the overall ladies winner (if competing within the above categories, and finishing within 120% of the respective Male category winner) will be awarded a point

**8.10.008 African Continental Champion [only if held in 2020] - (2 Points)**

There must be a minimum of five South African riders (three in the Women's category) present per elite/junior category for this selection criteria to apply. This number is automatically reduced in accordance with the numbers selected if less than five per category.

**8.10.009 SA National Cup Series: Final standings – (2 Points)**

To be eligible for this point's criteria, athletes' must participate in at least 75% of the SA Cup Series events

**Elite Men:**

- (a) Any athlete with a Top 2 overall position in the series.
- (b) Performance: Must be within **3%** of the race winner on at least 3 series races
- (c) Basis: Only Final Run results will be assessed

**Elite Women:**

- a) Any athlete with a Top 1 overall position in the series.
- b) Performance: Must be within **3%** of the race winner on at least 3 series races
- c) Basis: Only Final Run results will be assessed

### **Junior Men:**

- a) Any athlete with a Top 2 overall position in the series.
- b) Performance: Must be within **3%** of the race winner on at least 3 series races
- c) Basis: Only Final Run results will be assessed

### **Junior Women:**

- a) Any athlete with a Top 1 overall position in the series.
- b) Performance: Must be within **3%** of the race winner on at least 3 series races
- c) Basis: Only Final Run results will be assessed

### **8.11 Further competitive assessment:**

After the assessments in 8.05, if further assessment is required where riders are very close in terms of performances achieved, the Selection Panel will also be required to assess performance in terms of results achieved, in the priority order shown, as to:

**8.11.01 1st Head-to-Head:** Where positions are tallied, with the lowest total being the best result

**8.11.02 2nd Podiums:** Top 3 positions achieved in selection races, with points 1st = 3; 2nd = 2; 3rd = 1

**8.11.03 3rd Ranking:** UCI World ranking followed by RSA ranking

## **9.0 Performance Criteria – XCM**

### **9.01 Automatic Selection in addition to meeting performance criteria**

Subject to all the above requirements, riders can qualify for automatic selection in **one-, or more-**, of the following ways, **on condition that they also meet the performance criteria in each case:**

#### **9.01.001 SA Champion 2020**

There must be a minimum of ten South African riders present per elite category for this automatic selection criteria to apply in addition to at least three of the top five South African UCI world ranked riders being present per category

#### **9.01.002 African Continental Champion [only if held in 2020]**

There must be a minimum of five South African riders present per elite category for this automatic selection criteria to apply in addition to at least three of the top five South African UCI world ranked riders being present per category

#### **9.01.003 UCI World Marathon Series**

Elite Men & Women: Top 10

### **9.02 Series Performance Selection:**

9.02.001 The **SA National Marathon Series** for selection will consist of the following races:

#### **UCI World Marathon Series 18<sup>th</sup> Jan to 30<sup>th</sup> Jun 2020**

Attakwas Extreme	18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020
Tankwa Trek	06 <sup>th</sup> – 09 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020
ABSA Cape Epic	15 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 2020
Sani2C Race	14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Trailseeker Series # 2	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2020
SA National XCM Championships	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2020
Trailseeker Series # 3	27 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2020

Categories: Elite Men and Women

Rankings: Ranking points will be assigned to the first 10 South African men and first 10 South African women overall in each race. Ranking points will be based on the identical table for that of XCO

Positions: Top 5 men and top 4 women for the overall Series  
 Performance: Must be within 5% of the race winner on at least 3 series races  
 Basis: The measure used to assess performance will be against the respective winners of the Elite Men [for men] and Elite Women [or women]

9.02.002 **UCI World Rankings – Elite Men and Women only:**  
 Any rider who is in the Top 10 of the UCI World Marathon Rankings at the time of selection, will be exempt from the requirements for both automatic selection and any further performance criteria. However, the minimum requirements at 3.0 above will still apply

9.03 **Further competitive assessment:**  
 If further assessment is required where riders are very close in terms of performances achieved in terms of 9.01 and 9.02, the Selection Panel will also be required to assess performance in terms of results achieved, in the priority order shown, as to:

- 9.03.001 **1<sup>st</sup> Head-to-Head:** Where positions are tallied, with the lowest total being the best result
- 9.03.002 **2<sup>nd</sup> Podiums:** Top 3 positions achieved in selection races, with points 1<sup>st</sup> = 3; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1
- 9.03.003 **3<sup>rd</sup> Ranking:** UCI World ranking followed by RSA ranking

## 10.0 Selection Races

### 10.01 XCO

#### 10.01.001 Selection Races for XCO

Event and-or Series	Weight	Dates	Venue	Class	Country
SA National Cup Series 2020	100%	Feb – 10 May 2020	As per Series	SA & C1	RSA
SA National Championships 2019	50%	20 July 2019	Thaba Trails	CN	RSA
UCI World Cup Series 2020	100%	Mar – 10 May 2020	As per Series	CM	Various
Swiss & Italian Cup Series 2020	100%	Mar – 10 May 2020	As per Series	C1 & HC	SUI/ITA
UCI Junior World Series 2020	100%	Jan – 10 May 2020	As per Series	C1	Various
African Continental Champs 2020	100%	T B C	T B C	T B C	T B C
French Cup Series 2020	100%	Mar – 10 May 2020	As per Series	HC	FRA
German & Austrian Cups 2020	100%	Mar – 10 May 2020	As per Series	C1 & HC	GER/AUS
<i>Regional and National Schools Series</i>		<i>Various dates &amp; venue's : Used for talent ID only</i>			

10.01.002 **Selection Races for XCM:** As at 9.02 above

10.01.003 **Selection Races for DHI:** As at 8.09 above, and as stated in 8.0 overall above

10.01.004 It is the personal responsibility of contending riders to establish the dates and venues of the races and series listed as selection races

## 12.0 SA Team Selection: World Championships [Junior, U-23 and Elite]:

12.01 Only riders who comply with all the requirements as set out in this document will be eligible for selection to represent South Africa at the World Mountain Bike Championships, and any other events requiring SA Team selection.

- 12.02 The only exceptions to this would be **Elite, Under-23 & Junior** South African riders who find themselves in the top 20 (ranking as per UCI) in the World for XCO, or **Elite & Under-23** South African riders who find themselves in the top 10 (ranking as per UCI) in the World for DHI or XCM at time of choosing the team to represent South Africa.
- 12.03 Riders qualifying in terms of Clause 8.02.002 above, can apply for exemption from riding the SA Championships, but this will only be considered if the rider is considered a realistic Top 5 contender at the World Championships. This is not automatic, and must be approved first

### 13.0 Team Sizes

- 13.01 The best riders in each category will be chosen based on the selection races listed below, subject to the maximum team size as per the table below.
- 13.01.001 In all cases, and for XCO, DHI and XCM, the primary determining factor for team selection will be meeting the specific selection criteria. Filling the available team quota is thus not a factor in determining the minimum team size.

13.01.002 Maximum SA Team size – Quantity of Riders:

Category	XCO		DHI	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
Elite Men	3	2	7	7
Under-23	3	2	n/a	n/a
Junior	3	3	7	4
Category	XCM Men		XCM Women	
XCM - Marathon	5		4	

### 14.0 Other MTB Disciplines not listed

- 14.01 4X, MTB Trials and any other MTB discipline not listed in this document, are not recognized in South Africa as official RSA Team selection disciplines and, as such, we will not have any representation in these disciplines at World Champs irrespective the position a South African might hold as per the UCI ranking

### 15.0 Rider Responsibilities

- 15.01 The onus is on the rider who believes him/her-self to be eligible for selection for the 2020 World Championships team to provide the selectors with reasons for a DNS or DNF at selection races.
- 15.02 Reasons to be provided in writing within 48 hours of the selection race.
- 15.03 The only allowable reasons for a DNS and/or DNF will be illness or mechanical breakdown.
- 15.04 Once a rider has started the race, illness cannot be used as an excuse.
- 15.05 Mechanical problems can only be used as a reason once during the season
- 15.06 All correspondence to be addressed to [grevile@iafrica.com](mailto:grevile@iafrica.com) and/or [dellah@cyclingsa.com](mailto:dellah@cyclingsa.com)

## 16.0 Riders participating internationally

- 16.01 ALL riders who want to be considered for selection to the RSA Team for World MTB Champs, must participate in the 2019 SA National Championships, and must also meet the performance criteria
- 16.02 Any rider who, for whatever reason, is unable to attend any national series event, must submit their reasons to the Selection Panel at least 10 days before the specific event. The selectors will have the discretion to decide as to whether the motivation submitted is valid, and to approve the absence. In such cases, proven performance within the required parameters for 2019 can be taken into account.
- 16.04 Where international results are considered, the UCI-rating of the event will also be taken into account, as well as the quality and world ranking of other riders participating in the same race. As these criteria are designed to select RSA riders who can achieve the targets as set out above, those targets will be applied to assess the level of competition at any specific race.
- 16.04.001 For example, the iXS Downhill Series in Europe: The results of contending RSA riders, will be assessed against the world ranking of participating riders in each UCI-rated event. This may mean that they would need to meet- or exceed times achieved by riders who are ranked in the world top 30 at the same event.
- 16.05 These riders are required to submit their results within 10 days after a race, and providing the following information to the MTB Convenor of Selectors on [grevile@iafrica.com](mailto:grevile@iafrica.com) or via [dellah@cyclingsa.com](mailto:dellah@cyclingsa.com) :
- 16.05.001 Name, date, venue and UCI Class of the event
- 16.05.002 Number of laps, if XCO; qualifier and final if DHI
- 16.05.003 Race winners name, nation, time and current world ranking
- 16.05.004 Riders own finish position and time
- 16.05.005 Ascent per lap in metres
- 16.05.006 Additional information on any mechanical failures, illness or unforeseen challenges
- 16.06 If riders do not submit results for any particular race, those results may be excluded from being assessed
- 16.07 The selection panel may also source results of races, in addition to those submitted by riders, to enable them to evaluate performances

## 17.0 Continental Champs, World Cups and World Championships

### 17.01 Host Nation Team Selection for any MTB World Cup that may be held in SA

- 17.01.001 Riders with UCI Points: Those riders who have sufficient UCI points to qualify in terms of UCI rules, will automatically be able to participate. The onus is on these riders to inform CSA-MTB of their intention to participate at least 1 month before the World Cup
- 17.01.002 Riders with insufficient UCI points and first-time Juniors [who were Youth in 2019]:  
As host nation, SA is allowed to enter teams in addition to riders who qualify automatically:
- |                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| XCO: Elite and Under-23:        | 6 riders                           |
| DHI: Elite and Junior combined: | 6 riders                           |
| XCO: Junior:                    | 6 + 6 = 12 riders [A- and B- team] |

### 17.02 African Continental Championships 2020

- 17.02.001 If no quota is applied, there will not be selection criteria for the African Continental Championships in 2020, and all licensed riders may participate
- 17.02.002 Participation in any African Continental Championship will be on a self-funded basis, unless adequate funding is available, in which case the selection criteria as for World Champs will apply

### **17.03 Any other situation requiring host nation team selection in 2020**

- 17.03.001 The same criteria as for the World Cup above will apply, but in addition-
- 17.03.002 Any further series points earned prior to the event for which selection is required

### **17.04 Commonwealth Games [CWG]**

- 17.04.001 The primary selection criteria, and number of male and female riders, will be determined by the specific criteria as laid down by SASCOC and in any agreements between SASCOC and CyclingSA
- 17.04.002 In terms of the cycling discipline types and quotas of the Commonwealth Games Association, only XCO will be contested at the CWG. Quotas are restricted to a maximum of 3 Women and 3 Men, and only to riders of 19 years and older in **2021**.
- 17.04.003 Only current Under-23 and Elite riders in 2021, will be considered for selection. This means that riders who were Juniors in 2021 will not be considered for CWG 2022 selection.
- 17.04.004 To be considered for selection, riders will need to be ranked within the Top 10 in the Commonwealth [CW] countries as based on the UCI World Rankings as they stand on **31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**.
- 17.04.005 In addition in terms of performance, and in competition against riders from other CW countries, riders need to achieve average lap times within 5% of the leading CW rider on at least 1 occasion. Where several riders meet this level, the provisions in 8.03 above will apply.
- 17.04.006 While all the provisions of 17.04 above will apply strictly, the secondary selection criteria will be the same as those that apply to the SA Team Selection in 2017. This includes the basic requirements in 3.0 above, the Performance Criteria as listed in 7.0 above and the nominated Selection Races in 10.01 of the **2021** Selection Policy
- 17.04.007 SASCOC retains the sole right for the final announcement of the CWG Team. Approval of selection is entirely at the discretion of SASCOC. Successfully following and attaining the necessary qualification in line with the selection criteria is not a guarantee of attendance at CWG, as that decision rests solely with SASCOC

## **18.0 Target Dates for Team Selection, Approval, Appeals and Announcement**

The following target dates are set down with the purpose of guiding the work of the Selection Panel, CyclingSA and riders so that all functions are carried out timeously for preparation and logistics:

<b>18.01</b>	<b>Task</b>	<b>XCO</b>	<b>DHI and XCM</b>
18.01.001	Interim Team Selection	17 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2020	30 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2020
18.01.002	PrelimvTeam Selection	30 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2020	10 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2020
18.01.003	Appeals to be submitted	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	24 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2020
18.01.004	Final Team Selection	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	28 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2020
18.01.005	Approval by CyclingSA	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	29 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2020
18.01.006	Announcement of Team:	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	30 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2020

### **A1 Olympic Games XCO: 2020**

A1.01 The primary selection criteria, and number of male and female riders, will be determined by the specific criteria as laid down by SASCOC and in any agreements between SASCOC and CyclingSA

A1.02 While the provisions of A1.01 above will apply strictly, riders would also need to meet the general and overall criteria as required for SA Team Selection to the World Championships

#### **A1.03 Target Dates for CSA-MTB Olympic nominations:**

A1.03.001 Selection Period: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020

A1.03.002 Selection Races: As per 10.01 above

A1.03.003 UCI Ranking: Ranking as at 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020