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NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION POLICY

**SPECIFIC CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA
FOR SELECTION TO NATIONAL TEAM MOUNTAIN BIKE PROGRAMS**

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INTRODUCTION

This document lays out the specific selection criteria for eligible Cycling Canada-licensed **mountain bike athletes** to be named to national team campaigns and projects for the **2014 season**.

Unless expressly stated otherwise in this document, these criteria are subject to the general conditions and criteria laid out in the **Cycling Canada General Selection Policy document**.

This document is organized by Schedule as follows:

- **Schedule 1** – Domestic Projects
- **Schedule 2** – World Cup and Continental Championships
- **Schedule 3** – World Championships XCO
- **Schedule 4** – World Championships DHI

SCHEDULE 1 – DOMESTIC PROJECTS

1. GENERAL

- a. **Events:** This Schedule covers selection for the Canadian Mountain Bike Pools and Teams for the following Events, subject to clauses 1.b (Part A) and 12.d (Part B) of this Policy (right to vary team size or not to enter team):

Dates	Project	Location	Athletes
Feb. 10-17	Endurance and Team Building Camp	Agoura Hills CA USA	U23 and Elite
March 30-April 4	Olympic Familiarization Visit	Rio de Janeiro BRA	U23 and Elite
June 9-22	Monitored Altitude Camp	Colorado Springs CO USA	U23 and Elite

- b. **Sanctioned Competition or Authorized Event:** In order to be considered for selection to the Pools and Teams riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule while participating in a UCI sanctioned competition or a CC authorized event and while using a Mountain Bike complying with all UCI Cycling Regulations.
- c. **Other Factors:** Any selection to a Pool or Team for any one of the Events is subject to the General Selection Policy (including clause 10 (Other Factors), 11 (Extenuating Circumstances) and 12 (Other Selection Matters)).
- d. **Time Period:** Riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule during the time period commencing **Feb. 1, 2013** and for the Pool concluding **midnight (EST STD) one week prior to the Selection date** specified in this Schedule. Selections for events that take place prior to the 2014 racing season (i.e. Spring racing projects) shall be selected based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and the HPD.
- e. **Cancellation Policy:** Any athlete who accepts their position on a National Team project and who, for any reason, later cancels or declines to compete will not receive a refund for any project fees paid or owing.

2. NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING CAMP – AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, USA (FEB. 10-17, 2014)

- a. **Objective:** Endurance and Team Building Camp
- b. **Selection:** Athletes will be selected based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

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- c. **Team Size: 16 athletes.** Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
- d. **Eligibility:** All male or female licensed riders age 19 and over on Dec. 31, 2014.
- e. **Selection Date:** This selection has been completed. See excerpt on Cycling Canada website.
- f. **Athletes** must be active participants in the National Team Monthly Training Report Program and have submitted a yearly training plan to the National Team Head Coach.
- g. **Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded and self-funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Each athlete's funding level, for this particular project, will be outlined in the invitation for the camp.

3. OLYMPIC FAMILIARIZATION TOUR – RIO, BRAZIL (MARCH 30 – APRIL 4, 2014)

- a. **Objective:** Gather advanced knowledge of the Olympic course and venues.
- b. **Team Size: 4 athletes.** Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
- c. **Eligibility:** All male or female licensed riders age 19 and over on Dec. 31, 2014.
- d. **Selection Date:** Feb. 1, 2014
- e. **Selection of Team:** Selection will be based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD. In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10; as well as the following additional criteria:
 - i. The rider's ability to adhere to a strict media and confidentiality policy with regard to any information collected during the visit.
 - ii. The rider's ability and willingness to convey detailed course and venue information in an appropriate manner to other Olympic potential athletes from Canada.
- f. **Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded and self-funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Each athlete's funding level, for this particular project, will be outlined in the invitation for the camp.

2. MONITORED ALTITUDE TRAINING CAMP – COLORADO SPRINGS, USA (JUNE 9-22, 2014)

- a. **Objective:** Identify altitude responders/non-responders using a monitored training protocol.
- b. **Team Size: TBD.** Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
- c. **Eligibility:** All male or female licensed riders age 19 and over on Dec. 31, 2014. Athletes must be active participants in the National Team Monthly Training Report Program and have submitted a yearly training plan to the National Team Head Coach.
- d. **Selection Date:** May 1, 2014
- e. **Selection of Team:** Selection will be based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD. In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.
- f. **Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded and self-funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Each athlete's funding level, for this particular project, will be outlined in the invitation for the camp.

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SCHEDULE 2 – WORLD CUP AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. GENERAL

- a. **Events:** This Schedule covers selection for World Cup Project Pools and Teams for the following Events, subject to clauses 1.c (Part A) and 12.d (Part B) of this Policy (right to vary team size or not to enter team):

Dates	Project	Location	Athletes
March 25-30	Continental Championships	Barbacena BRA	U23 and Elite
May 20-June 2	UCI World Cup #3 and #4	CZE and GER	Junior and U23
July 30-Aug. 4	UCI World Cup #5 Junior Camp	Mt-Ste-Anne QC	Junior
Aug. 19-25	UCI World Cup #7	Meribel FRA	TBA

- b. **Sanctioned Competition or Authorized Event:** In order to be considered for selection to the World Cup Project, Pools and Teams riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in Schedule 2 while participating in a UCI sanctioned competition or a CC authorized event and while using a Mountain Bike that complies with the UCI Cycling Regulations.
- c. **Other Factors:** Any selection to a Pool or Team for any one of the Events is subject to the General Selection Policy (including clause 10 (Other Factors), 11 (Extenuating Circumstances) and 12 (Other Selection Matters).
- d. **Pre-condition:** All riders seeking selection to a Continental Championship or World Cup Project must be in a highly competitive state of condition prior to participating in the event. Athletes may be asked to provide evidence that they have met this pre-condition using racing results and/or documentation of completed training activities under the guidance of an NCCP certified cycling coach. The CC reserves the right, at the discretion of the HPD and National Team Head Coach, to deny selection to athletes who lack adequate preparation and/or skill level for world class competition for any event in Schedule 2.
Any rider applying for any CC project will need to provide the National Team Head Coach with their YTP (Yearly Training Plan) with details indicating their planned preparation for the project. Riders must be active participants in the National Team Monthly Training Report Program. If a new rider is selected to a project, they must submit their YTP and begin monthly training reports as of selection date.
- e. **Elite athletes on World Cup Projects:** Cycling Canada may, based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD, choose to include a limited number of exceptional Elite athletes, who have demonstrated rapid progression toward the Podium Pathway; and who are not presently supported by a UCI Elite Team in World Cup competition. In considering the riders to be selected in this manner, the Selection Committee shall take into account the Selection Pool criteria for this project and Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.
- f. **Time Period:** Riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule during the time period commencing February 1st, 2014 and for the Pools concluding midnight (EST STD) one week prior to the Selection Date, unless stated otherwise stated.
- g. **Cancellation Policy:** Any athlete who accepts their position on a National Team project and who, for any reason, later cancels or declines to compete will not receive a refund or exemption for any project fees paid or owing.

2. CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (U23) – BARBECENA, BRAZIL (MARCH 25-30, 2014)

- a. **Category:** U23 Women and U23 Men
- b. **Objective:** Medal performances.
- c. **Team Size:** 3 U23 Women, 3 U23 Men. Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.

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- d. **Eligibility:** All athletes aged 19 to 22 on Dec. 31, 2014.
- e. **Selection Date:** Feb. 1, 2014
- f. **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria.
 - i. Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2013 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in the U23 category.
- g. **Selection of Team:**
 - i. The top **3** U23 Women and top **3** U23 Men from the 2013 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships (XCO) will be selected to the team in order of their finish position at the 2013 World Championships in each category, provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2014 season as demonstrated at the National Team Training Camp or UCI races prior to the Championships.
- h. **Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded and self-funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Each athlete's funding level, for this particular project, will be outlined in the invitation for the project.

3. CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (ELITE) – BARBECENA, BRAZIL (MARCH 25-30, 2014)

- a. **Category:** Elite Women and Elite Men
- b. **Objective:** Medal performances.
- c. **Team Size:** **3** Elite Women, **3** Elite Men. Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
- d. **Eligibility:** All athletes aged 23 and older as of Dec. 31, 2014.
- e. **Selection Date:** Feb. 18, 2014
- f. **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following prioritized criteria.
 - i. Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2013 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in the Elite category.
- g. **Selection of Team:**
 - i. The top **three** (3) Elite Women and top **three** (3) Elite Men from the 2013 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships (XCO) will be selected to the team in order of their finish position at the 2013 World Championships in each category - provided that the athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2014 season as demonstrated at the National Team Training Camp or UCI races prior to the Championships.
- h. **Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded and self-funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Each athlete's funding level, for this particular project, will be outlined in the invitation for the project.

4. WORLD CUP #3 AND #4 (U23 and JUNIOR) – CZECH REPUBLIC AND GERMANY (MAY 20-JUNE 2, 2014)

- a. **Category:** Junior Women and Junior Men
- b. **Objective:** To increase race fitness, skill and tactical knowledge at the international level.
- c. **Team Size:** **2** Junior Women, **2** Junior Men. Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
- d. **Eligibility:** All Junior athletes aged 17 and 18 as of Dec. 31, 2014.
- e. **Selection Date:** Feb. 28, 2014
- f. **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria.

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- i. Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2013 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in the Junior category.
- ii. Athletes nominated to the pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.
- a. **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.
- g. **Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded and self-funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Each athlete's funding level, for this particular project, will be outlined in the invitation for the project.

5. WORLD CUP #3 AND #4 (U23) – CZECH REPUBLIC AND GERMANY (MAY 20-JUNE 2, 2014)

- b. **Category:** U23 Women and Men
- c. **Objective:** To increase race fitness, skill and tactical knowledge at the international level.
- d. **Team Size:** 4 U23 Women, 4 U23 Men. Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
- e. **Eligibility:** All athletes aged 19 to 22 as of Dec. 31, 2014.
- f. **Selection Date:** Feb. 28, 2014
- g. **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria.
 - i. Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2013 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in the U23 category.
 - ii. Any athlete who represented Canada at the 2013 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in the Junior category and is racing in the U23 category for the 2014 season.
 - iii. Athletes nominated to the pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.
- h. **Selection of Team:** Selection will be based on the expert opinion of the National Team Coach and HPD. In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.
- i. **Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded and self-funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Each athlete's funding level, for this particular project, will be outlined in the invitation for the project.

6. WORLD CUP #5 JUNIOR CAMP – MT-STE-ANNE QC (JULY 30-AUG. 2, 2014)

- a. **Category:** Junior Women and Junior Men
- b. **Objective:** To increase race fitness, skill and knowledge of World Cup racing.
- c. **Team Size:** 4 Junior Women and 4 Junior Men. Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
- d. **Eligibility:** All female athletes aged 17 and 18 as of Dec. 31, 2014.
- e. **Selection Date:** July 25, 2014
- f. **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria.
 - i. Top 4 riders at the 2014 National Championships in the Junior Women and Junior Men category.
 - ii. Athletes nominated to the pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.
- g. **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.
- h. **Funding and Project Information:** This project is self-funded for all athletes.

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7. WORLD CUP #7 – MERIBEL, FRANCE (AUG. 19-25, 2014)

- a. **Category:** TBD
- b. **Objective:** To score UCI points. To increase race fitness, skill and tactical knowledge.
- i. **Team Size:** TBD. Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
- c. **Eligibility:** Athletes aged 17 and over as of Dec. 31, 2014.
- d. **Selection Date:** July 25, 2014
- e. **Selection Pool Qualification:** Qualification to the Selection Pool will be based on the expert opinion of the HPD and the National Team Head Coach.
- j. **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.
- f. **Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded and self-funded opportunities based on available budget in the National Team Mountain Bike program. Each athlete's funding level, for this particular project, will be outlined in the invitation for the project.

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SCHEDULE 3 – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS XCO

1. GENERAL

- a. **Events:** This Schedule covers selection for the International Pools and Teams for the following Events, subject to clauses 1.c (Part A) and 12.d (Part B) of this Policy (right not to enter team):

Dates	Project	Location	Athletes
Aug. 28-Sept. 8	XCO World Championships	Hafjell NOR	Junior, U23, Elite

- b. **Sanctioned Competition or Authorized Event:** In order to be considered for selection to these Championship Projects, Pools and Teams riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule while participating in a UCI sanctioned competition or a CC authorized event and while using a Mountain Bike that complies with the UCI Cycling Regulations.

Note: If a specific selection/qualification event (a race used to meet a specific selection pool criteria) listed on the UCI calendar as of February 1, 2014 is cancelled or re-scheduled, any specific qualification position/selection criteria listed for that competition will be re-allocated to the National Championships.

- c. **Other Factors:** Any selection to a Team for any one of the Events is subject to this Policy (including clause 10 (Other Factors), 11 (Extenuating Circumstances) and 12 (Other Selection Matters).
- d. **Pre-Conditions:** All riders seeking selection to a Championship project must complete a high level of competition participation period of at least one (1) month in an approved Team training and racing program prior to the 2014 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships. Riders selected to the World Championship team must have submitted a Yearly Training Plan to the Head Coach, National Mountain Bike Team and be active participants in the National Team Monthly Report program. In the event that a new rider qualifies to the World Championship team, the rider must submit their Yearly Training Plan (YTP) and begin the National Team Monthly Reporting program upon notification of selection to the World Championships.
- e. **Time Period:** Riders must achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in this Schedule during the time period commencing Feb. 1, 2014, and for the Pools concluding midnight (EST STD) one week prior to the Selection Date, unless stated otherwise.

2. 2014 WORLD XCO CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

- a. The purpose of this section is to provide the membership with information on how Cycling Canada (CC) will select its representatives to the 2014 MTB World Championships. The primary objective of the selection process is to choose athletes with the highest potential to win medals at the 2014 Mountain Bike World Championships in Hafjell, Norway.
- b. Selection for the World Championships is open to any athlete possessing a Canadian passport at the time of nomination, an international UCI racing license and who is a member in good standing with the CC, their respective Provincial /Territorial Sport Organization, the Union Cycliste International, (UCI) and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).
- c. The World Championship Team will offer fully funded, partially funded and self-funded positions based on athlete performance and the athlete's classification on the 2014 National Team list. Athletes will be notified of the exact costs associated with the project at the time of selection. Historically the majority of XCO athletes on this project can anticipate self-funded positions at a cost of approximately \$1500-\$1800 plus the athlete's airfare.
- d. **Selection Procedure**
- The selection criteria in each category and discipline are outlined in this document.
 - All disputes shall be managed pursuant of the Cycling Canada Appeals Policy.
- e. **Selection Announcement**

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- i. Cycling Canada will endeavor to announce athlete selections in a timely manner as outlined below in order to provide the best possible preparation time and to provide partially funded athletes with time to secure funding from their province, teams, sponsors and/or supporters. Cycling Canada reserves the right to change these announcement dates in the event that more time is needed to ensure due process and fairness in selection.
- f. **Team Size:** Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.

3. 2014 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION

- a. **Category:** Junior Women XCO 2014 World Championship Selection
 - b. **Objective:** Medal performances.
 - c. **Team Size: 3 athletes.** Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
 - d. **Eligibility:** All female athletes aged 17 and 18 as of Dec. 31, 2014.
 - e. **Selection Date:** July 25, 2014
 - f. **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria.
 - i. Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Junior Women's race at the 2013 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2014 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
 - ii. Winner of the 2014 Sudbury Canada Cup or next best if the winner is already in the pool.
 - iii. Top 2 finishers at the 2014 National Championships or next best if either/both are already in the pool.
 - iv. Athletes nominated to the pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.
 - g. **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.
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- f. **Category:** Junior Men XCO 2014 World Championship Selection
- g. **Objective:** Medal performances.
- h. **Team Size: 3 athletes.** Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
- i. **Eligibility:** All male athletes aged 17 and 18 as of Dec. 31, 2014.
- j. **Selection Date:** July 25, 2014
- k. **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria.
 - i. Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Junior Men's race at the 2013 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2014 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
 - ii. Winner of the 2014 Sudbury Canada Cup or next best if the winner is already in the pool.
 - iii. Top 2 riders at the 2014 National Championships or next best rider if the rider is already in the pool.
 - iv. Athletes nominated to the pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

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- l. Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.
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m. Category: U23 Women XCO 2014 World Championship Selection

n. Objective: Medal performances.

o. Team Size: 3 athletes. Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.

p. Eligibility: All female athletes aged 19 to 22 as of Dec. 31, 2014.

q. Selection Date: July 25, 2014

r. Selection Pool Qualification: Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria.

- i. Any athlete who placed top 10 in the U23 Women's race at the 2013 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2014 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- ii. Winner of the 2014 Sudbury Canada Cup or next best if the winner is already in the pool.
- iii. Top 2 finishers at the 2014 National Championships or next best if either/both are already in the pool.
- iv. Athletes nominated to the pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

s. Selection of Team: In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.

t. Category: U23 Men XCO 2014 World Championship Selection

u. Objective: Medal performances.

v. Team Size: 3 athletes. Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.

w. Eligibility: All male athletes aged 19 to 22 as of Dec. 31, 2014.

x. Selection Date: July 25, 2014

y. Selection Pool Qualification: Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria.

- i. Any athlete who placed top 10 in the U23 Men's race at the 2013 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2014 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- ii. Winner of the 2014 Sudbury Canada Cup or next best if the winner is already in the pool.
- iii. Top 2 finishers at the 2014 National Championships or next best if either/both are already in the pool.
- iv. Athletes nominated to the pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

z. Selection of Team: In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.

aa. Category: Elite Women XCO 2014 World Championship Selection

bb. Objective: Medal performances.

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- cc. Team Size: 4 athletes.** Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
- dd. Eligibility:** All female athletes aged 23 and older as of Dec. 31, 2014.
- ee. Selection Date:** July 25, 2014
- ff. Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria.
- i. Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Elite Women's race at the 2013 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2014 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
 - ii. The 2014 XCO National Champion.
 - iii. Athletes who finish among the top 20 at a 2014 World Cup event outside North America.
 - iv. Athletes nominated to the pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.
- gg. Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.
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hh. Category: Elite Men XCO – 2014 World Championship Selection

ii. Objective: Medal performances.

jj. Team Size: 4 athletes. Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.

kk. Eligibility: All male athletes aged 23 and older as of Dec. 31, 2014.

ll. Selection Date: July 25th, 2014

mm. Selection Pool Qualification: Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria.

- i. Any athlete who placed top 10 in the Elite Men's race at the 2013 MTB XCO World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2014 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
- ii. The 2014 XCO National Champion.
- iii. Athletes who finish among the top 30 at a 2014 World Cup event outside North America.
- iv. Athletes nominated to the pool based on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

nn. Selection of Team: In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.

oo. Selection of Team Relay – World Championships

- i. Selection to the team relay will be based solely on the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD.

pp. Selection for XCE (Eliminator) Event – World Championships

- i. Athletes who have been named to the 2014 World Championship Team (XCO) may also request to compete in the XCE event at the World Championships. Start positions will be granted at the sole discretion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD. Athletes who wish to compete in this event must notify the National Team Head Coach prior to July 22, 2014.

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SCHEDULE 4 – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DHI

1. GENERAL:

Dates	Project	Location	Athletes
Aug. 28-Sept. 8	DHI World Championships	Hafjell NOR	Junior, Elite

The DHI Team is an important component of Canada's team at the World Championships. As most athletes and supporters of DHI are aware, Cycling Canada at present does not receive any government funding to support DHI as it is not currently an Olympic sport. Despite this, Cycling Canada endeavors to contribute to DHI by providing logistical and support services. At the World Championships, DHI athletes pay project fees that represent only a portion of the actual cost incurred for all of the support staff, hotels, vehicles and logistical support provided. We understand that these costs may seem high to some, however, all athletes and supporters should be aware that CC does everything possible to keep these costs to a minimum while still providing World Class service to its athletes.

The purpose of this section is to provide the membership with information on how Cycling Canada (CC) will select its representatives to the 2014 MTB World Championships DHI event. The primary objective of the selection process is to choose athletes with the highest potential to win medals at the 2014 Mountain Bike World Championships in Hafjell, Norway.

- Selection is open to any athlete possessing a Canadian passport at the time of nomination, an international UCI racing license and who is a member in good standing with the CC, their respective Provincial /Territorial Sport Organization, the Union Cycliste International, (UCI) and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).
 - Athletes' personal sponsors may benefit from advertising space on their uniforms, within the constraints imposed by the UCI regulations.
 - Athletes taking part in the World Championships must pay a project fee, stay in the National Team accommodations and work under the direction of the National Team Head Coach for the duration of the Championships unless they are part of a registered UCI Elite Team. All athletes must sign and adhere to the National Team Code of Conduct throughout the Championships.
- a. **Funding:** All athletes participating in DHI events at the 2014 MTB World Championships shall be responsible for all costs incurred to attend the event including travel, accommodations, team clothing and logistical support.
All athletes must pay the project fee prior to participating in the World Championships. All athletes are required to pay the same fees regardless of which CC services the athlete may or may not choose to access.
 - b. **Cancellation Policy:** Any athlete, who accepts their position on the DHI team for the World Championships and who, for any reason, later cancels or declines to compete at the World Championships will not receive a refund for any project fees paid or owing.
 - c. **Selection Procedure:** The selection criteria in each category and discipline are outlined in this document. Athletes who meet one of the criteria set forth in this document will be nominated to the Pool. The Selection Committee shall select athletes from this Pool to the World Championship Team based on criteria listed below and Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy. Selections are reviewed and approved by the Selection Committee. All disputes shall be managed under the Cycling Canada Appeals Policy.
 - d. **Selection Dates:** Cycling Canada will endeavor to announce athlete selections in a timely manner as outlined in the selection document in order to provide the best possible preparation time and to provide self-funded athletes with time to secure funding from their province, teams, sponsors and/or supporters. Cycling Canada reserves the right to change these announcement dates in the event that more time is needed to ensure due process and fairness in selection.

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- e. **Maximum Team Size:** Cycling Canada allows a maximum of 10 DHI athletes to attend the 2014 World Championships DHI. Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and High Performance Director or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.

2. DHI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION

- a. **Category:** Junior Women World Championships DHI Selection
- b. **Objective:** Medal performances.
- c. **Team Size: 1 athlete.** Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
- d. **Eligibility:** All female athletes aged 17 or 18 as of Dec. 31, 2014.
- e. **Selection Date:** July 18, 2014
- f. **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria.
 - i. Any athlete who medaled in the Junior Women's race at the 2013 MTB DHI World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2014 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
 - ii. The 2014 Junior Female National DHI Champion.
- g. **Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.
- h. **Funding:** As mentioned in the introduction to this selection document, all members of the World Championship Team are required to pay a project fee of approximately \$1500-\$1800 prior to competing at the World Championships. Riders must pay the project fee prior to competing, regardless of whether or not they choose to access all of the services provided.
- i. **Cancellation:** Any athlete who accepts their position on the DHI Team for the World Championships and who, for any reason, later cancels or declines to compete at the World Championships will not receive a refund.

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- j. **Category:** Junior Men World Championships DHI Selection
 - k. **Objective:** Medal performances.
 - l. **Team Size: 3 athletes.** Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
 - m. **Eligibility:** All male athletes aged 17 or 18 as of Dec. 31, 2014.
 - n. **Selection Date:** July 18, 2014
 - o. **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria.
 - i. Any athlete who medaled in the Junior Men's race at the 2013 MTB DHI World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2014 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
 - ii. The highest ranked Junior Male on the DHI Individual Classification as of July 15, 2014 (Nationals to be included in ranking) or next best if already in the pool.
 - iii. Any Junior Male Athlete who finishes in the top 2 at the 2014 Canadian National DHI championships or next best if already in the pool.

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- p. Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.
 - q. Funding:** As mentioned in the introduction to this selection document, all members of the World Championship Team are required to pay a project fee of approximately \$1500-\$1800 prior to competing at the World Championships. Riders must pay the project fee prior to competing, regardless of whether or not they choose to access all of the services provided.
 - r. Cancellation:** Any athlete who accepts their position on the DHI Team for the World Championships and who, for any reason, later cancels or declines to compete at the World Championships will not receive a refund.
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- s. Category:** Elite Women World Championships DHI Selection
 - t. Objective:** Medal performances.
 - u. Team Size: 3 athletes.** Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
 - v. Eligibility:** All female athletes aged 23 and older as of Dec. 31, 2014.
 - w. Selection Date:** July 18, 2014
 - x. Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria.
 - i. Any athlete who medaled in the Elite Women's race at the 2013 MTB DHI World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar level of performance during the 2014 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.
 - ii. The highest ranked Elite Female on the UCI MTB DHI Individual Classification as of July 15, 2014 (Nationals to be included in ranking) or next best if already in the pool.
 - iii. Any Elite Female Athlete who finishes in the top 2 at the 2014 Canadian National DHI championships or next best if already in the pool.
 - y. Selection of Team:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.
 - z. Funding:** As mentioned in the introduction to this selection document, all members of the World Championship Team are required to pay a project fee of approximately \$1500-\$1800 prior to competing at the World Championships. Riders must pay the project fee prior to competing, regardless of whether or not they choose to access all of the services provided.
 - aa. Cancellation:** Any athlete who accepts their position on the DHI Team for the World Championships and who, for any reason, later cancels or declines to compete at the World Championships will not receive a refund.
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- bb. Category:** Elite Men World Championships DHI Selection
- cc. Objective:** Medal performances.
- dd. Team Size: 3 athletes.** Cycling Canada reserves the right to increase, decrease or reconfigure team size or quotas based on funding limitations, the expert opinion of the National Team Head Coach and HPD or other factors not under Cycling Canada's control.
- ee. Eligibility:** All male athletes aged 23 and older as of Dec. 31, 2014.
- ff. Selection Date:** July 18, 2014
- gg. Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria.
 - i. Any athlete who medaled in the Elite Men's race at the 2013 MTB DHI World Championships, provided that athlete has demonstrated the ability to maintain a similar

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level of performance during the 2014 season as demonstrated by international performances and ranking.

- ii. The highest ranked Elite Male on the UCI MTB DHI Individual Classification as of July 15, 2014 (Nationals to be included in ranking).
- iii. Any Elite Male Athlete who finishes in the top 2 at the 2014 Canadian National DHI championships or next best if already selected.

hh. Selection of Team: In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, the Selection Committee shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.

ii. Funding: As mentioned in the introduction to this selection document, all members of the World Championship Team are required to pay a project fee of approximately \$1500-\$1800 prior to competing at the World Championships. Riders must pay the project fee prior to competing, regardless of whether or not they choose to access all of the services provided.

jj. Cancellation: Any athlete who accepts their position on the DHI Team for the World Championships and who, for any reason, later cancels or declines to compete at the World Championships will not receive a refund.