



**Cycling****CANADA****Cyclisme**

**2017 UCI URBAN CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
SELECTION CRITERIA**

**FOR SELECTING ATHLETES TO REPRESENT CANADA IN:**

- **BMX FREESTYLE PARK**
- **MTB TRIALS**
- **MTB ELIMINATOR**

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## Selection Criteria for the 2017 Urban Cycling World Championships

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### 2017 CONTEXT

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The UCI Urban Cycling World Championships is a new event on the UCI calendar that brings together BMX Freestyle Park, Mountain Bike Trials and Mountain Bike Eliminator.

The inclusion of BMX Freestyle Park as a medal event in the 2020 Olympic program has presented both an opportunity and a challenge.

Among the opportunities:

- Olympic cycling will be opened to a new audience and a new participation base, giving national federations the chance to grow;
- For Canada, there may be the possibility of earning Olympic medals with athletes who are already competing in Freestyle.

Among the challenges:

- Cycling Canada has little experience with Freestyle;
- As a judged event, Freestyle has a competition structure that presents a steep learning curve to national federations in the areas of:
  - High Performance
  - Athlete development
  - Officials development and certification
- The participation base and talent pool in Freestyle is as yet unknown – particularly on the women's side – as there has not been a single unified governing body in the past;
- We don't know how much interest existing athletes may in pursuing Olympic performances;
- As yet, Cycling Canada has no funding sources to support BMX Freestyle programming;
- The Olympic qualification process and competition format has not been published.

Given the above, Cycling Canada is still evaluating its approach to BMX Freestyle. In the meantime, with the UCI Urban Cycling World Championships coming soon, this document is intended to clarify the process for athletes who wish to attend the Urban World Championships, whether in Freestyle, Trials or Eliminator.

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### ABOUT THE URBAN CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The 2017 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships will be held in Chengdu, China, from Nov. 8 to 12, 2017.

The main competition dates are:

Date	Time	Event
Nov. 8	15:00-17:00	Trials teams' World Championship
Nov. 9	08:30-11:00	Trials MJ20 semifinals
	11:30-13:00	Trials WE semifinals
	14:30-17:00	Trials MJ26 semifinals
Nov. 10	09:00-13:00	Trials ME20 semifinals
	13:30-17:30	Trials ME26 semifinals
	13:45-15:45	BMX qualification elite men group 1



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	16:30-18:30	BMX qualification elite men group 2
Nov. 11	09:00-10:30	Trials MJ20 finals
	10:30-12:00	Trials MJ26 finals
	13:00-14:30	Trials WE finals
	14:30-16:00	Trials ME20 finals
	16:00-17:30	Trials ME26 finals
	16:00-18:00	BMX semifinal men
Nov. 12	12:00-12:45	BMX final women
	13:00-15:00	XCE seeding run
	16:30-17:10	XCE finals
	17:20-18:10	BMX final men

The full schedule and specific regulations can be found on the UCI website at:

[http://www.uci.ch/mm/Document/News/News/18/29/93/2017UrbanCyclingWorldChampionships-Competitionguide\\_Neutral.pdf](http://www.uci.ch/mm/Document/News/News/18/29/93/2017UrbanCyclingWorldChampionships-Competitionguide_Neutral.pdf)

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### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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Cycling Canada does not have any funding to cover participation in the Urban Cycling World Championships. Cycling Canada has requested financial support from the Canadian Olympic Committee due to the fact that BMX Freestyle was recently added to the 2020 Olympic Program, but this request was turned down.

As such, participation in the Urban Cycling World Championships will be completely self-funded by the athletes, who will need to budget for:

- Travel
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Visa application costs
- Incidentals
- All of the above for any accompanying coaches or other support staff

It will be the responsibility of the athlete to secure a visa and do their own travel bookings. Cycling Canada can offer the services of its travel agent for flights. Note there is a \$40 agent fee for this service.

It is recommended athletes book at Longemont Hotels, the official hotel with discounted rates. The organizers are providing free shuttles between the airport, this hotel and the venue.

Cycling Canada is planning on sending one staff member, who will be there to observe the events and to act as a team manager and central point of contact for the athletes and staff.

Cycling Canada will supply competition clothing for the Trials and Eliminator events consisting of one short-sleeve jersey and one pair of bib shorts for each athlete. Specific clothing is not required for BMX Freestyle Park. Cycling Canada will also supply any available casual clothing to athletes, depending on inventory.



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It will be possible to order additional clothing, including clothing of a special design (eg. Mountain bike skinsuit), but this will be at the athletes' own expense and must respect the production timelines for Louis Garneau Sports.

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### PERSONAL COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

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Each country participating in the Urban Cycling World Championships may accredit the following support staff:

- 6 team assistants
- 6 coaches
- 3 mechanics

Cycling Canada is offering these accredited spots to athletes' coaches and supporters attending the event on the following basis:

- Athletes must apply to use one of the accredited spots no later than Sept. 25, and are limited to 1 each
- Accreditations will be offered on a first-come, first served basis
- Prior to applying for accreditation, each support staff member must:
  - Hold a valid UCI cycling licence
  - Not be under suspension for an anti-doping violation or other infraction
  - Agree to comply with Cycling Canada's Code of Conduct
  - Complete the Cycling Canada National Team Staff requirements, including:
    - The National Team Staff form
    - A clear background check
    - The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport online anti-doping education course "2017 TrueSport Clean 101"

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### IMPORTANT DATES

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Athletes wishing to represent Canada at the Urban Cycling World Championships must apply to Cycling Canada no later than Sept. 25, 2017 using the online form to be posted later. At the same time, athletes will need to apply for accreditation for support staff – note there is a very tight deadline to apply for accreditation (see table below).

Cycling Canada will confirm the athlete's nomination to the team no later than Sept. 30, 2017. The athlete will then need to fulfill all the obligations listed above and provide Cycling Canada with details on his or her accommodation no later than Oct. 15 for Cycling Canada to register them for the World Championships.

Date	Action
Aug. 1	Staff accreditation system opens
Sept. 25	Deadline for athletes and staff to apply
Sept. 30	Deadline for Cycling Canada to confirm nominations
Oct. 1	Staff accreditation system closes
Oct. 2	Rider registration system opens



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Oct. 15	Deadline for athletes and staff to complete eligibility requirements and provide accommodation information to Cycling Canada
Oct. 27	Rider registration system closes
Nov. 7	Accreditation Centre opens
Nov. 8	Trials team managers meeting
Nov. 8	BMX Freestyle Park team managers meeting
Nov. 10	Mountain Bike Eliminator team managers meeting

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### SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

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The UCI has announced that there will be unlimited quotas for nations who wish to enter athletes in the UCI Urban Cycling World Championships.

As a result, Cycling Canada will impose a very simple minimum performance standard for athletes wishing to compete: athletes must have scored at least one point in the UCI World Cup in the relevant cycling sport prior to the selection date. The eligibility requirements for all athletes, and the details for each event, are outlined below.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ATHLETES

Athletes must be eligible to represent Canada in international competition. Each athlete must:

- Be a Canadian citizen
- Hold a valid UCI cycling licence for the relevant cycling sport with their nationality listed as Canadian
- Agree to comply with Cycling Canada's Code of Conduct
- Not be under suspension for an anti-doping violation or other infraction
- Meet the specific age requirements for their sport, listed below
- Meet the minimum eligibility requirements for their sport, listed below
- Apply for selection by the deadline, listed above
- Complete the Cycling Canada National Team Athlete requirements, including:
  - The National Team Athlete form
  - The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport online anti-doping education course "TrueSport Clean 101"
  - The Cycling Canada National Team Athlete Agreement

#### BMX FREESTYLE PARK

##### Categories:

- Women elite (age 15 and over; born 2002 or earlier\*)
- Men elite (age 15 and over; born 2002 or earlier\*)

\* An athlete's age is calculated by the difference between the year of the event and the year of birth (UCI rule 1.1.034).

##### Maximum team size:

There is no maximum team size.



## Selection Criteria for the 2017 Urban Cycling World Championships

### Minimum performance standard:

Athletes must have at least 1 point on the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup ranking following Round 3 in Edmonton AB (Sept. 18, 2017).

Anyone meeting this standard earlier is strongly encouraged to apply before the deadline.

### **MOUNTAIN BIKE TRIALS**

#### Categories:

- Women elite (age 15 and over; born 2002 or earlier\*)
- Men Juniors 20" (age 16-18; born 1999-2001\*)
- Men Juniors 26" (age 16-18; born 1999-2001\*)
- Men Elite 20" (age 19 and over; born 1998 or earlier\*)
- Men Elite 26" (age 19 and over; born 1998 or earlier\*)

\* An athlete's age is calculated by the difference between the year of the event and the year of birth (UCI rule 1.1.034).

#### Maximum team size:

There is no maximum team size.

### Minimum performance standard:

Athletes must have at least 1 point on the UCI Trials World Cup ranking following Round 5 in Antwerp BEL (Sept. 23-24, 2017).

Anyone meeting this standard earlier is strongly encouraged to apply before the deadline.

### **MOUNTAIN BIKE ELIMINATOR**

#### Categories:

- Women (age 17 and over; born 2000 or earlier\*)
- Men (age 17 and over; born 2000 or earlier\*)

\* An athlete's age is calculated by the difference between the year of the event and the year of birth (UCI rule 1.1.034).

#### Maximum team size:

There is no maximum team size.

### Minimum performance standard:

Athletes must have at least 1 point on the UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Cup ranking following Round 6 in Antwerp BEL (Sept. 24, 2017).

Anyone meeting this standard earlier is strongly encouraged to apply before the deadline.