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2017 BMX SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

**FOR SELECTING BMX ATHLETES
TO NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAMS**

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Selection Criteria for 2017 National Team BMX Programs

INTRODUCTION

This document lays out the specific selection criteria for BMX athletes to be named to the national team for the following 2017 National Team Programs:

2017 BMX COMPETITION AND CAMP CALENDAR		
Mar 25 –Apr 1	Pre-Season National Team Camp	Rock Hill (USA)
Mar 31- Apr 6	NextGen Pre-Season Camp	Rock Hill (USA)
Apr 21- May 14	Europe Camp including: BMX Supercross World Cup #1-2 (May 6-7) BMX Supercross World Cup #3-4 (May 13-14)	Erp (NED) Papendal (NED) Zolder (BEL)
July 25-30	2017 UCI BMX World Championships	Rock Hill (USA)
Sept 16-17	BMX Supercross World Cup #5-6	Santiago del Estero (ARG)

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 Criteria document.

The criteria are organized by Schedule as follows:

- Schedule 1 – TRAINING CAMPS
- Schedule 2 – WORLD CUPS
- Schedule 3 – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



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SCHEDULE 1 – TRAINING CAMPS AND SELECTION SESSIONS

1. GENERAL

- a. **Events:** This Schedule covers selection for the Canadian BMX Pools and Teams for the following Events:

2017 BMX TRAINING CAMPS AND SELECTION SESSIONS CALENDAR		
Mar 25- Apr 1	Pre-Season National Team Camp	Rock Hill (USA)
Mar 31- Apr 6	NextGen Pre-Season Camp	Rock Hill (USA)

- b. **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).
- c. **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. An exception might be made in the event of injury or illness; this will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- d. **Eligibility:** In order to be considered for selection athletes must be Canadian citizens who hold a UCI cycling license that lists Nationality as Canadian. Athletes must also achieve the specific selection criteria set out in Schedule 1, 2, 3 while participating in a UCI sanctioned competition or a CC authorized event, and complying with the UCI Cycling Regulations.
- e. **Appeals:** Any appeals of selection decisions will be managed under the Cycling Canada Appeals Policy. Note that only athletes who have achieved the specific selection criteria may appeal selection decisions.

2. Pre-Season National Team Camp – Rock Hill (USA) (Mar 25 –Apr 1)

- a. **Eligibility:** All licensed riders age 19 and over on Dec. 31, 2017.
- b. **Selection Pool Qualification:**
- Elite athletes nominated through the expert opinion of the National Program Coaches and HPD based on 2016 performances.
- c. **Selection:** Selection shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.
- d. **Funding:** This project will offer athletes funded, partially funded and self-funded opportunities based on available budget in the National program. Each athlete's funding level, for this particular project, will be outlined in the invitation for the camp.

3. NextGen Camp – Rock Hill (USA) (Mar 31 –Apr 6)

- a. **Eligibility:** All licensed riders age 15 to 18 on Dec. 31, 2017
- b. **Selection Pool Qualifications:**
- All 2017 NextGen Program athletes.
 - Athletes nominated to the pool based on the expert opinion of the National Program Coaches and HPD.
- c. **Selection:** Selection shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.
- d. **Funding:** This project will offer athletes partially funded and self-funded opportunities based on available budget in the National 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 CUPS

1. GENERAL

- a. **Events:** This Schedule covers selection for the Canadian BMX Pools for the following Events:

2017 BMX COMPETITION AND CAMP CALENDAR		
Apr 21- May 14	Europe Camp including:	Erp (NED)
	BMX Supercross World Cup #1-2 (May 6-7)	Papendal (NED)
	BMX Supercross World Cup #3-4 (May 13-14)	Zolder (BEL)
Sept 16-17	BMX Supercross World Cup #5-6	Santiago del Estero (ARG)

- a. **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).
- b. **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. An exception might be made in the event of injury or illness; this will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- c. **Eligibility:** In order to be considered for selection athletes must be Canadian citizens who hold a UCI cycling license that lists Nationality as Canadian. Athletes must also achieve the Specific Selection Criteria set out in Schedule 1 and 2 while participating in a UCI sanctioned competition or a CC authorized event, and complying with the UCI Cycling Regulations.
- d. **Appeals:** Any appeals of selection decisions will be managed under the Cycling Canada Appeals Policy. Note that only athletes who have achieved the specific selection criteria may appeal selection decisions.
- e. **Objectives:**
- To compete at World Cup events and meet individual athlete benchmarks determined by each rider's progression on the Podium Pathway.
 - Earn points that will count towards Nation Rankings.
 - Progress the level of performance through experience.

2. Europe Camp including BMX Supercross World Cups #1-4 (April 21- May 14)

- a. **Team size:** The team size may vary depending on the event and opinion of National program Coaches. CC reserves the right to vary the team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.
- b. **Eligibility:** All licensed riders age 17 and over on Dec. 31, 2017.
- c. **Selection date:** The names of riders selected will be announced 4 weeks before each World Cup.
- d. **Funding:** These projects are partially funded. The estimated cost per athlete will be made available upon selection. Payment must be received 14 days (two weeks) prior to the start of the project.
- e. **Selection Pool Qualifications:** Athletes nominated to the pool through expert opinion of the National program Coaches and HPD based on the following:
- World Cup, World Championships, and C1 results and performances from 2016.
 - Performance at the 2017 Pre-Season National program Camp.
 - Ongoing 2017 results and performances.
- f. **Selection:** Selection shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.

3. BMX Supercross World Cup #5-6 – Santiago del Estero (ARG) (Sept 16-17)

- a. **Team size:** The team size may vary depending on the event and opinion of National program Coaches. CC reserves the right to vary the team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.
- b. **Eligibility:** All licensed riders age 17 and over on Dec. 31, 2017.



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- c. **Selection date:** August 18, 2017
- d. **Funding:** This project will be partially funded. The National program will cover the cost of sending a National coach, however all other expenses will be the responsibility of the athletes. The estimated cost per athlete will be made available upon selection. Payment must be received 14 days (two weeks) prior to the start of the project.
- e. **Selection Pool Qualifications:** Only athletes in the top 5 of the UCI World Cup ranking as of the selection date will be selected for this project. A team will not be sent if there are no athletes who meet this criteria.
- f. **Selection:** Selection shall take into account Clause 10 of the General Selection Policy.

SCHEDULE 3 – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. GENERAL

- a. **Events:** This Schedule covers selection for the Canadian BMX Pools and Teams for the following Events:

July 25-29	2017 UCI BMX World Championships	Rock Hill (USA)
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- b. **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).
- c. **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. An exception might be made in the event of injury or illness; this will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- d. **Eligibility:** In order to be considered for selection athletes must be Canadian citizens who hold a UCI cycling license that lists Nationality as Canadian. Athletes must also achieve the specific selection criteria set out in Schedule 1, 2, 3 while participating in a UCI sanctioned competition or a CC authorized event, and complying with the UCI Cycling Regulations.
- e. **Appeals:** Any appeals of selection decisions will be managed under the Cycling Canada Appeals Policy. Note that only athletes who have achieved the specific selection criteria may appeal selection decisions.
- f. **Funding:** This project is partially funded. The estimated cost per athlete will be made available upon selection. Payment must be received 14 days (two weeks) prior to the start of the project.
- g. **Objectives:**
 - i. Two top-16 finishes in the Elite classes;
 - ii. Top-16 finish in the Junior Men class;
 - iii. Top-8 finish in the Junior Women class
- h. **Coaches' discretion process:** coaches' discretion is based on performances at the qualifying events and clause 10 of the General Selection Policy. Priority of the qualifying events is detailed in each selection.
- i. **Qualifying events:** the following will be used as qualifying events for specific categories (see below for details on the selection for each category). With exception to athletes selected for the camps and World Cups #1-2 and 3-4, the qualifying events are not National Team events and athletes will not be supported:

2017 UCI C1 Carolina Nationals event including Junior selection sessions*
2016 & 2017 World Cup events
2016 World Championships
2017 UCI events on SX tracks
2016 National BMX Championships



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- * **Junior selection sessions:** The skill sessions will take place on Tuesday Apr 4 & Wednesday Apr 5 in Rock Hill, SC, USA. These sessions are open to all licensed athletes aged 17 and 18 on Dec. 31, 2017. Athletes not participating in the NextGen Pre-Season Camp are responsible for their own cost and logistics of attending the required selection events. If you plan to attend, please notify adam.muys@cyclingcanada.ca by Monday, March 27 at 4pm EST for more details.

Junior athletes will be ranked and evaluated based on the following:

- a. Performance at the UCI C1 Carolina Nationals SX in Rock Hill, USA. All junior athletes looking to qualify through the selection sessions must compete in the Junior Men or Junior Women category on Sunday, Apr 2.
- b. Skills session on and off the track including, but not limited to:
 - i. 10m, 25m, 50m Sprints,
 - ii. First straight & Half lap times,
 - iii. Skill evaluation on first, second & third straights.
- c. Ability to handle the supercross track.

2. JUNIOR WOMEN

- a. **Objective:** Top 8 performance.
- b. **Team Size: 3 athletes** based on quota from the UCI. The team size may vary depending on the event and opinion of National program Coaches. CC reserves the right to vary the team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.
- c. **Eligibility:** All female athletes aged 17 and 18 as of Dec. 31, 2017.
- d. **Selection Date:** May 15, 2017
- e. **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria:
 1. Athletes selected to the BMX NextGen Program.
 2. Top UCI points earner as of December 31, 2016.
 3. Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Coaches.
 4. Junior National Champion from the 2016 season if still a junior.
 5. Athletes who participated in the Junior selection sessions.
- f. **Selection:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, selection shall take into account performances and results from the following events in priority order:
 1. Athlete ranking and evaluation from the 2017 UCI C1 Carolina Nationals event including Junior selection sessions.
 2. 2017 UCI Races on SX tracks.
 3. 2016 World Championships.
 4. 2016 National BMX Championships.
 5. 2016 Canada Cup Series.

Athlete will be selected to the Team in the following order:

1. Highest ranked athlete in the top 10 of the UCI rankings as of December 31, 2016. Coaches' discretion if the athlete has moved into the Elite category or if there are no athletes in the top 10. (Jan. 30/17: there were no athletes ranked in the top 10 of the UCI rankings, therefor selection will be by Coaches' discretion.)
2. Coaches' selection from the Junior selection sessions, and
3. Coaches' discretion – 1st Year Junior.



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3. JUNIOR MEN

- a. **Objective:** Top 16 performance
- b. **Team Size: 6 athletes** based on quota from the UCI. The team size may vary depending on the event and opinion of National program Coaches. CC reserves the right to vary the team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.
- c. **Eligibility:** All male athletes aged 17 and 18 as of Dec. 31, 2017.
- d. **Selection Date:** May 15, 2017
- e. **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria:
 - 1. Athletes selected to the BMX NextGen Program.
 - 2. Top UCI points earner as of December 31, 2016.
 - 3. Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Coaches.
 - 4. Junior National Champion from the 2016 season if still a junior.
 - 5. Athletes who participated in the Junior selection sessions.
- f. **Selection:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, selection shall take into account performances and results from the following events in priority order:
 - 1. Athlete ranking and evaluation from the 2017 UCI C1 Carolina Nationals event including Junior selection sessions.
 - 2. 2017 UCI Races on SX tracks.
 - 3. 2016 World Championships.
 - 4. 2016 National BMX Championships.
 - 5. 2016 Canada Cup Series.

Athlete will be selected to the Team in the following order:

- 1. Highest ranked athlete in the top 10 of the UCI rankings as of December 31, 2016. Coaches' discretion if the athlete has moved into the Elite category or if there are no athletes in the top 10. (Jan. 30/17: Alex Tougas was the highest ranked athlete in the top 10 but is moving into the Elite category, therefor selection will be by Coaches' discretion.)
- 2. Coaches' discretion.
- 3. Coaches' selection of a first year junior from the Junior selection sessions.
- 4. Coaches' selection from the Junior selection sessions.
- 5. Coaches' selection from the Junior selection sessions.
- 6. Coaches' discretion.

4. ELITE WOMEN

- a. **Objective:** Top 16 performance.
- b. **Team Size: 2 athletes** based on quota from the UCI. The team size may vary depending on the event and opinion of National program Coaches. CC reserves the right to vary the team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.
- c. **Eligibility:** All female athletes aged 19 and over as of Dec. 31, 2017.
- d. **Selection Date:** May 15, 2017
- e. **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria:
 - 1. Finish top-32 and top half in the elite class at a UCI SX World Cup in 2016 or 2017.
 - 2. Score at least 100 Elite UCI points (including at least 50 points earned outside Canada) as of the selection date.
 - 3. Top 3 UCI points earners as of December 31, 2016.
 - 4. Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Coaches.
 - 5. National Champion from the 2016 season.



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- f. **Selection:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, selection shall take into account performances and results from the following events in priority order:

1. 2016 & 2017 World Cup events.
2. 2017 UCI C1 Carolina Nationals event in the elite category.
3. 2016 World Championships.
4. 2017 UCI events on SX tracks.
5. 2016 National BMX Championships.

Athlete will be selected to the Team in the following order:

1. Highest ranked athlete in the top 20 of the UCI rankings as of December 31, 2016, or Coaches' discretion if not filled. (Jan. 30/17: there were no athletes ranked in the top 20 of the UCI rankings, therefore selection will be by Coaches' discretion.)
2. Coaches' discretion.

5. ELITE MEN

- a. **Objectives:** Top 16 performance.
- b. **Team Size: 4 athletes** based on quota from the UCI, plus UCI automatic designation of Tory Nyhaug. The team size may vary depending on the event and opinion of National program Coaches. CC reserves the right to vary the team size based on the suitability of the competition to the athlete's performance level.
- c. **Eligibility:** All male athletes aged 19 and over as of Dec. 31, 2017.
- d. **Selection Date:** May 15, 2017
- e. **Selection Pool Qualification:** Athletes will be automatically included in the Pool of athletes eligible for selection, upon meeting one of the following criteria:
 1. Finish top-64 and top half in the elite class at a UCI SX World Cup in 2016 or 2017.
 2. Score at least 100 Elite UCI points (including at least 50 points earned outside Canada) as of selection date.
 3. Top 3 UCI points earner as of December 31, 2016.
 4. Athletes nominated to the selection pool based on the expert opinion of the National Coaches.
 5. National Champion from the 2016 season.
- f. **Selection:** In considering the riders to be selected to the Team for this project, selection shall take into account performances and results from the following events in priority order:
 1. 2016 & 2017 World Cup events.
 2. 2017 UCI C1 Carolina Nationals event in the elite category.
 3. 2016 World Championships.
 4. 2017 UCI events on SX tracks.
 5. 2016 National BMX Championships.

Athlete will be selected to the Team in the following order:

1. UCI automatic designation: Tory Nyhaug.
2. Coaches' discretion.
3. World Cup Point leader, or coaches' discretion if already selected.
4. Highest ranked Junior in the top 10 UCI rankings as of December 31, 2016 who maintains a spot on podium pathway, or Coaches' discretion if not filled. (Jan. 30/17: Alex Tougas was the highest ranked junior in the top 10 and will be selected to this position.)