



2019 UCI URBAN CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA

FOR SELECTING ATHLETES TO REPRESENT CANADA IN:

- **BMX FREESTYLE PARK**
- **BMX FREESTYLE FLATLAND**
- **MTB TRIALS**

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2019 CONTEXT

The UCI Urban Cycling World Championships will be on its third year in 2019. These championships bring together BMX Freestyle Park, Mountain Bike Trials and new this year is BMX Freestyle Flatland.

The inclusion of BMX Freestyle Park as a medal event in the 2020 Olympic program has presented a number of opportunities:

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 is still gaining experience with Freestyle Park;
- As a judged event, Freestyle Park 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 Park leading up to the Games is still being identified – particularly on the women's side – as there has not been a single unified governing body in the past;
- As of yet, Cycling Canada has no funding sources to support BMX Freestyle Park programming.

Given the above, Cycling Canada is still evaluating its approach to BMX Freestyle Park leading into the Olympics. In the meantime, this document is intended to clarify the process for athletes who wish to attend the Urban World Championships, and includes the selection criteria for each sport based on the participation quota set by the UCI.

ABOUT THE URBAN CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2019 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships will be held in Chengdu, China, from Nov. 6 to 10, 2019.

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

<https://www.uci.org/bmx-freestyle/events/uci-urban-cycling-world-championships>



FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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 will supply competition clothing for the Trials events consisting of one short-sleeve jersey and one pair of bib shorts for each athlete.

BMX Freestyle Park and Flatland athletes may compete in the clothing of their choice providing they follow UCI rule 6bis.4.007:

Riders in BMX Freestyle Competitions shall wear clothing that is traditionally associated with BMX Freestyle. Such clothing in its design or construction must not constitute a danger to the safety of the rider (example: exceptionally loose clothing which could become caught in the rider's bicycle).

Likewise, the design or advertising printed on such clothing must not contain any offensive statement or image which could damage the public image of the organiser, the UCI, nor of BMX Freestyle as a sport.

For avoidance of doubt, riders must wear a shirt (either with or without sleeves) during official practice, Competition, and during official ceremonies and press activities. Likewise, the design or advertising printed on such clothing must not contain any offensive statement or image which could damage the public image of the organiser, the UCI, nor of BMX Freestyle as a sport.

It will be possible to order additional clothing, including clothing of a special design, but this will be at the athletes' own expense and must respect the production timelines for Louis Garneau Sports. For additional information, please contact Cycling Canada Off-Road Program Manager Jennifer Mahoney at jennifer.mahoney@cyclingcanada.ca



PERSONAL COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Each country participating in the Urban Cycling World Championships may accredit up to the following number of 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 who wish to have accredited support staff must apply to use one of Cycling Canada's spots no later than Sept. 23, 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 "2019 TrueSport Clean 101"

IMPORTANT DATES

Athletes wishing to represent Canada at the Urban Cycling World Championships must apply to Cycling Canada no later than Sept. 23, 2019 using the online form to be posted. At the same time, athletes will need to apply for accreditation for support staff.

Cycling Canada will confirm the athlete's nomination to the team no later than Oct. 1, 2019. 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. 14 for Cycling Canada to register them for the World Championships.

Date	Action
Sept. 23	Deadline for athletes and staff to apply
Oct. 1	Deadline for Cycling Canada to confirm nominations for athletes and staff
Oct. 1	Rider registration and staff accreditation system opens
Oct. 14	Deadline for athletes and staff to complete eligibility requirements and provide accommodation information to Cycling Canada
Oct. 25	Rider registration system closes
Nov. 4	Accreditation Centre opens
Nov. 4	Team managers meeting for Freestyle Flatland
Nov. 6	Team managers meeting for Trials and Freestyle Park



SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

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

The UCI has announced that there will be quotas for nations who wish to enter athletes in the BMX Freestyle competition at the UCI Urban Cycling World Championships. The quota system can be found [here](#).

Canada has qualified 2 Women elite and 3 Men elite.

Categories:

- Women elite (age 15 and over *)
- Men elite (age 15 and over *)

* 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

Canada will select the maximum number of athletes based on the UCI quota earned, the number of athletes meeting the minimum performance standard, and the number of athletes expressing interest in attending the world championships.

Minimum Performance standard

Athletes must have competed in the elite category in a FISE UCI World Cup event during the 2019 season, and have earned at least 1 point on the BMX Freestyle Park UCI ranking.



Selection Criteria for the 2019 Urban Cycling World Championships

Team Selection

Athletes will be selected in the following priority order:

- The highest individual placing at a UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup during the 2019 season. In the case of a tie, the athlete with the most recent result will be given priority;

BMX FREESTYLE FLATLAND

Categories:

- Women elite (age 15 and over *)
- Men elite (age 15 and over *)

* 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 BMX Freestyle Flatland World Cup ranking as of the application deadline.

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

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRIALS

Categories:

- Women elite (age 15 and over *)
- Men Juniors 20" (age 16-18 *)
- Men Juniors 26" (age 16-18 *)
- Men Elite 20" (age 19 and over *)
- Men Elite 26" (age 19 and over *)

* 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 Trials World Cup in Val di Sole, ITA (Aug 23-25, 2019).

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