



SELECTION CRITERIA

MXGP World Championship:
Support Categories



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Motorcycling NT acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout the Northern Territory and their connections to land, seas and community in which we gather, meet and ride.

We pay our respect to their Elders past and present, and extend that respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.





1. PREAMBLE

Motorcycling Northern Territory (MNT) is the state body responsible for the sport of motorcycling in Northern Territory. This Selection Policy applies to all riders who are potentially eligible to be considered for selection in MXGP ('Championship') where riders are selected for sport-based state teams. ('team')

2. OBJECTIVES

For each Championship MNT will select riders who they consider in their absolute discretion will have the best chance of meeting one or both of the following objectives, with MNT having absolute discretion as to the weighting given to the two objectives:

1. Riders who are able to achieve the best possible results at a Championship; and/or
2. Riders considered to be capable of supporting the team

3. ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

General Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for selection, riders must:

- Be an Australian citizen
- Have a current club membership issued in the Northern Territory or hold a current competition licence with Motorcycling Australia (MA)
- Agree to participate in and meet all competition and participation requirements as determined by the Team Manager.
- Not have breached the Anti-Doping Policies of FIM or MA nor have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed.
- Have completed SIA Anti-Doping Education: To be eligible to compete, all riders must be up to date and fully compliant with Sports Integrity Australia Anti-Doping training requirements as set by MNT and/or MA.
- Not currently be suspended by MA or MNT for any reason.
- Not been sanctioned in the past two (2) years for behavioural or disciplinary reasons.
- Not currently be under investigation as a result of any indictable criminal charge (even where such charge has been heard summarily) having been brought against them, nor be currently serving a penalty issued by a Court as a result of an indictable criminal charge being proven, unless he/she is able to satisfy MNT (at its sole discretion) that exceptional circumstances (in the context of the charge and/or penalty) apply. Where MNT is satisfied that exceptional circumstances apply, the rider may be considered for selection in accordance with these selection criteria. Any request for MNT to consider a rider's particular circumstances must be submitted to the MNT CEO in writing at least 3 weeks prior to selection.



4. TEAM SIZE

Motorcycling NT is permitted to register up to six (6) riders in each support class category which is scheduled for the championship. The limits specified above include the riders ranked from one (1) to three (3) at the previous year's Australian Junior Motocross or the current ProMX Championship. These riders will be automatically qualified and added to the quota of riders selected according to Motorcycling Australia criteria.

5. CATEGORIES

Within the competition specialty of the championship, the categories are as follows:

MX-3

- 14 to Under 18

MX-85

- 12 to Under 16

6. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for nomination to the team all riders must compete in the following events, if conducted, and complete SIA's (SIA e-learning) online courses:

- Motorcycling NT UltimateMX Championship (with a 75% attendance)
- NT Local Motocross Club Championship (with a 75% attendance)
- Anti-doping Fundamentals
- Annual Update (Anti-doping)
- Competition Manipulation and Sports Betting

7. SELECTION CRITERIA PROCESS

Criteria are listed in priority order, (i.e., all riders achieving the first criteria will be nominated). If positions remain after the first criteria has been considered, then the second criteria will be considered etc. until team size is achieved.



8. AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Automatic selection will be determined using the following criteria.

MX3 Category

- A top three (3) final placing in the ProMX Championship - MX3
- A top three (3) final placing in the UltimateMX Championship - MX1, MX2 or Junior Lites.
- Be 14 and under 18 of age as of the 1st January for the year of selection.

MX 85 Category

- A top three (3) final placing in the ProMX or AJMX Championship - Mini Lites BW class.
- A top five (5) final placing in the UltimateMX Championship - Mini Lites BW class.
- Be 12 and under 16 of age as of the 1st January for the year of selection.

MNT may include one (1) wildcard per category, to be determined at their discretion.

9. NON-AUTOMATIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Riders not meeting selection criteria will be able to submit an expression of interest for consideration to MNT where spots remain unfilled. In determining non-automatic selection spots MNT will consider:

Performance Time Period: The performance period for the purposes of non-automatic selections is: 1st January to 5th August of current year of championship

Selection Events (non-automatic selections): For the purposes of nominations MNT will consider performance achieved in other state championships, MNT club championship series and UltimateMX.

Participation (non-automatic selections): For the purposes of nominations MNT will consider participation in the national championships, such as the ProMX Championship and the Australian Junior Motocross Championship.

10. SELECTION SCHEDULE

Applications close: 10th August

Notification of selection outcome to all applicants: 15th August

MNT reserves the right to change these announcement dates if more time is needed to ensure due process and fairness in selection and compliance with the championship entry dates.



11. RESERVES

Reserves may be identified for the championship. MNT may reconvene at any time between selection and competition to replace a previously selected rider for reasons which may include failure to maintain performance at the level which earned selection, or for non-compliance with the MNT Team Agreement.

12. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

In considering riders' performances under these criteria, the MNT CEO may consider and approve "extenuating circumstances".

For the purposes of this clause, extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, attend coaching clinics or perform at an optimum level arising from:

- injury or illness;
- travel delays;
- equipment failure;
- bereavement or personal misfortune;
- any other factor considered by the MNT CEO to constitute extenuating circumstances.

Riders unable to compete, at an optimum level must advise and seek approval from the MNT CEO. This should be done in writing and outlining the reasons for the inability, with as much advance notice as possible (ideally at least fourteen days) prior to the commencement of the championship.

A decision in each case of advised, possible extenuating circumstances may be made by MNT on an individual basis. MNT is not obliged to consider any notification by an athlete under this clause. There is no appeal against any decision made in respect of extenuating circumstances.

13. COMMUNICATION

It is the responsibility of each rider to indicate their desire to be selected for a team.



14. APPEALS

A rider may appeal against non-selection in a team.

The process for such appeal is as follows:

Grounds of Appeal

A non-selected rider may appeal against a decision under this policy on the sole ground that MNT did not properly follow or implement the process in the selection criteria. There is no appeal on the merits of any particular selection decision.

Procedure for Appeal

Any appeal against a decision must be made within 48 hours of the rider being advised of their non-selection.

The appeal must be lodged in writing to MNT and accompanied by the prescribed fee of \$500. If the matter does not proceed to a hearing or if the appeal is successful, the appeal fee may be refunded in part or in full.

All correspondence for appeals and proof of payment should be forwarded to:

Email: operations@mant.com.au

The prescribed fee is to be deposited by Electronic Funds Transfer:

Motorcycling Australia NT Inc.

BSB: 633 000

Account #: 210 814 083

The appeal must set out:

- The decision is question; and
- The ground(s) on which the appeal is made; and
- The reason or circumstances supporting the alleged ground of appeal.

Nothing in these criteria prevents the withdrawal of an appeal at any time in writing.

On receipt of a correct appeal under these criteria, the CEO must forward the appeal documents to the Selection Review Panel (SRP) without delay.



Constitution of the Selection Review Panel

The MNT CEO will appoint an SRP constituted by any three persons available to hear the appeal, but which must include the following:

- a person with legal training, experience in dispute resolution, or suitable experience in the process of determining selection appeals in sport, who will chair the SRP; and
- a person with experience and understanding of motorcycling or high-performance sport and with suitable skills for membership of the panel.
- SRP Panel members must not be a party to or directly interested in the matter under consideration.
- All members of the SRP must declare any possible conflict or perception of conflict of interest. The chair of the SRP will review any declaration and determine whether any member of the SRP cannot sit on a particular appeal.

Functions of the Selection Review Panel

The SRP has no power of selection or re-selection. The SRP may review the matter set out in the appeal and may (as appropriate) refer the matter back to MNT for consideration.

Procedures for the Selection Review Panel

The SRP shall, as soon as practical after receiving notice of the appeal, investigate and consider the matter and shall within seven days of receiving such notice, progress as follows:

Preliminary Assessment

Upon request by the CEO, the chair of the SRP may conduct a review of the appeal in order to assess the strength of the appeal. The SRP chair may contact the appellant and/or the Panel, should it be required, for clarification or additional information in this preliminary assessment phase. If, after the review, the chair determines the appeal has:

- merit the appeal will progress to a hearing; or
- no merit the appeal will be dismissed and will not progress to a hearing and the matter will be closed. The appellant will then be informed in writing of such a finding.

If the matter is referred to a hearing the SRP shall, as soon as practicable, having regard to the timing of selection and proximity of relevant competition, direct the CEO to serve a notice in writing on the appellant:



- stating that the appellant may address the MNT's decision at a meeting to be held as soon as practicable;
- stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
- informing the appellant that they may do any one or more of the following:
 - Attend that meeting personally, by teleconference link or by his or her representative, not being legally trained or qualified; or
 - Give the SRP, no later than 24 hours before the time of that meeting, a further written statement setting out relevant information supporting the appeal.

Any other rider/s that may be affected by the outcome of an appeal shall also be notified and be: stating that the appellant may address the MNT's decision at a meeting to be held as soon as practicable;

- advised of the appeal and the ground(s) of appeal; and
- provided the opportunity to lodge a written submission or attend a hearing and provide evidence or be represented at the hearing by a nominated person/s (not being legally trained or qualified).

MNT will also be requested to lodge a written statement outlining the reasons for its decision regarding non-selection of the appellant.

The SRP may conduct a meeting convened under these criteria (or any adjournment thereof) in such manner as it sees fit, but shall endeavour to:

- give the appellant, affected rider/s and the Panel every opportunity to be heard.
- give due consideration to any written statement by the appellant.
- allow all relevant parties to be present along with their adult representative (not being legally trained or qualified); and may, request or require such persons or any other witness to attend the meeting or provide such evidence as is available.
- allow any affected party to make a submission to the SRP and attend the hearing and provide evidence as is available.
- consider all relevant and available information and shall arrive at a finding. A decision of the SRP may be by a majority decision.
- The SRP shall notify the CEO of its finding within 24 hours.

If the SRP considers the ground(s) alleged by the appellant to be satisfied, it shall refer the matter back to MNT for reconsideration. MNT shall comply with any direction provided by the SRP in any referral. Any further selection decision of MNT under the direction of the SRP shall be final, and no further appeal shall be available to the aggrieved person in respect of that selection.



15. AMENDMENTS TO THE SELECTION CRITERIA

These selection criteria and any specific discipline criteria may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for in these criteria. All amendments must be approved by the MNT CEO.

If approved, MNT will use their best endeavours to notify all relevant parties in writing, of the criteria amendment or supplement, with as much notice as possible.