



School Games 2021 Selection Policy

Objective

This document is an overall policy for selection to represent Ulster in the categories below in 2021.

- U16 boys and U16/14 girls teams for BMX at the School Games at Loughborough University from 3rd Sept - 5th Sept.

Expression of Interest

In order to represent Ulster you must register your interest to do so and provide a short CV (see Appendix 1). To register your interest in representing Ulster in 2021 please e-mail bill@bhbsafety.co.uk (School Games Team Manager)

Eligibility to represent Ulster

- Completed the Rider Code of Conduct (see Appendix 2)
- Having expressed interest in selection the rider must have an appropriate competition licence from a UCI national federation, must not have represented another Province in 2021 and must satisfy one of the following criteria;
- Belong to a club/team based in Ulster
- Unattached and resident in the Province
- Residency in the Province
- Belong to a club/ team based outside Ireland but,
 - Immediate past address was in Ulster
 - Most previous Irish club / team was based in the Province.

Selection Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the Cycling Ulster BMX Commission. The Panel may co-opt extra panel members as necessary. The team will be selected on a discretionary basis by the selection panel.

An individual may not form part of the selection panel where they have a conflict of interest. If there is a question over whether a conflict of interest exists then it should be referred to the Cycling Ulster Executive to decide upon. A conflict of interest may arise where a panel member is connected to the riders who are part of the selection pool for an event such as being a relation, a member of the same club or a coach. The BMX Commission should take into account the possibility of a conflict of interest when they are choosing their selection panel.

The panel may elect to take fewer than the maximum number of permitted riders for the event.

Selection Criteria

Riders will be scored based in accordance with the selection chart below and the highest scoring riders will be selected to represent CU for the event.

If a selected rider is unable to compete for any reason, substitute selections will be at the discretion of the selection panel.

Notes will be taken by selectors of how selection scores were reached for purposes of any appeal that may arise.

Selection Chart

Criteria Item	Max Points	Rider Score
Transferring to A finals Irish National level	30	
Transferring to ¼ or ½ at British National level	30	
Showing a willingness to progress	10	
Commitment to BMX Ulster Youth training programme and ability to form part of a cohesive team, accepting direction from team support personnel and event officials	10	
Training age, development potential and developmental stage of the rider and potential to perform in the future	10	
Current fitness and health	10	
Any other event specific selection criteria deemed appropriate by the selection panel, for example bike handling and technical skills	10	
Total	110	

Testing

Selected riders may be required to

- attend training days in preparation for competition

- attend event specific selection days/events
- undergo an assessment (physiological, medical etc.) in the period between the selection date and the event to confirm fitness following injury, illness or a period of marked under-performance.

2021 Commission Events & Selection Results Period

An Ulster team competing in the events below is subject to Cycling Ulster gaining a place in the events and subject to ongoing funding.

In extenuating circumstances, a rider may request that results from outside of the selection period listed below are considered. It is at the discretion of the selection panel to consider if these results should be included in their scoring.

Category	Date	Event	Results Selection Period
Youth U16 boys U16/14 girls	3 rd – 5 th Sept	UK School Games	7 th June – 30 th June

Permission Forms

Riders will be required to complete the School Games EMS system and further details of this will be provided to riders once the teams have been finalised.

Announcement of Team

Riders (or parents if under 18) who have expressed an interest in selection for an event and not been selected will be notified by email. A rider may choose to appeal not being selected for the event by lodging an appeal to the School Games Team Manager (as outlined in the Appeals process below).

Appeals

An appeal must be sent by e-mail to the Team Manager, Bill Mackness (bill@bhbsafety.co.uk) and Cycling Ulster Compliance Officer, Patrick Withers (patrick.withers@cyclingireland.ie). Riders (or parents if under 18) must lodge an appeal within 48 hours of being notified they have not been selected.

The original selection panel will meet to review the selection process and scoring along with a nominated member of the Cycling Ulster Executive. If an appeal is upheld, then we will seek to amend entry to the event. If an amendment to the team is not possible, then the original team will stand as selected.

Liability

Riders are reminded that insurance for their bikes is their responsibility. In the case of those riders under 18, the bike insurance is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Riders understand that no liability in respect of injury, loss or damage whatsoever shall attach to the promoter, promoting club, sponsor, race official, Provincial Federation or National Federation approving the event.

Appendix 2 – Rider Code of Conduct

- I will treat others with the respect and fairness that I would like them to show me, including other athletes who are still competing when I have finished my event.
- I will compete within the rules, and respect officials and their decisions.
- I will demonstrate fair play on and off the sporting arena and will not use foul or abusive language.
- I will respect the differences between everyone at all events in terms of age, gender (including transgender), ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or disability.
- I will not smoke, possess or consume alcohol, illegal and/or performance enhancing drugs.
- I will not engage in sexual activity.
- I will not leave the accommodation or any competition or training venue during the event unless specific permission has been granted or I am accompanied by an official.
- On Residential trips I will not enter any accommodation other than my own and will return to my own room and be quiet by 22.00 each night at the latest or at the time designated by those in charge of the event.
- I will disclose any injury or condition which would impede my full participation at the event as an athlete to my Team Manager prior to and during the event.
- I agree to remain at the event until the official end of the event.
- I understand that any breach of this code of conduct could result in my being sent home and subject to disciplinary action from Cycling Ulster and or Cycling Ireland which could jeopardise my future participation within the sport
- I understand that I may be photographed or videoed during this event for publicity, training or media purposes.
- I am aware that I am an ambassador for Cycling Ulster and I take full responsibility for my actions.
- I have read this code of conduct with my parent/guardian (For those Under 18)
- I understand the points set out below and agree to comply fully with them.
- I understand that I am solely responsible for all personal items, including my bike and that no liability attaches to Cycling Ireland, Cycling Ulster, the Commission or any official or volunteer involved in the event.

Name of Rider.....

Rider's Signature.....

Date.....

Name of Parent/Guardian (if under 18)

Parent/Guardian's Signature (if under 18):.....

Date:.....