

Selection Criteria: 2014 UCI Trials World ChampionshipsStrategy

The goals of the GB Trials Cycling Team at World Championships remain consistent with other disciplines. These are simply to win medals and gain top ten places. Selections are prioritised for riders who are likely medal contenders. If it is not felt that there are British riders capable of attaining these performances, then a team will not be entered in that category of the World Championships. Selections may be made of younger, or less experienced riders who have an identified need to experience competition at this level and are deemed to have the potential to win medals in Major Championships in future years.

All selections are made by a selection panel chaired by the MTB/BMX Event Development Officer. A minimum of two further selection panel members are nominated by the Bike Trial Federation. Those nominees will not be related to any selected rider. To ensure the panel can select the best UK based riders, all selected riders should have competed in at least 2 British Trials Cup or Championship events as listed below.

British Cycling will pay for the cost of appropriate team clothing for all riders and staff. A Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager will be appointed by the Bike Trial Federation. The appointed team will not be known until selection has been finalised.

Elite Trials, Men and Women

The team will be selected for the elite events on a discretionary basis by the selection panel. The selection panel will consider only riders deemed to be competitive at this level, and may elect to take fewer than the maximum permitted riders for these events. The panel would consider the following factors in coming to a decision:

World Cup and Continental Championships performances in the period: March - July 2014. Top 15 World Cup and top 10 Continental Championship male performances will be considered. The selection panel will take account of the age and experience of riders and the quality of field. Female riders will be assessed based on the field of entries.

British National Trials in the period: March - July 2014: Top 3 performances in the "World Elite Class" will be considered. The selection panel will take account of the age and experience of riders, the quality of field and the nature of the courses. Quality of field can be defined by a non World Cup rider beating a rider that has scored top 15 at World Cup level in the same year. Competitive performances in international events will receive a weighting.

Round 1 - 6th April - Hook Woods, Surrey
Round 2 - 4th May - Blackpool North Shore, Lancashire
Round 3 - 7th & 8th June - Nevis Range, Fort William, Scotland (part of World Downhill Champ)
Round 4 - 13th July - Bracken Rocks, Derbyshire
Round 5 - 5th October - Shipley Glen, Yorkshire

Junior Trials

Junior men and women: The team will be selected for the Junior events on a discretionary basis by the selection panel. The selection panel will consider both riders deemed to be competitive at this level, and those who have an identified need to experience competition at this level, who are deemed to have potential to win medals in Major Championships in future years. Selection is on a discretionary basis by the selection panel. The panel would consider the following factors in coming to a decision:

World Cup performances in the period: March - July 2014. Top 25 performances in Elite World Cups will be considered. The selection panel will take account of the age and experience of riders, the quality of field and the nature of the courses.

British National Trials in the period: March - July 2014: Top 3 performances will be considered. The selection panel will take account of the age and experience of riders, the quality of field and the nature of the courses. Competitive performances in international events will receive a weighting.