



WAMBA 2016 National Mountain Bike Championships Junior State Team (Under 19, Under 17 and Under 15) - Call For Nominations

*This document covers important information regarding the **AUSTRALIAN MOUNTAIN BIKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**, being held on Thursday 17th to Sunday 20th March 2016 in Bright, Victoria.*

General Information

The State Team will consist of riders who wish to compete in either or all of the following disciplines: Downhill, Cross Country and Observe Trials. Riders are to be aged between 13 and 18 years, with the exception of some exceptional great Under 13 riders who wish to do the downhill event (providing they have good references from a personal coach).

This team works together as a collective of athletes and will be supervised under the direction of the Team Manager/ Head Coach. Parent helpers are required to provide assistance to the team in support roles and athletes manage their own logistics. State team selected riders are eligible to receive Department of Sport and Recreation funding, as well as other Government funding (if they meet the requirements).

The National Mountain Bike Championships is an open event to any rider, whether you are a State Team member or not. This means that riders who do not make the team can still compete and travel with the rest of the State team, if they wish to. The riders who do not make the team may not be eligible for some of the Government funding, will not be eligible to wear any state team clothing, or take part in any team photos.

However, we encourage all WA riders and families to support each other for the betterment of the sport.

Benefits:

What are the benefits of being named as part of the State Team?

- The general feeling of actually achieving a personal goal.
- You are entitled to special grants from different Government departments.
- Recognition of your sporting achievement.
- The honour of wearing a State Team Black and Gold uniform.
- The personal honour of representing your state.
- Participation in specialised coordinated training activities by an experienced accredited coach.
- The opportunity to mix in with other experienced riders within the team - to learn from; to compare different skills and techniques.
- To make new friends and training partners.
- It is a great way for the riders to help build confidence and their morale, as the riders and parents' team together to encourage and support each other.

Nomination Form

Nomination is required on the *WAMBA Junior State Team Nomination Form*, which can be requested by emailing juniors@wamba.org.au.

Nomination forms and other accompanying documents are to be submitted by close of business **Monday 31st August 2015**.

Applications can be made via email to juniors@wamba.org.au, or by regular mail to:

WAMBA Junior State Team Nomination (Attn: Jodie Stembridge)

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Team Selection

- All junior riders must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in order to be eligible for selection on the state team. WAMBA or the Team Support staff are not responsible for unaccompanied minors (riders under the age of 18). Parents should make arrangements to accompany riders, or for their child to travel accompanied by another guardian.
- In accordance with Mountain Bike Australia regulations, team members may be selected for the following categories:
 - Under 19 men and women
 - Under 17 men and women
 - Under 15 men and women
- Events will be fielded, providing there are sufficient entrants.
- Team selection will be in accordance with WAMBA State Selection Policy and the selection principles contained in this document.
- All riders and parents must abide by the Code of Conduct - available to be read on application.
- All riders must wear a helmet when riding around the town. Downhillers need to have a separate helmet with them to wear when riding, if they don't wish to ride with their full face helmet. A spare helmet can be carried in a backpack. This is the law and not abiding by this means you are affectively giving the WA Team a bad name.
- All riders will be briefed on news leading up to the event via email, and at training sessions organised by the Team Manager or Team Coach.

Selection Panel

Selection of the WAMBA Junior State Team will be conducted by the WAMBA State Selection Panel, which consists of the following members:

- Louise Wallace (WAMBA President)
- Paul De Klerk (Peel Districts Mountain Bike Club President)
- Tony Tucknott (WAMBA Racing Council Chair)
- Graeme Adams (WAMBA Junior Development Coordinator)
- Toby Hodgson (WestCycle Operations Manager)

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The following principles will be applied by the Selection Panel:

- Selectors reserve the right to interview private coaches for input on an athlete's condition.
- Any selector with a personal interest in riders who are potential candidates for selection would abstain from voting in that category.
- The Chairman of Selectors (elected by the Panel Members) shall hold a casting vote, if required.
- The selectors have absolute discretion when selecting a State Team and will take into consideration all relevant matters, including but not restricted to such things as performance, developmental opportunities, athletes health, conditions existing during the competition at which times/ positions were achieved, and any other issues affecting the athletes under consideration.

Athlete:

- State Team members are to be members of a club affiliated with Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA).
- Any athlete seeking state selection will have ideally ridden in not less than two (2) Open or State Championships or race events in their relevant discipline in the previous 12 month period, and have ideally attained at least one Top 3 overall placing in a Open or State Championship in the last year.
- Selection events considered by the Selection Panel may include International, National, Open and State events in the year preceding the event.

Notification of Team

- All applicants will be notified via email by **Thursday 10th September 2015**, regardless of whether they are successful or not.
- The team will be announced via WAMBA and WestCycle social media.

Funding

- *Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) Athlete Travel Subsidy Scheme Grant* is available for all athletes to apply. DSR set the criteria and manage their grants. Athletes are encouraged to apply for this grant as soon as possible, as grant moneys may take up to 6 months to be paid to grant recipients. Athletes can only apply for the Athlete Travel Subsidy Scheme Grant once every 12 months. If athletes applied in December 2014, they will need to wait until December 2015 to apply for the 2016 event.
<http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/athlete-travel-subsidy-scheme>
- Your local governments may also have grant money available for athletes from their local area.
- Athletes selected for this event will be noted as “selected via the high performance pathway established by your State Sporting Association” and therefore are eligible for more funding.
- To keep the travel cost down, there is an option to be part of a fundraising team. While there is no official fundraising for the team, at their discretion, individuals and clubs have previously organised fundraising initiatives to contribute to the team or individuals in the team.

Team Travel and Accommodation

Because some of the athletes and their families (including friends) have their own agendas, you do not have to travel as part of the team. However if you chose not to, you are responsible for organising you own travel, food and accommodation requirements.

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Traveling as a team is a great way of making your travel costs much cheaper. It's also a great way for the riders to help build confidence and their morale. For the riders and their parents who wish to travel together as a team, the Team Managers along with the help of the riders' parents, will organise air flights, the bus and trailer hire, accommodation and food prep.

Air flights must be booked and paid for by the individuals.

The following is what the riders and parents can be part of (if they wish to), and the expected cost per person. The costs shown are *estimates only* and therefore may change:

- Sharing the cost of using a mini bus and trailer hire – approx. \$140 each for 5 days
- Leaving and returning on same air flights - price TBC
- Staying together and sharing the cost of the accommodation – approx. \$130 each for 5 nights
- Sharing the cost and preparing the meals, which will be a set cost of approx. \$18 each day per person (does not include alcohol for the adults)

Expected travel dates and flight times are:

- Depart Perth - Tuesday 15th March @ 12:45am
- Arrive Melbourne – Wednesday 16th March @ 7:20am
- Depart Melbourne – Monday 21st March @ 10:50 pm
- Arrive Perth – Tuesday 22nd March @ 12:05am

Travel - Air

- BOOK YOUR OWN FLIGHTS.
- Booking before selection to the team is at your own risk.
- People attending other events around the same time may travel at a different time.

Team Uniform

- Team uniform will be at cost to the selected team member.
- The uniform will be the responsibility of the Team Manager.

Event Entry

- Arrangements will be the responsibility of the athlete.
- The Team Manager will check that all riders have made suitable arrangements for event entry.

Expenses

- The team members are to make their own arrangements.
- All support staff roles are assumed to be voluntary. However, riders may collectively choose to make a financial contribution for support staff at a later date - pending consensus of all riders. The Team Manager will coordinate the relevant arrangements.
- As part of the team, you should consider making allowance for the following expenses:
 - Accommodation
 - Food
 - Land transport between the venue and accommodation, and daily travel
 - Entry to the event, event charges, fines, t-shirt, etc
 - Entertainment

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- Team Manger phone calls, photocopying, broadband
- Mechanic expenses, spares, courier fees, etc
- Petty cash
- The Team Manager will check and coordinate any expenses that are to be shared amongst team members.

Team Support Staff

The support network that underpins the State Team has a vitally important role - contributing to the effective coordination and professional coaching of the team whilst travelling. Depending upon the event and the number of athletes involved, the following roles will comprise the Team Support Staff:

- Team Manager
- Assistant Team Manager
- Team Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Mechanic
- Female Chaperones
- Team Driver
- Medical Officer
- Parent Helpers

To keep travel costs down, these are all volunteer positions, except for the Team Mechanic who may receive some help.

WAMBA encourages all parents and other volunteers to nominate for a position on the WAMBA Junior State Team Support Staff.

All support staff must provide copies of a valid *Working With Children Check Card* with the application and be members of Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA).

Team support staff will be selected by the WAMBA State Selection Panel.

Role Requirements and Responsibilities

Team Manager

- Current MTBA member
- Current Police Clearance and Working With Children Check
- Current Drivers Licence
- Clear disciplinary record with MTBA
- Experience of a similar role previously
- It is preferred, and preference will be given to, applicants who are not directly related to a competing athlete in the team
- Must be capable of working in a 'State Team' environment
- Primarily responsible for coordinating entries, finances, travel schedules, team affairs and the athletes conduct
- Team managers to supply reports on return

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Assistant Team Manager

- Current MTBA member
- Current Police Clearance and Working With Children Check
- Current Drivers Licence
- Clear disciplinary record with MTBA
- Experience of a similar role previously
- It is preferred, and preference will be given to, applicants that are not directly related to a competing athlete in the team
- Must be capable of working in a 'State Team' environment
- Primarily responsible for assisting the Team Manager where required, coordinating entries, finances, travel schedules, team affairs and the athletes conduct

Team Coach

- Current MTBA member
- Current Police Clearance, Working With Children Check and Current Drivers Licence
- Clear disciplinary record with MTBA
- Experience of a similar role previously
- Current MTBA Accredited Coach
- Must be capable of working in a 'State Team' environment
- The primary function of the Team Coach is to ensure the athletes conditioning and preparation for competition
- Team Coach to supply reports on return

Assistant Coach

- Current MTBA member
- Current Police Clearance and Working With Children Check
- Current Drivers Licence
- Clear disciplinary record with MTBA
- Experience of a similar role previously
- Current Cycling Australia Accredited Coach
- Must be capable of working in a 'State Team' environment
- Primarily responsible for assisting the Team Coach as required

Mechanic

- Current MTBA member
- Current Police Clearance and Working With Children Check
- Clear disciplinary record with MTBA
- Experience of a similar role previously
- Must be capable of working in a 'State Team' environment
- The Mechanic is responsible for all safe transport, storage and maintenance of team members' bicycles and spares

Female Chaperone (where required)

- Current female MTBA member
- Current Police Clearance and Working With Children Check

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- Clear disciplinary record with MTBA
- Experience of a similar role previously
- Must be capable of working in a ‘State Team’ environment
- The Female Chaperone is responsible for the behaviour and safety of female athletes within the team

Approved by WAMBA effective July 2014.

More Information

General questions regarding operational issues such as state team travel shall be directed to WestCycle via the Team Manager – email juniors@wamba.org.au.

Questions regarding team selection shall be directed to the Chairman of Selectors, via WestCycle Operations Manager – email Toby.Hodgson@westcycle.org.au.