First Year U19 and 2nd Year U17 Information Document

This document is designed to provide guidance to riders and their families who are either in their first year in U19 or moving into their first year in U19's. This covers the main topics of entering races, what is needed to race in UCI categories and potential overseas racing through World Cup's and World Championships.

Licences and Race Entries

- Up till this point you have been able to either purchase a CNZ sport/domestic licence or purchase a one-day licence to be able to race at MTBNZ events or national champs. Heading into U19 you need a CNZ domestic licence for racing in New Zealand. This is due to it being a UCI category and you need to have a UCI licence number to enter these race's and gain UCI points that go along with being in this category.
- If you are heading overseas for a continental series race for the first time you will need a CNZ international licence which to apply for you will need to show proof of your insurance cover for when you travel
- Your licence is valid from 1 January to 31 December each year of purchase. For races in the new year, you need to purchase a licence that is valid for that calendar year.
- If you do not have a UCI licence when you are entering a UCI race (Continental series, national championships, Oceania Championships, etc…) and you select unlicenced then you will be entered into the sport category. If you want to be in the U19 category you need to have a UCI licence.
- Insurance cover – there are 2 insurances provided that are recommended by CNZ - AON and SVL

World Cup Entries

- There are multiple ways to gain entry into a world cup including the below:
    - Your continental series final result from the season before. If you are in the top 5 overall then you gain full season entry for the following year. This includes last year U17 heading into first year U19. If you finish in the top 5 of the Continental series standings then this provides more flexibility heading into the next season.
    - If you place in the top 3 of any continental series round you gain a golden ticket (entry into 1 world cup round per top 3 result)

    - Federation entry spots which there are only 3 for each world cup per category which has an allocation process through MTBNZ. https://www.mtbnz.org.nz/international-racing has the information around applications, entries and other key steps
- World cup entry allocations are done by MTBNZ and are done in blocks through out the season.

World Championships

- For U19, National Championships & the Oceania Championships are the key selection events. This is intended to allow our junior riders to meet criteria without needing extended periods of travel overseas whilst many will still be in some form of schooling.
- The CNZ General Selection Regulation is the governing document for rules around World Championship selection (for all cycling disciplines).
- Each MTB discipline has its own Schedule that outlines qualifying events, specific selection Eligibility and criteria and Key Timelines (i.e. Performance Windows, Rider Application Periods, final reserve call-up date where applicable)
- The Schedules also have instructions on auto-qualification and Wild Card entries (where applicable).
- Riders must apply for World Championships through the Rider Application Form on the CNZ website, within the Rider Application Period (as per the Schedule).
- CNZ will work with MTBNZ to confirm rider results and selection status.
- CNZ will email riders their selection outcome letter with any further information.
- Attending any qualifying events and the World Championships are the sole responsibility of the riders.