



## **Bicycle Nova Scotia 2021 Canada Summer Games Mountain Bike Team Selection Criteria**

**Date:** August 5<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Location:** Niagara, Ontario

**Description:** XCO, Team Relay, Sprint

**Team Composition:** up to 3 Males, 3 Females + 1 alternate Male or Female

The selection period for the 2022 Niagara Canada Games will take place from April 10th to June 26<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Selection criteria will comprise of both the results from a series of XCO selection races, and a coaching assessment. We underscore that selection will thus be based on both objective and subjective criteria.

Additionally, race series uncertainties and the potential for the continuing impacts of COVID-19 may result in *ad hoc* changes to the selection criteria. Competitors seeking selection will be deemed to have acknowledged that they are participating on that basis.

Without limitation, *ad hoc* changes to the selection criteria may include reliance on 2021 (as well as 2022) race results, power data analysis, training volume analysis, fitness testing (supervised by coaching staff), and an overall assessment by coaching staff of each competitor's experience and her or his competitive potential.

Competitors seeking selection to the team must complete the application form and submit it to [jon.burgess@bicycle.ns.ca](mailto:jon.burgess@bicycle.ns.ca), no later than April 20th 2022.

### **Objectives**

Bicycle Nova Scotia's objective is to identify and select a team that balances the best possible results in the pending Games with an investment in athlete development for the purposes of future Games. It is on that basis that pending selections seek two main objectives:

- A) The selections of athletes with the potential of achieving a 12 top finish**
- B) The selection of athletes with the potential of achieving or identified as podium finishes in the next Games (currently slated for 2024)**

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### **Eligibility:**

- All competitors must hold a valid Cycling Canada licenses issued by Bicycle Nova Scotia.
- All competitors must be in good standing with Bicycle Nova Scotia.
- All competitors must meet basic eligibility requirements as outlined in the Canada Games Mountain Bike technical package: <https://www.canadagames.ca/sports/cycling-mountain-bike>.
- All competitors must meet the vaccination criteria set out by Sport Nova Scotia (please note this criteria is subject to change or enhancement based on the evolution of the pandemic).
- Male competitors applying for selection must be, as of Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, no less that 16 years of age and no more than 22 years of age.
- Female competitors applying for selection must be, as of Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, no less that 16 years of age and no more than 24 years of age.

**Note:** Nova Scotia is permitted to enter one female athlete birth year 1999 or later, and two athletes whose birth years are between 2001 and 2006.

### **Selection Criteria:**

Subject to the comments set out above, the following criteria will apply as nearly as reasonably possible to the selection of Nova Scotia's team:

- 1) The Male and Female competitors with the highest combined points earned in at least two identified selection races (or such races as are deemed as such by coaching staff).
- 2) As selected by coaching staff.
- 3) As selected by coaching staff.

As noted above, competitors "as selected by coaching staff" will be selected based on the combined bases fitness, participation in provincial programing, competition experience, national competition results, age and Games finish placements or development potential.

Upon completion of the selections as above, an alternate will be chosen based on next placed athlete in both points and the other criteria.

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Competitors are expected to compete in both Bicycle Nova Scotia MTB selection races, 1 identified PEI race and participate in the Tremblant Canada cup to be eligible for selection. Any competitor who can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the coaching staff that she or he is engaged in competitive racing outside of Nova Scotia or provide a reason which, in its sole discretion, is acceptable to the coaching staff, for not competing as above, the coaching staff may, again within its sole discretion waive the application of these criteria.

For selection purposes, Male competitors will compete in the Men's "Elite/A" category in Nova Scotia/PEI racing, and Female competitors in the Female "Elite/A" category. For selection purposes, points will be awarded in the following order based on the finishing order relative to other Canada Games athletes.

1st Place 100pts	6th Place 65 pts	11th Place 40 pts
2nd Place 90 pts	7th Place 60 pts	12th Place 35 pts
3rd Place 80 pts	8th Place 55 pts	13th Place 30pts
4th Place 75 pts	9th Place 50 pts	14th Place 25pts
5th Place 70 pts	10th Place 45 pts	15th Place 20pts

Points will not be awarded to competitors who are the sole entrants in their applicable categories or fail to finish in any of the qualifying races.

#### **Selection Period:**

Assessment period will begin April 10<sup>th</sup> and conclude June 26<sup>th</sup> 2022. Selection races will take place in May and June 2022. The following events will be used for selection:

- 1) BNS XCO #1 May 1st
- 2) Tremblant Canada Cup (age based race category ) May 28/29
- 3) PEI XCO Strathgartney June 5th
- 4) BNS XCO #2 Keppoch XCO June 19

#### **Selection Committee:**

A Selection Committee will be used to review selection documents for equity and fairness, as well as hearing all athlete disputes upon completion of final selection. The Selection Committee will consist of the Chair (BNS Competition president), BNS Board member, and one appointed community member.

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### **Appeal Procedure:**

Appeals related to finish results in any qualifying race must be submitted and resolved at the impugned event with its Chief Commissaire, and the competitor must follow the BNS/CCA Race Committee/College of Commissaires appeal procedure at that race.

Final selection appeals must be submitted within one (1) week of the provisional Team announcement. If a competitor wishes to lodge any such appeal, a written submission must be completed and submitted to the Canada Games Committee. The Committee will review the appeal and put forward a recommendation for the Head Coach to follow.

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