



UK School Games 2026 Selection Criteria Guidance – BMX Racing

Date and Venue

- Loughborough University
- 3-6th September 2026.

Eligibility

- Male and female riders must be age group 14 and 15 in 2026.
- Each rider must hold an active British Cycling BMX race license.
- Riders must have Scotland or one of the Scottish regions listed on their racing license region.

Team

- Each team will consist of 6 riders (3 male and 3 female athletes), 1 male & 1 female non-travelling reserve will be selected.
- Please note that where the selection panel feels that there are insufficient riders of the correct level of ability available for selection, a smaller team may be selected.

Events

- More details on the competition format will be communicated shortly. Currently the proposed event format will involve two days of racing – on day skills-based events and one day BMX Racing events.

Application

- Riders wishing to be considered for selection should complete an expression of interest form [HERE](#)
- Deadline for expression of interest is 31st May 2026
- Riders will be notified of selections no later than 31st July 2026

Selection Criteria

Selection criteria will comprise of three key areas. These are as follows:

1. Performances
2. Personal skills
3. Performance Criteria

1. Performances

A riders three best race results in the following events will be considered when selecting riders:

Scottish Series Races:

- Scottish Regional Round 1 @ Cumbernauld – March 29th
- Scottish Regional Round 2 @ Knightswood – April 26th
- Scottish Regional Round 3 @Clydebank – May 10th
- Scottish Regional Round 4+5 @Cumbernauld – May 23-24th
- Scottish Regional Round 6 @Knightswood – June 7th

British Series Races:

- Rounds 1–2 – Manchester (National Cycling Centre): 11–12 April 2026
- Rounds 3–4 – Glasgow (Glasgow BMX Centre): 2–3 May 2026
- Rounds 5–6 – Gosport (Gosport BMX Track): 13–14 June 2026
- Rounds 7–8 – Cardiff (National BMX Centre Wales): 3–5 July 2026

Scottish Cycling may include further events depending on changes to the events calendar. Where events are added the selection policy will be updated and communicated.

2. Personal Skills

Selections will also consider the personal skills for the purpose of selection. The panel will seek guidance from Scottish Cycling staff and club coaches should any additional information be required:

- Attitude
- Commitment
- Behaviour
- Discipline at races/training
- The ability to work as part of a team

Training and attendance at the Scottish Cycling RACE National Training Days will also be considered:

3. Performance Criteria

Selections will also consider performance criteria for the purpose of selection. The panel will seek guidance from Scottish Cycling staff and club coaches should any additional information be required:

- Bike handling ability:
 - Flat ground Manuals
 - Flat ground Wheelies
 - Flat ground Bunny Hop (Height)
 - Flat ground Bunny Hop (Distance)
 - Flat ground Cornering
 - 60m Sprinting
- Attacking riding – ability to make repeated efforts or attacks.
- Tactical awareness

Additional Points

- An accumulative or average scoring / points system from events shall not be used for selection.
- The selected team, including any reserves, will be expected to make every effort to attend training sessions organised in the lead up to the event.
- With the use of the above criteria, the selection panel will select a team of riders that they feel have best demonstrated the essential qualities to be competitive at the School Games considering the various events that make up the event programme.
- All selections shall be made by an appointed selection panel.
 - The selection panel will be chaired by a representative of Scottish Cycling Performance Programme, with further panel members identified by Scottish Cycling Head of Performance and Coaching.