**KZN MOUTAINING BIKING PROVINCIAL COLOURS POLICY – 2026**

# 1. Cross-Country Olympic (XCO)

A rider can be awarded KZN Provincial Colours if selected and represents their province in the official team at the inter-provincial XCO event, namely SA XCO Championships (Nipper – Elite) via one of the qualifications listed below:

## 1.1. QUALIFICATION THROUGH THE KZN PROVINCIAL CYCLING XCO SERIES

1.1.1 The rider must be resident in KZN and have a CSA licence with KZN as selected province.

1.1.2 Results will be based off the Provincial XCO Series Log.

1.1.3 At least 75% of the series should be completed, with the top 3 race results be considered.

1.1.4 School-aged riders (Junior age category and below) need to participate in at least one KZN school series race.

1.1.5 Male Riders must place as follows:

- Place in the top 3 with a minimum of 5 participants; OR
- Place in the top 2 with a minimum of 4 participants; OR
- Place first with a minimum of 3 participants.

1.1.6 Female Riders must place as follows:

- Place in the top 3 with a minimum of 4 participants; OR
- Place in the top 2 with a minimum of 3 participants; OR
- Place first with a minimum of 2 participants.

## 1.2. QUALIFICATION THROUGH THE KZN PROVINCIAL CYCLING XCO CHAMPIONSHIP

1.2.1 Riders must have competed in 75% of the Provincial XCO Series, unless competing nationally at another cycling discipline or racing internationally.

1.2.2 School-aged riders (Junior and below) need to participate in at least one KZN school series race.

1.2.3 Male Riders must place as follows:

- Place in the top 3 with a minimum of 5 participants; OR
- Place in the top 2 with a minimum of 4 participants; OR
- Place first with a minimum of 3 participants.

1.2.4 Female Riders must place as follows:

- Place in the top 3 with a minimum of 4 participants; OR
- Place in the top 2 with a minimum of 3 participants; OR
- Place first with a minimum of 2 participants.

## 1.3. QUALIFICATION THROUGH THE CYCLING SA NATIONAL SERIES

1.3.1 Place in the top 3 of the respective age group in the SA XCO Cup Series Log at the end of the series.

## 1.4. QUALIFICATION THROUGH SELECTION TO A NATIONAL TEAM

1.4.1 Riders may be awarded KZN Provincial Colours if they have been selected onto a national team for XCO and participated in the event in question.

# 2. Cross-Country Marathon (XCM)

A rider can be awarded KZN Provincial Colours if selected and represents KZN in the official team at the inter-provincial XCM event, namely SA XCM Championships or an alternative as determined by the CSA MTB committee, via one of the qualifications listed below:

### 2.1. QUALIFICATION THROUGH THE KZN PROVINCIAL CYCLING XCM SERIES

2.1.1 The rider must be over 19 years, resident in KZN and have a CSA licence with KZN as selected province.
2.1.2 Results will be based off the KZN - Super Classic Series Log.
2.1.3 At least 60% of the Super Classic Series should be completed*. For 2026 the KZN Super Classic Series will comprise of the following 8 races: Illovo Wartburg Classic, Peschlsports Cane Challenger presented by Cycle Lab, New Hanover MTB Classic, Mtunzini race in the Shade, Sappi Karkloof Classic, SCC Renishaw Solstice, Illovo Eston MTB Challenge and Baldwin Wild Ride.
2.1.4 No e-bike results will be considered or included as race participation.
2.1.5 Male Riders must place as follows:
- Place in the top 3 with a minimum of 5 participants; OR
- Place in the top 2 with a minimum of 4 participants; OR
- Place first with a minimum of 3 participants.

2.1.6 Female Riders must place as follows:
- Place in the top 3 with a minimum of 4 participants; OR
- Place in the top 2 with a minimum of 3 participants; OR
- Place first with a minimum of 2 participants.

### 2.2 QUALIFICATION THROUGH THE KZN PROVINCIAL CYCLING XCM CHAMPIONSHIP

2.2.1 Riders must have competed in 60% of the KZN Super Classic Series Events*, including the KZN Marathon Championship race, New Hanover MTB Classic.
2.2.2 Male Riders must place as follows:
- Place in the top 3 with a minimum of 5 participants; OR
- Place in the top 2 with a minimum of 4 participants; OR
- Place first with a minimum of 3 participants.

2.2.3 Female Riders must place as follows:
- Place in the top 3 with a minimum of 4 participants; OR
- Place in the top 2 with a minimum of 3 participants; OR
- Place first with a minimum of 2 participants.

### 2.3 QUALIFICATION THROUGH THE CYCLING SA NATIONAL SERIES

2.3.1 Place in the top 3 of the SA XCM Cup Series Log at the end of the series.

### 2.4 QUALIFICATION THROUGH SELECTION TO A NATIONAL TEAM

2.4.1 Riders may be awarded KZN Provincial Colours if they have been selected onto a national team for XCM and participated in the event in question.

## 3. Gravel

A rider can be awarded KZN Provincial Colours if selected and represents KZN in the official team at the inter-provincial Gravel event, namely SA Gravel Championship or an alternative as determined by the CSA MTB committee, via one of the qualifications listed below:

### 3.1 QUALIFICATION THROUGH THE PROVINCIAL GRAVEL CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.1.1 The rider must be over 19 years, resident in KZN and have a CSA licence with KZN as selected province.
3.1.2 Only results using gravel bikes will be considered or included as race participation.
3.1.3 Male Riders must place as follows:
- Place in the top 3 with a minimum of 5 participants; OR

- Place in the top 2 with a minimum of 4 participants; OR
- Place first with a minimum of 3 participants.

3.1.4 Female Riders must place as follows:

- Place in the top 3 with a minimum of 4 participants; OR
- Place in the top 2 with a minimum of 3 participants; OR
- Place first with a minimum of 2 participants.

### 3.2 QUALIFICATION THROUGH THE CYCLING SA NATIONAL SERIES

3.2.1 Place in the top 3 of the SA Gravel Cup Series Log at the end of the Series.

### 3.3 QUALIFICATION THROUGH SELECTION TO A NATIONAL TEAM

3.3.1 Riders may be awarded KZN Provincial Colours if they have been selected onto a national team for Gravel and participated in the event in question.

## 4. Master Age Categories

KZN MTB Provincial Colours for the Master age categories (Sub-Veterans, Veterans, Masters, Grand Masters and Great Grand Master) will also be considered using the following criteria:

### 4.1. QUALIFICATION THROUGH THE KZN PROVINCIAL MTB CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.1.1 The rider must be >30 years, hold a non-elite CSA licence with KZN as selected province and be resident in KZN.

4.1.2 Finish in the top 3 in each of the Series, in the respective Masters age group, for Marathon, and Cross-Country.

4.1.3 At least 75% of the Provincial XCO Series and 60% of Super Classic Series Marathon races should be completed*.

### 4.2 QUALIFICATION THROUGH THE KZN PROVINCIAL MTB CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.2.1 The rider must be >30 years, hold a non-elite CSA licence with KZN as selected province and be resident in KZN.

4.2.2 Finish in the top 3 in the respective Masters age group at all 3 KZN Provincial MTB Championship races (Gravel, Marathon, and Cross-Country).

*Note: *All results must be achieved within the official distance and designated series races and championship races for the athlete's age category. For the Karkloof Classic / SA XCM championships the distance specified by CSA for elite+ age categories will be used for the KZN Super Classic Series points and provincial colour awards*

*For KZN Super Classic Series:*

- ***Half Marathon (±45 km):*** *Master (F), Grand Master (M & F), 70+ (M & F)*
- ***Marathon (60 km):*** *Master (M), Elite – Vet (M & F)*

*No e-bikes will be considered, and gravel races need to have been completed with gravel bikes (No MTB or e-bikes).*

## FEDERATION COLOURS

Recommendation for Federation Colours shall be made by the Discipline Directors of Cycling South Africa and approved by the Secretary General and President.

Federation Colours will be awarded to riders for:

1. Selection and participation in the UCI World Championships.
2. Selection and participation in the African Continental Championships.
3. National Championships (UCI Categories Men & Women) - Top 3 positions
4. National Championships (Non-UCI Categories Men & Women) - Winner with > 5 participants in age category.

# Summary of KZN MTB Provincial Colours Criteria

## Cross-Country Olympic (XCO)

- Riders must be resident in KZN with a CSA licence.
- Complete at least 75% of the Provincial XCO Series.
- Male: Top three (≥5 participants); Top two (≥4); First (≥3).
- Female: Top three (≥4); Top two (≥3); First (≥2).
- National qualification: Top three in SA XCO Cup Series.
- Provincial Colours also awarded for national team selection.

## Cross-Country Marathon (XCM)

- Riders must be over 19, resident in KZN, with a CSA licence.
- Complete at least 60% of the KZN Super Classic Series.
- Male: Top three (≥5 participants); Top two (≥4); First (≥3).
- Female: Top three (≥4); Top two (≥3); First (≥2).
- National qualification: Top three in SA XCM Cup Series.
- Provincial Colours also awarded for national team selection.

## Gravel

- Riders must be over 19, resident in KZN, with a CSA licence.
- Male: Top three (≥5 participants); Top two (≥4); First (≥3).
- Female: Top three (≥4); Top two (≥3); First (≥2).
- National qualification: Top three in SA Gravel Cup Series.
- Provincial Colours also awarded for national team selection.

## Masters Age Categories

- Includes Sub-Veterans, Veterans, Masters, Grand Masters, and Great Grand Masters.
- Riders must be over 30, resident in KZN, with a CSA licence.
- Qualification requires:
    - Top three in series log for Marathon and Cross-Country); OR
    - Top three in Provincial Championship races for all three disciplines.

## General Notes

- Riders must complete the race. Do not finish (DNF) will not be included.
- Only official series distances and designated races count.
- No e-bike results considered; gravel races must be completed on gravel bikes.