Development Squad Application Template

The following answers give you some indication on what we are after.

## Name

Joe Smith

## Portrait & Action shot

(Insert 2x pictures here.)

## Bio

I’m Joe. I love MTB because reason x, reason y, reason z. I want to be in the development squad because reason a, reason b. My other sports and hobbies include example 1, example 2, example 3.

## Blurb on how you meet the prerequisites

I meet the prerequisites as I have been involved with DirtCraft for 2 years. I am currently year 10. I prioritise Cross Country Mountain biking, but I love Enduro and Downhill too. As an athlete my ultimate dream is to race an XCO World Cup. I also am focused on building lots of friends in Mountain Biking because I really enjoy hanging out with Mountain Bikers. This gives me confidence when interacting with people. I demonstrate respect, teamwork, maturity and enjoyment within the Mountain Biking environment in my DirtSkill sessions. Just ask my coach Coralie. I can be silly at times, but I feel this opportunity would be a great place for me to focus on my maturity. My mum and dad think the values of DirtCraft are great and really want me to be involved.

## DirtCraft Values

Value of Strength: I really feel I am good at being independent. I often get leadership roles at school including year 8 sport captain, and year 8 house leader. At home I make my own lunch, make my bed and even have a paper route. These leadership opportunities have taught me to be independent by having regular commitments, making sacrifices and driving these projects on my own a lot of the time.

Value of focus to improve: One big area I want to focus on improving is my resilience. I have a short temper and often get frustrated with feedback I get from other people. When this happens, I get upset. I want to focus on being able to take peoples opinions onboard without getting offended. Especially my teachers at school and coaches at DirtCraft as they are trying to help me.

## Goal setting and SWOT Analysis

Goals in MTB: Win national XCO Champs U16, Win Club Champs overall, complete Whaka 50 in under 3 hours.

Goals out of MTB: Spend more time with my cousins, be more grateful for my life, get scholarships for university, save up for new bike.

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| Strength | Weakness |
| My confidence  My cornering  My muscles  My parents take me to MTB always | My fitness  My sponsors  My nutrition  Crashing |
| Opportunities | Threat (to achieving my goals) |
| Development Squad  My uncle’s business sponsoring DirtCraft  Getting a road bike for training fitness | Spending too much time with my girlfriend  Crashing all the time  Too much homework |

## Rider Development Matrix

(Have you and your parents fill out the ‘Rider Development Matrix’ and attach it when submitting your application).

## Events of interest

Event 1

Event 2

Event 3

Event 4

Event 5

Event 6

Event 7

Event 8

Event 9

Once you’ve completed this, save it as a PDF and email it to [tristanhride@gmail.com](mailto:tristanhride@gmail.com) along with your Rider Development Matrix.