

MEMORANDUM

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PART 9 – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rules amendments applying on **01.01.2023**

Chapter II PARTICIPATION IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

§ 1 General comments

9.2.030 The ~~mountain bike~~ UCI World Championships shall comprise ~~nine~~ **eight** specialities: the cross-country Olympic (XCO), the cross-country marathon (XCM), the cross-country team relay (XCR), the cross-country short track (XCC), the cross-country eliminator (XCE), the downhill individual (DHI), ~~the four-cross 4-Cross (4X)~~, the E-Mountain Bike (E-MTB) and ~~the~~ pump track (PUM).
(text modified on 01.01.04; 01.01.06; 01.02.12; 01.01.18; 01.01.21; 01.01.23)

9.2.031 The categories for which the title of UCI World Champion will be awarded are as follows:

- XCO Men Elite (aged 23 and over);
Men under 23 (ages from 19 to 22);
Women Elite (aged 23 and over);
Women under 23 (aged 19 to 22);
Men Juniors (aged 17 and 18);
Women Juniors (aged 17 and 18);
- XCM Men (aged 19 and over);
Women (aged 19 and over);
- XCR Team (aged 17 and over);
- XCC Men (aged 23 and over);
Women (aged 23 and over);
- XCE Men (aged 17 and over);
Women (aged 17 and over);
- DHI Men Elite (aged 19 and over);
Women Elite (aged 19 and over);
Men Juniors (aged 17 and 18);
Women Juniors (aged 17 and 18);
- ~~4X Men (aged 17 and over);
Women (aged 17 and over);~~
- E-MTBMen (aged 19 and over including Masters)
Women (aged 19 and over including Masters)
- PUM Men (aged 17 and over)
Women (aged 17 and over)

As from 2024:

- XCC** Men under 23 (aged 19 to 22);
Women under 23 (aged 19 to 22);
- EDR/EDR-E** Men

Women

(article introduced on 01.01.04; text modified on 01.01.06; 01.02.12; 1.01.21; 1.01.23)

9.2.032 For the team relay, each nation may enter only a single team.

Each national team shall be made up of 1 Men Elite, 1 Women Elite, 1 Men under 23, 1 Men Junior, 1 Women under 23 and 1 Women Junior. However, the following substitutions shall be permissible:

- Men Elite by Women Elite or Men under 23 or Men Junior or Women under 23 or Women Junior;
- Women Elite by Women under 23 or by Women Junior;
- Men under 23 by Women Elite or Women under 23 or Men Junior or Women Junior;
- **Women under 23 by Women Junior;**
- Men Junior by Women Junior.

Each rider selected must already be entered for the individual downhill, or Olympic cross country events.

(article introduced on 01.01.04; text modified on 01.01.06; 01.02.12; 01.01.17; 01.01.20; 1.01.23)

9.2.034 For the Men Elite, Women Elite, Men Under 23 and Men Juniors XCO events and the Men Elite and Men Juniors DHI events, the maximum number of riders (apart from reserves) for each team is determined on the basis of the classification by nation of the previous year's UCI World Championships, as per the table below:

Nations ranked	Maximum number of riders (except reserves)
1 to 10 and the host nation	7
11 to 20	6
21 to 30	5
31 or after	4
Unranked nations	3

For the Women Under 23 and Women Juniors XCO events, the Women Elite and Women Juniors DHI events, ~~Men's and Women's 4X events~~, the maximum number is 7 riders per nation.

Each federation shall be permitted to enter 2 reserves in each category.

For cross-country short track (XCC), each rider selected must already be registered for the cross-country Olympic (XCO) event.

For cross-country eliminator (XCE), each national federation can enter unlimited number of riders per category.

For E-Mountain Bike (E-MTB), the maximum number of riders shall be defined yearly.

For Pump Track (PUM), the criteria for the number of riders as well as registration fees shall be defined yearly.

(article introduced on 1.01.04; text modified on 1.01.06; 1.02.12; 1.01.16; 01.01.18; 01.01.21; 1.01.23)

9.2.035

For the XCM event, each national federation can enter 10 men and 10 women. Supplementary to the 10 men and 10 women nominated by the national federation, top 20 men and women of each round of the UCI ~~MTB~~ Marathon ~~series~~ World Cup as well as the top ~~50~~ 80 of the ~~individual-general~~ UCI ~~MTB-marathon-series~~ XCM ~~individual~~ ranking obtain a qualification for the UCI Marathon World Championships. All participants must obligatorily wear the national equipment. All riders must be registered by their national federation. The registration fees (including all taxes and/or insurance contributions) shall be based on the UCI Financial Obligations. *(text modified on 01.01.04; 01.01.06; 01.09.06; 01.02.12; 01.01.18; 01.01.21; 1.01.23)*

9.2.036

The ranking by nations for the ~~mountain-bike~~ UCI World Championships is calculated by adding the points scored by the 3 best placed riders of each nation. The system for awarding points is based on the total number of riders starting in each category, with a maximum of 300. If 100 riders start, the winner will score 100 points while the 100th placed rider would score 1. Should some starters not be given a finishing position, the last rider to be classified shall score the points for his or her position without taking account of the unclassified riders.

Example: if 100 riders start and 80 riders are classified, the last of them will score 21 points.

For the UCI World Championships Team Relay, the nation will receive points in the ranking by nations for the event according to the methodology below:

The points for each participating rider in the cross-country team relay will be allocated to the ranking of the corresponding age category of each rider as follows. The system for awarding points is based on twice the total number of nations starting in the cross-country team relay. If 15 nations start, the winning nation would score 30 points while the 15th placed nation would score 2 points.

(article introduced on 01.01.04; text modified on 01.01.18; 1.01.23)

9.2.038

The start order is determined as follows:

XCO Men Elite, XCO Women Elite, XCO Men under 23, XCO Women under 23, XCC Men Elite, and XCC Women Elite, XCC Men under 23 and XCC Women under 23

1. As per the last published UCI XCO individual ranking.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

XCO Men Juniors, XCO Women Juniors

1. As per the last published UCI XCO juniors individual ranking.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

DHI Men Elite, DHI Women Elite

For the qualifying round and the final:

1. **Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).**

2. As per the last published UCI DHI individual ranking. The best rider starting last.

DHI Men Juniors, DHI Women Juniors

For the qualifying round and the final:

1. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).
2. As per the last published UCI DHI individual ranking. The best rider starting last.

For all DHI events (Men Elite, Women Elite, Men Juniors and Women Juniors), riders are required to ride in the qualifying round. The number of riders qualifying for the final are as follows:

- Men Elite: top 80 riders in the qualifying round
- Women Elite: top 40 riders in the qualifying round
- Men Juniors: top 60 riders in the qualifying round
- Women Juniors: top 15 riders in the qualifying round

For the final in the Men Elite and Women Elite, the “protected riders” are: Riders ranked in the top 10 Women Elite and the top 20 Men Elite of the final UCI World Cup standings of the current season.

In case the UCI ~~mountain-bike~~ World Cup final is held after the UCI ~~mountain-bike~~ World Championships, riders ranked in the top 10 Women Elite and the 20 Men Elite of the latest UCI World Cup standings of the current season.

Event “protected riders” must start in the qualifying round in order to be entitled to ride the final.

~~4X Men, 4X Women (Qualifying Round)~~

- ~~1. As per the last published UCI 4X individual ranking. The best rider starting first.~~
- ~~2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).~~

(*) The start order of the riders within the team must be confirmed by the national federations during the riders’ confirmation. Taking each nation in turn on the basis of the classification by nation of the concerned category from the most recent mountain bike world championships, a place is allocated to the next rider in sequence. Unclassified nations take, on the basis of the same rotation system, the next places in an order determined by drawing lots.

E-MTB Men, E-MTB Women

The start order for E-MTB Men and E-MTB Women shall be defined yearly.

(article introduced on 01.01.04; text modified on 01.01.06; 25.09.08; 01.01.11; 01.05.11; 01.01.18, 1.01.23)

9.2.040

The start order for riders in the ~~world cross-country marathon championship~~ UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships shall be as follows:

- the reigning UCI XCM world champion
- the reigning UCI XCO Elite and under 23 world champions
- the reigning UCI XCC world champion

- the reigning Olympic mountain bike champion
 - the latest UCI marathon ranking
 - the latest UCI XCO individual ranking - by drawing lots for the other riders.
- (article introduced on 01.01.04; text modified on 01.01.06; 01.02.12; 01.01.18; 01.01.21; 1.01.23)*