

PART 9 – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rules amendments applying on **01.01.2024**

Chapter II PARTICIPATION IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mountain bike

9.2.030

The UCI world championships shall comprise ~~eight~~ **ten** specialities: the Olympic 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), E-Mountain Bike (E-MTB), **the enduro/e-enduro (EDR/E-EDR), the snow bike (SNO)** and the pump track (PUM).

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9.2.031

The categories for which the title of 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 Junior (aged 17 and 18); Women Junior (aged 17 and 18);
XCM	Men (aged 19 and over); Women (aged 19 and over);
XCR	Team (aged 17 and over);
XCC	Men Elite (aged 23 and over); Men under 23 (aged 19 to 22) Women Elite (aged 23 and over); Women under 23 (aged 19 to 22)
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 Junior (aged 17 and 18); Women Junior (aged 17 and 18);
E-MTB	Men (aged 19 and over including Masters) Women (aged 19 and over including Masters)
PUM	Men (aged 17 and over) Women (aged 17 and over)
EDR/EDR-E	Men (aged 17 and over) Women (aged 17 and over)
SNO	Men (aged 17 and over) Women (aged 17 and over)

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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. Place 33rd to 40th of the start order will be allocated to riders ranked in below rankings, unless they are listed on the start order between the place 1st to 32rd according to point 1 and 2 above:
 - top 10 of the UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking
 - top 20 of the UCI road individual world rankingThe place 33rd to 40th will be allocated following the rank of each rider, whatever the ranking: UCI cyclo-cross or UCI road world ranking. If two or three riders have the same ranking, they will be placed by drawing lots.
3. As per the last published UCI XCO individual ranking.
4. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

XCO Men under 23, XCO Women under 23, 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 Junior, XCO Women Junior

1. As per the last published UCI XCO junior 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 Junior, DHI Women Junior

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 Junior and Women Junior), 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 Junior: top 60 riders in the qualifying round
- Women Junior: top ~~45~~ 20 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 world cup standings of the current season. In case the UCI world cup final is held after the UCI world championships, riders ranked in the top 10 Women Elite and the 20 Men Elite of the latest world cup standings of the current season.

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

(*) 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 shall be defined yearly.

Enduro/E-Enduro Men, Enduro/E-Enduro Women

The start order for Enduro and E-Enduro shall be defined yearly.

Snow Bike Men, Snow Bike Women

The start order for Snow Bike shall be defined yearly.

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