

# MEMORANDUM

26.09.2024

## PART IV – MOUNTAIN BIKE

### Rules amendments applying on **01.01.2025**

#### Chapter I GENERAL RULES

##### § 2 Age categories and participation

###### 4.1.004 Cross-country Olympic – XCO

Except in the UCI World Championships, continental championships and, at the discretion of national federations, national championships, under 23 men and women can ride the events for elite men and women respectively, even if a separate event is being run for under 23 riders.

Separate under 23 XCO UCI World Cup events are organised for men and women. The first 5 men under 23 and the first 5 women under 23 of the last UCI XCO individual ranking of the preceding year can decide whether they want to race the entire UCI World Cup season as elite or under 23. All other under 23 riders must race the UCI World Cup season in the under 23 category.

Separate under 23 XCO hors class and class 1 events may be organized for men and women, in this case separate results must be submitted for both categories. ~~If the under 23 events are organised on a different day from the elite events, under 23 riders may take part in both events.~~ During class 2 and class 3 XCO events under 23, men and women, will compete with the elite categories. As such no separate results must be submitted for the under 23 categories at class 2 and class 3 XCO events.

(text modified on 1.10.13; 1.01.22; **1.01.25**)

###### 4.1.006 Downhill – DH

Except for the UCI World Championships, **UCI World Cup and Continental Series**, downhill events are open to all riders aged 17 or over.

At the UCI World Championships, ~~and~~ at the UCI World Cup **and at the Continental Series**, separate junior events must be organized for men and women (aged 17 and 18).

For all other downhill events on the international calendar, the UCI points are awarded in relation to the riders' time and not to their category. To ensure that this rule is correctly applied, only one combined result needs to be sent to the UCI.

*Comment: When a junior downhill rider would score the best time at the national championships, (s)he must wear the elite jersey. The junior jersey is not awarded in this case.*

(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 4.04.14; 1.01.17; **1.01.25**)

#### 4.1.007 Enduro - EDR

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~~Enduro events are open to all riders aged 17 or over. No separate results must be submitted for the juniors, under 23 or elite categories.~~

Except for the UCI World Championships and UCI World Cup, enduro events are open to all riders aged 17 or over.

At the UCI World Championships and at the UCI World Cup, separate enduro junior events must be organized for men and women (aged 17 and 18).

For all other enduro events on the international calendar, the UCI points are awarded in relation to the riders' time and not to their category. To ensure that this rule is correctly applied, only one combined result shall be sent to the UCI. *(article introduced on 1.01.13; text modified on 1.01.23; 1.01.25)*

### § 3 **Calendar**

4.1.011 International mountain bike races are registered on the UCI international calendar in accordance with the following classification:

- Olympic Games (OG)
  - No other international mountain bike event of cross-country (XC) may be organised during the mountain bike competition of the Olympic Games.
- UCI World Championships (CM)
  - No other international mountain bike event of the same format may be organised during the UCI World Championships.
- UCI World Cup (CDM)
  - No hors class or class 1 event of the same format may be organised on the same continent on the same day as a UCI World Cup event.
  - The continental championships (CC) and national championships (CN) in a format may not be organised during a UCI World Cup event in the same format.
- UCI Masters World Championships (CMM)
- Continental championships (CC)
  - No hors class or class 1 event of the same format may be organised on the same continent on the same day as a continental championships.
- Continental Series (CS)
  - Upon consultation with the respective Continental Confederation, the UCI will appoint a certain number of events to be part of each Continental Series in accordance with the dedicated document published by the UCI.
- Stage races
  - Class: Hors class (SHC) / Class 1 (S1) / Class 2 (S2)
  - No stage race hors class may be organised during the mountain bike competition of the Olympic Games, or the UCI World Championships cross-country (XC) or marathon, UCI World Cup events in the concerned continent.

- No stage-race, in HC or C1, may be organised during the Continental championships on the same day(s) as any cross-country (XC) race, on the concerned continent.
- One-day races
  - Class: Hors class (HC) / Class 1 (C1) / Class 2 (C2) / Class 3 (C3)
- UCI XCO junior series:
  - The UCI will appoint a certain number of UCI XCO junior series events every year **in accordance with the dedicated document published by the UCI.**
- National Championships:
  - National championships cannot be run during the mountain bike competition at the Olympic Games, UCI World Championships or UCI World Cup of the same format and cannot be run during continental championships of the same format on the concerned continent.
  - Cross-country Olympic (XCO) or cross-country short track (XCC) national championships cannot be run during an international mountain bike race. For all other formats, in the event a national championship is incorporated in an international mountain bike race, a rider can only receive points once. The riders with the sporting nationality of the national federation will receive the national championships points according to their rank in the race (i.e. including all riders regardless of their sporting nationality) and other riders will receive the class event points according to their rank in the race.
  - **Regional Games (JR)**

The events status for stage races and one-day races are allocated to each event annually by the UCI on the basis of the commissaires race report from the preceding year and any other information at disposal of the UCI. A new event may only be given class 2 or 3 status in its first year.

HC status can only be given with the following cumulative conditions:

- Event registered for at least the last three years as C1 on the UCI International Calendar
- A separate under 23 race registered for both genders **for XCO**
- At least eight riders from the top 50 of the UCI ranking for both gender
- At least ten nations represented in the last edition of the event
- A high level tv production for the Elite categories taking into account the sporting aspect

**Under exceptional circumstances and justified reasons related to development, the UCI can grant derogations awarding HC status to events which do not meet the criteria above.**

A detailed technical guide for HC events, stage races and new events must be presented to UCI during the calendar registration process. A template for such technical guide is provided by UCI upon request. All events registered on the UCI international calendar must respect the UCI financial obligations (in particular calendar fee, prize money) approved by the UCI and published on the UCI website.

Race entry fees for events on the international calendar are waived for any rider belonging to a ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM. This applies only to the format in which the team has ~~elite~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM status and does not apply to stage races, eliminator and enduro events.  
(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 4.04.14; 1.01.16; 1.01.17; 1.01.19, 1.01.21; 1.01.22; 1.01.23; 1.01.24; 1.01.25).

## § 4 Technical delegate

4.1.012 For the Olympic Games, UCI World Championships, UCI World Cup events and continental championships a technical delegate is appointed by the UCI. ~~The UCI may delegate the appointment of a technical delegate to the third party of its choice.~~  
(text modified on 1.01.25)

## § 6 Event procedure

4.1.036 The riders must respect nature and must make sure that they do not pollute the course venue. ~~If a drop zone is implemented on the course, riders must use it and must abide by any instructions given in this respect.~~  
(text modified on 1.01.25)

## § 7 Equipment

4.1.041 ~~During~~ In the context of MTB races ~~no~~ riders registered for the event are ~~not~~ permitted to use an ~~E-Mountain-Bike~~ EPAC, in the sense of article 1.3.010bis, on the course at any time during training ~~and or~~ competition.

~~E-Mountain-Bikes~~ EPACs are exclusively allowed in training and competition at ~~the E-Mountain Bike competitions events as specified pursuant to in~~ Chapter VIII.  
(article introduced on 1.01.18, text modified on 1.01.19; 1.01.20; 1.01.23; 1.01.25).

## § 10 UCI International Elite Number System

4.1.049 Riders who have won an Elite UCI World Cup race (XCO, DHI) will be asked to select a career number (2-999).

Upon retirement being confirmed to the UCI or communicated publicly, a rider's unique career number will be made available for allocation to other riders.

Elite riders will be asked to select their number in descending order starting with the rider who currently has the highest number of UCI World Cup wins.

For the UCI World Cup, the current UCI World Cup leader will race with number 1, superseding his unique career number.  
(article introduced on 1.01.25)

## Chapter II CROSS-COUNTRY EVENTS

### § 1 Race characteristics

#### 4.2.001 Cross-country Olympic – XCO

The duration and lap length of cross-country Olympic event in the different race classifications in the table below must lie within the following ranges or as close as possible to the race length (in hours and minutes).

	UCI World Championships, UCI World Cup, Continental championships, Continental Series, Hors class, Class 1 events		Class 2 events		Class 3 events	
	Race time	Lap length	Race time	Lap length	Race time	Lap length
Men juniors	1:00 - 1:15	3.5km - 6km	1:00 - 1:15	4km - 10km	1:00 - 1:15	No restriction, and any race format
Women juniors	1:00 - 1:15		1:00 - 1:15		1:00 - 1:15	
Men under 23	1:15 - 1:30		N/A*		N/A*	
Women under 23	1:15 - 1:30		N/A*		N/A*	
Men elite	1:20 - 1:40		1:30 - 2:00		No restriction	
Women elite	1:20 - 1:40		1:30 - 2:00			

\*under 23 compete with elite

(text modified on 1.10.13; 4.04.14; 1.01.17; 1.01.23; **1.01.25**)

### § 5 Feed/Technical Assistance zone

**4.2.038** The feed/technical assistance zones must be wide and long enough to allow the passing of riders not stopping in the zone.

For UCI World Cup events they must furthermore include the following four areas:

- one part for ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS**;
- one part for UCI MTB TEAMS;
- one area for national teams;
- another area for individual riders or members of teams not registered with the UCI (who are treated as individual riders).

Staff working for riders must wear readily identifiable team clothing.

(text modified on 1.01.20; 1.01.23; **1.01.25**).

**4.2.040** For the Olympic Games, UCI World Championships, UCI World Cup events and continental championships nobody may enter a feed/technical assistance zone without accreditation. This rule does not apply for the marathon UCI World Championships.

For the Olympic Games, UCI World Championships and continental championships, accreditations are issued by the commissaires' panel.

For UCI World Cup events season long accreditations issued to the ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS** and UCI MTB TEAMS by the UCI. For the national federations or individual riders passes are prepared by the organiser and handed out at registration: they obtain 1 accreditation per registered rider per zone. Note that for a double feed/technical assistance zone they only obtain 1 accreditation per registered rider.  
*(text modified on 1.01.20; 1.01.23; 1.01.24; 1.01.25).*

## **§ 6 Technical assistance**

**4.2.049** In addition to technical assistance in feed zones, technical assistance is permitted outside these zones only between riders who are members of the same ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM**, UCI MTB TEAM or of the same national team. For the UCI World Championships, technical assistance is permitted only between riders of the same national team.

Riders may carry tools and spare parts provided that these do not involve any danger to the rider himself or the other competitors.  
*(text modified on 1.01.20; 1.01.23; 1.01.25)*

## **§ 8 Event procedure**

**4.2.064** The decision as to whether the 80% rule is to be applied for Olympic cross-country events (XCO) **or cross-country short track events (XCC)** is made by the president of the commissaires' panel after discussion with the organiser. Any rider whose time being 80% slower of that of the race leader's first lap is pulled out of the race. He is required to leave the race at the end of his lap in the zone provided for the purpose (the "80% zone") except when the rider is on his final lap. For Olympic cross-country events at continental championships, UCI World Cups, UCI World Championships and the Olympic Games, the 80% rule must be applied.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25)*

## **§ 9 Stage races**

**4.2.075** Other general classifications for men and women, such as points general classification, mountains general classification, and the men's and women's team general classifications are optional.

In stage races where there is a team general classification, there are only three types of teams that may compete for the classification:

- ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS**
- UCI MTB TEAMS

- National teams.

Except in the case of team time trials, both the men's and women's team general classification is established by adding the times of the two best riders in each stage  
(text modified on 1.01.23; 1.01.25).

## Chapter III DOWNHILL EVENTS

### § 1 Organisation of competition

#### 4.3.001 Downhill events are composed of:

A single run format for the final must be used. Prior thereto, there ~~This~~ shall be ~~involve~~ either:

- One or two a qualifying run(s), called the qualifying round(s) following which a predetermined number of riders set by the particular race regulations are admitted to a ~~semi-final~~ or final. The fastest rider of the final is declared the winner.
- a seeding run that determines the start order for a single run in which the rider with the fastest time wins.

For Mass start, events are composed of a:

- qualifying round (time trial where a number of riders qualify for the final, number of riders to qualify must be set by the organiser in his technical guide), which will also serve to determine the start order.
- marathon downhill (mass start downhill)

Each organizer should state in their technical guide which one of the two options will be applied to their event.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 4.04.14; 1.01.23; 1.01.25)

### § 2 Course

#### 4.3.006 The length of the course and the duration of the event are determined as follows:

	Maximum
Course length	3500 m
Duration of the event	5 minutes

	UCI World Championships, UCI World Cup, continental championships, Continental Series, Hors Class, class 1 events		Class 2 events		Class 3 events
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	
Duration of the event	2 minutes	5 minutes	1 minute	5 minutes	No restriction



*(text modified on 1.01.16; 1.01.25)*

## **§ 6 Training**

**4.3.023** Riders must start all training runs at the official start gate. Any rider starting a training run below the start line must be disqualified from the competition.

*At the discretion of the President of the Commissaires' Panel, riders may be permitted to start at a designated point on the course.  
(text modified on 1.01.25).*

## **§ 7 Transport**

**4.3.025** The organiser must provide transport capable of carrying ~~400~~ 250 riders and their bikes per hour to the top of the course.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

# **Chapter VI PUMP TRACK**

## **§ 2 Categories**

**4.6.002** International categories are “open men” and “open women”. Riders must be 17 years of age in order to compete. *No separate results shall be submitted for the juniors, under 23 or Elite categories.*

All Pump Track events will be considered as Class 3 events.

Event organisers are free to have either age or ability categories for other riders.

Categories for children shall follow any age limits set by the local laws.

For participation in events on the international calendar, riders' categories are determined by the age of those competing as defined by the difference between the year of the event and the year of birth of the rider.  
*(text modified on 1.01.20; 1.01.25).*

## **§ 4 Course**

**4.6.005** A pump track can be defined by either a start and a finish, or by a **properly marked** closed circuit design. It is recommended that a pump track has a compact, hard surface that withstands weather and erosion.

Generally, the pump track should be on a flat ground or on a moderate slope. It should include a mixture of rollers and banked turns. The design is free and can include uphill and downhill, as long as “pumping” is more efficient than pedalling. Pedalling shall not be an advantage.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*



## § 5 Competition Format

**4.6.006** Race Formats  
A competition consists of a free practice session, qualification and elimination heats.

At the start riders are positioned at least **40 30** meters from the start/finish line and get ready with one foot on the ground. The distance between the starting point and start/finish line shall contain an adequate number of rollers and turns to gain maximum speed (without pedaling). The starting point should be a marked rectangular area, adequate to fit a bike in length and width (**170 cm x 50 cm**). Alternatively, a BMX type start gate may be used. If so, it should be used without the automated start procedure (no lights, nor sound) and still with one foot on the ground for the rider. The only start procedure notification should be a verbal "Riders Ready" from the starter.

*(text modified on 1.01.21; 1.01.22; **1.01.25**)*

**4.6.010** Elimination heats  
The main event comprises of elimination heats. Riders advancing from the qualification will go head-to-head in the main event heats. The elimination heats can be run with all kinds of race formats explained below.

Rider pairings will be determined based on their ranking following the qualification. The fastest rider (1<sup>st</sup> placed) will go head-to-head against the slowest rider (8<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> / 32<sup>nd</sup> placed).

The fastest rider from each heat advances to the next round, until there are only 2 riders remaining who will compete in the final.

The main event heats can be run in 4 formats:

- Head-to-head – Pursuit
- Head-to-head – Dual
- Solo runs
- Open Session

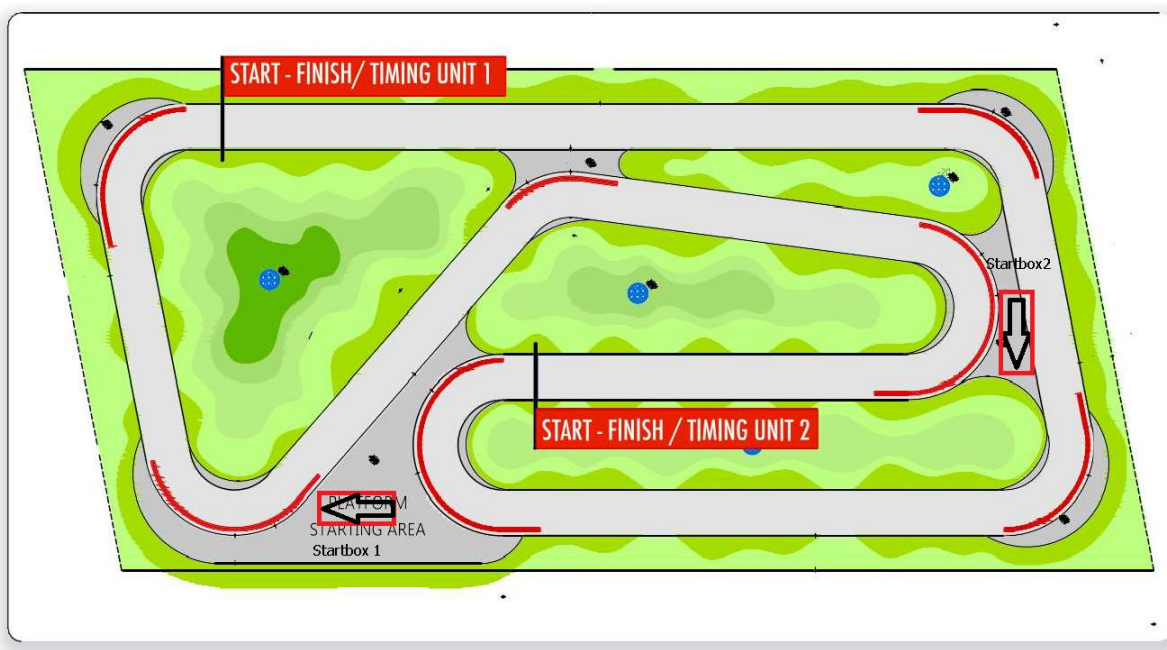
**For the UCI World Championships, there is a special open session format as detailed in the technical guide of the event.**

*(text modified on 1.01.21; **1.01.25**)*

**4.6.011** Head-to-head - Pursuit  
The track needs to be equipped with 1 or 2 timing units (depending on the track layout). The timing units shall be placed in co-operation with the commissaire.

- Riders will go head-to-head riding on the track at the same time, starting at different positions and ride in the same direction.
- The rider with the fastest qualification time has priority on their start position (1 or 2).
- The rider must line up at the start line, with one foot on the ground.
- The time starts running as soon as the riders cross their start / finish timing line and stops when they cross it again.
- The fastest rider will advance to the next round.

- If a rider does not complete a full run, rider will be scored DNF without re-run.
- In the event of a tiebreak (two or more riders have the same time) the time from the previous round or the qualification rounds will determine the winner.



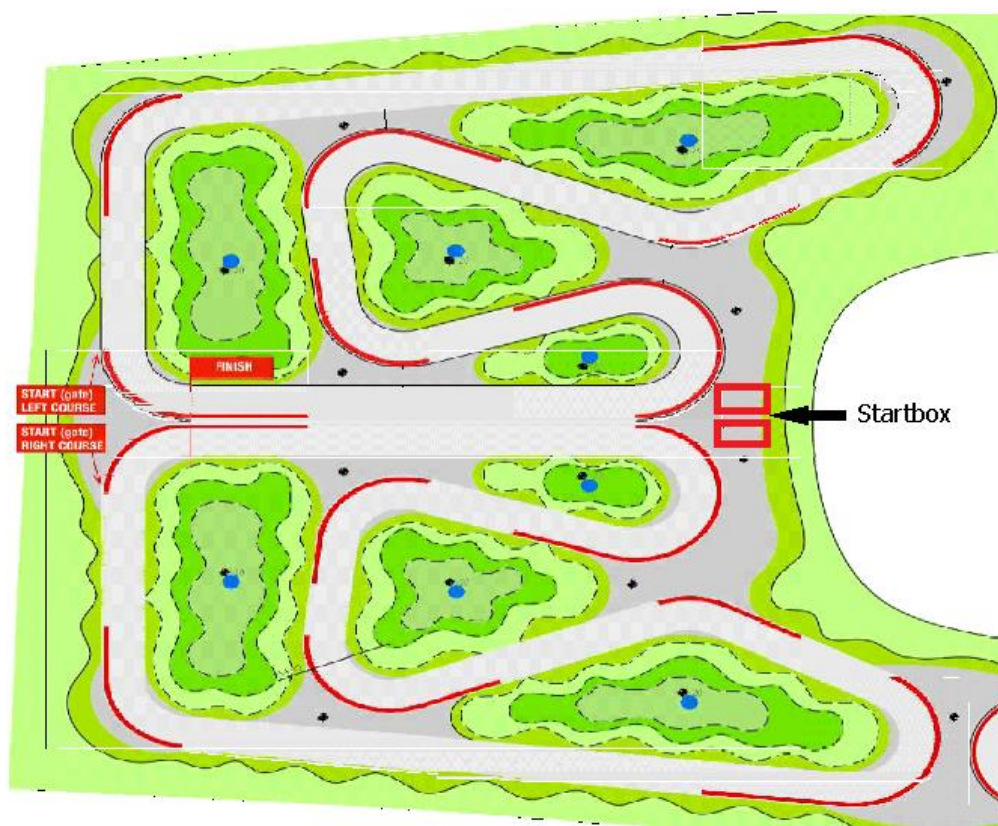
Example of track and timing layout.  
(text modified on 1.01.21; 1.01.25)

#### 4.6.012 Head-to-head - Dual

The track needs to be equipped with 1 timing unit and 2 start mechanisms (preferred). The timing units shall be placed in co-operation with the commissaire.

- Riders will go head-to-head at the same time.
- The rider with the fastest qualification time has priority on its start position (1 or 2)
- The rider must line up at the start line, with one foot on the ground.
- The race starts as soon as the start mechanism starts the time and stops when the riders cross the finish line.
- The rider who crosses the finish line 1st advances to the next round
- Depending on the track layout, this format requires 2 runs per elimination heat (to be defined by the commissaire).
- Run 1: The rider with the fastest timed run will start on the left course, at the same time the other rider starts on the right course. The riders go head-to-head and they both set a time. The maximum time difference / penalty is 1.5 sec (for example if a rider crashes).
- Run 2: Both riders switch lanes. The riders go head-to-head for the second time and they both set a 2nd time.
- The combination of both times (left and right course) per rider determines the riders overall time.

- The winner of the heat is the rider with the fastest combined time and they advance to the next round.
- In the event of a tiebreak (two or more riders have the same time) the time from the Qualification round will determine the winner.



Example of track and timing layout.  
(text modified on 1.01.21; 1.01.25)

#### 4.6.013 Solo runs

The track needs to be equipped with 1 timing unit. Timing units to be placed in co-operation with the commissaire.

- 2 riders will race against each other, in a separate run on the exact same track.
- The rider must line up at the start line, with one foot on the ground.
- The rider with the slower qualification time starts first in each of the rounds in the elimination heats down to the finals.
- The riders only have 1 run to set a time.
- The rider with the fastest time advances to the next round.
- If a rider does not complete a full run, rider will be scored DNF without re-run.
- In the event of a tiebreak (two or more riders have the same time) the time from the Qualification round will determine the winner.

(article modified on 1.01.21; 1.01.25)

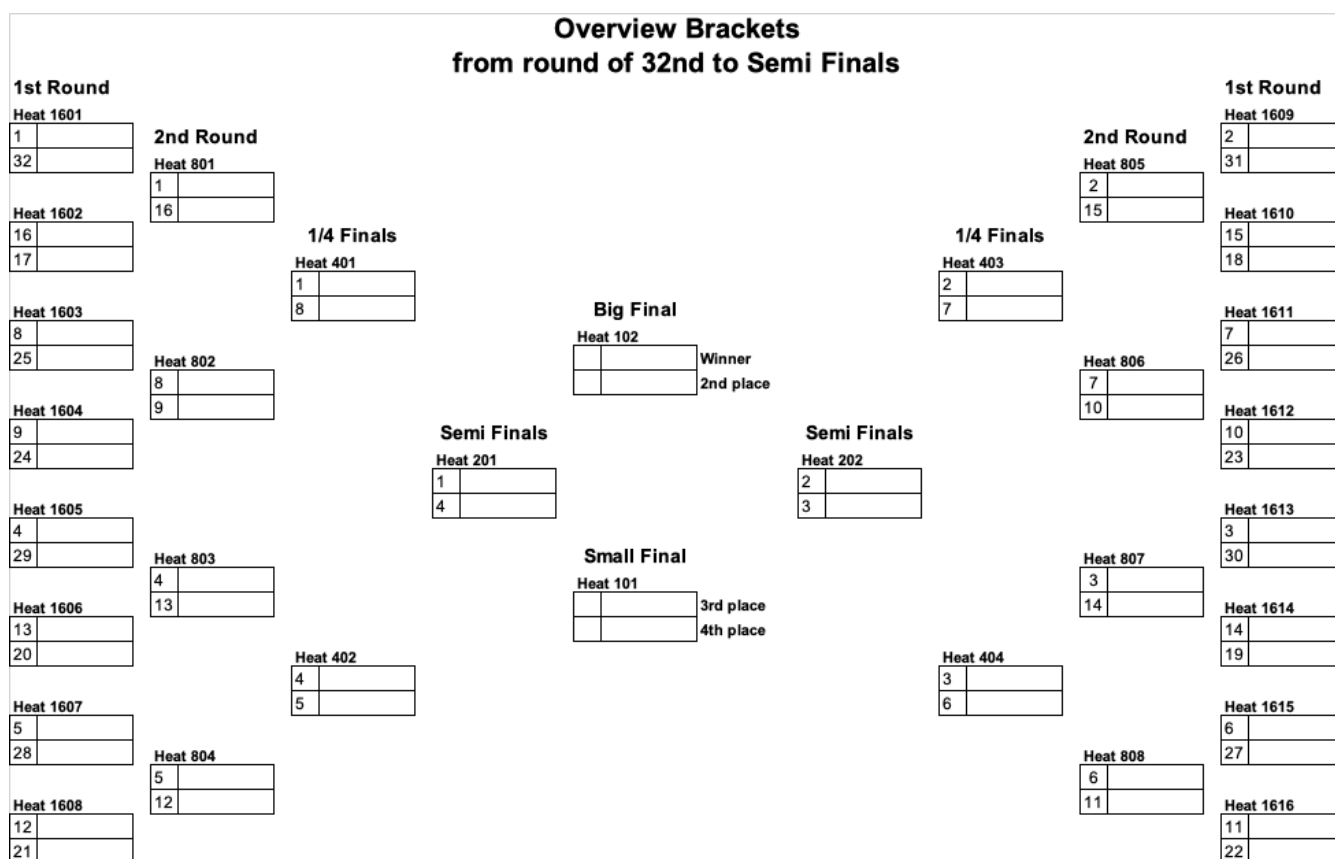
#### 4.6.015

#### Running order

- Women's rounds followed by men's rounds of 32nd rider
- Starting with rounds of 32nd rider
- Round of 16, round of 8
- Semi-final
- Women small final
- Men small final
- Women big final
- Men big final

Heat order (men follow the running order until they reach the round where women will start).

(article modified on 1.01.25)



#### 4.6.016

#### Open session

An active transponder timing system and a screen are required to run this format. Qualification session

- The track is open for a fixed pre-determined session time (length of session is based on average lap time, track layout and number of riders).

- Start order for the first run (in session) determined by plate number.
- Riders can do as many laps as they want during the session.
- The fastest lap of each rider counts.
- After the open session, the fastest 32 riders advance to the elimination session.
- If there are 31 and less riders in the open session, the fastest 16 advance to the elimination session.
- If there are 15 and less riders in the open session, the fastest 8 advance to the elimination session.
- If there are 7 and less riders in the open session, the fastest 4 advance to the elimination session.

#### Elimination heats

- The track is open for a fixed pre-determined session time during elimination (length of session is based on average lap time and track layout).
- Start order for the first run (in session) determined by results from the qualification session. Fastest qualifier starts first in each round and session.
- Top 32 - fastest 16 riders advance to the next round.
- Top 16 - fastest 8 riders advance to the next round.
- Quarter final - fastest 4 riders advance to the semi-final.
- Semi-final - fastest 2 riders advance to the big final - slowest 2 riders to the small final.
- Small final - 2 riders, one run each - fastest rider got 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.
- Big final - 2 riders, one run each - fastest rider wins overall.
- If a rider fails to start in a particular round, they cannot advance to the next round.
- In the event of a tiebreak (two or more riders have the same time) the time from the previously completed round will determine the winner. As an exception, in the Small Final and Big Final, a re-run will determine a winner

*(text modified on 1.01.21; 1.01.25).*

## Chapter VIII E-MOUNTAIN BIKE

### § 1

#### General

#### 4.8.001

~~The Events Use of EPACs~~

~~An E-Mountain Bike, is a bike operated with two energy sources, human pedal power and an electric engine, which only provides assistance when the rider is pedaling. Only "Pedelec" type of bikes are allowed in UCI event.~~

~~Only EPACs, in the sense of article 1.3.010bis, are authorized for use in E-Mountain Bike events. must be organised in accordance with the following bike standards:~~

~~Engine with a maximum continuous rated power of 250 watts~~

~~Engine assistance up to 25km/h~~

~~Peddalling assistance only, although a start-up assistance not exceeding without pedalling is allowed~~

*(text modified on 1.01.25)*



- 4.8.003** Events format and characteristics  
E-Mountain Bike events will be organised in the cross-country and Enduro formats and will be registered as Class 3 events. No UCI points will be awarded for E-Mountain Bike events.

The characteristics and formats of events, bikes specifications of EPACs, and check verification procedures ~~as well as the characteristics and format of each event~~ will be determined in the technical guide for each E-Mountain Bike event. The technical guide ~~officials~~ serves as regulation reference for each specific event in such matter not governed by the UCI Regulations.  
(text modified on 1.01.25)

- 4.8.004** Registration  
The rider's registration procedure is handled by the ~~UCI~~ appointee organizer of an E-Mountain Bike event.  
(text modified on 1.01.25)

- 4.8.005** Battery  
Riders can only use the battery ~~in place~~ fitted on their bike at the start and cannot carry an additional battery during the competition.  
(text modified on 1.01.25)

## Chapter IX UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE WORLD SERIES

### § 1 General

- 4.9.001** The UCI Mountain Bike World Series is the exclusive property of the UCI.

The UCI Mountain Bike World Series is made up of the UCI World Cup in the race types:

- Cross-country (see Chapter X);
- Downhill (see Chapter XI);
- ~~— Marathon (see Chapter XII);~~
- Enduro (see Chapter XIII).

The UCI World Cups of each of the above-mentioned race types are the exclusive property of the UCI.  
(text modified on 1.01.25).

- 4.9.003** Registration  
All riders must be registered using the ~~UCI~~ online registration system through a dedicated website provided by the UCI or its promoter, if any. ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS and UCI MTB TEAMS register their riders. National federations register the other riders who qualify under provisions on participation.

A table showing the opening and closing dates for entries is published on the UCI website.  
(text modified on 1.01.25).

**4.9.005** Late entries from ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS, UCI MTB TEAMS, national federations and riders are refused unless authorised and subject to compliance with provisions for participation as well as payment of a fine of EUR 300.

Late entries are entries handled after the on-line registration deadline and before the riders' confirmation deadline. Passed the riders' confirmation deadline late are not considered.

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

## Chapter X UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE CROSS-COUNTRY WORLD CUP

**4.10.001** Participation  
UCI Cross-country World Cup events (XCO and XCC) are open to riders corresponding to the following categories and criteria:

Category	One of the below mentioned criteria needs to be fulfilled
XCO - men elite (aged 23 and over) XCO - women elite (aged 23 and over)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM, maximum 4 riders per race and category</li> <li>2. 8 UCI MTB TEAM wildcards, maximum 4 riders per race and category decided one month prior to the event</li> <li>3. Any rider ranked in the top 100 of the last UCI XCO individual ranking before the event entry closing date (one month prior to the event)</li> <li>4. The national federations may enter a maximum of <del>6</del> 3 supplementary riders per category. These riders must wear national team clothing.</li> <li>5. Top five riders of any round of a Continental Series limited to 1 round of the current UCI MTB World Cup (Golden Ticket)</li> <li>6. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the Continental Series of the previous year, Elite (from 2026)</li> <li>7. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the Continental Series of the previous year, U23 (if progressing into Elite category) (from 2026)</li> <li>8. Current Olympic Champion, UCI World Champion, Continental Champion, National Champions</li> <li>9. <del>Having obtained at least 60 UCI points in the UCI XCO individual reference ranking (*).</del></li> </ol>
XCO - men under 23 (aged from 19 to 22) <del>XCO - women under 23 (aged from 19 to 22)</del>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UCI MTB WORLD SERIES, maximum 4 riders per race and category</li> <li>2. 8 UCI MTB TEAM wildcards, maximum 4 riders per race and category decided one month prior to the event</li> <li>3. Any rider ranked in the top 200 of the last UCI XCO individual ranking before the event entry closing date (one month prior to the event)</li> </ol>



	<p>4. The national federations may enter a maximum of <del>6</del> 4 supplementary riders per category. These riders must wear national team clothing.</p> <p>5. Top five riders of any round of a Continental Series, limited to 1 round of the current UCI MTB World Cup (Golden Ticket)</p> <p>6. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the Continental Series of the previous year, U23 (from 2026)</p> <p>7. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the Continental Series of the previous year, Junior (if progressing into U23 category) (from 2026)</p> <p>8. UCI World Champion, Continental Champion, National Champions</p> <p><del>9. Having obtained at least 80 UCI points in the UCI XCO individual reference ranking (*)</del></p> <p><del>10. The national federation of the organizing country may register a supplementary team B of 6 maximum riders (wearing national team clothing)</del></p> <p><del>11. Riders belonging to a UCI ELITE MTB TEAM or a UCI MTB TEAM</del></p>
<del>XCO – women under 23 (aged from 19 to 22)</del>	<p><del>1. Having obtained at least 20 UCI points in the UCI XCO individual reference ranking (*)</del></p> <p><del>2. The national federations may enter a maximum of 6 supplementary riders per category. These riders must wear national team clothing.</del></p> <p><del>3. The national federation of the organizing country may register a supplementary team B of maximum 6 riders (wearing national outfit required)</del></p> <p><del>4. Riders belonging to a UCI ELITE MTB TEAM or a UCI MTB TEAM</del></p>
<p>XCC – men elite (aged 23 and over)</p> <p>XCC – women elite (aged 23 and over)</p> <p>XCC – men under 23 (aged from 19 to 22)</p> <p>XCC – women under 23 (aged from 19 to 22)</p>	<p>A maximum of 40 riders per gender already registered and confirmed for the XCO event taking place during the same weekend shall be allowed to start in the XCC event. The riders shall be selected as per article 4.10.003 to reach a total number of 40 riders per gender. No online registration is required for the XCC event.</p> <p>The same bike must be used for XCC and XCO. For XCC, the minimum tyre width must be 45mm.</p>

~~(\*)The date of such reference rankings is fixed and communicated by the UCI for each event of the UCI World Cup on the UCI website.~~

Riders registration can be done only by a ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM, a UCI MTB TEAM or a national federation.

If a rider that confirmed his participation to the XCC event is not starting, he will not be allowed to start the XCO event on the same world cup round unless if the rider has been declared incapable of taking the start of the XCC event by the organiser's chief medical officer or the team doctor.

Criteria to award the 8 UCI MTB TEAM wildcards (as per point 2 of the participation criteria) per event will be based on the:

- UCI team ranking, current and previous season
- Profile of any individual riders
- UCI Team composition (multi-category, multi-gender)
- Profile of team sponsors (out of industry, global, etc.)
- Media profile of team (social media, etc.)
- Any injury issues during current or previous season
- Anti-doping history
- Home country of team
- Continental Series team standing

Prior to making a decision, the UCI can request the production of information or documents to assess the criteria above.

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.10.002** Riders must display their handlebar numbers during training sessions and also their back number during the race.

A coach of a national team or a ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM or a UCI MTB TEAM wishing the reconnoitre the course must request a handlebar number. The coach must also hold a valid licence and wear a helmet.

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.10.003** The start order is determined as follows:

- A. XCC men elite and women elite, XCC men under 23 and women under 23
  1. riders ranked in the top 16 of the most recently published XCO UCI World Cup standings (not applicable for the first UCI World Cup round of the season)
  2. as per the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking

Riders with injury status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.10.011.

Riders with pregnancy status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.10.012.

- B. XCO men elite and women elite
  1. the riders ranked in the top 24 of the XCC race of the same UCI World Cup round
  2. the place 25th to 32nd will be allocated as per the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking.
  3. 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 32nd according to point 1 and 2 above:

- top 10 of the UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking
- top 20 of the UCI road individual world ranking

The 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.

4. as per the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking.
5. unclassified riders: by drawing lots.

Riders with injury status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.10.011.

Riders with pregnancy status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.10.012.

C. XCO men under 23 and women under 23:

1. the riders ranked in the top 24 of the XCC race of the same UCI World Cup round
2. as per the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking
3. unclassified riders; by drawing lots

Riders with injury status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.10.011.

Riders with pregnancy status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.10.012.

~~Teams and national federations who submitted a late registration which was approved by the UCI are allocated the next available highest race number, with the exception of the riders ranked in the top 16 (men elite, women elite, men under 23, women under 23) of the most recent UCI XCO World Cup standings for whom the race number is reserved (not applicable for the first UCI World Cup round of the season). However, they are called to the start line in the order specified earlier in this article~~

*(text modified on 1.01.24; 1.01.25)*

**4.10.007** Official ceremony

The official ceremony takes place immediately after each race. Riders arriving later than 5 minutes after they finished their race are fined.

The following riders must attend:

- the first ~~five~~ **three** riders in the elite XCO events;
- the first three riders in the elite XCC events;
- the leader of the elite UCI World Cup standings after the event in question (XCO, XCC);
- the first three riders in the under 23 events (XCO, XCC);
- the leader of the under 23 UCI World Cup standings after the event in question (XCO, XCC);

- the team leading the team standings after the event in question (specified in article 4.10.009);
- the team of the day.

N.B - Bicycles cannot be taken onto the podium. However, an area is provided in front of the podium to display the bicycle of the winner during the official ceremony.

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.10.009** A team standing is drawn up for each round of the UCI World cup. Only riders registered in a ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM** or a UCI MTB TEAM can score points for their team in accordance with the team standing table in article 4.10.010.

For cross-country, a **mixed** team classification ~~for men elite and a team classification for women elite~~ is drawn up. The team classification is drawn up by summing the total points (XCC and XCO) of the ~~3~~ **4** highest scoring riders of each team ~~without making a distinction between men elite, men under 23, women elite and women under 23~~. Teams with only one or two ~~or three~~ riders scoring points are also included in the team classification. Tied teams will have their relative positions determined by their best ranked rider within the top 30 of the XCO event. Should there still be a tie, the order is determined by the best ranked rider within the top 30 of the XCC event.

After each round of the UCI World Cup, the team standings is drawn up by adding the points won in the team classification per event. Ties are separated by the largest number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc. Should there still be a tie, the order is determined by the team classification for the most recent UCI World Cup round.

The riders of the team leading the team standings are given leaders handlebar number plates which must be used during the UCI World Cup.

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

#### **4.10.010** Points scale

A. Cross-country Olympic (XCO) and cross-country short track (XCC) events

Position	XCO men and women elite points	XCO men and women under 23 points	XCC men and women elite points	XCC men and women elite (points allocated to the XCO standing)	XCC men and women under 23 points	XCC men and women under 23 (points allocated to the XCO standing)
1	250	125	250	80	125	40
2	200	100	200	65	100	30
3	160	80	160	50	80	25
4	150	75	150	40	75	20
5	140	70	140	38	70	19
6	130	65	130	37	65	18

7	120	60	120	36	60	17
8	110	55	110	35	55	16
9	100	52	100	34	52	15
10	95	51	95	33	51	14
11	90	50	90	32	50	13
12	85	49	85	31	49	12
13	80	48	80	30	48	11
14	78	47	78	29	47	10
15	76	46	76	28	46	9
16	74	45	74	27	45	8
17	72	44	72	26	44	7
18	70	43	70	25	43	6
19	68	42	68	24	42	5
20	66	41	66	23	41	4
21	64	40	64	22	40	
22	62	39	62	21	39	
23	60	38	60	20	38	
24	58	37	58	19	37	
25	56	36	56	18	36	
26	54	35	54	17	35	
27	52	34	52	16	34	
28	50	33	50	15	33	
29	48	32	48	14	32	
30	46	31	46	13	31	
31	44	30	44	12	30	
32	42	29	42	11	29	
33	40	28	40	10	28	
34	38	27	38	9	27	
35	36	26	36	8	26	
36	34	25	34	7	25	
37	32	24	32	6	24	
38	30	23	30	5	23	
39	29	22	29	4	22	
40	28	21	28	3	21	
41	27	20				
42	26	19				
43	25	18				
44	24	17				
45	23	16				
46	22	15				
47	21	14				
48	20	13				

49	19	12				
50	18	11				
51	17	10				
52	16	9				
53	15	8				
54	14	7				
55	13	6				
56	12	5				
57	11	4				
58	10	3				
59	9	2				
60	8	1				

B. Team standing

Position	XCO men and women elite points	XCC men and women elite points	XCO men and women under 23 points	XCC men and women under 23 points
1	80	40	40	20
2	75	39	39	19
3	72	38	38	18
4	70	37	37	17
5	68	36	36	16
6	66	35	35	15
7	64	34	34	14
8	62	33	33	13
9	60	32	32	12
10	58	31	31	11
11	56	30	30	10
12	54	29	29	9
13	52	28	28	8
14	50	27	27	7
15	48	26	26	6
16	46	25	25	5
17	44	24	24	4
18	43	23	23	3
19	42	22	22	2
20	41	21	21	1
21	40	20	20	
22	39	19	19	

23	38	18	18	
24	37	17	17	
25	36	16	16	
26	35	15	15	
27	34	14	14	
28	33	13	13	
29	32	12	12	
30	31	11	11	
31	30	10	10	
32	29	9	9	
33	28	8	8	
34	27	7	7	
35	26	6	6	
36	25	5	5	
37	24	4	4	
38	23	3	3	
39	22	2	2	
40	21	1	1	
41	20			
42	19			
43	18			
44	17			
45	16			
46	15			
47	14			
48	13			
49	12			
50	11			
51	10			
52	9			
53	8			
54	7			
55	6			
56	5			
57	4			
58	3			
59	2			
60	1			
60	1			



## Chapter XI UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE DOWNHILL WORLD CUP

- 4.11.001** Participation  
 UCI Downhill World Cup events are open to riders corresponding to the following categories and criteria:

Category	One of the below mentioned criteria needs to be fulfilled
DHI - men elite (aged 19 and over) DHI - women elite (aged 19 and over)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM, maximum 4 riders per race and category</li> <li>2. 8 UCI MTB TEAM wildcard, maximum 4 riders per race and category decided one month prior to the event</li> <li>3. Any rider ranked in the top 50 of the last UCI DHI individual ranking before the event entry closing date (one month prior to the event)</li> <li>4. The national federations may enter a maximum of 3 supplementary riders per category. These riders must wear national team clothing.</li> <li>5. Top five riders of any round of a Continental Series, limited to 1 round of the current UCI MTB World Cup (Golden Ticket)</li> <li>6. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the Continental Series of the previous year, Elite (from 2026)</li> <li>7. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the Continental Series of the previous year, Junior (if progressing into Elite category) (from 2026)</li> <li>8. Current UCI World Champion, Continental Champion, National Champions</li> <li>9. <del>Having obtained at least 40 UCI points in the UCI DHI individual reference ranking (*).</del></li> <li>10. <del>Riders belonging to a UCI ELITE MTB TEAM or a UCI MTB TEAM</del></li> </ol>
DHI - men juniors (aged 17 and 18) DHI – women juniors (aged 17 and 18)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM, maximum 4 riders per race and category</li> <li>2. 8 UCI MTB TEAM wildcard, maximum 4 riders per race and category decided one month prior to the event</li> <li>3. Any rider ranked in the top 100 of the last UCI DHI individual ranking before the event entry closing date (one month prior to the event)</li> <li>4. The national federations may enter a maximum of <del>6</del> 4 supplementary riders per category. These riders must wear national team clothing.</li> <li>5. Top five riders of any round of a Continental Series, limited to 1 round of the current UCI MTB World Cup (Golden Ticket)</li> <li>6. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the Continental Series of the previous year, Junior (from 2026)</li> </ol>

	<p>7. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the Continental Series of the previous year, Cadet (if progressing into Junior category) (from 2026)</p> <p>8. Current UCI World Champion</p> <p>9. <del>The national federation of the organising country may register a supplementary team B of maximum 6 riders (wearing national outfit required).</del></p> <p>10. <del>Riders belonging to a UCI ELITE MTB TEAM or a UCI MTB TEAM</del></p>
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~~(\*) The date of such reference rankings is fixed and communicated by the UCI for each event of the UCI World Cup on the UCI website.~~

Riders registration can be done only by a ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM, a UCI MTB TEAM or a national federation.

Criteria to award the 8 UCI MTB TEAM wildcards (as per point 2 of the participation criteria) per event will be based on the:

- UCI team ranking, current and previous season
- Profile of any individual riders
- UCI Team composition (multi-category, multi-gender)
- Profile of team sponsors (out of industry, global, etc.)
- Media profile of team (social media, etc.)
- Any injury issues during current or previous season
- Anti-doping history
- Home country of team
- Continental series team standing

Prior to making a decision, the UCI can request the production of information or documents to assess the criteria above.

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

#### Number allocation

~~4.11.002 Race number allocation will be determined by the UCI appointee. Season long race numbers will be allocated to the top 10 men elite and top 5 women elite from the final standings of previous UCI World Cup season. (article abrogated on 1.01.25).~~

**4.11.004** The start order for the qualifying rounds is determined as follows:

- men elite, women elite:
  - riders ranked in the top ~~60~~ 20 men and the top ~~45~~ 10 women of the most recently published UCI World Cup standings (for the first event, as per the final world cup standings of the previous year), starting in reverse order.
  - as per the most recently published UCI DHI individual ranking, **starting in reverse order.**
  - unclassified riders: by drawing lots.

Riders with injury status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.11.021.

Riders with pregnancy status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.11.022.

B. men juniors, women juniors:

1. riders ranked in the top ~~40~~ 20 men juniors and the top ~~3~~ 10 women juniors of the most recently published UCI World Cup standings (not applicable for the first UCI world cup round of the season), starting in reverse order.
2. as per the most recently published UCI DHI individual ranking, starting in reverse order.
3. unclassified riders: by drawing lots:

Riders with injury status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.11.021.

~~Riders who submitted a late registration which was approved by the UCI are allocated the next available highest race number, with the exception of the riders ranked in the top 60 men elite, the top 15 women elite, the top 10 men juniors and the top 3 women juniors of the most recent UCI World Cup standings for whom the race number is reserved, plus season long race numbers that are reserved and will be called to the start line in the order specified earlier in this article.~~

*(text modified on 1.01.24; 1.01.25)*

**4.11.005** A transport system capable of carrying ~~450~~ 250 riders per hour up to the start line must be provided at all world cup venues. All loading and unloading of bicycles onto this transport system must be carried out by staff of the organisation.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.11.008** Riders who ~~train~~ ride on the course outside the specified training periods are disqualified from the event.

The transport system closes 15 minutes before the end of the training times ~~unless otherwise specified~~. A closing rider needs to be supplied by the organiser to clear the course between training sessions under the instructions of the president of the commissaires' panel.

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.11.010** Competition  
The downhill competition must include at minimum one qualifying round and a final.

The top ~~25~~ 20 men juniors and top 10 women juniors from the qualifying round qualify for the final.

The top ~~60~~ 20 men elite and top ~~45~~ 10 women elite from the qualifying round 1 qualify for the ~~semi-final~~ final.

The top ~~30~~ 10 men elite and top ~~40~~ 5 women elite from the ~~semi-finals~~ qualifying round 2 qualify for the final.

If the final cannot take place due to unforeseen circumstances, the ~~last~~ first qualifying round to take place, ~~including semi-final as the case may be,~~ determines the final result.

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.11.012** Riders in the qualifying rounds must start at intervals of no less than 30 seconds. The intervals between the riders can be modified only by the president of the commissaires' panel upon consultation with the UCI's appointee.

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.11.013** In the qualifying ~~round 1, semi-final~~ and final rounds, riders are awarded UCI World Cup standing points as per the scale in article 4.11.020. However, in the last round of the UCI World Cup season, no standing points for the qualifying ~~or semi-final~~ rounds will be given. The standing and UCI points will be awarded to the riders according to their position in the final only, as per points scale in article 4.11.020.

UCI points will be awarded to the qualifying rounds ~~1~~ and final ~~as per annex 3~~.

No ~~UCI World Cup~~ points are awarded during the juniors qualifying rounds.

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

~~**4.11.014** Protected riders to the semi-final are:~~

- ~~1. riders with season long race numbers (i.e. ranked in the top 5 women elite and the top 10 men elite of the final UCI World Cup standings of the previous season)~~
- ~~2. the best ranked riders from the current UCI World Cup standings, that are not included in point 1 above, until a total of 10 women elite and 20 men elite are reached~~
- ~~3. if any riders as described under 1. and 2. above do not confirm participation at an event they will not be replaced.~~

~~Protected riders to the final are:~~

- ~~1. riders ranked in the top 3 women elite and top 3 men elite of the final UCI World Cup standings of the previous season~~
- ~~2. the best ranked riders from the current UCI World Cup standings, that are not included in point 1 above, until a total of 5 women elite and 10 men elite are reached~~
- ~~3. if any riders as described under 1. and 2. above do not confirm participation at an event they will not be replaced~~
- ~~4. men and women junior riders ranked in the top 3 of the current UCI World Cup standings. At the first UCI World Cup round of the season there will be no protected junior riders.~~
- ~~5. If a rider is announced as retired, he is not eligible anymore as protected rider. The announcement of the retired status shall be done in writing to the UCI before 31 December of the previous year.~~

~~For the first UCI World Cup round of the season, the top 10 women elite and the top 20 men elite of the final UCI World Cup standings of the previous season are “protected” for the semi-final.~~

~~They must start in the qualifying round but qualify automatically for the semi-final in any case. If the times of the protected riders are not among the 15 best times for women elite or the 60 best times for men elite, they shall be allowed to ride in the semi-final in addition to the 15 women elite and 60 men elite riders already qualified.~~

~~For the first UCI World Cup round of the season, the top 5 women elite and the top 10 men elite of the final UCI World Cup standings of the previous season are “protected” for the final~~

~~They must start in the semi-final round but qualify automatically for the final in any case. If the times of the protected riders are not among the 10 best times for women elite or the 30 best times for men elite, they shall be allowed to ride in the final in addition to the 10 women elite and 30 men elite riders already qualified (article abrogated on 1.01.25).~~

**4.11.015** The start order for the ~~semi-final, if applicable, and~~ final for elite will be determined on the basis of the reverse results of the ~~last~~ qualifying round 2 followed by the reverse results of the qualifying round 1. The start order for the final for junior will be determined on the basis of the reverse results of the qualifying round. ~~(the fastest rider starting last), except for the protected riders (defined in art. 4.11.014) and the fastest 5 men elite and 5 men junior and the fastest 2 women elite and 2 women junior non-protected riders, who will start as the last group of riders by order of the last qualifying result, reversed.~~  
(text modified on 1.01.24; 1.01.25)

**4.11.016** Riders in the ~~semi-final, if applicable, and~~ final must start at intervals of no less than one minute. The last 10 riders must start at intervals of at least 2 minutes. The intervals between the riders can be modified only by the president of the commissaires' panel upon consultation with the UCI's appointee.  
(text modified on 1.01.25).

**4.11.017** Official ceremony  
The official ceremony takes place immediately after each race. Riders arriving later than 5 minutes after they finished their race are fined.

The following riders must attend:

- the first ~~five~~ **three** riders in the elite events;
- the leader of the elite UCI World Cup standings after the event in question;
- the first three riders in the juniors events;
- the leader of the juniors UCI World Cup standings after the event in question;
- the team leading the team standings after the event in question (specified in article 4.11.020);
- the team of the day.

Bicycles cannot be taken onto the podium. However, an area is provided in front of the podium to display the bicycle of the winner during the official ceremony.

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

- 4.11.019** A team standing is drawn up for each round of the UCI Downhill World Cup. Only riders registered in a ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM** or a UCI MTB TEAM can score points for their team in accordance with the team standing table in article 4.11.020.

For downhill, a mixed team classification is drawn up by summing the ~~3~~ **4** highest scored points of each team without making a distinction between men elite, men juniors, women elite and women juniors. Only the results of the finals are taken into account. Teams with only one, two ~~or three~~ riders scoring points are also included in the team classification. Tied teams will have their relative positions determined by their best placed rider. Should there still be a tie, the order is determined as follows: best placed men elite, best placed women elite, best placed men juniors, best placed women juniors.

After each round of the UCI World Cup, the team standings is drawn up by adding the points won in the team classification per event. Ties are separated by the largest number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc. Should there still be a tie, the order is determined by the team classification for the most recent UCI World Cup round.

The riders of the team leading the team standings are given leaders' handlebar number plates which must be used during the world cup.

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.11.020** Points scale

A. Downhill men and women elite

N.B. – In accordance with article 4.11.013, in the last round of the UCI World Cup season, no point for the qualifying round ~~and semi-final~~ will be given.

Position	Men elite Qualifying round <b>1</b> points	<del>Men Elite Semi- Final points</del>	Men Elite Final points	Women elite Qualifying round <b>1</b> points	<del>Women Elite Semi- Final points</del>	Women Elite Final points
1	50	<del>100</del>	250	50	<del>100</del>	250
2	40	<del>80</del>	210	40	<del>80</del>	210
3	30	<del>70</del>	180	30	<del>70</del>	180
4	25	<del>65</del>	160	25	<del>60</del>	150
5	22	<del>60</del>	140	20	<del>50</del>	120
6	20	<del>58</del>	125	16	<del>40</del>	90
7	18	<del>56</del>	110	14	<del>35</del>	80
8	17	<del>54</del>	95	12	<del>30</del>	70
9	16	<del>52</del>	80	10	<del>25</del>	60
10	15	<del>50</del>	75	5	<del>20</del>	50
11	14	<del>49</del>	71	<del>*5</del>	<del>18</del>	48

12	13	48	68		16	44
13	12	47	65		14	40
14	11	46	63		12	35
15	10	45	60		10	30
16	9	44	58		*10	
17	8	43	56			
18	7	42	54			
19	6	41	52			
20	5	40	50			
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58		5				
59		5				
60		5				

~~\* amount of points for each ranked rider~~

B. Downhill men and women juniors (finals only)

Position	Men juniors points	Women juniors points
1	60	60
2	50	50
3	45	45
4	40	40
5	35	35
6	30	30
7	28	25
8	26	15
9	24	10
10	22	5
11	20	<del>** 5</del>
12	18	
13	16	
14	14	
15	12	
16	10	
17	9	
18	8	
19	7	
20	6	
<del>21</del>	<del>5</del>	
<del>22</del>	<del>4</del>	
<del>23</del>	<del>3</del>	
<del>24</del>	<del>2</del>	
<del>25</del>	<del>1</del>	

~~\* amount of points for each ranked rider~~

C. Team standing

Position	Men Elite points	Women Elite points	Men Juniors points	Women Juniors points
1	40	40	20	<del>6</del> 20
2	35	<del>30</del> 35	15	<del>4</del> 15
3	32	<del>20</del> 32	10	<del>2</del> 10
4	30	<del>15</del> 25	8	8
5	28	<del>10</del> 20	6	6
6	26	<del>8</del> 15	5	
7	24	<del>6</del> 10	4	
8	23	<del>4</del> 8	3	
9	22	<del>2</del> 7	2	
10	21	<del>1</del> 6	1	
11	20	5		
12	19	4		
13	18	3		
14	17	2		
15	16	1		
16	15			
17	14			
18	13			
19	12			
20	11			
21	10			
22	9			
23	8			
24	7			
25	6			
26	5			
27	4			
28	3			
29	2			
30	1			

(text modified on 1.01.24; 1.01.25)

## Chapter XII UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE MARATHON WORLD CUP

- 4.12.001** The UCI Marathon World Cup is the exclusive property of the UCI.  
*(article introduced on 1.01.25).*
- 4.12.002** Each year the UCI designates the races which are part of the UCI Marathon World Cup.  
*(article introduced on 1.01.25).*
- 4.12.003** Registration  
All riders must be registered using the online registration system through a dedicated website provided by the UCI or its promoter, if any. UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS and UCI MTB TEAMS register their riders. National federations register the other riders who qualify under provisions on participation.  
*(article introduced on 1.01.25).*
- 4.12.005** Age category  
The age category for the UCI Marathon World Cup is 19 years or over. Holders of elite licences ~~or masters licences~~ may participate.  
  
There are no separate races or results for under 23 or masters categories.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*
- 4.12.010** The UCI World Cup standings are drawn up on the basis of the points won by each rider in accordance with the table in article 4.12.013.  
  
For the sake of clarity, the UCI Marathon World Cup standings are drawn up by summing the points scored in the UCI Marathon World Cup events.  
  
Riders tied on points are separated by the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc. (total points in the standings of the concerned UCI Marathon World Cup round) taking into account only the places for which points are awarded for the UCI Marathon World Cup. If they are still tied, the points scored in the most recent UCI Marathon World Cup event are used to separate them.  
  
A UCI marathon team standing is calculated by adding the points of the 4 best placed men and the 4 best placed women of each UCI ELITE MTB TEAM UCI MTB TEAM in the UCI XCM individual ranking.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

## Chapter XIII UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE ENDURO WORLD CUP

- 4.13.002** UCI Enduro World Cup events must comply with the enduro rules set up in Chapter V.  
  
UCI E-Enduro World Cup events must comply with the E-Mountain Bike rules set up in Chapter VIII ~~and EPAC rules in articles 1.1.035 and 1.3.010bis.~~  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

- 4.13.004** Age category  
The age category for the UCI Enduro World Cup is 17 years old or over. Holders of elite licences ~~or masters licences~~ may participate.

At the UCI Enduro World Cup, separate junior events must be organized for men and women (aged 17 and 18).  
(text modified on 1.01.25).

- 4.13.007** Start Order  
The start order for each race is specified in a dedicated UCI Enduro World Cup technical guide available on a dedicated website.

## Chapter XIV UCI E-MOUNTAIN BIKE CROSS-COUNTRY WORLD CUP

- 4.14.001** UCI E-MTB Cross-country World Cup events must comply with the E-Mountain Bike rules set up in Chapter VIII and EPAC rules in articles 1.1.035 and 1.3.010bis.  
(text modified on 1.01.25).

## Chapter XVI UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE RANKING

- 4.16.004** Riders who are tied in the individual ranking have their positions decided by their ranking in the most recent event, in the following order:
- 1 world championships
  - 2 world cup events
  - 3 continental championships
  - 4 national championships
  - 5 continental series
  - 6 hors class events
  - 7 events in class 1
  - 8 events in class 2
  - 9 events in class 3
- (text modified on 1.01.18; 1.01.21; 1.01.22; 1.01.23; 1.01.25).

- 4.16.006** A UCI endurance team ranking is calculated by adding the points of the 4 highest scoring riders of each team without making a distinction between men elite, men under 23, women elite and women under 23. ~~3 best placed men and the 3 best placed women of each UCI ELITE MTB TEAM and UCI MTB TEAM in the UCI XCO individual ranking.~~

A UCI marathon team ranking is calculated by adding the points of the 3 4 best placed men and the 3 4 best placed women of each ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB TEAM in the UCI XCM individual ranking.

A UCI gravity team ranking is calculated using by adding the point of the 4 highest scored points of each team without making a distinction between men elite, men juniors, women elite and women juniors. Only the results of the finals are taken into account. ~~2 best placed DH1 men, the best placed DH1 woman, of each UCI ELITE MTB TEAM and UCI MTB TEAM in the concerned UCI individual ranking.~~

Tied teams have their relative positions determined by the place of their best rider on the individual ranking.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.17, 1.01.21; 1.01.23; **1.01.25**).

**4.16.008** For events in the categories below, only the best results of each rider are taken into account:

- class HC one-day events: the best 5 results
  - **class Continental Series one-day events: the best 5 results**
  - class 1 one-day events: the best 5 results
  - class 2 one-day events: the best 5 results
  - class 3 one-day events: the best 5 results
  - stage races (SHC, S1 and S2): the best 3 results regardless the class (based on UCI points)
  - class XCO juniors series one-day events: the best 4 results
  - class XCO juniors one-day events: the best 4 results
- (text modified on 1.10.13; 1.01.16; 1.01.18; **1.01.25**).

## Chapter XVIII ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS**

### § 1 Identity

**4.18.001** A ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM** is an entity consisting of:

- minimum 3 riders, maximum 10 riders for cross-country (endurance);
- minimum **2 3** riders, maximum 10 riders for downhill (gravity);
- ~~– minimum 2 riders, maximum 10 riders for enduro;~~
- minimum 3 riders, maximum 10 riders for mixed teams.

They are employed and/or sponsored by the same entity, for the purpose to take part in mountain bike events on the International UCI calendar.

#### Development Team

A **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM** can link with a UCI MTB Team, to be defined as their “development team” and shall report such information to the UCI. The UCI may require the production of documents to verify the nature of such link. **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS** can select one rider from their development team to compete at a UCI World Cup within the maximum of 4 riders per race per category.

#### Temporary replacement riders

~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAMS can apply to the UCI to replace a rider that is unable to compete at a UCI World Cup on medical grounds. The rider needs to be a UCI registered rider and must compete in the same format and category as the rider they are temporarily replacing. They must race in the same clothing of the UCI ELITE MTB TEAM they will be riding for. This can be done outside the transfer period.~~

#### Guest rider

In addition, a ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM** will have the opportunity to request to the UCI for 1 rider to be able to race at ~~a single~~ **two**

UCI World Cup events within the season in either Elite, Junior or under 23 categories. This can be done outside the transfer period.

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.18.001bis** Conditions for application for ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS:

- Teams may apply for registration as a UCI ~~ELITE~~ MTB WORLD SERIES CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM if the team is ranked with ~~a total point of~~ 75 points or more in the UCI endurance team ranking calculated as per article 4.18.002.
- Teams may apply for registration as a UCI ~~ELITE~~ MTB WORLD SERIES DOWNHILL TEAM if the team is ranked with 75 points or more ~~4 point~~ in the UCI gravity team ranking calculated as per article 4.18.002.

~~Teams may apply for registration as a UCI MTB ENDURO TEAM if the team is ranked with 1 point in the enduro team ranking calculated as per article 4.18.002.~~

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

Application

**4.18.002** A maximum of 15 ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAMS~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS (per format cross-country, downhill ~~and enduro~~) are recognized, on the basis of the UCI MTB TEAM rankings set out as per below:

- For the UCI endurance team ranking, the riders individual UCI points in the first UCI individual ranking of the season calculated as per article 4.16.006 will be used to determine the UCI ~~ELITE~~ MTB WORLD SERIES CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM status.

*[Comment: For the UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM registration (as of the 2026 season), the team ranking is based on the individual UCI points of the riders in the team on the ranking on the last Tuesday of October of the previous year.]*

- For the UCI gravity team ranking, the riders individual UCI points in the first UCI individual ranking of the season calculated as per article 4.16.006 will be used to determine the UCI MTB WORLD SERIES DOWNHILL TEAM status.

*[Comment: For the UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM registration (as of the 2026 season), the team ranking is based on the individual UCI points of the riders in the team on the ranking on the last Tuesday of October of the previous year.]*

~~For the UCI team ranking, the final individual DHI UCI World Cup standings of the previous year and the DHI UCI World Championships results by attributing points as per the table below will be used to determine the UCI MTB DOWNHILL TEAM status.~~

UCI World Cup final individual standings / UCI World Championships results				
Position	Men Elite	Women Elite	Men Junior	Women Junior
1	100	100	50	10
2	80	80	40	9
3	70	70	38	8
4	60	60	36	7
5	57	57	34	6
6	55	55	32	5
7	54	54	30	4
8	53	53	28	3
9	52	52	26	2
10	51	51	24	1
11	50	50	22	
12	49	49	20	
13	48	48	18	
14	47	47	14	
15	46	46	12	
16	45	40	10	
17	44	35	9	
18	43	30	8	
19	42	25	7	
20	41	20	6	
21	40	15	5	
22	39	10	4	
23	38	5	3	
24	37	3	2	
25	36	1	1	
26	35			
27	34			
28	33			
29	32			
30	31			
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45	16			
46	15			
47	14			
48	13			
49	12			
50	11			
51	10			
52	9			
53	8			
54	7			
55	6			
56	5			
57	4			
58	3			
59	2			
60	1			

~~Tied UCI MTB DOWNHILL TEAMS have their positions determined by the place of their best rider in the final individual world cup standings of the previous year.~~

~~The ranking for UCI MTB ENDURO TEAMS will be calculated using the best three riders' results at each UCI Enduro World Cup round in the previous season to determine the UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM status for enduro.~~

Three (3) weekends after the UCI MTB TEAM registration deadline (as defined in article 4.19.011) the UCI will release the above teams ranking linked to the new team composition.

The top 15 ranked teams in the UCI MTB TEAM rankings are offered the opportunity to register as a **UCI ELITE MTB TEAM UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM**. If these teams decline the opportunity, then the invitation is offered to the next team in the UCI MTB TEAM ranking. Invitations are only extended to teams ranked in the top 20.

#### Wild cards

A maximum of five wild card invitations to be granted **UCI ELITE MTB TEAM UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM** status can be issued at the discretion of the UCI during the registration process. **Criteria to award the wild cards will be based on the:**

- UCI team ranking, current and previous season
- Profile of any individual riders
- UCI Team composition (multi-category, multi-gender)
- Profile of team sponsors (out of industry, global, etc.)

- Media profile of team (social media, etc.)
- Any injury issues during current or previous season
- Anti-doping history

Prior to issuing a decision, the UCI can request the production of information or documents to assess the criteria above.

Multi-year UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM status

From 2026, the UCI will award multi-year UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM status. The status will be awarded as follows:

- Top 10 teams ranked in the 2025 UCI Team Ranking are offered a 2-years status (2026-2027)  
For the sake of clarity, teams ranked 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> are offered a 1-year status (2026)
- Top 10 teams ranked in the 2027 UCI Team Ranking are offered a 3-years status (2028-2030)  
For the sake of clarity, teams ranked 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> are offered a 1-year status (2028)

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.18.003** A ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM comprises of all the riders employed by the same paying agent, the paying agent itself, the sponsors and all the other persons contracted by the paying agent and/or the sponsors for the functioning of the team (team manager, coach, soigneur, mechanic, etc.). It must be designated by a specific name and registered with the UCI as provided in these regulations.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.18.004** The sponsors are individuals or incorporated bodies who contribute to the funding of the ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM. Among the sponsors, a maximum of two are designated as the principal partners of the ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM. If neither of the two principal partners is the paying agent for the team, this paying agent may only be an individual or incorporated body whose sole trading income comes from advertising.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.18.005** The principal partner(s) and the paying agent commit themselves to the ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM for a whole number of calendar years.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.18.006** The name of the ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM must be that of the company or brand name of the principal partner or that of one of both of the two principal partners.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.18.007** No two ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS, their principal partners or paying agents, may bear the same name. Should application for a new and identical name be simultaneously made by two or more teams, priority is given to the team which has used the name for the longest time.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

- 4.18.008** The nationality of the ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM must be that of the country where the head office or the domicile of the paying agent is located.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

## **§ 2 Legal and financial status**

- 4.18.009** The paying agent in a ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM must be a physical person or incorporated body legally entitled to employ personnel.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

## **§ 3 Registration**

- 4.18.010** Each year ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS must register for the subsequent year directly with the International Cycling Union.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

- 4.18.011** ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS must register their riders at the same time.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

- 4.18.012** ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS must submit their application for registration no later than 15 January of the registration year in question. No application received by the UCI after 15 January is considered.

*For the UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM registration (as of the 2026 season), the deadline will be 15 November of the previous year.*

When applying for registration, ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM must indicate:

- 1 the exact name of the team;
- 2 address details (including telephone number, email address and fax number) to which all communications to the ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM can be sent;
- 3 the names and addresses of the principal partners, the paying agent, the manager, the team manager, the assistant team manager, the mechanics and other licence-holders;
- 4 the surnames, first names, addresses, nationalities and dates of birth of the riders, the dates and numbers of their licences and the authority that issued them, or a copy of both sides of the licence;
- 5 a copy of the riders' contracts in accordance with article 4.18.020 must be included.

*(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.25).*

- 4.18.013** Article 4.18.012 also applies to any changes to the riders and other staff for ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS.

Such changes are immediately submitted by the ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS to the UCI. During the season, no rider already

registered with a ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM or UCI MTB TEAM for the current season may join another ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM or UCI MTB TEAM outside the transfer period as in the team benefits document sent at registration confirmation unless approved as a replacement or additional rider (article 4.18.001)

During the season, a rider who is not registered in another team can be added to a ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM or UCI MTB TEAM only during the transfer period ~~as specified in the team benefits document sent at registration confirmation set every season.~~

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.18.014** Only ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS on the list approved by the UCI may receive benefits.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.18.015** By their annual registration, ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS and inter alia their paying agents and sponsors undertake to respect the Constitution and Regulations of the UCI and their respective National Federation and to participate in cycling events in a fair and sporting manner. The paying agent and principal partners are held jointly and severally liable for all the financial commitments of the ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM to the UCI and the National Federations, including any fines.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.18.016** The registration of the ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM with the UCI involves a registration fee that the team must pay by 15 January of the year of registration. The amount is set annually by the UCI. After the publication of the UCI team rankings, as per art 4.18.002, the ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM have to pay their remaining fee.

For the UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM registration (as of the 2026 season), the deadline will be 15 November of the previous year.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.18.017** When submitting their registration, each ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM must submit a colour graphic design of their Team race outfit, complete with sponsor logos.

~~All riders within a team are obliged to wear clothing that has identical major sponsor placement, identical color scheme, layout and identical overall look, although the colours of men and women's outfit can be different. In this case two designs must be submitted.~~

~~The rule is not applicable for UCI ELITE MTB DOWNHILL TEAMS.~~  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.18.018** ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS have the obligation to participate with minimum 1 rider at all UCI World Cup events. If this is not the case the ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM status is removed immediately and the team is not able to register as a ~~UCI ELITE MTB~~

~~TEAM UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM~~ for the following season. In this case there is no refund of the registration fees.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

## **§ 4 Contract of Employment**

**4.18.019** A rider's membership of a ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM** requires a written contract of employment to be concluded which must contain as a minimum the provisions of the standard contract in article 4.18.025.

The contract must also make provision for the payment of indemnities to the rider in the event of sickness and/or accident.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

## **§ 7 Model contract between a rider and a ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM**

**4.18.025** The UCI model contract between a rider and a ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM** can be found in annex 1 to these regulations.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

# **Chapter XIX UCI MTB TEAMS**

## **§ 1 Identity**

**4.19.001** A UCI MTB TEAM is an entity consisting of:

- minimum 3 riders, maximum 10 riders for cross-country (endurance);
- minimum 3 riders, maximum 10 riders for cross-country marathon;
- minimum ~~2~~ **3** riders, maximum 10 riders for downhill (gravity);
- minimum ~~2~~ **3** riders, maximum 10 riders for enduro teams;
- minimum 3 riders, maximum 10 riders for mixed teams.

They are employed and/or sponsored by the same entity, for the purpose to take part in mountain bike events on the International UCI calendar.  
*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.19.001bis** Conditions for application for UCI MTB TEAMS:

- Teams may apply for registration as a UCI MTB CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM, only if the team is ranked with ~~a total point of~~ **75 points or more** in the endurance team ranking calculated as per article 4.18.002.
- Teams may apply for registration as a UCI MTB MARATHON TEAM according to article 4.19.001.
- ~~Teams may apply for registration as a UCI MTB DOWNHILL TEAM, only if the team is ranked with 75 points or more in the gravity team ranking calculated as per article 4.18.002.~~  
~~Teams may apply for registration as a UCI MTB DOWNHILL TEAM if the team is ranked with 1 point in the gravity team ranking calculated as per article 4.18.002.~~

- Teams may apply for registration as a UCI MTB ENDURO TEAM according to article 4.19.001.

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

### § 3 Registration

**4.19.011** UCI MTB TEAMS must submit their application for registration no later than 15 January of the year in question. No application first received by the UCI after 15 January is considered.

*For the UCI MTB TEAM registration (as of the 2026 season), the deadline will be 15 November of the previous year.*

When applying for registration, UCI MTB TEAMS must indicate:

- 1 the exact name of the team;
- 2 address details (including telephone number, email address and fax number) to which all communications to the UCI MTB TEAM can be sent;
- 3 the names and addresses of the principal partners, the paying agent, the manager, the team manager, the assistant team manager, the mechanics and other licence-holders, *the minimum age for the above list of staff is the age of legal majority in the country where the competition takes place;*
- 4 the surnames, first names, addresses, nationalities and dates of birth of the riders, the dates and numbers of their licences and the authority that issued them, or a copy of both sides of the licence;
- 5 a copy of the riders' contracts in accordance with article 4.14.018 must be included.

*(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.25).*

**4.19.012** Article 4.19.011 also applies to any changes to the riders and other staff for UCI MTB TEAMS.

Such changes must be immediately submitted by the UCI MTB TEAMS to the UCI. During the season, no rider already registered with a ~~UCI-ELITE-MTB-TEAM~~ ~~UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM~~ or UCI MTB TEAM for the current season may join another ~~UCI-ELITE-MTB-TEAM~~ ~~UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM~~ or UCI MTB TEAM outside the transfer period as specified in the team registration form. During the season, a rider can be added to a ~~UCI-ELITE-MTB-TEAM~~ ~~UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM~~ or UCI MTB TEAM only during the transfer period ~~as specified in the team benefits document sent at registration confirmation set every season.~~

*(text modified on 1.01.25).*

**4.19.013** Only UCI MTB TEAMS on the list approved by the UCI may receive benefits.

List of benefits:

- Legal support through UCI
- Inclusion in the UCI Team Ranking
- Invite opportunities to each UCI MTB World Cup
- 30m2 paddock allocation at UCI World Cup events (invite only)
- Accreditation and team media rights at World Cup events (invite only)

- Access to UCI MTB team area at selected UCI World Cup events
- UCI Continental Series paddock space: 30m2 for free
- Inclusion in the Continental Series Team Standings
- Join the pathway to attending UCI World Cup races and qualifying to become a UCI MTB WORLD SERIES
- UCI MTB World Championship paddock space
- Negotiated registration fee at Continental Series
- Accreditations for UCI MTB World Championships  
(text modified on 1.01.25).

**4.19.015** The registration of the UCI MTB TEAM with the UCI involves a registration fee that the team must pay by 15 January of the registration year. The amount is set annually by the UCI.

For the UCI MTB TEAM registration (as of the 2026 season), the deadline will be 15 November of the previous year.  
(text modified on 1.01.25).

**4.19.016** When submitting their registration, each UCI MTB TEAM must submit a colour graphic design of their Team jersey, complete with sponsor logos.

All riders within a team are obliged to wear clothing that has identical major sponsor placement, identical color scheme, layout and identical overall look, ~~although the colours of men and women's outfit can be different~~. In this case two designs must be submitted.

~~The rule is not applicable for MTB DOWNHILL TEAMS.~~  
(text modified on 1.01.25).

## Chapter XX MTB RACE INCIDENTS TABLE

**4.20.001** Table of race incidents in accordance with article 12.4.001

Discipline	
Mountain Bike	
Race incidents	
1.	Clothing, helmet and accessories
2.1	Presentation at the start with non-compliant clothing, <del>helmet or accessories (art. 1.3.033)</del>
2.2	Use of non-compliant clothing, <del>helmet or accessories</del> during an event <del>(art. 1.3.033)</del>

(text modified on 1.01.00; 1.01.02; 1.01.03; 5.05.03; 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.01.06; 1.01.07; 1.01.09; 1.07.10; 1.10.10; 1.07.11; 1.10.11; 1.10.13; 7.03.14; 16.06.14; 1.01.15; 1.07.15; 1.01.16; 1.01.17; 1.07.17; 1.01.19; 1.01.20; 10.06.21; 1.01.23; 1.01.25)

## ANNEX 1 - Model contract between a rider and a UCI MTB TEAM

Between the undersigned,  
(name and address of the paying agent)



paying agent for the ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM** or UCI MTB TEAM (name of the team), affiliated to the (name of the national federation) and whose principal partners are:

1. (name and address) (where applicable, the paying agent itself)
2. (name and address)

hereinafter "the paying agent"

ON ONE PART

and: (name and address of the rider)

born at on (date)  
of ..... nationality  
holding a licence issued by  
hereinafter "the rider"

ON THE OTHER PART

Where as:

- the paying agent employs a team of cyclists who participate as members of the ~~UCI ELITE MTB TEAM~~ **UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM** / UCI MTB TEAM.... (team name) under the management of Mr. .... (name of the general manager or team manager) in mountain bike races governed by the regulations of the International Cycling Union;
- the rider wishes to join the..... (name of the team);
- both parties are acquainted with and declare that they abide wholly by the UCI constitution and regulations, and those of its affiliated national federation.

It is agreed as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1 - Engagement

The paying agent hereby engages the rider, and the rider agrees to be engaged as a mountain bike rider.

Participation by the rider in events in other disciplines is decided by the parties case by case.

#### ARTICLE 2 – Duration

The present contract is concluded for a fixed period commencing on.... and expiring on....

#### ARTICLE 3 - Remuneration / reimbursement of expenses

##### a) Paid rider

The rider is entitled to an annual gross salary of.... This remuneration may not be lower than the legal minimum wage or, where there is no legal minimum, than the usual salary that is paid or has to be paid to full-time workers employed in the country whose national federation issued the rider's licence or in the country where the team has its head office, whichever is the higher.

If the duration of that contract is to be less than one year, the rider must, over that period, earn at least the full annual salary provided for in the preceding

paragraph, less the salary that he earned as a rider with some other employer in the course of the same year.

This provision does not apply if the present contract is extended.

b) Unpaid rider

The rider receives no wages or remuneration but receives expenses as per the scale below for the activities carried out for the team and/or at its request:

(Suggestions, examples →)

- (currency and amount) per kilometre travelled;
- reimbursement of air tickets for distances greater than (number) km;
- reimbursement of the cost of a 2-star hotel room for the nights before and after the event if the competition venue is more than (number) km from the rider's home;
- on presentation of receipts, reimbursement for all meals taken during travel up to a maximum price of (currency and total amount) per meal;
- on presentation of invoices, reimbursement for minor mechanical expenses (tyres, brakes, cables, lubrication, adjustments, etc.) to a maximum total amount of (currency and total amount) per year.

**ARTICLE 4 - Payment of salary / reimbursement of expenses**

a) Paid rider

1. The paying agent must pay the salary referred to in article 3 above in at least four instalments, no later than the last working day of each three-month period.
2. Should the rider be suspended under the terms of the UCI regulations or those of one of its affiliated federations, he is not entitled to the said remuneration referred to in article 3 for the part of the suspension exceeding one month.
3. In the event of failure to make payment of the remuneration referred to in article 3, the rider is, without summoning the employer to make payment, fully entitled to an extra benefit of 5% interest per year.

b) Unpaid rider

1. The team must pay the sums specified in article 3 no later than the last working day of each month as long as it has received the expenses claim from the rider before the 20th of that month.
2. In the event of a failure to make payment of any sum by its due date, the rider has the right, without notice, to the interest and supplements commonly applied in that country.

Any sum due to the rider from the team must be paid by transfer to the rider's bank account no (number) at the (name of the bank) at (branch where the account is held). Only the proof of the execution of the bank transfer is accepted as proof of payment.

**ARTICLE 5 – Insurance**

In the event of illness or accident affecting the rider's ability to meet his contractual obligations, the rider benefits from the insurance cover specified in the annexes to this contract.

#### ARTICLE 6 - Primes and prizes

The rider is entitled to primes and prizes won during cycling competitions in which he/she rode for the team, in accordance with the regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations. Primes and prizes must be paid as promptly as possible, but at latest on the last working day of the month following that in which said primes and prizes were won.

#### ARTICLE 7 - Miscellaneous obligations

1. The rider may not, for the duration of the present contract, work for any other team or advertise for any other sponsors than those belonging to the (name of team), except in such cases as are provided for in the Regulations of the UCI and of its affiliated federation.
2. The paying agent undertakes to allow the rider to exercise his activity properly by providing the equipment and clothing required and allowing him to take part in an adequate number of cycling events, either as part of a team or individually.
3. The rider may not compete in a race as an individual without the express consent of the paying agent. The paying agent is deemed to have given its agreement if it has not replied within a period of ten days from the date of the request. In no case may the rider take part in a race within any other structure or a mixed team if the (name of the team) has already entered for that race. In the event of selection for a national team, the paying agent is required to permit the rider to participate in such races and preparatory programmes as may be determined by the national federation. The paying agent must authorise the national federation, acting on its own behalf, to give to the rider any instructions of a purely sporting nature that it deems necessary in the context of and for the duration of the selection.  
In none of the aforementioned cases, the present contract is suspended.

#### ARTICLE 8 – Transfers

On the expiry of the present contract, the rider is entirely free to sign a new contract with some other employer, subject to the provisions of the UCI regulations.

#### ARTICLE 9 - End of contract

Without prejudice to the legislation governing the present contract, it may be terminated before expiry, in the following cases and on the following conditions:

1. The rider may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for damages:
  - (a) if the paying agent is declared bankrupt, insolvent or goes into liquidation.
  - (b) if the paying agent or a principal partner withdraws from the team and the continuity of the team is not guaranteed or else if the team announces its dissolution, the winding up of its activities or its inability to meet its commitments; if the announcement is made for a given date, the rider must perform the contract until that date.
2. The paying agent may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for damages, in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the rider or of the suspension of the rider under the terms of the UCI Regulations for the remaining duration of the present contract.  
Serious misconduct is considered to include refusal to ride cycle races, despite being repeatedly called on to do so by the paying agent.

3. Either party is entitled to terminate the present contract, without notice or liability, notably in case the rider is rendered permanently unable to exercise the occupation of professional cyclist.

#### ARTICLE 10 – Defeasance

Any clause agreed upon between the parties that runs counter to the terms of the model contract between a rider and a team and/or to the provisions of the UCI constitution or regulations and which would in any way restrict the rights of the rider is null and void.

#### ARTICLE 11 – Arbitration

Any dispute between the parties arising from the present contract must be submitted to arbitration and must not be brought before any court. It must be settled in accordance with the regulations of the UCI through the UCI arbitral board or, failing this, according to the regulations of the national federation to which the rider belongs or, failing this, the legislation governing this contract.

Made in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

In as many copies as required by the legislation applicable to the present contract, that is to say,..... plus one copy to be sent to the UCI.

The rider \_\_\_\_\_ The paying agent \_\_\_\_\_

Legal representative (for juniors riders)

## ANNEX 2 - UCI MTB XCO points

	JO OG		CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS					COUPE DU MONDE WORLD CUP		CHAMP. CONTINENTAUX CONTINENTAL CHAMP.			
Rang / Place	Elite H	Elite F	Elite	U23*	Junior	XCE	Team Relay***	Elite	U23	Elite	U23*	Junior	Team Relay***
1	300	300	300	200	200	110	200	250	125	150	75	60	100
2	250	250	250	150	150	90	150	200	100	120	55	40	75
3	200	200	200	120	120	80	120	160	80	100	45	30	60
4	180	180	180	100	100	70	100	150	75	90	40	25	50
5	160	160	160	95	95	60	90	140	70	80	35	20	40
6	140	140	140	90	90	50	80	130	65	70	30	18	30
7	130	130	130	85	85	40	75	120	60	60	25	16	25
8	120	120	120	80	80	35	70	110	55	50	20	14	20
9	110	110	110	75	75	30	65	100	50	40	15	12	10
10	100	100	100	70	70	25	60	95	47	38	10	10	5
11	95	95	95	65	65	20	55	90	45	36	8	8	x
12	90	90	90	60	60	15	50	85	42	34	6	6	
13	85	85	85	55	55	10	45	80	40	32	4	4	
14	80	80	80	50	50	5	40	78	39	30	2	2	
15	78	78	78	45	45	3	35	76	38	28	1	1	
16	76	76	76	40	40	1	30	74	37	26	X	x	
17	74	74	74	38	38	x	25	72	36	24			
18	72	72	72	36	36		20	70	35	22			
19	70	70	70	34	34		15	68	34	20			
20	68	68	68	32	32		10	66	33	18			
21	66	66	66	30	30		x	64	32	16			
22	64	64	64	28	28			62	31	14			
23	62	62	62	26	26			60	30	12			
24	60	60	60	24	24			58	28	10			
25	58	58	58	22	22			56	26	8			
26	56	56	56	20	20			54	24	6			
27	54	54	54	18	18			52	22	5			
28	52	52	52	16	16			50	20	4			
29	50	50	50	14	14			48	18	3			
30	45	45	48	13	13			46	16	2			
31	40	40	46	12	12			44	14	x			
32	35	35	44	11	11			42	12				
33	30	30	42	10	10			40	10				
34	25	25	41	9	9			38	9				
35	20	20	40	8	8			36	8				
36	15	15	39	7	7			34	7				
37	10	10	38	6	6			32	6				
38	5	5	37	5	5			30	5				
39	x	x	36	4	4			29	4				
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* en cas d'épreuve séparée / in case of split event													
** nombre de points pour chaque coureur classé / ** amount of points for each ranked rider													
*** les points ne sont pas nominatifs aux coureurs mais à la Nation / the points are not nominatif to the riders but to the Nation													

	CHAMP. NATIONAUX NATIONAL CHAMP.			Hors Classe / Continental Series		Classe 1		Classe 2 / COUPE du MONDE XCE / XCE WORLD CUP	Classe 3 / Jeux régionaux / Regional Games	XCO JUNIOR SERIE	XCO Junior / Continental Series
Rang/ Place	Elite	U23*	Junior	Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	Elite	Junior	Junior
1	100	50	40	100	60	60	15	30	10	90	20
2	90	35	30	80	40	40	10	20	6	70	18
3	70	25	20	60	30	30	5	15	4	60	16
4	60	15	10	50	25	25	3	12	2	50	14
5	50	5	5	40	20	20	1	10	1	40	12
6	40	x	x	35	18	18	x	8	x	35	10
7	30			30	16	16		6		30	8
8	20			27	14	14		4		27	6
9	10			24	12	12		2		24	4
10	5			22	10	10		1		22	2
11	x			20	8	8		x		20	x
12				18	6	6				18	
13				16	4	4				16	
14				14	2	2				14	
15				12	1	1				12	
16				10	x	x				10	
17				9						9	
18				8						8	
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\* en cas d'épreuve séparée / in case of split event

\*\* nombre de points pour chaque coureur classé / \*\* amount of points for each ranked rider

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## ANNEX 2a - UCI MTB XCC points

	CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS		CHAMP. CONTINENTAUX CONTINENTAL CHAMP.	CHAMP. NATIONAUX NATIONAL CHAMP.	COUPE DU MONDE WORLD CUP		Classe 3
Rang / Place	Elite	U23	Elite	Elite	Elite	U23	Elite
1	150	100	70	50	30	15	10
2	125	80	65	45	20	10	6
3	100	75	60	35	15	7	4
4	90	70	55	30	12	6	2
5	80	65	50	25	10	5	1
6	70	63	45	20	8	4	x
7	65	61	40	15	6	3	
8	60	59	35	10	4	2	
9	55	57	30	5	2	1	
10	50	55	25	2	1	1	
11	45	53	20	x	x	x	
12	40	51	19				
13	39	49	18				
14	38	47	17				
15	37	45	16				
16	36	43	15				
17	35	41	14				
18	34	39	13				
19	33	37	12				
20	32	35	11				
21	31	33	10				
22	30	31	9				
23	29	29	8				
24	28	27	7				
25	27	25	6				
26	26	23	5				
27	25	21	4				
28	24	19	3				
29	23	17	2				
30	22	15	1				
31	21	13	X				
32	20	11					
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## ANNEX 2b - UCI MTB XCM points

Rang / Place	CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	COUPE DU MONDE MARATHON MARATHON WORLD CUP	CHAMP. CONTINENTAUX CONTINENTAL CHAMP.	CHAMP. NATIONAUX NATIONAL CHAMP.	EPREUVE D'UN JOUR MARATHON ONE DAY RACE MARATHON			EPREUVE PAR ETAPES STAGE RACE		
	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Hors Classe	Classe 1	Classe 2	Hors Classe	Classe 1	Classe 2
					General classification			General classification		
1	300	250	150	100	100	60	30	200	150	80
2	250	200	120	90	80	40	20	180	120	70
3	200	160	100	70	60	30	15	160	100	60
4	180	150	90	60	50	25	12	140	80	55
5	160	140	80	50	40	20	10	130	75	50
6	140	130	70	40	35	18	8	120	65	45
7	130	120	60	30	30	16	6	110	60	40
8	120	110	50	20	27	14	4	100	55	35
9	110	100	40	10	24	12	2	90	50	30
10	100	95	38	5	22	10	1	80	45	25
11	95	90	36	x	20	8	x	70	40	20
12	90	85	34		18	6		65	35	19
13	85	80	32		16	4		60	30	18
14	80	78	30		14	2		55	28	17
15	78	76	28		12	1		50	26	16
16	76	74	26		10	x		45	24	15
17	74	72	24		9			40	22	14
18	72	70	22		8			38	20	13
19	70	68	20		7			36	18	12
20	68	66	18		6			34	15	10
21	66	64	16		5			32	10	8
22	64	62	14		4			28	9	6
23	62	60	12		3			26	8	4
24	60	58	10		2			24	7	2
25	58	56	8		1			22	6	1
26	56	54	6		x			20	5	x
27	54	52	5					18	4	
28	52	50	4					16	3	
29	50	48	3					14	2	
30	48	46	2					12	1	
31	46	44	x					10	X	
32	44	42						9	X	
33	42	40						8		
34	41	38						7		
35	40	36						6		
36	39	34						5		
37	38	32						4		
38	37	30						3		
39	36	29						2		
40	35	28						1		
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\*\* nombre de points pour chaque coureur classé / \*\* amount of points for each ranked rider

\*\*\* les points ne sont pas nominatifs aux coureurs mais à la Nation / the points are not nominatif to the riders but to the Nation

## ANNEX 3 - UCI MTB DHI points

Rang / Place	CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS			COUPE DU MONDE WORLD CUP							
	Elite	Junior	Snow Bike	Manche Qualification 1 Hommes Elite Qualifying Round Men Elite **	Manche Qualification 1 Femmes Elite Qualifying Round Women Elite**	Finale Hommes Elite Final Men Elite	Finale Femmes Elite Final Women Elite	Final event of the World Cup season Finale Hommes Elite Final Men Elite	Final event of the World Cup season Finale Femmes Elite Final Women Elite	Finale Men Juniors Final Hommes Junior	Finale Women Juniors Final Femmes Juniors
1	300	80	100	50	50	200	200	250	250	60	60
2	250	60	80	40	40	160	160	200	200	50	50
3	200	40	60	30	30	140	140	170	170	45	45
4	180	30	50	25	25	125	125	150	150	40	40
5	160	25	40	22	20	110	110	132	130	35	35
6	140	20	35	20	16	95	95	115	111	30	30
7	130	18	30	18	14	90	80	108	94	28	25
8	120	16	27	17	12	85	70	102	82	26	15
9	110	14	24	16	10	80	60	96	70	24	10
10	100	12	22	15	5	75	55	90	60	22	5
11	95	10	20	14		70	50	84	50	20	6*
12	90	9	18	13		65	45	78	45	18	
13	85	8	16	12		60	40	72	40	16	
14	80	7	14	11		55	35	66	35	14	
15	78	6	12	10		50	30	60	30	12	
16	76	5	10	9		45	25	54	25	10	
17	74	4	9	8		44	20	52	20	9	
18	72	3	8	7		43	15	50	15	8	
19	70	2	7	6		42	10	48	10	7	
20	68	1	6	5		41	5	46	5	6	
21	66		5			40	5*	40	5*	5	
22	64		4			39		39		4	
23	62		3			38		38		3	
24	60		2			37		37		2	
25	58		1			36		36		1	
26	56		1*			35		35		1*	
27	54					34		34			
28	52					33		33			
29	50					32		32			
30	48					31		31			
31	46					30		30			
32	44					29		29			
33	42					28		28			
34	41					27		27			
35	40					26		26			
36	39					25		25			
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51	24					10		10			
52	23					9		9			
53	22					8		8			
54	21					7		7			
55	20					6		6			
56	19					5		5			
57	18					4		4			
58	17					3		3			
59	16					2		2			
60	15					1		1			
61	5*					1*		1*			

\* nombre de points pour chaque coureur classé / \* amount of points for each ranked rider

\*\* For the final round, no world cup points will be awarded for the qualifying round, those world cup points will be given to the final instead.

	CHAMP. CONT. CONT. CHAMP.	CHAMP. NAT. NAT. CHAMP.	EPREUVE D'UN JOUR ONE DAY RACE						
			Hors Classe Continental Series		Classe 1	Classe 2 / COUPE DU MONDE SNOW BIKE UCI / UCI SNOW BIKE WORLD CUP	Classe 3		
Rang / Place	Elite	Elite	Elite	Juniors	Elite	Elite	Elite		
1	150	100	90	30	60	30	10		
2	120	90	70	25	40	20	6		
3	100	70	60	20	30	15	4		
4	90	60	50	18	25	12	2		
5	80	50	40	16	20	10	1		
6	70	40	35	15	18	8			
7	60	30	30	14	16	6			
8	50	20	27	13	14	4			
9	40	10	24	12	12	2			
10	38	5	22	11	10	1			
11	36		20	10	8				
12	34		18	9	6				
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\* nombre de points pour chaque coureur classé / \* amount of points for each ranked rider

\*\* For the final round, no world cup points will be awarded for the qualifying round, those world cup points will be given to the final instead

## ANNEX 4- UCI MTB 4X points

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			Hors Classe	Classe 1	Classe 2	Classe 3
Rang / Place	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite
1	200	110	90	60	30	10
2	150	90	70	40	20	6
3	120	70	60	30	15	4
4	100	60	50	25	12	2
5	95	50	40	20	10	x
6	90	40	35	18	8	
7	85	30	30	16	6	
8	80	20	27	14	4	
9	75	10	24	12	x	
10	70	5	22	10		
11	65	x	20	8		
12	60		18	6		
13	55		16	4		
14	50		14	3		
15	45		12	2		
16	40		10	1		
17	38		9	x		
18	36		8			
19	34		7			
20	32		6			
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