

2026 UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series

1. UCI Mountain Bike International Calendar

You will find the UCI MTB International Calendar on the [UCI website](#).

Maximum number of events per format, per continent: 6

A UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series cannot take place at the same time as a UCI Mountain Bike World Championships, a UCI Mountain Bike World Cup or a Continental Championships of the same format.

Two UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series cannot take place on the same continent on the same weekend, no matter the format.

A country cannot organise more than one UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series during a season in one format.

A UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series race is applicable only for Cross-country and Downhill events as qualification pathway for the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup.

The Calendar Registration fee applied is as per HC class:

[08. 2026 UCI MTB Financial Obligations.pdf](#)

Under exceptional circumstances and justified reasons related to development, the UCI can grant derogations awarding UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series status to events.

2. UCI Regulations

a. UCI Ranking and UCI points

The UCI Mountain Bike Rankings are drawn up over a period of one year.

UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series: the best 5 results of each rider are taken into consideration for the UCI Ranking, no matter the continent where the event is taking place.

The UCI Ranking is calculated every Tuesday and are published on the [UCI website](#).

The UCI Ranking points scale is available in annexes 2 and 3 of the [UCI Mountain Bike Regulations](#)

b. Participation

Entries are open to any UCI license holder, except Masters

- Riders belonging to a UCI MTB TEAM or a UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM

- There is no quota limitation for the National Federations
- Any rider can participate, no matter the country or the continent

The riders must race in their category.

c. Registration

Entry should be made directly with each race organiser or the relevant Continental Confederation, if applicable, under the terms that apply to that event.

Registration fees are as set by each race organiser but cannot exceed the maximum amount of:

- EUR 80.- per rider in Europe
- EUR 50.- per rider on other continents

The organiser will pay to the UCI CHF 10.- per participant, an invoice will be sent to the organiser after the event.

d. Start Order

The start order is determined as per the [UCI Mountain Bike Regulations](#), articles 4.2.061 for XCO and 4.3.001 for DH.

3. UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series Standings

The overall standings take into account the 4 best results per rider per continent.

The standings points scale is available at annexes 2 and 3 of the [UCI Mountain Bike Regulations](#)

The overall standings are drawn up by the Continental Confederations.

4. UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series qualification pathway to the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup

The riders can qualify for the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in Cross-country and Downhill as follows:

Category	Criteria
XCO - men elite (aged 23 and over) XCO - women elite (aged 23 and over)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Top three riders of any round of a UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series limited to 1 round of the UCI MTB World Cup within 52 weeks of the qualification (GoldenTicket) 2. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, Elite (from 2026) 3. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, U23 (if progressing into Elite category) (from 2026)
XCO - men under 23 (aged from 19 to 22)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Top three riders of any round of a UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series, limited to 1 round of the UCI MTB

XCO - women under 23 (aged from 19 to 22)	<p>World Cup within 52 weeks of the qualification (GoldenTicket)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, U23 (from 2026) 3. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, Junior (if progressing into U23 category) (from 2026)
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Category	Criteria
<p>DHI - men elite (aged 19 and over)</p> <p>DHI - women elite (aged 19 and over)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Top three riders of any round of a UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series, limited to 1 round of the UCI MTB World Cup within 52 weeks of the qualification (GoldenTicket) 2. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, Elite (from 2026) 3. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, Junior (if progressing into Elite category) (from 2026)
<p>DHI - men juniors (aged 17 and 18)</p> <p>DHI – women juniors (aged 17 and 18)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Top three riders of any round of a UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series, limited to 1 round of the UCI MTB World Cup within 52 weeks of the qualification (GoldenTicket) 2. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, Junior (from 2026) 3. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, Cadet (if progressing into Junior category) (from 2026)

The qualification criteria listed above are not applicable for riders member of a UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM. As a matter of clarification, the riders member of a UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM can participate in the race but they cannot pretend to a qualification quota for the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup.

5. Team area

UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS and UCI MTB TEAMS can benefit of 30m2 free paddock area. Extra meters are to be paid directly with the organiser.

6. Prize Money

Minimum prize money is as per the [UCI financial obligations](#), linked to the Elite category event as published on the UCI Mountain Bike international calendar – See table below:

Ranking / Classement	Continental Series / Série Continentale *				
	XC			DHI	
	M&W / H&F Elite	M&W / H&F U23*	M&W / H&F Juniors	M&W / H&F	M&W / H&F Juniors
1st / 1er	500 €	250 €	120 €	500 €	120 €
2nd / 2ème	400 €	200 €	100 €	400 €	100 €
3rd / 3ème	300 €	150 €	75 €	300 €	75 €
4th / 4ème	250 €	125 €	60 €	250 €	60 €
5th / 5ème	200 €	100 €	50 €	200 €	50 €
6th / 6ème	150 €	75 €	40 €	150 €	40 €
7th / 7ème	100 €	50 €	25 €	100 €	25 €
8th / 8ème	80 €	40 €	20 €	80 €	20 €
9th / 9ème	60 €	30 €		60 €	
10th / 10ème	40 €	20 €		40 €	
Total	2080 €	1040 €	490 €	2080 €	490 €
Total M&W / H&F	4160 €	2080 €	980 €	4160 €	980 €

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