

2026 Mountain Bike

UCI Junior Series - XCO / UCI junior events – XCO

1. Calendar

A. UCI Junior Series - XCO

You will find the 2026 UCI MTB International Calendar with the approved **2026 UCI Junior Series – XCO** on the following link: <https://www.uci.org/mountain-bike/calendar>.

B. UCI junior events – XCO

UCI XCO junior events approved by the national federation and included on the 2026 UCI Mountain Bike International Calendar as junior category events (MJ/WJ). Those events can be found on the UCI website under UCI Mountain Bike International Calendar - same links as previously: <https://www.uci.org/mountain-bike/calendar>.

2. UCI Ranking - XCO Juniors

The UCI Mountain Bike ranking for XCO juniors is drawn up over a period of one year.

The following events will be awarded ranking points for the UCI Ranking – XCO Juniors:

- For juniors UCI points are allocated for XCO World championships, XCO Continental championships, XCO Juniors Series Races, XCO national championships and XCO junior events

A. UCI Junior Series - XCO

The **UCI Junior Series – XCO** will award UCI XCO UCI ranking points **to the UCI Junior Ranking** for the first 25 finishers, as follows:

90-70-60-50-40-35-30-27-24-22-20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 (see table point in UCI MTB Rules – Annex 2)

⌚ UCI Juniors Series – XCO: only the best 4 results of each rider are taken into consideration for the UCI junior ranking

B. UCI junior events – XCO

UCI XCO junior events approved by the national federation and included on the UCI Mountain Bike International Calendar will award UCI XCO UCI ranking points **to UCI the Junior Ranking** for the first 10 finishers, as follows:

20 – 18 -16 -14 -12 -10 -8 – 6 - 4 – 2

⌚ UCI junior events – XCO: only the best 4 results of each rider are taken into consideration for the UCI junior ranking.

3. Entry system and criteria

A. UCI Junior Series – XCO

- Entry is open to any UCI Junior license holder
- Having obtained at least 20 UCI points (for riders in Europe) or 1 UCI point (for riders outside Europe) in the latest UCI XCO individual junior ranking
- The national federations may enter a maximum of 5 supplementary riders per category (outfit for these riders is at the discretion of the national federation)
- Except Europe, the national federations, of the same continent where the event takes place, may enter a maximum of 5 supplementary riders per category (outfit for these riders is at the discretion of the national federation)
- The national federation of the organizing country, after consultation with the event organiser and considering the suitability of the course, may register supplementary riders from that country **for team B**. The maximum number of these additional riders, the selection criteria used to select them, and the uniform they race in is at the discretion of the national federation but must be clearly defined on the event website.
- Riders belonging to a UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM or a UCI MTB TEAM

B. UCI junior events – XCO

- Entry is open to any UCI Junior license holder
- If a host National Federation requires a limit on field size they may place a restriction on the number of home nation riders, but in this case no restrictions can be placed on the number of international riders competing.
- **No other restriction on participation**

4. Registration fees

- Entry should be made directly with each race organiser under the terms that apply to that event
- Registration fees are as set by each race organiser
 - Organisers contact details can be found on the UCI website under Calendar and the related event see link: <https://www.uci.org/mountain-bike/calendar>

5. Start Order

A. UCI Junior Series - XCO

- The start order is determined as follows:
- 1 As per the most recently published UCI XCO juniors individual ranking of the current season (or the final ranking of the previous season if no ranking has yet been published for the current season).

>> All riders with UCI points, regardless of how they have been registered or have met the entry criteria. This will include the following:

- Individual rider with at least 20 points (for riders in Europe) or 1 point (for riders outside Europe)
- Riders registered by the national federation, TEAM A with at least 1 UCI point
- Riders registered by the national federation of the organizing country, TEAM B with at least 1 UCI point
- Riders belonging to a UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM / UCI MTB TEAM with at least 1 UCI point

2 Unclassified riders by rotation:

The start order of the riders within the team must be confirmed by the teams during the rider's confirmation. The start order among the teams is determined as follows:

- First, national teams whose order is determined by the nations' classification of the concerned category from the most recent world championships.
- Second, unclassified national teams whose order is determined by drawing lots.
- Third, UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAMS whose order is determined by the most recent team ranking.
- Last, UCI MTB TEAMS whose order is determined by the most recent team ranking. The teams (in the order as mentioned above) are taken in turn with the teams' first riders starting in sequence, then the teams' second riders etc.

3 Unclassified riders team B of the national federation of the organizing country: drawing lots.

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 - 2 Unclassified riders: by drawing lots.

6. UCI XCO Junior Ranking dates

The rankings are calculated every Tuesday.

7. Overall Classification

There is no overall classification specifically for the UCI Junior Series - XCO. However, on each continent, the Confederation may choose to coordinate and publish an overall classification for that continent as well as a leader jersey and prize money for the final of the series.

8. 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.

UCI XCO Junior Series races held in conjunction with a UCI MTB World Cup will award prize money as per the Class HC financial obligations.

A reduction of prize money based on the classification of the National Federation is not applicable for UCI XCO Junior Series races held in conjunction with a UCI MTB World Cup.