

MOUNTAIN BIKE EVENTS

Special provisions for the 2021 season

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All the measures set out in this document aim to ensure the continuity of the activities of the National Federations, the organisers, the teams and the riders in the best possible conditions of fairness and respect for the UCI Regulations while offering the necessary flexibility for everyone to get through the ongoing covid-19 crisis.

Depending on the evolution of this situation, in particular the decisions of countries' government and in the event of the cancellation of some or a large number of events for the 2021 season, the rules and procedures presented below will be subject to amendments, which will be communicated in due course.

1. UCI Mountain Bike COVID protocol

The protocol for the organisation of Mountain Bike events in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic is available on the UCI website: [link to www.uci.org](http://www.uci.org)

2. UCI Rules amendments

The special provisions appear in green in the original article's text. All other articles of the UCI Mountain Bike Rules remain unchanged, [the complete original text is available following this link](#).

UCI Mountain Bike World Cup – U23 riders allowed to race as Elite

4.1.004

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 world cup events are organised for men and women. The first ~~10~~ 5 men under 23 and the first 5 women under 23 of the last UCI XCO individual ranking of the preceding year **in comparison with the UCI XCO individual ranking published on 03.03.2020 + points won at the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in Nove Mesto Na Morave + points won at the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in Leogang** can decide whether they want to race the entire world cup season as elite or under 23. All other under 23 riders must race the 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. 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.

Olympic Games - Start Order

4.2.061

The start order is determined as follows:

- A. XCO events (other than world championships and world cup events)
1. ~~as per the last published UCI XCO individual ranking;~~ as per the UCI XCO individual ranking published on 03.03.2020 + points won at the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in Nove Mesto Na Morave + points won at the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in Leogang + points won at the 2021 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup events
 2. unclassified riders: by drawing lots.

UCI Mountain Bike World Championships – Cross-country Start Order

9.2.038

The start order is determined as follows:

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

1. As per the UCI XCO individual ranking published on 03.03.2020 + points won at the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in Nove Mesto Na Morave + points won at the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in Leogang + points won at the 2021 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup events
2. As per the last published UCI XCO individual ranking
3. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation.

UCI Mountain Bike World Cup Eligibility Criteria

4.9.003

UCI mountain bike 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
XCO - men elite (aged 23 and over) XCO - women elite (aged 23 and over)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Having obtained at least 60 UCI points in the UCI XCO individual reference ranking (*).2. The national federations may enter a maximum of 6 supplementary riders per category. These riders must wear national team clothing.
XCO - men under 23 (ages from 19 to 22)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Having obtained at least 80 60 UCI points in the UCI XCO individual reference ranking (*)2. The national federations may enter a maximum of 6 supplementary riders per category. These riders must wear national team clothing.3. The national federation of the organizing country may register a supplementary team B of maximum 6 riders (wearing national team clothing)4. Riders belonging to a UCI elite MTB Team or a UCI MTB Team
XCO - women under 23 (ages from 19 to 22)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Having obtained at least 20 UCI points in the UCI XCO individual reference ranking (*)2. The national federations may enter a maximum of 6 supplementary riders per category. These riders must wear national team clothing.3. The national federation of the organizing country may register a supplementary team B of maximum 6 riders (wearing national outfit required)4. Riders belonging to a UCI elite MTB Team or a UCI MTB Team
DHI - men elite (aged 19 and over) DHI - women elite (aged 19 and over)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Having obtained at least 40 UCI points in the UCI DHI individual reference ranking (*).

	<p>2. The national federations may enter a maximum of 3 supplementary riders per category. These riders must wear national team clothing.</p> <p>3. Riders belonging to a UCI elite MTB team or a UCI MTB team.</p>
DHI - men juniors (aged 17 and 18) DHI – women juniors (aged 17 and 18)	<p>1. Each national federation may enter a maximum of 6 riders per category (wearing national outfit required).</p> <p>2. The national federation of the organising country may register a supplementary team B of maximum 6 riders (wearing national outfit required).</p> <p>3. Riders belonging to a UCI elite MTB team or a UCI MTB team.</p>
XCC – men elite (aged 23 and over) XCC – women elite (aged 23 and over)	<p>A maximum of 40 riders per gender (40 men elite and 40 women elite) already registered and confirmed for the elite 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 4.9.015 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 mountain bike world cup on the UCI website.

UCI Mountain Bike World Cup – Cross-country start order

4.9.015

The start order is determined as follows:

XCC men elite and women elite

- riders ranked in the top 16 of the most recently published XCO world cup standings (not applicable for the first UCI world cup round of the season)
- ~~as per the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking~~ as per the UCI XCO individual ranking published on 03.03.2020 + points won at the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in Nove Mesto Na Morave + points won at the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in Leogang + points won at the 2021 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup events **applicable until the end of the 2021 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup season (applicable until 3rd August, after this date, the regular rule is valid again)**

XCO men elite and women elite

- the riders ranked in the top 24 of the XCC race result taking place in the current weekend
- ~~as per the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking~~ as per the UCI XCO individual ranking published on 03.03.2020 + points won at the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in Nove Mesto Na Morave + points won at the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in Leogang + points won at the 2021 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup events **applicable until the end of the 2021 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup season (applicable until 3rd August, after this date, the regular rule is valid again)**
- unclassified riders: by drawing lots.

XCO men under 23 and women under 23:

- riders ranked in the top 16 of the most recently published XCO world cup standings (not applicable for the first UCI world cup round of the season)
- ~~as per the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking~~ as per the UCI XCO individual ranking published on 03.03.2020 + points won at the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in Nove Mesto Na Morave + points won at the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in Leogang + points won at the 2021 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup events **applicable until the end of the 2021 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup season (applicable until 3rd August, after this date, the regular rule is valid again)**
- unclassified riders; by drawing lots

3. UCI XCO Junior Series

Entry system and criteria

- Entry is open to any UCI Junior license holder
- Having obtained at least **20 10 UCI points (for riders in Europe) and 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 elite MTB team or a UCI MTB team

4. UCI MTB Ranking

The UCI MTB rankings are calculated again, respectively published from **Tuesday 4th August onwards** and includes the UCI points awarded at events registered in the UCI MTB International Calendar taking place from 1st July 2020 onwards.

The calculation of the UCI MTB rankings will have 67 weeks included (usual 52 weeks + 15 weeks of suspension of competition) from 4th August 2020 until 29 June 2021.