



# COLLEGIATE MOUNTAIN BIKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

GRAND JUNCTION, CO

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Below is a brief summary of the eligibility and general rules for USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships. Full rules can be found in Chapter 7, Section 18 of the USA Cycling Rule Book.

***Athletes may not preview courses outside of scheduled pre-ride times and without having completed registration, including signing the event waiver and receiving their number.*** Number plates must be displayed while on course. Any riding of the course outside official times is done entirely at your own risk and may result in disqualification.

**To compete, all riders/teams must bring this form with them to packet pick-up: [USA Cycling Collegiate National Championship eligibility verification form.](#)**

Riders in their last semester/quarter and not enrolled full-time, please see USAC regulation 6C1(b) for additional information on eligibility. Riders will not be allowed to start their races without this form.

All 2026 Collegiate Mountain Bike results will be honored for Club and Varsity. There will be no separation between Division I and Division II for results and awards presentations.

## MEMBERSHIP/LICENSING

Athletes must hold a current USA Cycling Race License in the discipline of entry based on the following eligibility requirements:

- DH: Pro/1
- DS: Pro/1/2
- Endurance: Pro/1/2

Each license allows for promotion to higher categories according to certain guidelines. Please see [Policy VIII Race Category Upgrading and Downgrading](#) for information.

## COLLEGIATE ELIGIBILITY & QUALIFICATIONS

- Teams may enter no more than 12 unique males and 12 unique females to any single national championship event.
- Teams may enter up to 8 riders in the Cross-Country event and 6 each in the Short Track and Downhill/Dual Slalom events. The team relay is limited to 4 riders.
- Riders must have compete in 3 mass start events during the current conference season and schedule of the conference the team is located in.
- For gravity events, riders must have competed in at least 2 gravity events during the current conference season and schedule of the conference the team is located in.
- To place in the individual omnium, riders must score points in at least one endurance event and at least one gravity event.

Questions on eligibility and the qualification process should be directed to Vanessa Drummond at [vdrummond@usacycling.org](mailto:vdrummond@usacycling.org).

All petitions to compete at the 2026 Collegiate MTB Nationals must be emailed to Vanessa Drummond no later than end of day on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

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## CALL UPS

**Call-ups:** Call-ups will be performed according to USA Cycling rule 713 and will be posted with start lists the night before the event. **Note:** If a team has a rider in the front row as a conference champion or national champion, that team is left out of the first wave of call-ups (2<sup>nd</sup> as well if both a conference and national champion are different riders from same school), so that every team has one rider on the line before a second is called from any team.

Any protests to or questions about call-ups should be directed to Vanessa Drummond at [vdrummond@usacycling.org](mailto:vdrummond@usacycling.org).

## DOWNHILL START POLICY

Downhill riders must have completed one full walking inspection **and** two practice runs prior to the start of their seeding run. To advance to finals, riders must start their seeding run. Finals will be run based on slowest to fastest seeding.

Racers who miss their assigned start time, through no fault of the officials or race management, will not be allowed to start their run until after the last rider of their own category. This is dependent on available time gaps between categories and is at the discretion of race management and officials. The rider's race clock starts at their assigned start time and will not be adjusted (i.e. no new start time will be assigned).

## TEAM RELAY GUIDELINES

Club and Varsity Team Relay:

The relay team must consist of 2 - 4 riders, of which one must be a female, and one must be a male.

Team compositions may be: FM, FMM, FFM, or FFMM.

One representative of each team starts the race and at the end of each lap, there is an exchange with another rider. Half of the team laps must be completed by a female. The race will be 4 laps long, and riders may not do consecutive laps.

Exchanges are mandatory for each lap, even if a team has fewer than four riders.

During each race, all riders for a team must wear similar team jerseys with the school's name displayed. Shorts must be of their team or blank. For podium presentations, riders must wear team or school clothing or jerseys. Penalties can vary from a fine to a disqualification.