



COLLEGIATE MOUNTAIN BIKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

GRAND JUNCTION, CO | OCTOBER 2026

Communique #1 – Oct. 6th 2026

1) Schedule for Wednesday, Oct. 7th 2026

DAY / TIME	EVENT / DATE	LOCATION
Wednesday	October 7th	
11:30 AM	Rider / Coaches Meeting	Resort Lodge
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Number Plate Pick-Up	Resort Lodge Entry
12:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Dual Slalom Practice (no gates)	DS Course
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	DHI Course Walk (last chair 4:45)	DHI Course
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	XCO Practice	XCO Course
5:00 PM - 5:20 PM	XCO/XCC Start Prologue Practice	XCO/XCC Course

2) Weather on Saturday & Sunday

Based on current local weather forecasts, rain is expected on both Saturday and Sunday. We have been discussing several possible scenarios in response to the forecast and will be making a final decision on the best course of action as soon as possible and communicate those plans.

3) National Champion Jerseys – Rule 1J5(f)

A reminder that the defending National Champion may not wear their National Championship jersey while competing in the subsequent National Championship. Red, white, and blue championship stripes may be displayed on the sleeves of the rider's jersey, as permitted under USA Cycling regulations.

4) Number Plates – Rule 1J7

All riders must properly display their assigned number plate as directed by race officials. Number plates must remain clearly visible while the rider is in the racing position and may not be folded, trimmed, altered, or otherwise defaced.

The President of the Commissaires Panel (PCP) has advised that any rider who is not in compliance with this requirement may be denied their start.

5) Coach Plates

Coach plates must be properly displayed and clearly visible at all times during official practice sessions.



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6) XCO/XCC Start Prologue

Due to erosion, the start configuration for both XCO and XCC has been modified from the original course design that was presented.

Link to the new XCO/XCC Start Prologue:

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/57463016?via=pogr23Us8JkTy7r1mARnWA>

A section of the revised start prologue travels in the opposite direction of the regular race laps. To provide athletes with an opportunity to safely familiarize themselves with this section, dedicated start prologue practice sessions have been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 7: 5:00–5:20 PM

Immediately following XCO practice.

Thursday, October 8: 6:00–6:30 PM

Immediately following XCO/XCC practice.

Only during these designated times will athletes be permitted to practice the revised start prologue.