COLLEGIATE MOUNTAIN BIKE
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
GRAND JUNCTION, CO | OCTOBER 2026

Communique #2 – Oct. 7th 2026

1) **Schedule for Thursday, Oct. 8th 2026**

Thursday	October 8th	
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Number Plate Pick-Up	Resort Lodge Entry
8:00 AM- 9:00	Dual Slalom Practice - No Gates	DS Course
9:00 AM - 10:00	Dual Slalom Practice - Gates	DS Course
10:15 AM	**Dual Slalom Qualifying - All Collegiate Divisions**	**DS Course**
12:30 PM	**Dual Slalom Final - All Collegiate Divisions**	**DS Course**
To Follow	**Coaches Challenge - Dual Slalom**	**DS Course**
To Follow	Awards - Dual Slalom	Powderhorn Resort
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	DHI Course Walk (last chair 5:30PM)	DHI Course
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	XCO/XCC Practice	XCO/XCC Courses

2) Weather and Schedule Update
Based on current local weather forecasts, heavy rain is expected Saturday evening and throughout Sunday. In response to the forecast, members of the Powderhorn Resort leadership team, the Grand Junction Sports Commission (GJSC), Vanessa Drummond (USA Cycling Collegiate Manager), and Tobin Behling (Race/Technical Director) met to discuss potential scenarios and have determined the best course of action for the event.

The following schedule changes have been made:

- **DHI Finals:** Moved to **Saturday afternoon after DHI Seeding**.
- **Team Relay:** Moved to **Friday after XCO Racing**.

The revised schedule is now published online.

DHI Course Revision:
The section of the DHI course known as **"Polish Handgrenade"** was routed exclusively to the "B" line during Wednesday's walking inspection. The "A" line will be reopened and available for preview during Friday's walking inspection session.

DHI Weather Contingency:
We will continue to monitor the timing and severity of the incoming storm. Should conditions deteriorate to the point that the DHI course cannot be raced safely, results from Saturday morning's seeding run will be used as the final DHI results**.**

These adjustments are being made to provide the best opportunity to complete the scheduled championship events while prioritizing athlete and event safety.

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 the opportunity to start. He would also like to commend all riders who participated in Dual Slalom practice on October 7, 2026, as every rider had their number plate properly displayed on their bike. Thank you to all riders for your cooperation and attention to this requirement.

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

6) XCO/XCC/TR Start Prologue
Due to erosion, the start configuration for both XCO, XCC and TR 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=sJtR29_aAa2g8E_Y6Af31A

7) **USAC Collegiate MTNBike National Championships Rider Information Page:**

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8) DHI Active Transponders
If you are racing DHI, you will need an active transponder and they will be available for pickup in the Powderhorn Lodge Lobby on Thursday, October 8th, 2026.