



CROSS-COUNTRY MOUNTAIN BIKE

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 17–21, 2024

MACUNGIE, PA

Communiqué #8

1. Schedule Changes

The first race on Sunday morning will be the Junior men's Last Chance Qualifier for the XCC at 8:30 a.m. The qualifiers originally scheduled for 7:30 a.m., 7:50 a.m., and 8:10 a.m. have been cancelled.

The official practice time for the XCC (starting at 6:30 a.m.) has been extended and will now end at 8:15 a.m.

The remainder of the schedule remains unchanged.

2. XCC details

Staging for races with 50 riders or fewer will start staging and call-ups 10 minutes before the race; races with more than 50 riders will start staging and call-ups 15 minutes before the race start.

All XCC races will be run on the same course, and all races except the qualifier will be approximately 20 minutes long; target time for the qualifier is approximately 10 minutes. A lap counter at the finish line will indicate the remaining number of laps.

Riders deemed out of contention will be asked to withdraw from the race at the 80% gate. Riders about to be lapped are asked to give way to the leaders and exit the course on the next lap, at the 80% gate. All riders finish on the same lap as the winner.

Feeding or water hand-ups will NOT be allowed in ANY of the various categories.

Technical assistance is allowed only for two categories, the UCI Men Elite and Women Elite. The technical assistance zone will be adjacent to the start area on the

left side of the gravel road, in the grass. TEAMS ARE ADVISED THAT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THUS COMES AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST LAP.

Pit passes will be required to enter the technical assistance zone.

Spectators will not be allowed in the flat area (“apron”) immediately adjacent to the lakefront (the area of the feed zone on the previous days) and must stay well above the riders (the “embankment”) if they choose to spectate from this area. For safety reasons, there will be no spectator access from the lodge area (entry or exit) to this area. Spectators can enter or leave the lakefront via the path on the north-west corner of the lake.

Please note that for the XCC, neither the 17-18 juniors nor the two U23 races are UCI races and thus do not carry UCI points.

3. Discipline

Rider bib #1209 has been fined \$30 for violating USAC rule 8A5(a), “*Failure to respect instruction of commissaires or race administration.*” (Feeding a rider during the Junior men 17-18 XCO in the tech-assistance-only zone, top of gravel road.)

4. Race results and potential protests

All race results will be posted in paper form on the bulletin board in the awards plaza, for the customary 15-minute protest period. In case of a protest, immediately go to the registration area and see USAC official Leslie (blue shirt) with a detailed description of the issue. Race results will also be viewable online, but the official protest period is based on the posted and time-stamped paper copies.

5. General Safety Concerns

Whenever crossing any parts of the race course, please use extra caution to avoid preventable accidents.

When warming up on the resort roads, please observe normal traffic patterns and do not ride the wrong way into the one-way road.

6. Race Plates

Please observe the obligation to affix your race plate before riding any of the courses during official practices.

7. USAC's Safe Sport / MAAPP policies

This is a reminder to please review USA Cycling's Safe Sport Program [Policies](#), including reporting [requirements](#) and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies ([MAAPP](#)).

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