



COLLEGIATE MOUNTAIN BIKE

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
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BENTONVILLE, AR

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Welcome

Welcome to Bentonville!

We are thrilled to welcome you, your families, and the incredible athletes here for the USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship from November 14-17. Bentonville is honored to serve as your host, and we look forward to an unforgettable championship experience, showcasing our beautiful trails and warm hospitality.

Our hearts go out to those affected by the recent hurricane in North Carolina, whose devastation led to the event's relocation. We hold the cities and communities there close in thought and extend our deepest compassion to everyone facing the challenges of rebuilding.

Here in Bentonville, we're excited to celebrate your hard work, dedication, and passion for mountain biking. From our scenic Ozark trails to the vibrant local culture, we hope you'll find a welcoming environment to pursue your best. Our community is ready to support you every step, and we are committed to making this event special for all participants.

Thank you for joining us. We're grateful to be part of your journey and can't wait to cheer you on!

Warmest regards,

Kalene Griffith

President & CEO, Visit Bentonville

Amy Springer

Outdoor Recreation Events and Sales Manager, Visit Bentonville



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USA Cycling Officials

Chief Referee	Katsuhiko Tanda
Assistant Referee	Cindy Yorgason
Secretary	Jared Ferber
Finish Judge	Kris Hintze
Assistant Judge	Kevin Bradley
Referee	David Fowkes
Apprentice	Andrew Madrid

Key Event Staff

Tobin Behling, Race Director

Vanessa Drummond, USA Cycling, Technical & Events Manager

Justin Evans, USA Cycling, National Events Manager

Dave Kalt, Production Director

Chris Reed, Technical

Chris Aronhalt, Medalist Sports

Venue Location Map - interactive!

<https://app.cartamaps.com/share/46469e76-7618-4637-928e-240eef2cdf88>

Team Parking - The Water Tower – Coler Public Parking – water tower trail

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/7DkZE9xkJ9ghq81o8>

9355 NW 12th Dr, Bentonville, AR 72712

**** This entrance is a small single lane road - USE CAUTION - USE NW 12th Dr****

Team Parking will OPEN on Wednesday @ 7:00 AM

- Teams will not be allowed to park their vehicles/equipment any sooner!

- Point of contact for Team Parking is - Chris Reed - cell 678-640-9003



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Wednesday evening schedule (Amazeum)

1009 Museum Way, Bentonville, AR 72712, <https://maps.app.goo.gl/xbCm5tERJbdaqZUbA>

- o 3:00 - 5:00 PM: USAC Packet Pickup/Registration
- o 5:15 - 6:00 PM: USAC Athlete/Coach meeting
- o 6:00 PM - Food provided
- o 6:30 - 7:45 PM: Activities for athletes

Event Links

Event Home Page: USA Cycling

<https://mtbnats.usacycling.org/coll-mtb>

Schedule

<https://d31phgno5jngghy.cloudfront.net/mtbnats/documents/2024-Collegiate-MTB-Schedule.pdf>

Registration

<https://mtbnats.usacycling.org/coll-mtb/register>

Eligibility and Rules

- All riders wishing to race in downhill championship events must check if they need to qualify in their given discipline. For how to qualify, please read the [Rules, Qualifications, & Call Up document](#).

Course Maps: link to course library

<https://ridewithgps.com/events/333457-2024-usa-cycling-collegiate-mountain-bik>

Results Link

<https://my.raceresult.com/groups/6327/>

Weather:

Sunrise @ 7:40 am, Sunset @ 6:20 pm

High Temp - 70's, Low Temp - Mid 50's to High 40's



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Medical: local hospitals

Hospitals:

1) Northwest Medical Center – Bentonville
3000 Medical Center Pkwy, Bentonville, AR 72712

2) Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas
2710 S Rife Medical Ln, Rogers, AR 72758

TEAM PARKING

Welcome Teams! We are looking forward to hosting the 2024 USA Cycling Collegiate MTB National Championships!

It has been challenging to make the shift to Bentonville, AR, in such a short time but we are so happy to be here. Please work with us in our effort to make this a successful event.

Team Parking has a very limited amount of space. We ask you to be patient and to work with our staff as we attempt to accommodate your space requests.

All Team Parking will be located at The Water Tower area.

- Your space will be assigned and may not be the exact size you asked for
- You are on your own for water and power – generators may be run during the day and must be turned off when you close up your area for the day
- No Camping in the water tower area
- Designated team area is for your team only – no spectators may park in your area (we have separate parking for spectators)
- Overnight security will be provided by the event, but please lock up your gear
- Cell service is good at this location
- No internet at this location

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the community of Bentonville, AR for their support and hard work!



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Onsite Communications:

Cell signals are strong within the park area. All major carriers should work within each venue. Internet will not be provided. Should you require the internet, please come prepared with your own resources.

Riders, Coaches, Family Members will need to walk or ride (a bike) between locations - *NO Motorized Vehicles Allowed On The Applegate Trail System!!*

DS, DHI, XCO, XCC, Team Relay - day by day details

Thursday November 14th

NW 3rd St, Bentonville, AR 72712, <https://maps.app.goo.gl/8ug8mhtgyEC2mBTq6>

Dual Slalom Race Day

Location = Thunderdome Trail on the South end of Coler Preserve

Trail Length is approximately ¼ th mile in length

Start location is inside of 100 meters from this address:

2500 NW 3rd St, Bentonville, AR 72712

Finish location is inside of 100 meters from this address:

Coler Mountain Bike Preserve South Gateway

NW 3rd St, Bentonville, AR 72712

Timeframe:

8:15AM – 10:15AM – Practice

10:30AM – 12:30PM – Qualification Racing

12:30PM – 1:00PM – Break

1:00PM – 5:00PM – Racing



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Friday November 15th

XCO, XCC, XCR - 9355 NW 12th Dr, Bentonville, AR 72712,

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/UGu6gAWn5zJdQWw5A>

DHI - 11840-11850 Peach Orchard Rd, Bentonville, AR 72712,

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/2nMkFP2zcKyAtnbNA>

Cross Country Race All Day / Downhill Practice - afternoon

Cross Country Racing:

Location = Multiple Trails in Coler Preserve on the Eastern side of Applegate Multi-Use trail. Trails utilized will be Pedal Assist, Oscars, Brand New New Trail directly next to FireLine, Copperhead Rd. These trails make up an approximate 4.5 mile loop that will start/finish near the Water Tower property on the Eastside of Coler Preserve off of NW 12th Street. The race course will travel in a counter clockwise direction up to the parking lot on the far North side of Coler Preserve off of Peach Orchard Rd. and then back South again toward NW 12th and the Water Tower area.

Cross Country Racing Timeframe: 9AM – 5PM – Racing

Downhill Practice:

Location = Start is at the Hub structure in the middle of Coler Preserve. Course will be the first 300 meters of Cease and Desist -> Left/West across Pedal Assist and Rock Soft trails -> Right/North onto Rock Solid -> Finish will be in the North parking lot of Coler Preserve off of Peach Orchard Rd.

Friday DHI Practice: 2PM - 4PM



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Saturday November 16th

Downhill Practice/Racing – Morning

Short Track Cross Country Racing - Afternoon

Downhill Practice/Racing

Location = Start is at the Hub structure in the middle of Coler Preserve. Course will be the first 100 meters of Cease and Desist -> Left/West across Pedal Assist and Rock Soft trails -> Right/North onto Rock Solid -> Finish will be in the North parking lot of Coler Preserve off of Peach Orchard Rd.

Downhill Practice/Racing Timeframe: 9AM – 1:30PM

Short Track Cross Country Racing

Location = Start/Finish near the Water Tower property on the East side of Coler Preserve off of NW 12th Street. The race course will go into Coler Preserve for approximately ½ mile and then come back to the Water Tower area property. Racers will be making multiple laps on this shorter loop.

Short Track Cross Country Timeframe: 2:30PM – 5:00PM

Sunday November 17th

Downhill Racing – Morning

Cross Country Team Relay Racing - Afternoon

Downhill Practice/Racing

Location = Start is at the Hub structure in the middle of Coler Preserve. Course will be the first 300 meters of Cease and Desist -> Left/West across Pedal Assist and Rock Soft trails -> Right/North onto Rock Solid -> Finish will be in the North parking lot of Coler Preserve off of Peach Orchard Rd.

Downhill Racing Timeframe: 8AM – 12:30PM

Cross Country Team Relay Racing:

Location = Multiple Trails in Coler Preserve on the Eastern side of Applegate Multi-Use trail. Trails utilized will be Oscars, Grouch in a counter clockwise direction. These trails make up an approximate 1.5 mile loop that will start/finish near the Water Tower property on the East side of Coler Preserve off of NW 12th Street.

Cross Country Team Relay Racing Timeframe: 2PM – 4:30PM – Racing



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GENERAL INFORMATION

SEVERE WEATHER GUIDELINES

When looking at weather conditions, the safety of the athletes, spectators, staff, and volunteers is the utmost priority. While often providing an additional challenge, adverse weather in its extremes may result in hypothermia, heat exhaustion or other dangerous conditions. In preparation for the upcoming Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships, USA Cycling and our host, Ride Rock Creek, have created the following plan to help mitigate any weather-related risks while respecting the unique racing conditions of the sport.

In the case of severe weather, the following group would be empaneled to make decisions regarding the conduct of the race(s):

- Tobin Behling, Race Director
- Dave Kalt, Production Director
- Vanessa Drummond, USA Cycling
- Justin Evans, USA Cycling
- Katsushiro Tanda, Chief Referee

PARKING

Parking at each start/finish location is very limited!! Please study the venue map locations and plan on trying to ride between locations.

AWARDS

All awards ceremonies will be held at Coler Mountain Bike Preserve - The Grove - 2500 NW Coler-Grove Ln, Bentonville, AR 72712

In inclement weather, awards will be held under the pavilion at the Grove. Refer to the event schedule for times.

Men's and Women's individual race winners, team race, and individual omnium winners will be awarded for Varsity and Club, but not for divisions within those categories 3 places deep. The team omnium standings will be determined for both Varsity and Club Teams (divisions I & II) and awarded to the top three teams within those categories. All winners are required to participate in the appropriate award ceremonies. No bikes will be allowed on the podium during the ceremonies



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PRIZES

No Prize money will be awarded at Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals

DHI SEEDING

Call-ups and seeding for downhill will be conducted based on the information in the rules and eligibility section and will be posted with start lists the night before the event.

RESULTS

Results will be posted online at my.raceresult.com. Final results will be posted to the USA Cycling website. <https://my.raceresult.com/groups/6327/>

RADIOS

While riding in training or competitions, riders may not use radios, telephones, or other communication devices. No earpieces may be worn. Audio playback devices are forbidden.

NUMBER PLATES

Riders must display number plates at all times on all courses for practice and race sessions. All coaches DH athletes pre-riding on the courses will be required to sign a waiver and pick up a “coach” plate at registration. Plates must be displayed on bikes at all times.

EQUIPMENT

All riders are required to wear a securely buckled helmet when on a bike, per rule 1J1. Riders competing in the downhill and dual slalom races are required to wear full-face helmets, per rule 1J2.



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EVENT - CONVENING THE PANEL

This panel would be immediately convened under the following circumstances and will refer to the “Crisis Communications Plan”

- A NOAA special weather statement is issued for the race venue.
- Severe cold/heat and/or wind anticipated within 72 hours.
- Freezing rain, heavy snow or other threatening precipitation is forecast.
- Other atmospheric conditions that could affect the health and welfare of athletes, spectators, staff, and volunteers.
- Road/Trail conditions, travel and transportation to and from the venue, poses danger to volunteers, staff, spectators, or athletes.
- Other onsite event, such as a major medical incident or protest

Any member of the panel would also be empowered to request that the group convene based on conditions out-side of those mentioned above.

ACTIONS

The following actions may be taken based on the forecast and conditions:

- No direct action/monitor situation
- Modification of the course
- Change of start times (e.g. later starts when warmer or precipitation has stopped)
- Combining of classes and categories
- Shortening of individual races
- Change of start date
- Cancellation In addition to the above actions affecting race participants, the following actions may be considered in relation to spectators, staff and volunteers:
 - Increased medical staffing
 - Warming/cooling areas provided
 - Decrease in shift times/exposure
 - In the event that a DH final cannot be completed or run, the seeding results will be considered the final results.

These lists are not exhaustive, and may be used in combination or separately on different days or at different times.



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COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Status updates, and if needed revised schedules, will be communicated to the affected parties through a variety of methods:

- Posting at the venue at pre-designated notice areas.
- An email update will be sent directly to registered athletes/participants by USA Cycling
- USA Cycling will utilize its social media platforms to provide outreach to spectators and volunteers
- Venue announcements will be used in the case of on-site modifications and notifications, using Public Address System and posted materials at Race Office/Awards Stage.
- Credentialed media will be provided with updates through USA Cycling communications staff
- Relay to parking staff as well as post on boards throughout the venue.

ANTI-DOPING

UNITED STATES ANTI-DOPING AGENCY The United States Anti-Doping Agency is the independent anti-doping agency for the Olympic Movement in the United States. USADA is dedicated to eliminating doping in sport, preserving the well-being of sport, and ensuring the health of athletes through drug testing, research initiatives, and educational programs.

SELECTION OF RIDERS FOR DOPING CONTROL By registering to compete at this event you have consented to be subject to drug testing and adhere to the penalties associated with an anti-doping rules violation. Noncompliance or refusing to be tested will result in the same penalties as a doping violation. For more detailed information concerning USADA protocol and banned substances, please visit the USADA website at www.usantidoping.org. All athletes should check the USADA Anti-Doping Station once they complete their race. If athletes are selected for testing, they will be alerted by a chaperone at the finish line and provided with further instructions.

REGISTRATION INFO

<https://mtbnats.usacycling.org/coll-mtb/register>

Onsite registrations must be completed by 2pm the day before competition.

No day of registrations will be accepted.

If you have any further questions about the registration process, please contact Trish Black or (719) 209-8211.

Riders must follow USAC cycling clothing regulations for collegiate teams.



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SAFE SPORT - MAAPP/SafeSport

Athlete safety and well-being is of the utmost importance to USA Cycling. To help create and foster a safe environment that is free from misconduct and abuse at all USA Cycling events, please review USA Cycling's Safe Sport Program Policies, including reporting requirements and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP). All Participants at USA Cycling sanctioned events must abide by these policies.

Prohibited Conduct

All Participants at this event are expected to refrain from engaging in Prohibited Conduct as defined by the US Center for SafeSport Code. Prohibited Conduct includes but is not limited to the following: sexual misconduct, emotional misconduct, physical misconduct, bullying, harassment, hazing, and violations of the MAAPP.

MAAPP

These policies have been adopted by USA Cycling to establish clear boundaries between participants in cycling and to reduce isolated one-on-one interactions between minors and adults in cycling and apply during all USA Cycling events, including **before, during and returning from the event**: One-on-One Interactions; Meeting & Training Sessions; Athletic Training Modalities; Locker Rooms; Transportation; Lodging; Electronic Communications.

Reporting Requirements

Adult Participants are required to report violations of USA Cycling's Safe Sport Program, including violations of the MAAPP. The mandatory reporting requirements apply to Adult Participants, but USA Cycling encourages anyone who becomes aware of or experiences misconduct or abuse to report those allegations via the links provided below. While USA Cycling is committed to providing a safe environment for all participants, the organization can't address behaviors or problems it is unaware of, so your engagement in reporting is instrumental in ensuring safety for all.

Report suspected or known incidents of sexual misconduct directly to the US Center for SafeSport: <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/>

Report *other forms of misconduct*, including physical misconduct, emotional misconduct, and MAAPP violations, to USA Cycling: <https://usacycling.org/safesport/report-other-misconduct>