



**USA Cycling  
Cross-Country  
Mountain Bike  
National  
Series**

**Rules and  
Regulations**



# CROSS-COUNTRY MOUNTAIN BIKE

NATIONAL SERIES



## 2026 Cross-Country Mountain Bike National Series

Date	Event	Location	Class	Organizer
March 13-15, 2026	<b>XC MTB National Series #1</b> Rock Creek Rumble	Zirconia, NC	UCI C3 XCC UCI C2 XCO	Tim Hopkin Email: timothyhopkin@yahoo.com Website: www.riderockcreek.com/rock-creek-rumble/
March 18-22, 2026	<b>XC MTB National Series #2</b> Walmart Pro Cup + UCI XCO Junior Series	Fayetteville, AR	UCI C1 XCO UCI C3 XCC UCI HC XCO UCI Junior Series XCO	Ty Kady Email: ty@uscupmtb.com Website: www.uscupmtb.com
March 11-13, 2026	<b>XC MTB National Series #3</b> Orange Seal Pro Cup p/b Vailocity + UCI XCO Junior Series	Temecula, CA	UCI C1 XCO UCI Junior Series XCO	Ty Kady Email: ty@uscupmtb.com Website: www.uscupmtb.com
May 1-3, 2026	<b>XC MTB National Series #4</b> Showdown at Angler's Ridge + UCI XCO Junior Series	Danville, VA	UCI C3 XCC UCI C1 XCO UCI Junior Series XCO	David Harlowe Email: usmtbseries@gmail.com Website: www.racinginthewoods.org/events-uci
May 8-10, 2026	<b>XC MTB National Series #5</b> Englewood Open p/b TREK (Continental Series Event)	Fall River, WI	UCI C3 XCC UCI CS XCO	Ben Agnew Email: Ben@englewoodopenmtb.com Website: www.englewoodopenmtb.com
June 5-6, 2026	<b>XC MTB National Series #6</b> US Pro Cup p/b Washougal MTB	Washougal, WA	UCI C3 XCC UCI C2 XCO	Scott Scholz Email: info@zone5promotions.com Website: www.zone5promotions.com/us-pro-cup-washougal/
June 26-28, 2025	<b>XC MTB National Series #7</b> Soho Bike Fest + UCI XCO Junior Series	Midway, UT	UCI CS XCO UCI C3 XCC	Josh Korn Email: jkorn@uolf.org Website: www.sohobikefest.com

\*All dates are subject to change. Verify the schedule of each event by visiting the event website listed.

# Cross-country (XCO)

## Specific XCO Series Rules

The series is fully compliant with the USAC/UCI regulations, except where otherwise indicated in this document.

The series and its events are open to all individual riders, regardless of nationality or residence. A valid UCI International license will be required to enter one of the UCI Categories, Junior 17-18, U23, or Elite. All other categories can be entered using a valid USA Cycling Domestic license or UCI International license from other federations.

Series rankings are compiled in Junior 13-14, 15-16, and 17-18 categories only. No series standings will be created for U23 and Elite.

Non-UCI categories may not race on the course simultaneously as the categories listed above.

### **Suggested series UCI XCO Schedule (C1 or higher)**

<b>Start Times</b>	<b>Categories</b>
8:30 – 10:00	Junior 17-18
10:15 – 11:45	Junior 17-18
12:00 – 1:45	Elite Women/U23
2:00 – 3:45	Elite or U23 Men
4:00 – 5:45	Elite or U23 Men

## **Registration/Inscription**

All registration for UCI categories will be considered Pre-Reg only. In the event a rider fails to register before the deadline, on-site registration may be available at the discretion of the PCP, Race Director, and if assigned, the Technical Delegate. Any on-site registration will incur a late registration penalty, payable to the event, in the amount of \$50/event (on top of the posted registration fee).

- Members of UCI MTB World Series Teams will be exempt from registration fees, as per UCI requirements.

## **Call-Ups**

A rider call-up list will be created once registration is closed for that race. This list should be made available to riders by the end of the manager's meeting. During the staging process, a call-up announcement will be made at the beginning of the race to invite, one by one, all athletes registered in the event to take position at the start line, according to the published list.

When called to their staging position, the rider must line up immediately. Riders who miss their call-up will not be guaranteed their starting position and will only be allowed into the grid once authorized by the commissaire who is managing the call-up procedures.

All events need to have a starting grid that is at least 6 meters wide, but no wider than 8 meters. This will allow for a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 8 riders per row. The number of riders per row will be announced at the manager/rider meeting and may be changed at the discretion of the PCP and if assigned, the Technical Delegate.

The call-up list will be determined as follows: *Race directors may alter this format for their individual events... pre-approval from USA Cycling is required.*

- The XC National Series standings will not apply to the first race of the season and will be skipped in the order of priority.

### Short Track (XCC):

Category	Order	Description
Junior (13-14) (15-16) (17-18)	1	UCI XCO ranking (17-18 Only)
	2	XC National Series Standings (Top 10)
	3	USA Cycling Short Track (XCC) Ranking
	4	USA Cycling Cross-Country (XCO) Ranking
	5	Random*
Elite & U23 - Includes both 19+ and separated U23 & Elite events	1	UCI XCO ranking
	2	USA Cycling Short Track (XCC) Ranking
	3	USA Cycling Cross-Country (XCO) Ranking
	4	Random*
OTHER - 30+ Starters	1	USA Cycling Short Track (XCC) Ranking
	2	USA Cycling Cross-Country (XCO) Ranking
	3	Random*

**\*Random order may be determined by number draw, computer-generated selection, bib assignment, or registration order.**

### Cross Country Olympic (XCO):

Category	Order	Description
Junior (13-14) (15-16) (17-18) - <b>Exc. Jr Series</b>	1	UCI XCO ranking (17-18 Only)
	2	Top 16 from event's XCC
	3	XC National Series Standings (Top 10)
	4	USA Cycling Cross-Country (XCO) Ranking
	5	Random*

Junior (17-18) - <b>Junior Series</b>	1	UCI XCO ranking
	2	Unclassified riders by rotation: The start order of the riders within the team must be confirmed by the teams during the rider's confirmation. The start order among the teams is determined as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First, national teams whose order is determined by the nations' classification of the concerned category from the most recent world championships. **</li> <li>- Second, unclassified national teams whose order is determined by drawing lots.</li> <li>- Third, UCI Elite Mountain Bike teams whose order is determined by the most recent team ranking.</li> <li>- Last, UCI Mountain Bike teams whose order is determined by the most recent team ranking.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The teams (in the order as mentioned above) are taken in turn with the teams' first riders starting in sequence, then the teams' second riders etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> ** <i>If a start order is not submitted by the National Team coach at rider confirmation, the National Team's start order will be determined using the procedure outlined below.</i> **
	3	Top 16 from event's XCC
	4	XC National Series Standings (Top 10)
	5	USA Cycling Cross-Country (XCO) Ranking
	6	Random*
Elite & U23 - <i>Includes both 19+ and separated U23 &amp; Elite events</i>	1	UCI XCO ranking
	2	Top 16 from event's XCC
	3	USA Cycling Cross-Country (XCO) Ranking
	4	Random*
OTHER - 30+ Starters	1	USA Cycling Cross-Country (XCO) Ranking
	2	Random*

**\*Random order may be determined by number draw, computer-generated selection, bib assignment, or registration order.**

### **International Athlete Call-Up – Unranked Riders**

Coaches of international athletes who do not hold a USA Cycling license and are not included in the UCI or National Series call-up order may report to the PCP, Secretary or where assigned, the Technical Delegate to request a protected call-up position. These riders will be inserted after the "next best 10" riders from the applicable USA Cycling ranking have been placed (XCC or XCO, whichever is used first in the call-up protocol). A maximum of two (2) protected athletes per country will be permitted.

## Call-Up Boxes

Call-up boxes should be created and laid out beside the course, wherever staging will occur. Boxes should be designed to hold at least 20 riders and their staff. Entry to these boxes should be signed to notify the riders which box they are to fill. Boxes are filled by call-up order (1-20/21-40/41-60 and so on). Boxes should be at least 600ft<sup>2</sup> / 60m<sup>2</sup> (25x25 is sufficient).

The boxes should be designed in a way for riders to access their appropriate box without having to go through another box. They should be connected in a way that once inside a box and call-ups have begun, box 1 should empty into the starting grid, then box 2 into box 1, and so on.

*Template available in Annex 1*

## 80% Rule

The decision as to whether the 80% rule is to be applied for Cross-Country (XCO) & Short Track events (XCC) will be made by the President of the Commissaires' Panel (PCP) after discussion with the organizer and if assigned, the technical delegate. If the 80% rule is applied, any rider who is behind the leader by more than 80% of the lap time (calculated using the first full lap) will be pulled out of the race. The rider shall leave the race at the end of their lap in the 80% zone, except when the leader has started their final lap. At any point, if a rider is lapped, they will be removed from the race at 80%. Any rider pulled using the 80% calculation will be scored in the final results and will still be eligible for any relevant points/prizes earned for that position.

## Technical Assistance

At least one technical assistance/feeding zone will be available for all riders. Depending on the course layout, a double-sided zone is preferred; if unavailable, a second zone for Technical Assistance only should be added. It is suggested for all events to provide an area within this zone for any UCI & National Teams. These zones must be identified as the Technical Assistance area with a sign "F/TA Zone" at the entrance and exit of the zone. Tech zone passes should be distributed after the manager/rider meeting.

## Post Race

The top five (5) athletes at each Cross-Country National Series event must be present at the official award ceremonies.

Riders must wear clean cycling clothes or official team/sponsor casual clothes (bottom and top part) for the awards ceremony. Failure to comply will result in the loss of award (including prize money)

UCI points will be awarded per the level of UCI sanctioning for Junior 17-18, U23, and/or Elite XCO category. USA Cycling ranking points will be assigned to all riders, regardless of category/age.

*Points tables available in Annex 2b*

All athletes who have placed lower than 5th place, but who are still entitled to prize money awarded by the race, must collect their prizes from the Race Director's designee after the award ceremonies. Failure to comply, with no pre-notification, may result in the loss of prizes (including prize money)

The prize list will conform at least to UCI minimum sanction requirements. Prize money amounts will be converted and paid in US dollars. Prize money will be based on the prize table laid out in the [UCI MTB financial obligations](#) and will be converted to US Dollars based on the [UCI currency conversion chart](#) set on January 1st, 2026.

## Overall Classification

An individual ranking for Junior 13-14, 15-16, & 17-18 will be published on the [USA Cycling website](#) and updated after each event. These standings will be based on results from BOTH XCO and XCC events, where XCO is the primary points driver with XCC contributing at a reduced value

*Points tables available in Annex 2a*

*Scoring regulations:*

The ranking will be calculated by using the top 3 highest-scoring XCO and top 3 highest-scoring XCC events, need not be from the same event between XCC/XCO.

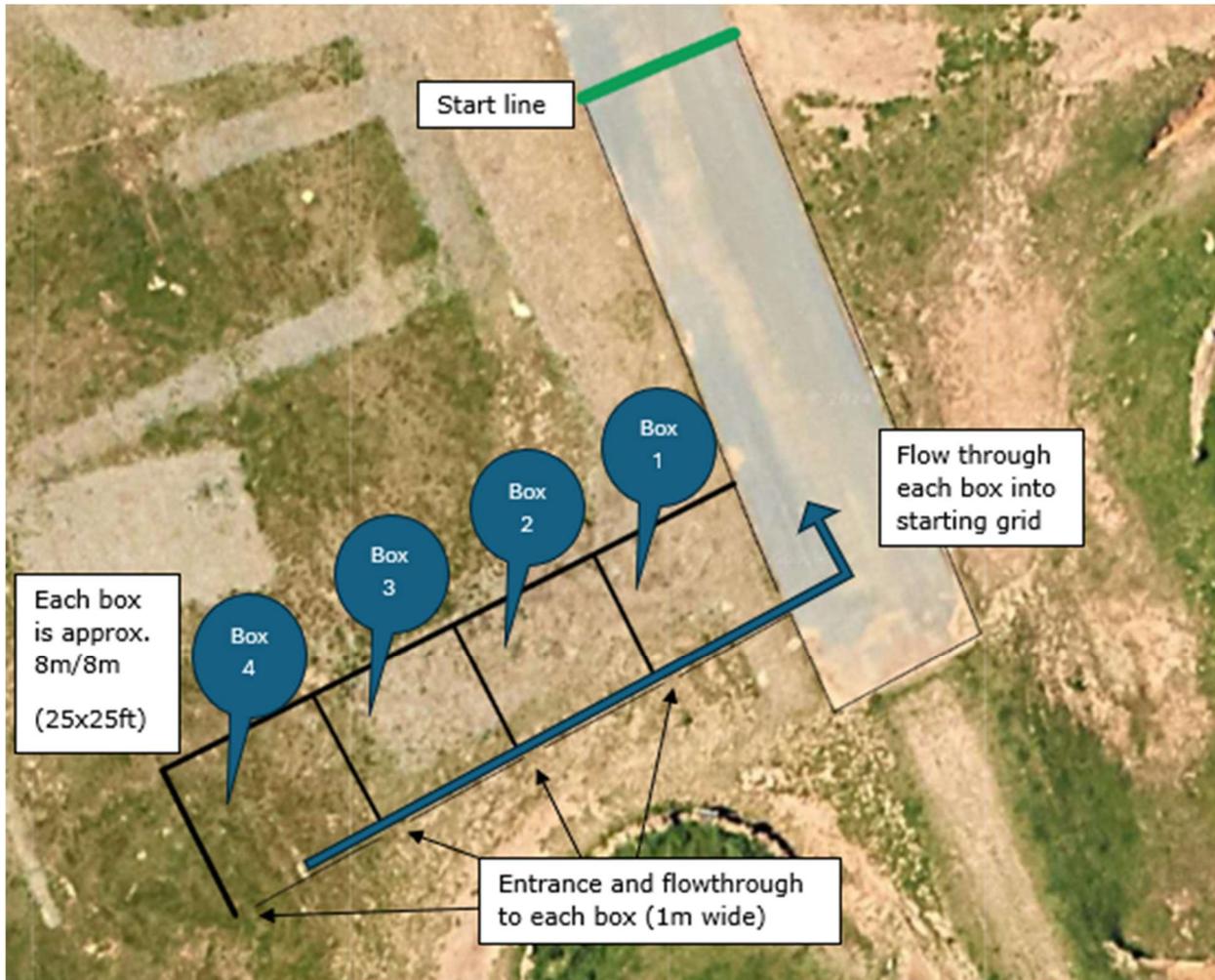
*Tie Breaker:*

If riders are tied in the individual ranking, positions will be determined using the following criteria, in order:

1. Ranking in the most recent **Hors Class (HC)** event
2. Ranking in the most recent **Continental Series (CS)** event
3. Ranking in the most recent **C1** event
4. Ranking in the most recent **C2** event
5. Ranking in the most recent **C3** event
6. If still tied, the rider with the most first-place finishes, then most second-place finishes, etc... (Through 10<sup>th</sup>)
7. If still tied, the highest placing in the last individual race of the series in which both riders competed.

\*These classifications are based on the rider's UCI inscription level and apply regardless of whether the event is part of the Junior Series calendar.

Annex 1:



**Annex 2b:**

<b>XC National Series</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>XCO</b>	<b>XCC</b>
<b>1</b>	100	40
<b>2</b>	85	34
<b>3</b>	75	30
<b>4</b>	65	27
<b>5</b>	60	24
<b>6</b>	55	22
<b>7</b>	50	20
<b>8</b>	46	18
<b>9</b>	42	16
<b>10</b>	38	15
<b>11</b>	35	14
<b>12</b>	32	13
<b>13</b>	30	12
<b>14</b>	28	11
<b>15</b>	26	10
<b>16</b>	24	9
<b>17</b>	23	8
<b>18</b>	22	7
<b>19</b>	21	6
<b>20</b>	20	5

<b>Place</b>	<b>XCO</b>	<b>XCC</b>
<b>21</b>	19	4
<b>22</b>	18	3
<b>23</b>	17	2
<b>24</b>	16	1
<b>25</b>	15	X
<b>26</b>	14	
<b>27</b>	13	
<b>28</b>	12	
<b>29</b>	11	
<b>30</b>	10	
<b>31</b>	9	
<b>32</b>	8	
<b>33</b>	7	
<b>34</b>	6	
<b>35</b>	5	
<b>36</b>	4	
<b>37</b>	3	
<b>38</b>	2	
<b>39</b>	1	
<b>40</b>	1	
<b>41</b>	X	

**Annex 2b: UCI Point Tables**

Place	Hors Class / Conti Series		Class 1		Class 2	Class 3 (XCC & XCO)	Junior Series	Junior Events
	Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	Elite	Junior	Junior
1	100	60	60	15	30	10	90	20
2	80	40	40	10	20	6	70	18
3	60	30	30	5	15	4	60	16
4	50	25	25	3	12	2	50	14
5	40	20	20	1	10	1	40	12
6	35	18	18	x	8	x	35	10
7	30	16	16		6		30	8
8	27	14	14		4		27	6
9	24	12	12		2		24	4
10	22	10	10		1		22	2
11	20	8	8		x		20	x
12	18	6	6				18	
13	16	4	4				16	
14	14	2	2				14	
15	12	1	1				12	
16	10	x	x				10	
17	9						9	
18	8						8	
19	7						7	
20	6						6	
21	5						5	
22	4						4	
23	3						3	
24	2						2	
25	1						1	
26	x						x	

*\*If a separate U23 event is held, otherwise, U23 races with Elites and only the Elite table is used.*