



COLLEGIATE MTB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Below is a brief summary of the eligibility and general rules for USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships. Full rules can be found in Chapter 7, Section 18 of the [USA Cycling Rule Book](#).

Individuals attempting to preview the course prior to the event or any scheduled practice day may encounter hazards including incomplete course construction or obstructions. The course may also cross private property.

Athletes may not preview courses outside of scheduled pre-ride times. No preview access to any of the courses during these times is allowed without athletes having completed registration, including signing the event waiver and receiving their number. Number plates must be displayed while on course. Any riding of the course outside official times is done so entirely at their own risk and may result in disqualification.

To compete, all riders/teams must bring this form with them to packet pick-up: [USA Cycling Collegiate National Championship eligibility verification form](#).

MEMBERSHIP/LICENSING

Riders must currently hold an annual USA Cycling collegiate license. Rider's will need to be listed as a cat A in their discipline of choice (Endurance, DH, DS) before they will be eligible to register.

COLLEGIATE ELIGIBILITY & QUALIFICATIONS

To register for the event, each rider's [conference director](#) must first confirm the rider has met both the minimum race requirements and qualified for one of the conference's allocated start spots (listed below). In addition, riders from varsity programs must have participated in at least three weekends (five race days), in any category (not only A).

Endurance events: Riders must have competed as a category A in at least 3 endurance mass start events during the current conference season and schedule of the conference the team is located in. Team Relay events do not count as a mass-start event for qualification purposes. *

Gravity events: Riders must have competed as a category A in at least 3 gravity events during the current conference season and schedule of the conference the team is located in. To compete in downhill, at least 2 of those events need to be downhill. *

Team Relay: Riders must have competed in three conference individual mass-start races that season, regardless of category.



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*If the conference season is shortened or cannot otherwise reasonably accommodate such requirements for riders, the conference director may lower these requirements with the approval of USA Cycling.

Teams may enter a total of 12 males and 12 females at the national championship.

Teams may enter up to 8 riders in the Cross Country event and 6 each in the Short Track and Downhill/Dual Slalom events. The team relay is limited to 4 riders.

To place in the individual omnium, riders must score points in at least one endurance event and at least one gravity event.

CALL UPS AND DOWNHILL START POLICY

Call-ups: Call-ups will be performed according to USA Cycling rule 713, and will be posted with start lists the night before the event. **Note:** If a team has a rider in the front row as a conference champion or national champion, that team is left out of the first wave of call-ups (2nd as well if both a conference and national champion are different riders from same school), so that every team has one rider on the line before a second is called from any team.

Any protests to or questions about call-ups can be directed to Justin Evans, USA Cycling Collegiate Programs Manager, at 719-229-4347 or jevans@usacycling.org.

Downhill Start Policy: Downhill riders must have two practice runs prior to the start of their seeding run. In order to advance to finals riders must start their seeding run. Finals will be run based on slowest to fastest seeding.

Racers who miss their assigned start time, through no fault of the officials or race management, will not be allowed to start their run until after the last rider of their own category. This is dependent on available time gaps between categories and is at the discretion of the race management and officials. The rider's race clock starts at their assigned start time and will not be adjusted (i.e. no new start time will be assigned).

TEAM RELAY GUIDELINES

Each team will have up to four riders with at least one female and one male, and no more than two males or two females. Potential team compositions would be: FM; FMM; FFM; FFMM



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One representative of each team starts the race and at the end of each lap, there is an exchange to another rider. The race will be 4 laps long and riders may not do consecutive laps. Exchanges are mandatory each lap, even if a team has fewer than four riders.

Two laps must be completed by females.

The exchange area is just before the S/F, with the course divided into two lanes. Riders finishing their lap will funnel into one lane, and from the other lane, riders waiting to start their lap will start moving once their teammate has crossed the finish line in the other lane.

The event counts toward the team omnium only.

At each race, all riders for a team must wear similar team jerseys with the school's name displayed. Shorts must be of their team or blank. For podium presentations, riders must wear team or school clothing or jerseys. Penalties can vary from a fine to a disqualification.

Questions on the eligibility and qualification process for USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships should be directed to Justin Evans, USA Cycling Collegiate Operations Manager, at 719-229-4347 or jevans@usacycling.org.