

USA Cycling MTB National Championship Qualification Procedures | 2011

USA CYCLING MOUNTAIN BIKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships will be held over two separate weekends to determine the United States National Mountain Bike Champions in Junior Age Classes, Junior Category 1, Category 1 Age Classes, U23 (men and women cross-country only), and Pro in the following disciplines:

Endurance (XC): cross-country, short track, single speed, super d
Gravity: downhill, 4X

JUNIOR MOUNTAIN BIKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

National Champion titles will be awarded in the following classes and categories:

Female Category 1: 15-16, 17-18

Male Category 1: 15-16, 17-18

Non-Ability Category (Male & Female): 10 & under, 11-12, and 13-14

Riders who qualify in older age groups at the Alison Dunlap Junior MTB Series (ADJ-MTB) events, USA Cycling State/Regional Championships, American Mountain Bike Challenge (AMBC) events, and USA Mountain Bike National Calendars (MBNC) events will be required to compete in their respective age group, defined by their racing age on December 31 of the current year.

USA CYCLING MOUNTAIN BIKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DISCIPLINES

Cross-country Olympic (XCO)

A mass start competition held on a circuit course comprising forest roads, forest or field trails and unpaved dirt or gravel roads.

Short-track Cross-country (STXC)

A shortened cross-country style race, designed to be spectator-friendly and easily televised. The course is typically 2-3 minutes per lap. Race times for Pro/Elite are 20 minutes + 3 laps.

Single Speed (SS)

Single speed is any type of bicycle possessing only one rear cog and one front chain ring. There is no means of altering the gear ratio in any way for the duration of the race.

Downhill (DH)

A gravity time trial competition in which riders are racing one at a time, against the clock, down a trail, jeep road, fire road, or combination of all three. Downhill races are generally technically challenging with courses often featuring a combination of high speeds, jumps, drop-offs, and other technical trail features.

Four Cross (4X)

A gated gravity competition where four competitors race together on a course which often feature bermed corners, jumps, and other technical trail features. Following a qualification round, riders race against each other in an elimination format (heats) to determine the winner.

Super D (SD)

Super D is a hybrid event combining aspects of downhill and cross-country racing. The competition has riders race on a course that has significantly more downhill than uphill sections. These courses are typically devoid of jumps and not as technical in nature as Downhill races; testing both endurance and bike handling skills.

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USA CYCLING MOUNTAIN BIKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS DISCIPLINES, CATEGORIES, CLASSES

QUALIFYING EVENTS

PRO riders are not required to qualify in order to compete at the 2011 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships. For the following events, all other riders must qualify through specific qualifying races in order to compete at the National Championships:

Cross-country

Male

Pro (Elite), U23

Junior (no ability category): 10 & under, 11-12, 13-14

Master (no ability category): 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+

Category 1: 15-16, 17-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54

Female

Pro (Elite), U23

Junior (no ability category): 10 & under, 11-12, 13-14

Master (no ability category): 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60+

Category 1: 15-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44

Junior: 10 & under, 11-12, 13-14

Downhill

Male

Pro (Elite), Category 1: 15-16, 17-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50+

Junior: 10 & under, 11-12, 13-14

Female

Pro (Elite), Category 1: 15-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40+

Junior: 10 & under, 11-12, 13-14

4X

*Riders may qualify in Dual Slalom or 4X to compete in 4X at the National Championships.

Male

Pro (Elite), Category 1: 15-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40+

Junior: 14 & under

Female

Pro (Elite)

Category 1, 2, 3 (all ages)

NON-QUALIFYING EVENTS

The following events may be entered at the National Championships without qualifying.

Short-track Cross-country (STXC)

**There will be a 50-rider field limit per category/class. If more than 50 riders enter in a category/class, then qualifying heats may be done.

Male

Pro (Elite), Category 1: 18 & under, 19-29, 30+

Female

Pro (Elite), Category 1 (all ages)

Single Speed XCO

Male, Female

Super D

Male

Pro/Open, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50+

Junior: 18 & under

Female

Pro/Open, 19-29, 30-39, 40+

Junior: 18 & under

CATEGORY 2 AND CATEGORY 3 COMPETITION DISCIPLINES AND CLASSES

QUALIFYING EVENTS

Cross-country Olympic (XCO)

Male

Category 2: 15-18, 19-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50+

Category 3: 15-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50+

Female

Category 2: 15-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40+

Category 3: 15-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40+

Downhill

Male

Category 2: 15-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-49, 50+

Category 3: 15-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40+

Female

Category 2: 15-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40+

Category 3: 15-18, 19-29, 30+

4X

Male

Category 2/3: 18 & under, 19-29, 30-39, 40+

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Riders may compete if they meet all of the following criteria, with the exception of # 3 if the discipline does not require a rider to qualify prior to the USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships:

1. They meet the following citizenship/residency requirements:
 - ✓ In order to compete in the Junior 17-18, U23, and Pro (Elite), riders must be a United States citizen (riders may be asked to show proof of citizenship at race registration). A birth certificate or passport will only be acceptable proof of citizenship.
 - ✓ In order to compete in the Junior classes of 16 years old and younger, Senior, and Masters, riders must be a United States citizen or be a permanent resident (green card).
2. They are current annual USA Cycling (mountain bike) members
3. They have qualified through a USA Cycling Mountain Bike State or Regional Championship, an AMBC event, a Pro MTB Tour (Pro XCT/Pro GRT) event, a USA Cycling Junior Development Regional Mountain Bike Camp, Alison Dunlap Junior Olympic Mountain Bike calendar event, USAC Collegiate MTB Conference Championship, or defending United States National Champions in the class, category, and discipline in being contested at the 2011 National Championship competition.

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QUALIFYING EVENTS

There are seven (7) possible ways for riders to qualify and compete in the 2011 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships, which are outlined below:

- 1. USA Cycling Mountain Bike State or Regional Championship Series or USA Cycling Mountain Bike State or Regional Championship Event (one-day)**
The **top-15** overall riders in each discipline, class, and category offered at the USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship and offered at a USA Cycling Mountain Bike State or Regional Championship event (whether a one-day or series event) will be eligible to compete at the 2011 National Mountain Bike Championship. If the 2010 USA Cycling Mountain Bike State or Regional Championship series is not finalized by the qualification deadline, the overall (first place) USA Cycling Mountain Bike State or Regional Champions will automatically be qualified to compete in the 2011 US National Mountain Bike Championships.
- 2. American Mountain Bike Challenge (AMBC) events**
The **top-10** riders in each discipline, class, and category offered at the USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship and offered at any AMBC event will be eligible to compete in the 2011 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship. Riders who compete at 2011 AMBC events held after the qualification deadline will be eligible to compete in the 2012 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship if they place in the **top-10** in their respective discipline, class, and category.
- 3. USA Cycling Pro MTB Tour events (Pro XCT & Pro GRT)**
The **top-10** riders in each discipline, class, and category offered at any USA Cycling Pro MTB Tour (Pro XCT and Pro GRT) event will be eligible to compete in the 2011 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship. Riders who qualify at USA Cycling Pro MTB Tour events after the 2010 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships will be qualified to compete in the 2011 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship.
- 4. Defending USA CYCLING MOUNTAIN BIKE National Champions**
All defending United States Mountain Bike Champions are automatically qualified to compete at the 2011 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships in their respective discipline and category.
- 5. Alison Dunlap Junior Mountain Bike Events (ADJ-MTB)**
The ADJ-MTB is open to junior racers aged 18 years old and younger as of December 31 of the current year. The **top-10** riders in each category and age-group will be qualified to compete at the USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship.
- 6. USA Cycling Junior Development Regional Mountain Bike Camps**
The **top-six** riders from each of the USA Cycling Junior Development Regional Mountain Bike Camps will be extended invitations to compete at the USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship.
- 7. Collegiate Cycling Conference Championships**
The top-five finishers from each of the 2010 Collegiate Conference Championship races in the respective Collegiate categories (A, B, C, and D) will be eligible to compete at the 2011 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships. Riders must have a current annual USA Cycling Mountain Bike license in order to compete. Riders will compete in the category indicated on their USA Cycling Mountain Bike annual license.

QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

1. Riders are to compete in their respective age group based on their racing age that is determined as of December 31 of the current year.
2. Category 2 and 3 riders who have met the upgrading requirements (as defined in the 2011 USA Cycling Rulebook), but have qualified to compete in one of these categories at the 2011 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships, may do so for only this event. After the USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships, the Category 2 and 3 riders must immediately upgrade to the next higher category in the discipline in which they met the upgrade requirement and qualified.
3. Riders who finish in the top-five in Category 2 or 3 at the USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships must move up to the next higher category for the remainder of the current season and following season. Category 1 riders who place in the top-three in the 19-24, 25-29, and 30-34 age groups will be eligible to upgrade to Pro for the remainder of the current

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season and following season. Riders must verify they wish to upgrade to Pro by completing and submitting an upgrade request through their USAC online membership account. The upgrade will not be changed unless the rider has agreed to do so by written consent.

4. Any racer, aged 19-22, who has qualified for the USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship in cross-country, has the option of competing in the U23 Championship race or their respective category. Racers in the U23 Championship race will be competing on the Pro-level course and distance.
5. Master Pro riders may not 'race-down' to Category 1 in order to win an age-group title. Riders are to compete in the category in which they are categorized, qualified, and licensed.
6. Riders shall compete in the highest ability category for each respective discipline in which they have qualified for the 2010 USAC National MTB Championships. Masters riders who qualify in a younger age-group in the same ability category, will be able to qualify, but will compete in their official racing age-group at the USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships.
7. Riders who have qualified for the 2011 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships will be posted to the USA Cycling website as they are determined. If there is a discrepancy in the qualifier list, the rider must contact the USA Cycling National Events Director, Kelli Lusk, at klusk@usacycling.org.
8. Qualification events will be required to submit race results in electronic format to the USA Cycling office within seven (7) business days of their event. Qualified riders will automatically be generated from the race results submitted to the USA Cycling office from these events.
9. An email will be sent to riders who have qualified for the 2011 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships. Riders will also receive a qualification notification in their USA Cycling online membership account.
10. **Qualification Periods:** **XC = August 1, 2010 to July 10, 2011**
 Gravity = August 1, 2010 to September 18, 2011

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2011 National Championship Event Information

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