

USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championship – Eligibility Rules

2010

Below are the rules for USA Cycling Collegiate MTB National Championships. The main qualification points are these:

- Riders must be full time students and must bring documented proof of this to the event in the form of the Collegiate Cycling Championship Eligibility Verification Form.
- Riders must be approved for the event by their conference director. There is currently a check in place for this: only checked off riders in the system may register.
- Each conference has a finite number of start spots in each race, determined at the beginning of each calendar year. Field limits are rarely reached, however, and this has not been an issue in the past.

7L. National Championships

7L1. Eligibility

(a) The following eligibility requirements apply to all Riders and Teams at each Collegiate Cycling National Championship:

- (i) Each Rider and each Team must satisfy all other applicable eligibility requirements contained in the Rules.
- (ii) Each Rider must submit proof of eligibility in the form of a properly completed "Collegiate Cycling Championship Eligibility Verification Form" at registration. This form is available [from the USA Cycling website](#), the Collegiate Cycling Manager and Conference Directors.
- (iii) Each Rider must be enrolled as a full-time student, as defined by their School, and must be in good standing financially, academically and disciplinarily, during the following relevant Championship Eligibility Period:

Championship:	Championship Eligibility Period
Road	Spring session of the same calendar year
Mountain	Fall session of the same calendar year
Track	Summer or Fall session of the same calendar year
Cyclocross	Fall session or spring of the same or following calendar year

(*) Or if the rider is eligible during the conference season, then they are eligible for Nationals.

(b) In the event a National Championship commences prior to the Championship Eligibility Period, a Rider wishing to compete in that National Championship may satisfy the requirements of this Section by providing written evidence that they have made the appropriate tuition payment for the Championship Eligibility Period.

(c) Petitions regarding Rider or Team eligibility for a National Championship that may result in a Rider or Team not competing, may be filed only until 11:59 p.m. (local time at the National Championship in question) on the day before the start of the first Collegiate Cycling Race at the National Championship in question. The Board of Trustees or their designee determines all such eligibility issues.

(d) Teams may bring no more than 8 men and 8 women to any single National Championship Event.

7L2. Qualification

(a) For each division, Conferences qualify for start spots in a National Championship Race as follows:

- (i) first the host Team (if any) qualifies the number of Riders a Team may enter in that Race, so long as this Team and its Riders otherwise meet the eligibility requirements contained in the Rules; then
- (ii) each Conference qualifies the number of Riders a Team may enter in that Race; then
- (iii) each Conference qualifies a single male and female Rider; then
- (iv) each Conference qualifies a total number of Riders equal to (A) the percentage of the total number of Riders in that division that are recorded in USA Cycling's membership files on December 31 of the previous year as being members of Teams that are members of that Conference, multiplied by (B) the field limit of such Race reduced by the number of Riders qualified pursuant to subsections (i)-(iii) of this Section.
- (v) Conferences shall be notified of their rider allocations for a National Championship no less than two months before the Championship.

(b) Only points from Category A Conference Events from a Discipline count toward a Team's and a Rider's qualification for that Discipline's National Championship.

(c) Subject to the other requirements of the Rules, each Conference Director may decide how to allocate start spots in a National Championship Race among Teams and individual Riders from their Conference.

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7L8. Mountain Bike National Championships

(a) The cross-country, short track and downhill and one of the other Gravity Races must be conducted at a Collegiate Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship.

(b) The following are the suggested times for the Races for the Collegiate Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship.

	<u>Cross Country</u>	<u>Short Track</u>
Women	1.75-2.25 hours	30 minutes
Men	2-2.5 hours	30 minutes

(c) Altitude, course layout, and weather should be taken into consideration when deciding on courses and field limits for the Mountain Bike National Championship. USA Cycling Events staff reserves the right to alter the distances and field limits at the time of the Race based on these considerations.

(d) USA Cycling-Mountain racing regulations are in effect for Mountain Bike National Championship.

(e) Separate Races will be held for Division I and Division II at National Championship.

(f) The suggested minimum field limit for the short track race is 127 Riders.

(g) The suggested minimum field limit for the cross country race is 169 Riders.

(h) Each Team may enter six Riders in each Race at the Collegiate Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship as follows: until the field limit of the Race is met or the Team has entered six Riders, each Team may enter (in the Order of Call-Up) one Rider at a time.

(i) For purposes of determining the Team omnium, only the top three point-scoring Riders for each Team in each Race may score points. Any lower scoring Riders for each Team are both placed and scored and any points they score are used to determine the Rider omnium.

(j) To compete in an Endurance Race at a mountain bike National Championship, a Rider must have either:

(i) Competed in the Endurance Race at their conference championships as a category A Rider and must have competed in at least one other Endurance Race in the current conference mountain bike season as a category A Rider; or

(ii) Competed as a category A Rider in their final three conference Endurance Races during the current season. A Rider may petition the Board of Trustees if their Conference schedule prohibits meeting these qualification requirements.

(k) To compete in a Gravity Race at a mountain bike National Championship, a Rider must have either:

(i) Competed in the Gravity Races at their conference championships as a category A Rider and must have competed in at least one other Gravity Race in the current conference mountain bike season as a category A Rider, or

(ii) Competed as a category A Rider in their final three conference Gravity Races during the current conference mountain bike season.

A Rider may petition the Board of Trustees if their Conference schedule prohibits meeting these qualification requirements.

(l) The points scoring for the Collegiate Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship Races is set forth in Appendix 4.

(m) For Collegiate Slalom, mountain cross, dual and dual slalom Gravity Races, Riders who are tied based on head-to-head competition will be awarded final places based their respective times in the seeding and qualifying round.

(n) To be included in individual omnium standings, a Rider must have scored individual points in at least one Endurance Race and one Gravity Race.