

PART 4 MOUNTAIN BIKE

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Chapter I GENERAL RULES

§ 3 Calendar

4.1.011 International mountain bike races are registered on the international calendar in accordance with the following classification:

- Olympic Games (OG)
- world championships (CM)
 - No other international mountain bike event of the same format may be organised during the world championships.
- world cup (CDM)
 - No hors class or class 1 event of the same format may be organised on the same continent on the same day as a world cup event.
 - The continental championships (CC) in a format may not be organised during a world cup event in the same format.
- masters world championships (CMM)
- continental championships (CC)
 - No hors class or class 1 event of the same format may be organised on the same continent during the continental championships.
- stage races
 - Hors class (SHC)
 - Class 1 (S1)
 - Class 2 (S2)
 - No stage race may be organised during the Olympic Games, world championships, world cup events or continental championships (on the concerned continent).
- one-day races
 - Hors class (HC)
 - Class 1 (C1)
 - Class 2 (C2)
 - Class 3 (C3)
- UCI MTB Marathon Series races

The events status for stage races and one-day races are allocated to each event annually by the UCI management committee on the basis of the commissaires race report from the preceding year. A new event may only be given class 2 or 3 status in its first year. A detailed technical guide for HC events, stage races and new events, as well as UCI MTB Marathon Series races, must be presented to UCI during the calendar registration process. A template for such technical guide is provided by UCI upon request. All events registered on the international calendar must respect the UCI financial obligations (in particular calendar fee, prize money) approved by the UCI management committee and published on the UCI website.

Race entry fees for events on the international calendar are waived for any rider belonging to a UCI elite MTB team. This applies only to the **format discipline** in which the team has elite status and does not apply to stage races, UCI MTB marathon series, **eliminator** and enduro events.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 4.04.14; 1.01.16; 1.01.17; **1.01.19**).

§ 6 Event procedure

- 4.1.035** If a rider exits the course for any reason, he/she must return to the course ~~at the same point between the same two course markers where from which~~ he/she exited.

In case a rider fails to return to the course as provided for in this article, the commissaires' panel can disqualify the rider.

(text modified on 1.01.16; **1.01.19**).

§ 7 Equipment

- 4.1.039** The use of tyres fitted with metal spikes or screws is not permitted, except for Alpine Snow Bike and should not exceed 5mm (excluding rubber)

(article introduit au 1.02.12; texte modifié au 1.01.16 ; 1.01.19).

- 4.1.041** During MTB races no electronic bikes are allowed on the course at any time during training and competition.

Exception to this article is made for E-Mountain Bike competitions as specified in chapter VIII. (article introduced on 1.01.18, text modified on **1.01.19**).

- 4.1.042** Cameras are not permitted during final for cross-country and during qualifying rounds and final for downhill/~~four cross/cross-country eliminator~~. The riders are responsible for securing the fixation of the cameras in order to avoid any danger. The UCI can decide to allow a camera during final but only for the usage of the TV production company

Comment:

1. *see also, in particular, articles 1.3.001-1.3.003 and 1.3.031 Part 1 of the UCI Regulations*
2. *cameras may be used during training sessions in DHI (article 4.3.021) under the conditions laid down in this article.*

(text modified on 1.01.18; **1.01.19**)

- 4.1.044** For Mountain Bike downhill and enduro events, as opposed to the general rule defined in article 1.3.006, the two wheels can be of a different diameter but should comply with the specifications of article 1.3.018.

(article introduced on 1.01.19).

Chapter II CROSS-COUNTRY EVENTS

§ 1 Race characteristics

- 4.2.012** The race numbers for the main event are allocated on the basis of the results of the qualifying round, starting with the number 1 for the winner of the qualifying round.

The main event comprises elimination heats in which the groups of riders are matched as shown in the tables in Annexes 5 and 6 - XCE competition formats.

Heat order:

- men first until women come to equal heat system;
- finals: women small final followed by women big final;
- men small final followed by men big final.

Intentional contact by pushing, pulling or other means which causes another competitor to slow down, fall or exit the course is not allowed and results in disqualification **for breach of UCI rules** (DSQ) of the originator.

At the sole discretion of the commissaires' panel, a rider can be announced relegated (REL) and will be given a heat position different to that of his actual finish.

Riders who are DNF, DSQ or DNS in the semi-finals may not enter the small final.

The final classification of the competition is drawn up in groups in the following order:

- 1 all riders competing in the big final, except for riders DSQ.
- 2 all riders competing in the small final, except for riders DSQ.
- 3 riders DNF or DNS in the semi-finals.
- 4 the classification of the other riders is determined by the round reached, then by the classification in their heat, then by their race number.

Within each of the above-mentioned groups, riders DNF are classified before DNS. In case of multiple DNF or DNS, the tiebreaker is the race number.

Riders DNF or DNS in the first round of the main event are listed without classification.

Riders DSQ in the main event are listed without classification.

All riders ranked after a rider DSQ are re-ranked one place higher within the affected phase only. No rider eliminated in an earlier phase can move up in the final classification. For example, in case of a DSQ in the big final, all riders ranked after the DSQ rider will be ranked one place higher and the rank four in the final classification will remain unallocated.

Riders not qualified for the main event are not listed in the final classification.

~~Comments: In case of DSQ, the next riders will move up in the final classification. For example in case of a DSQ in the big final, the winner of the small final will be classified fourth in the final classification.~~

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.01.19)

§ 9 Stage races

4.2.071

Unless decided otherwise by the UCI Management Committee, Stage races are run over at least ~~three-four~~ days, with a maximum of nine days.

Only one stage per day may be run.

In addition, the organiser of a stage race must implement one long distance stage that meet the minimum distance of a cross-country marathon event as per article 4.2.004.

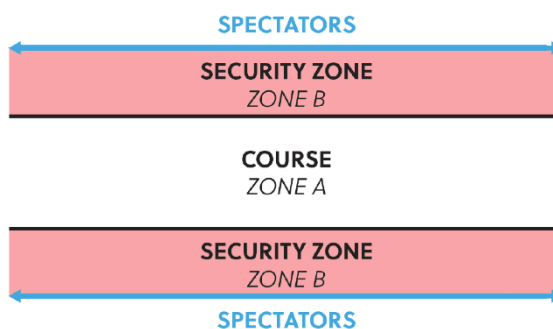
(text modified on 1.01.19)

Chapter III DOWNHILL EVENTS

§ 2 Course

4.3.007 The entire downhill course must be marked and protected **with tape or barriers**, using non-metallic, preferably PVC, stakes (slalom stakes) 1.5 to 2 meters high.

In very fast and dangerous sections, where the riders line is close to the course boundary, B lines must be installed as per diagram:



(text modified on 1.01.17; **1.01.19**)

Chapter IV FOUR CROSS EVENTS

§ 2 Organisation of competition

4.4.009 The final classification of the competition is drawn up in groups in the following order:

- 1 all riders competing in the big final, except for riders DSQ.
- 2 all riders competing in the small final, except for riders DSQ.
- 3 riders DNF or DNS in the semi-finals.
- 4 the classification of the other riders is determined by the round reached, then by the classification in their heat, then by their race number.

Within each of the above-mentioned groups, riders DNF are classified before DNS. In case of multiple DNF or DNS, the tiebreaker is the race number.

Riders DNF or DNS in the first round of the main event are listed without classification.

Riders DSQ in the main event are listed without classification.

All riders ranked after a rider DSQ are re-ranked one place higher within the affected phase only. No rider eliminated in an earlier phase can move up in the final classification. For example, in case of a DSQ in the big final, all riders ranked after the DSQ rider will be ranked one place higher and the rank four in the final classification will remain unallocated.

Riders not qualified for the main event are not listed in the final classification.

When for any reason the 4X main event (elimination heats) needs to be cancelled the results of the qualifying round stands as final result.

Comment: In case of DSQ, the next riders will move up in the final classification. For example in case of a DSQ in the big final, the winner of the small final will be classified fourth in the final classification.

(text modified on 1.01.19)

Chapter V UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE WORLD CUP

§ 1 General

4.5.003 UCI mountain bike world cup events are open to riders corresponding to the following categories and criteria:

Category	One of the below mentioned criteria needs to be fulfilled
XCO - men elite (aged 23 and over) XCO - women elite (aged 23 and over)	1. Having obtained at least 20 UCI points in the UCI XCO individual reference ranking (*). 2. The national federations may enter a maximum of 6 supplementary riders per category. These riders must wear national team clothing.
XCO - men under 23 (ages from 19 to 22)	1. Having obtained at least 40 20 UCI points in the UCI XCO individual reference ranking (*) 2. The national federations may enter a maximum of 6 supplementary riders per category. These riders must wear national team clothing. 3. The national federation of the organizing country may register a supplementary team B of maximum 6 riders (wearing national team clothing)
XCO - women under 23 (ages from 19 to 22)	1. Having obtained at least 20 UCI points in the UCI XCO individual reference ranking (*) 2. The national federations may enter a maximum of 6 supplementary riders per category. These riders must wear national team clothing. 3. The national federation of the organizing country may register a supplementary team B of maximum 6 riders (wearing national outfit required) 4. Riders belonging to a UCI elite MTB Team or a UCI MTB Team
DHI - men elite (aged 19 and over) DHI - women elite (aged 19 and over)	1. Having obtained at least 40 UCI points in the UCI DHI individual reference ranking (*). 2. The national federations may enter a maximum of 3 supplementary riders per category. These riders must wear national team clothing.
DHI - men juniors (aged 17 and 18) DHI – women juniors (aged 17 and 18)	1. Each national federation may enter a maximum of 6 riders per category (wearing national outfit required). 2. The national federation of the organising country may register a supplementary team B of maximum 6 riders (wearing national outfit required). 3. Riders belonging to a UCI elite MTB team or a UCI MTB team.
XCC – men elite (aged 23 and over) XCC – women elite (aged 23 and over)	A maximum of 40 riders per gender (40 men elite and 40 women elite) already registered and confirmed for the elite XCO event taking place during the same week-end shall be allowed to start in the XCC event. The riders shall be selected as per article 4.5.015 to reach a total number of 40 riders per gender. No online registration is required for the XCC event.

	The same bike must be used for XCC and XCO. For XCC, the minimum tyre width must be 45mm.
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(*)The date of such reference rankings is fixed and communicated by the UCI for each event of the UCI mountain bike world cup on the UCI website.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.07.12; 1.11.13; 4.04.14; 1.01.16; 1.01.17; 1.01.18; 1.01.19).

§ 3 Special rules for cross-country events

4.5.015

The start order is determined as follows:

XCC men elite and women elite

1. riders ranked in the top 16 of the most recently published XCO world cup standings (not applicable for the first UCI world cup round of the season)
2. as per the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking

XCO men elite and women elite

1. the riders ranked in the top ~~24~~ 16 of the XCC race result taking place in the current weekend
2. as per the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking.
3. unclassified riders: by drawing lots.

XCO men under 23 and women under 23:

1. riders ranked in the top 16 of the most recently published XCO world cup standings (not applicable for the first UCI world cup round of the season)
2. as per the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking
3. unclassified riders; by drawing lots

Riders who submitted a late registration which was approved by the UCI are allocated the next available highest race number, with the exception of the riders ranked in the top 16 (men elite, women elite, men under 23, women under 23) of the most recent UCI XCO world cup standings for whom the race number is reserved (not applicable for the first UCI world cup round of the season). However, they are called to the start line in the order specified earlier in this article.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.07.12; 1.11.13; 4.04.14; 1.01.16; 1.01.18; 1.01.19).

§ 3 Special rules for downhill events

4.5.021

The start order for the qualifying round or seeding run (women juniors) and the race numbers are determined as follows:

- A. men elite, women elite:
 1. riders ranked in the top 60 men and the top 15 women of the most recently published world cup standings (for the first event, as per the final world cup standings of the previous year), **starting in reverse order.**
 2. as per the most recently published UCI DHI individual ranking.
 3. unclassified riders: ~~by drawing lots random.~~
- B. men juniors, women juniors:
 1. riders ranked in the top 10 men juniors and the top 3 women juniors of the most recently published world cup standings (not applicable for the first UCI world cup round of the season), **starting in reverse order.**

2. as per the most recently published UCI DHI individual ranking, starting in reverse order.
3. unclassified riders by ~~rotation~~ random:

~~The start order of the riders within the team must be confirmed by the teams during the riders' confirmation. The start order among the teams is first determined as follows:~~

- ~~— first, national teams whose order is determined by the nations' classification of the concerned category from the most recent world championships.~~
- ~~— second, unclassified national teams whose order is determined by drawing lots.~~
- ~~— third, UCI elite MTB teams whose order is determined by drawing lots.~~
- ~~— last, UCI MTB Teams whose order is determined by drawing lots.~~

~~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.~~

Riders who submitted a late registration which was approved by the UCI are allocated the next available highest race number, with the exception of the riders ranked in the top 60 men elite, the top 15 women elite, the top 10 men juniors and the top 3 women juniors of the most recent world cup standings for whom the race number is reserved. However, they are called to the start line in the order specified earlier in this article.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.11.13; 4.04.14; 1.01.17; 1.01.18; 1.01.19)

4.5.023

~~The following minimum training program is obligatory:~~ The organiser must ensure that the following minimum training program is provided.

Three days before the final an on foot downhill course inspection period must be provided for the riders. The course must be fully marked and cordoned off.

Two days before the final a training period will be provided plus a timed training session exclusively for the following riders:

1. Men elite ranked in the top 60 of the last world cup standings,
2. Women elite ranked in the top 15 of the last world cup standings,
3. Men junior ranked in the top 10 of the last world cup standings,
4. Women junior ranked in the top 3 of the last world cup standings,
5. Plus any protected riders as per article 4.1.031 not included in points 1 to 4 above.

For the first world cup round of the season, the timed training session will also be open to men junior ranked in the top 10 and women junior ranked in the top 3 of the final world cup standing of the previous season irrespective of whether they are currently men elite or 2nd year junior, as well as the previous year's junior world champions (men and women).

One day before the final a training period will be provided.

A training period that is reserved only for the riders qualified for the finals only must be provided, on the day of the final. This training period must last for at least 60 minutes.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.11.13; 4.04.14; 1.01.17; 1.01.18; 1.01.19)

4.5.031

"Protected riders" to the final are:

1. riders ranked in the top 5 women elite and the top 10 men elite of the final world cup standings of the previous season.
2. the best ranked riders from the current world cup standings, that are not included in point 1 above, until a total of 10 women elite and 20 men elite are reached.
3. If any riders as described under 1. and 2. above do not confirm participation at an event they will not be replaced.
4. Men and women junior riders ranked in the top 3 of the current world cup standings. At the first world cup round of the season 1 there will be no protected junior riders.

For the first UCI MTB world cup round of the season, the top 10 women elite and the top 20 men elite of the final world cup standings of the previous season are “protected” for the final.

They must start in the qualifying round but qualify automatically for the final in any case. If the times of the protected riders are not among the 15 best times for women elite or the 60 best times for men elite, they must ride the final in addition to the 15 women elite and 60 men elite already qualified.

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4.5.033

The start order for the final is determined on the basis of the reverse results of the qualifying round (the fastest rider starting last), except for the protected riders (defined in art. 4.5.031) ~~who will start as the last riders by race number reversed~~ and the fastest 5 men elite and the fastest 2 women elite non-protected riders, who will start as the last group of riders by order of qualifying result, reversed.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 4.04.14; 1.01.16; 1.01.17; 1.01.18; 1.01.19)

Chapitre VII UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE RANKING

4.7.007

The number of points to be awarded is shown in the annexes 2-4.

For the cross-country Olympic (XCO) ranking only the types of events that meet the criteria set out in articles 4.2.001, 4.2.002, 4.2.008, 4.2.010, 4.2.011 to 4.2.013 and the general ranking of stage races are eligible. No UCI points are awarded for the individual stages of stage races.

The downhill ranking is based purely on individual downhill events including enduro events. All enduro, ~~alpine snow bike and pump track events~~ will be considered as class 3 events.

The 4X ranking is calculated from 4X events.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.16; 1.01.19).

Chapter IX UCI ELITE MTB TEAMS

§ 1 Identity

4.9.002

A maximum of 15 UCI elite MTB teams are recognized, on the basis of the UCI MTB team rankings set out as per below:

For the UCI endurance team ranking, the riders individual UCI points in the **first UCI individual ranking of the season 31 December** calculated as per article 4.7.006 will be used to determine the UCI elite MTB endurance team status.

For the UCI gravity team ranking, the final individual world cup standings of the previous year and the world championships results by attributing points as per the table below will be used to determine the UCI elite MTB gravity team status.

Position	World cup final individual standings / World Championships results							
	Men elite		Women elite		Men juniors		Women juniors	
1	50	60	50	50	30	50	6	10
2	49	59	40	40	25	40	4	9
3	48	58	30	38	20	38	2	8
4	47	57	28	36	15	36		7
5	46	56	26	34	12	34		6
6	45	55	24	32	10	32		5
7	44	54	22	30	9	30		4
8	43	53	20	28	8	28		3
9	42	52	15	26	7	26		2
10	41	51	12	24	6	24		1
11	40	50	10	22	5	22		
12	39	49	9	20	4	20		
13	38	48	8	18	3	18		
14	37	47	7	14	2	14		
15	36	46	6	12	1	12		
16	35	45	5	10		10		
17	34	44	4	9		9		
18	33	43	3	8		8		
19	32	42	2	7		7		
20	31	41	1	6		6		
21	30	40		5		5		
22	29	39		4		4		
23	28	38		3		3		
24	27	37		2		2		
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Tied gravity teams have their relative positions determined by the place of their best rider in the final individual world cup standings of the previous year.

Three (3) weekends after the UCI MTB team registration deadline (as defined in article 4.10.011) the UCI will release the above teams ranking linked to the new team composition.

~~A maximum of 15 teams are offered the opportunity to register as a UCI elite MTB team, top 12 in UCI MTB team rankings plus 3 additional teams can be selected at the UCI discretion only.~~

The top 15 ranked teams in the UCI MTB team rankings are offered the opportunity to register as a UCI elite MTB team. If these teams decline the opportunity, then the invitation is offered to the next team in the UCI MTB team ranking. Invitations are only extended to teams ranked in the top 20.

§ 3 Registration

4.9.018 UCI elite MTB teams registered with the UCI receive a series of benefits which include, but are not limited to:

- 1 Priority in the expo zone (stay set up in the expo area throughout duration of event).
- 2 80m2 world cup tech space free of charge.
- 3 Benefits as specified above for UCI MTB marathon series races.
- 4 Team registration directly through UCI, not through national federation.

- 5 Online registration to world cup events for riders in a UCI elite MTB team.
- 6 Priority line riders confirmation at world cup race venue.
- 7 Exemption from entry fees to world cup events for all team riders.
- 8 Exemption from entry fees to any race on the UCI calendar for all team riders with the exception of stage races, UCI MTB marathon series, **eliminator** and enduro events.
- 9 World cup rainbow passes for riders and staff. The passes are issued on a quota based on the number of riders as follows: teams with 2-3 riders obtain 6 passes, teams with 4 riders and more obtain 12 passes.
- 10 1 media access per team at world cup events, indicated on the rainbow pass.
- 11 3 World cup parking passes per team.
- 12 World cup season long feed/technical assistance zone passes.
- 13 Separated space in feed/technical assistance zone.
- 14 UCI elite MTB team page on UCI website.
- 15 Access to the UCI arbitral board for their riders, their paying agents and the UCI elite MTB team's principal partners.
- 16 Information services and publications in addition to the regular distributions.
- 17 On-site services and benefits at major UCI events (including world championships).

(text modified on 1.01.17; **1.01.19**).

Chapter X UCI MTB TEAMS

§ 1 Identity

- 4.10.020** Any contract between a team and a rider must be drawn up in **duplicate** at least ~~three copies~~. One ~~scan original~~ copy must be forwarded to the UCI with exact financial amounts for salary and bonus payments. The confidentiality of these data is ensured.
(text modified on **1.01.19**)

Chapter VIII E-MOUNTAIN BIKE

§ 1 General

- 4.8.001** An E-Mountain Bike is a bike operated with two energy sources, human pedal power and an electric engine, which only provides assistance when the rider is pedaling.

E-Mountain bike events must be organised in accordance with the following bike standards:

- Engine of maximum 250watts
- Engine assistance up to 25km/h
- Pedaling assistance only, although a start-up assistance not exceeding 6km/h without pedaling is allowed
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(article introduced on 1.01.19)

Age category

- 4.8.002** E-Mountain Bike events are open to all riders aged 19 and over and include Masters categories. No separate results must be submitted for the Under 23, Elite or Masters categories.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

Events format and characteristics

4.8.003 E-Mountain Bike events will be organised in the cross-country and Enduro formats only and will be registered as Class 3 events. No UCI points will be awarded for E-Mountain Bike events.

The characteristics and format of each event will be determined in the technical guide for each event.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

Registration

4.8.004 The rider's registration procedure is handled by each organiser of an E-Mountain Bike event.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

Battery

4.8.005 Riders can only use the battery in place on their bike and cannot carry an additional battery during the competition.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

Chapter VI PUMP TRACK

§1 Definition and Nature

4.6.001 A pump track is a track that consists of rollers and steep turns in various sizes and shapes. The rollers and turns are used to generate speed by pumping the bike, not by pedaling. A pump track is built in a way that promotes technical skills. Speed on a pump track is generated by pumping the bike, - not by pedaling and not by gravity. Large flat sections that promote pedaling are to be avoided.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

§2 Categories

4.6.002 International categories are "open men" and "open women". Riders must be 17 years of age in order to compete.

Event organisers are free to have either age or ability categories for other riders.

Categories for children shall follow any age limits set by the local laws.

For participation in events on the international calendar, riders' categories are determined by the age of those competing as defined by the difference between the year of the event and the year of birth of the rider.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

§3 Equipment

Bike

4.6.003

- A minimum wheel size of 20 inches is required for the men and women open categories. Children's categories can use smaller wheels.
- The bike should have at least 1 rear brake.
- No bikes with any kind of automatic transmission, pedal assist motors or engines are allowed.
- No protruding parts on the bike, which can injure other riders (such as pegs) are permitted.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

Clothing and protective accessories

4.6.004

The following clothing and protective gear should be worn by all riders:

- A helmet must be worn properly both when racing and when training on the track. An open face helmet is mandatory while a full-face helmet is recommended.
- A shirt is mandatory while long sleeve shirt and elbow pads are recommended.
- Regular shoes are mandatory, sandals or other open shoes are not permitted.
- Full finger gloves are recommended.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

§4 Course

4.6.005

A pump track can be defined by either a start and a finish, or by a closed circuit design. It is recommended that a pump track has a compact, hard surface that withstands weather and erosion.

Generally, the pump track should be on a flat ground or on a moderate slope. It should include a mixture of rollers and banked turns. The design is free and can include uphill and downhill, as long as "pumping" is more efficient than pedaling. Pedaling shall not be an advantage.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

§5 Competition Format

§1 Race Formats

4.6.006

A competition consists of a free practice session, qualification/timed runs and elimination heats.

Start procedure: riders get ready with one foot on the ground, the other foot on the pedal, with the crank arm pointing towards the ground. If available, a BMX standing gate may also be used without the automated BMX start procedure (no lights and no sound, except for "riders ready").

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

§2 Free practice session

4.6.007 A free practice session must take place on the same day as the competition.

§3 Qualification/timed runs

4.6.008 The qualification shall consist of one or several timed runs by each rider that can be run in 2 formats:

- Flying lap: The rider gets up to speed, time starts running as soon as the rider crosses the start / finish timing unit, time stops when the rider crosses the unit again.
- Standing start: Time starts running as soon as the rider starts at a fixed point or by a starting mechanism, time stops when the rider crosses the finish line.

4.6.009 Timed run

The starting order of the timed run is determined:

A: according to the order in which riders registered for the race, or

B: by the overall standings of the series

- The women's category will be run first, followed by men.
- Each rider shall get at least 1 timed run. Starting in all timed runs is mandatory

Other qualifying formats are allowed. The qualifying formats must be described in the technical guide.

- "Formula 1 qualifying": Riders are allowed to ride during 2 hours on the track. Each lap time will be measured. The fastest single lap counts as the qualifying time.

If a rider shortcuts the track, the rider is automatically disqualified. The parameters of the track will be defined by the commissaire and communicated to all riders on the day of the qualification. This is especially important on tracks that have different line options.

The commissaire has the final decision on rider disqualification.

The qualification rankings can be determined by the fastest single run time of a rider or by the sum of all run times, if several timed runs are held.

- The fastest 32 riders per category progress to the elimination heats.
- if less than 32 riders in a category, 16 riders qualify for the elimination heats.
- if less than 16 riders in a category, 8 riders qualify for the elimination heats.
- if less than 8 riders in a category, 4 riders qualify for the elimination heats.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

§4 Elimination heats

4.6.010 The main event comprises of elimination heats. Riders advancing from the qualification will go head to head in the main event heats.

The main event heats can be run in 3 formats:

- Head to head – Pursuit
- Head to head – Dual
- Solo runs

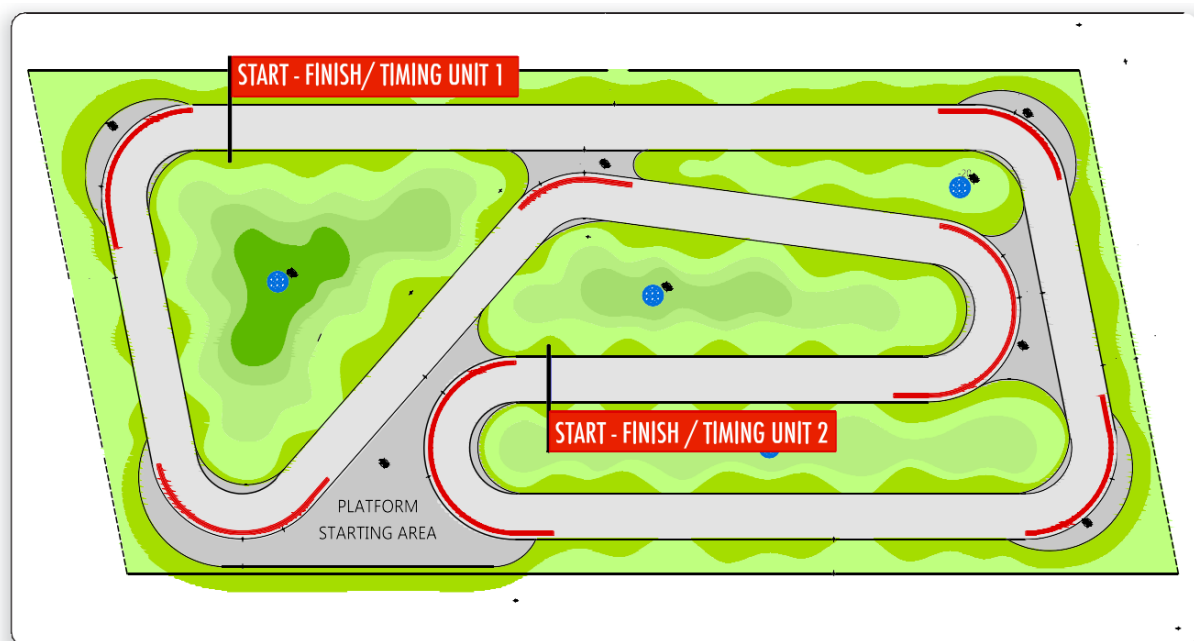
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4.6.011 Head to head - Pursuit

The track needs to be equipped with 2 timing units. Timing units to be placed in co-operation with the commissaire.

- Riders will go head to head riding on the track at the same time.
- The rider with the fastest timed run has priority on their start position (1 or 2).
- The time starts running as soon as the riders cross their start / finish timing line and stops when they cross it again.
- The fastest rider will advance to the next round.

Example of track and timing layout.



4.6.012 Head to head - Dual

The track should be equipped with 2 start mechanisms (preferred).

- Riders will go head to head at the same time.
- Depending on the track layout, this format requires 2 runs per elimination heat (to be defined by the commissaire).
- Run 1: The rider with the fastest timed run will start on the left course, at the same time the other rider starts on the right course. The riders go head to head and they both set a time. The maximum time difference / penalty is 1.5 sec (for example if a rider crashes).
- Run 2: Both riders switch lanes. The riders go head to head for the second time and they both set a 2nd time.
- The combination of both times (left and right course) per rider determines the riders overall time.
- The winner of the heat is the rider with the fastest combined time and they advance to the next round.

Example of track and timing layout.



(article introduced on 1.01.19)

4.6.013 Solo runs

The track should be equipped with one timing unit.

- 2 riders will race against each other, in a separate run on the exact same track.
- The rider with the slowest time qualification time or from previous heat starts first.
- The riders only have 1 run to set a time.
- The rider with the fastest time advances to the next round.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

4.6.014 Rider pairings for the main event heats will be determined based on their ranking following the qualification, the fastest rider from the qualification will go head to head against the 32nd rider (as per competition grid Appendix 3).

The fastest rider from each main event heat advances to the next round, until there are only 2 riders remaining who will compete in the final.

The 2nd place finishers in the semi-finals will go head to head in the small final to determine the 3rd place rider of the qualifier.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

4.6.015 Running order

- Women's rounds followed by men's rounds of 32nd rider
- Starting with rounds of 32nd rider

- Round of 16, round of 8
- Semi-final
- Women small final
- Men small final
- Women big final
- Men big final

Example of competition grid.

EVENT: _____
CLASS: _____

LOCATION: _____
DATE: _____

1st ROUND

Heat 401	
1	
8	

1/4 FINALE

Heat 403	
3	
6	

BIG FINALE

Heat 201	

1/2 FINALS

Heat 201	

1/2 FINALE

Heat 202	

SMALL FINALE

Heat 101	

Heat 402

4	
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Heat 404

2	
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EVENT: _____
CLASS: _____

LOCATION: _____
DATE: _____

1st ROUND

Heat 801	
1	
16	

1/4 FINALE

Heat 401	

Heat 802

6	
11	

BIG FINALE

Heat 201	

1/2 FINALS

Heat 201	

1/2 FINALE

Heat 202	

SMALL FINALE

Heat 101	

Heat 803

5	
12	

Heat 402

Heat 404

Heat 804

4	
13	

1

2ND ROUND

Heat 805	
3	
14	

1/4 FINALE

Heat 403	

Heat 806

8	
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Heat 807

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Heat 808

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EVENT: _____ CLASS: _____	LOCATION: _____ DATE: _____	
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Chapter VII ALPINE SNOW BIKE

§ 1 General

4.7.001 The alpine snow bike is a downhill mountain bike snow event.

The events will be considered as class 3 events. UCI points are awarded in relation to the rider's time. To ensure that this rule is correctly applied, only one combined result need to be sent to the UCI.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

Age Category

4.7.002 The alpine snow bike events are open to all riders from aged 17 or over. All riders therefore enter in the Men Elite and Women Elite categories.

For participation in events on the international calendar, riders' categories are determined by the age of those competing as defined by the difference between the year of the event and the year of birth of the rider.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

Registration

4.7.003 The riders' registration for the events is handled by the organiser.

The number of riders' registered is regulated by the organiser.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

Clothing and protective accessories

4.7.004 The protective accessories are recommended to all competitors according to articles 4.3.012 and 4.3.013.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

Events formats characteristics

4.7.005 The characteristics and format of each event will be determined in the technical guide for each event.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)

Tyres

4.7.006 The day before the competition, the organiser will give information and recommendations about the tyres to be used according to the snow characteristics.

(article introduced on 1.01.19)