

PART 9 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rules amendments applying on **01.01.2021**

Chapter II PARTICIPATION IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

§ 2 Selection of participants by specialty

Mountain Bike

- 9.2.030** The mountain bike world championships shall comprise ~~nine six~~ specialities: the ~~Olympic~~ **Olympic** (XCO), the ~~Marathon~~ **cross-country marathon** (XCM), the ~~cross-country team relay~~ **cross-country team relay** (XCR), the ~~cross-country short track~~ **cross-country short track** (XCC), the ~~crosscountry eliminator~~ **crosscountry eliminator** (XCE), the ~~Individual~~ **downhill individual** (DHI), the ~~four-cross 4-~~ **Cross** (4X), **E-Mountain Bike (E-MTB) and pump track (PUM)**. ~~and the Cross-country Eliminator (XCE).~~

(text modified on 01.01.04; 01.01.06; 01.02.12; 01.01.18, 01.01.21)

- 9.2.031** The categories for which the title of world champion will be awarded are as follows:

XCO	Men Elite (aged 23 and over); Men under 23 (ages from 19 to 22); Women Elite (aged 23 and over); Women under 23 (aged 19 to 22); Men Juniors (aged 17 and 18); Women Juniors (aged 17 and 18);
XCM	Men (aged 19 and over); Women (aged 19 and over);
XCR	Team (aged 17 and over);
XCC	Men (aged 19 and over); Women (aged 19 and over);
XCE	Men (aged 17 and over); Women (aged 17 and over);
DHI	Men Elite (aged 19 and over); Women Elite (aged 19 and over); Men Juniors (aged 17 and 18); Women Juniors (aged 17 and 18);
4X	Men (aged 17 and over); Women (aged 17 and over) ;
E-MTB	Men (aged 19 and over including Masters) Women (aged 19 and over including Masters)
PUM	Men (aged 17 and over) Women (aged 17 and over)

(article introduced on 01.01.04; text modified on 01.01.06; 01.02.12, 01.01.21)

9.2.034 For the Men Elite, Women Elite, Men Under 23 and Men Juniors XCO events and the Men Elite and Men Juniors DHI events, the maximum number of riders (apart from reserves) for each team is determined on the basis of the classification by nation of the previous year's world championships, as per the table below:

Nations ranked	Maximum number of riders (except reserves)
1 to 10 and the host nation	7
11 to 20	6
21 to 30	5
31 or after	4
Unranked nations	3

For the Women Under 23 and Women Juniors XCO events, the Women Elite and Women Juniors DHI events, Men's and Women's 4X events, the maximum number is 7 riders per nation.

Each federation shall be permitted to enter 2 reserves in each category.

For cross-country short track (XCC), each rider selected must already be registered for the cross-country Olympic (XCO) event.

For cross-country eliminator (XCE), each national federation can enter unlimited number of riders per category.

For E-Mountain Bike (E-MTB), the maximum number of riders shall be defined yearly.

For Pump Track (PUM), the criteria for the number of riders as well as registration fees shall be defined yearly.

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9.2.035 For the XCM event, each national federation can enter **6 10** men and **6 10** women.

Supplementary to the **6 10** men and **6 10** women nominated by the national federation, top 20 men and women of each round of the UCI MTB **marathon series** as well as the top 50 of the individual general marathon series ranking obtain a qualification.

All participants must obligatorily wear the national equipment. All riders must be registered by their national federation.

The registration fees (including all taxes and/or insurance contributions) shall be based on the UCI Financial Obligations.

(text modified on 01.01.04; 01.01.06; 01.09.06; 01.02.12; 01.01.18; 01.01.21)

9.2.038 The start order is determined as follows:

XCO Men Elite, XCO Women Elite, XCO Men under 23, XCO Women under 23, XCC Men and XCC Women

1. As per the last published UCI XCO individual ranking.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

XCO Men Juniors, XCO Women Juniors

1. As per the last published UCI XCO juniors individual ranking.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

DHI Men Elite, DHI Women Elite

For the qualifying round and the final:

1. As per the last published UCI DHI individual ranking. The best rider starting last.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

DHI Men Juniors, DHI Women Juniors

For the qualifying round and the final:

1. As per the last published UCI DHI individual ranking. The best rider starting last.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

For all DHI events (Men Elite, Women Elite, Men Juniors and Women Juniors), riders are required to ride in the qualifying round. The number of riders qualifying for the final are as follows:

- Men Elite: top 80 riders in the qualifying round
- Women Elite: top 40 riders in the qualifying round
- Men Juniors: top 60 riders in the qualifying round
- Women Juniors: top 15 riders in the qualifying round

For the final in the Men Elite and Women Elite, the “protected riders” are:

- Riders ranked in the top 10 Women Elite and the top 20 Men Elite of the final world cup standings of the current season.

In case the UCI mountain bike world cup final is held after the UCI mountain bike world championships, riders ranked in the top 10 Women Elite and the 20 Men Elite of the latest world cup standings of the current season.

Event “protected riders” must start in the qualifying round in order to be entitled to ride the final.

4X Men, 4X Women (Qualifying Round)

1. As per the last published UCI 4X individual ranking. The best rider starting first.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

(*) The start order of the riders within the team must be confirmed by the national federations during the riders’ confirmation. Taking each nation in turn on the basis of the classification by nation of the concerned category from the most recent mountain bike world championships, a place is allocated to the next rider in sequence. Unclassified nations take, on the basis of the same rotation system, the next places in an order determined by drawing lots.

E-MTB Men, E-MTB Women

The start order for E-MTB shall be defined yearly.

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9.2.040 The start order for riders in the world cross-country marathon championship shall be as follows:

- the reigning XCM world champion
- the reigning XCO Elite and under 23 world champions
- the reigning Olympic mountain bike champion
- the ~~first 50 of the~~ latest UCI **MTB** marathon ~~series~~ ranking
- the ~~first 50 of the~~ latest UCI XCO individual ranking
- ~~other riders as per the latest UCI MTB marathon series ranking;~~
- ~~subsequently, as per the latest UCI XCO individual ranking;~~
- by drawing lots for the other riders.

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