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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 I8 of the [USA Cycling Rule Book](#).

Athletes may not preview courses outside of scheduled pre-ride times and without 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 entirely at your 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](#).

Riders in their last semester/quarter and not enrolled full-time, please see USAC regulation 6C1(b) for additional information on eligibility. Riders will not be allowed to start their races without this form.

All 2025 Collegiate Mountain Bike results will be honored for Club and Varsity. There will be no separation between Division I and Division II for results and awards presentations.

MEMBERSHIP/LICENSING

Athletes must hold a Collegiate Category A Race License in the discipline of entry (endurance, DH, DS).

Each license allows for promotion to higher categories according to certain guidelines. Please see [Policy VIII Race Category Upgrading and Downgrading](#) for information.

COLLEGITAE ELIGIBILTiy & QUALIFICATIONS

- Teams may enter no more than 12 unique males and 12 unique females to any single national championship event.
- 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.
- Riders must have compete as 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.
- For 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 place in the individual omnium, riders must score points in at least one endurance event and at least one gravity event.

Questions on eligibility and the qualification process should be directed to Vanessa Drummond at vdummond@usacycling.org.

CALL UPS

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 should be directed to Vanessa Drummond at vdummond@usacycling.org.

DOWNHILL START POLICY

Downhill riders must have complete one full walking inspection **and** two practice runs prior to the start of their seeding run. 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 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 may 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

One representative of each team starts the race and at the end of each lap, there is an exchange with another rider. The race will be 4 laps long, and riders may not do consecutive laps. Exchanges are mandatory for 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 start/finish, 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 teammates have crossed the finish line in the other lane.

The Team Relay event counts toward the team omnium only.

During 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.