



**MOUNTAIN BIKE
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
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Due to a lack of racing over around the country the last year and the unknown COVID restrictions during the planning process, we have tried to be as inclusive as possible given the circumstances. Since that time, COVID restrictions have been reduced and we have obtained our desired cross country start and we are increasing the final field of both 15-16 and 17-18 men's cross country races to 120 riders. In the case that registration exceeds that number we will run heats following the below procedure.

15-16 and 17-18 Men's XC Heat Procedure

If any of the races' final registration is over 120 riders, all riders will be required to compete in qualifying heat races on July 8.

The riders will be separated into two qualifying heats based on whether they would have an odd or even call up within a full field call up. Without knowing how many riders will be registered when registration closes, we do not know how many riders will be in each qualifying heat. We will take 120 riders to the final races on July 9.

The call up procedure for the 15-16 men's qualifier heats will be as follows:

Aged up National Champion, USAC ranking, then random for riders without any rankings.

The call up procedure for the 15-16 men's final race will be as follows:

Finisher 1 in qualifying heat 1, finisher 1 in qualifying heat 2, finisher 2 in qualifying heat 1, finisher 2 in qualifying heat 2, and so on.

The call up procedure for the 17-18 men's qualifier heats will be as follows:

Aged up National Champion, UCI XCO ranking, USAC ranking, then random for riders without any other rankings.

The call up procedure for the 17-18 men's final race will be as follows:

Finisher 1 in qualifying heat 1, finisher 1 in qualifying heat 2, finisher 2 in qualifying heat 1, finisher 2 in qualifying heat 2, and so on. Riders with UCI XCO points who do not finish within the top 50 of the qualifying heats will move on to the final race as protected riders. These riders must finish the qualifying race in order to maintain a protected status. They will start after the 100 riders who placed within the top 50 in the qualifying heats based on their finish place in the qualifying heats.

Qualifying races will be run on the Blue XC course and the total number of laps will be two.

If qualifying heats are not used the following call up procedures will be in place for the final races:

The call up procedure for the 15-16 men's:

Aged up National Champion, USAC ranking, then random for riders without any rankings.

The call up procedure for the 17-18 men's:

Aged up National Champion, UCI XCO ranking, USAC ranking, then random for riders without any other rankings.