

Based on rulebook regulation, 7G4(b), if any of the 20 min plus 3 lap races' final registration is over 50 riders, all riders will be required to compete in qualifying heat races in order to have a final 50-person final race. Information regarding qualifying procedure and final races is below.

STXC Qualifying Heat Procedure

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. The number of riders qualifying from each heat will be determined based on the final registration number, with the goal of a 50-rider final on the listed date and time on the event schedule.

Call Up Procedures

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

Defending national champion, aged-up national champion, previous year podium, STXC rankings, USAC rankings.

The call up procedure for the **15-16 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 until a 50-person final field is met.

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

Defending national champion, aged-up national champion, previous year podium, UCI XCO ranking, STXC rankings, USAC XC rankings.

The call up procedure for the **17-18 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 until a 50-person final field is met.

The call up procedure for the **U23 and elite qualifier heats** will be as follows:

Defending national champion, UCI XCO ranking, STXC rankings, ProXCT rankings, USAC XC rankings.

The call up procedure for the **U23 and elite 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 until a 50-person final field is met.

Qualifying races will be run on the STXC course and riders will compete in a 10 min plus 1 lap race.

The final start lists will be posted the evening before finals. In the event that a qualified rider is unable to compete in the final race, the next finisher from that qualifying heat will be added to the final start list.

If qualifying heats are not used the call up procedure can be found in the rules and qualification document posted on the event website under additional information.