



MOUNTAIN BIKE
MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN, CA

RULES AND QUALIFICATION

July 14-19
2015

The 2015 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships will crown National Champions in both endurance and gravity mountain bike events. This document contains qualification requirements for both disciplines of events. Scroll down or [click here for qualification requirements for ENDURANCE EVENTS](#). Scroll down or [click here for qualification requirements for GRAVITY EVENTS](#).

USA CYCLING MOUNTAIN BIKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (ENDURANCE EVENTS)

The USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships will determine the United States National Champions in Juniors Age Classes, Juniors Category 1, Category 1 Age Classes, Masters Age Classes, U23, and Pro in the following disciplines: Cross-Country (XC), Short-Track Cross-Country (STXC) and Singlespeed (SS). National Competition races will be held for Category 2 & 3 athletes in the Cross-Country (XC) discipline.

DISCIPLINES

Cross-Country (XC)	A mass start competition held on a circuit course comprising forest roads, singletrack, or field trails and unpaved dirt or gravel roads.
Short-Track Cross-Country (STXC)	A shortened cross-country style race, designed to be spectator-friendly and easily televised. The course should be 3-4 mins per lap. Race times are 10/20 mins + 3 laps.
Singlespeed (SS)	Singlespeed is any type of bicycle possessing only one rear cog and one front chain ring. There is no means of altering the gear ratio in any way for the duration of the race.

CATEGORIES AND CLASSES

CROSS-COUNTRY (XC) CATEGORY 1, 2 & 3

Male

Pro/Elite	Qualification not required
U23 (racing age 19-22, no category restrictions)	Qualification not required
Juniors ages 14 & under (no category restrictions)	Qualification not required
Masters ages 55+ (no category restrictions)	Qualification not required
Ages 15-54 (category 1, 2, 3)	Must qualify

Female

Pro/Elite	Qualification not required
U23 (racing age 19-22)	Qualification not required
Juniors ages 14 & under (no category restrictions)	Qualification not required
Masters ages 50+ (no category restrictions)	Qualification not required
Ages 15-49 (category 1, 2, 3)	Must qualify

SHORT-TRACK CROSS-COUNTRY (STXC) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

Qualification not required

SINGLESPEED (SS) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

Qualification not required (no category restrictions)

CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCY/LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Championships for UCI Classes (XC)	Category 1 Juniors 17-18, U23, and Pro (Elite) competitors must be United States citizens. A birth certificate or passport will only be acceptable proof of citizenship, if requested.
Domestic Championships (XC, STXC, SS)	The Juniors competitors 16 years old and younger, Seniors (19-29), and Masters (30+) competing in the Category 1 amateur races must be a United States citizen or permanent resident.
Licensing	All riders must have a current annual USA Cycling (mountain bike) license and be in good standing.

QUALIFICATION PERIOD

The qualifying period will begin the first Saturday after the 2014 USA Cycling Cross-Country Mountain Bike National Championships and end the last Sunday before the 2015 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships.

Qualification Start Date: July 26, 2014

Qualification End Date: July 12, 2015

QUALIFYING EVENTS

Riders wishing to compete in a qualification-required race must do so in one of the following ways:

USA Cycling Mountain Bike State or Regional Championship	Top 15 riders in each category and age-group (class)
American Mountain Bike Challenge (AMBC)	Top 15 riders in each category and age-group (class)
Pro Mountain Bike XC Tour (ProXCT)	Top 15 riders in each category and age-group (class)
Mountain Bike Development Race Series (MDRS)	Top 15 riders in each category for ages 15-18.
USA Cycling Junior Development Camps	The top-six riders from each USA Cycling Junior Development Regional Mountain Bike Camp.
Defending USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Champions	All defending National Champions in XC are automatically qualified to compete.
USA Cycling sanctioned Cross Country (XC) Mountain Bike Events	Riders competing in any three (3) USA Cycling sanctioned Cross Country (XC) Mountain Bike events will qualify to compete. Riders aged 15-18 must compete in any one (1) USA Cycling sanctioned Cross Country (XC) Mountain Bike event to compete.

QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES AND RULES
COMPETITION RACING AGE

Riders will compete in their respective age-group based on their official racing age determined on December 31, 2015.

U23 RIDER ELIGIBILITY

Any racer between the racing ages of 19-22 who wishes to race in the U23 race does not need to qualify for that race. The U23 XC race will be competed on the Pro course and within the designated UCI projected finish times.

PRO RIDERS – MASTERS AGE GROUPS

Pro riders who are 30 years old and older (Masters), may not 'race-down' to Category 1 in order to win an age-group title.

RIDERS QUALIFIED IN MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY IN SAME DISCIPLINE

Riders who have qualified in more than one category (i.e. qualified in Category 2, then upgraded to Category 1 and re-qualified), must compete in the highest category they have qualified in.

MASTERS & JUNIORS QUALIFYING IN SAME CATEGORY/DIFFERENT AGE-GROUP

Masters and Juniors racers qualifying in a different age group and same ability category will be eligible to compete in their official racing age group and category at National Championships.

CATEGORY 2 & 3 – UPGRADED BEFORE COMPETITION

Category 2 and 3 riders who have met the upgrading requirements (as defined in the 2015 USA Cycling Rulebook) may compete in one of these categories at the USA Cycling Cross-Country Mountain Bike National Championships, but may do so for this event only. After the National Championships, they must upgrade to at least the next highest category.

QUALIFIED RIDER LIST

Qualified rider lists will be posted to the USA Cycling event webpage as they are determined.

QUALIFIED RIDER LIST – NOTIFICATION EMAIL

USA Cycling licensed riders who have a current license, active USA Cycling online membership account, and have opted-in to receive emails from USA Cycling, will receive an email notification when they have qualified.

QUALIFIED RIDER LIST – RACE RESULTS SUBMISSION

Qualification events are required to submit race results to USA Cycling within seven (7) business days of their event (some within 24-hours of conclusion of qualification event). If results are not submitted to USA Cycling and posted on the USA Cycling website, riders will not appear on the qualified rider list. Please contact the race director if results are not posted to www.usacycling.org.

XC CALL-UP PROCEDURES

Category	Total Number & Order of Priority
Pro/Elite	UCI rankings, Defending National Champion (if not yet called up), ProXCT rankings, USAC rankings
U23 / Cat 1 Juniors 17-18	UCI rankings, Defending National Champion (if not yet called up), ProXCT rankings, USAC rankings
Cat 1 15-16, 19-54 men/women	Defending cat 1 National Champion + 15: USAC cat 1 rankings in age group
Juniors 14 and under	Defending National Champion + 15: USAC rankings in age group
Masters 55+ men / 50+ women	Defending National Champion + 15: USAC rankings in age group

USA CYCLING MOUNTAIN BIKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (GRAVITY EVENTS)

The USA Cycling Mountain Bike Gravity National Championships will determine the United States National Champions in Junior Age Classes, Junior Category 1, Category 1 Age Classes, and Pro in the following disciplines: Downhill (DH), Dual Slalom (DS) and Enduro. National Competition races will be held for Category 2 & 3 athletes in the Downhill (DH) discipline.

DISCIPLINES

Downhill (DH)	A gravity time trial competition consisting of riders racing one at a time, against the clock, down a trail, jeep road, or fire road, or a combination of all three. Downhill races are generally technically challenging with courses often featuring a combination of high speeds, jumps, drop-offs, and other technical features.
Dual Slalom (DS)	A gated gravity competition where two competitors race head-to-head down two similar, but separate, courses. Following a qualification round, riders race against each other in an elimination format (heats) to determine a winner. Dual Slalom courses often feature bermed corners, jumps, and other technical trail features.
Enduro	An extended timed descent or multiple timed descents in single or multiple stages over one or more days.

CATEGORIES AND CLASSES

DOWNHILL (DH) CATEGORY 1, 2 & 3

Male

Pro	Qualification not required
Juniors ages 14 & under (no category restrictions)	Qualification not required
Ages 55+ (no category restrictions)	Qualification not required
Ages 15-54 (category 1, 2, 3)	Must qualify

Female

Pro	Qualification not required
Juniors ages 14 & under (no category restrictions)	Qualification not required
Ages 50+ (no category restrictions)	Qualification not required
Ages 15-49 (category 1, 2, 3)	Must qualify

DUAL SLALOM (DS) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

Qualification not required

ENDURO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

Qualification not required

CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCY/LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Championships for UCI Classes (DH)	Category 1 Juniors 17-18 and Pro competitors must be United States citizens. A birth certificate or passport will only be acceptable proof of citizenship, if requested.
Domestic Championships (DH, DS)	The Juniors competitors 16 years old and younger, Seniors (19-29), and Masters (30+) competing in the amateur races must be a United States citizen or permanent resident.
Licensing	All riders must have a current annual USA Cycling (mountain bike) license and be in good standing.

QUALIFICATION PERIOD

The qualifying period will begin the first Saturday after the 2014 USA Cycling Gravity Mountain Bike National Championships and end the last Sunday before the 2015 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships.

Qualification Start Date: June 28, 2014

Qualification End Date: July 12, 2015

QUALIFYING EVENTS

Riders wishing to compete in a qualification-required race must do so in one of the following ways:

USA Cycling Mountain Bike State or Regional Championship	Top 15 riders in each category and age-group/class
Pro Mountain Bike Gravity Tour (ProGRT)	Top 15 riders in each category and age-group/class
USA Cycling Junior Development Camps	The top-six riders from each USA Cycling Junior Development Regional Mountain Bike Camp.



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COMPETITION RACING AGE	
Riders will compete in their respective age-group based on their official racing age determined on December 31, 2015.	
PRO RIDERS – MASTERS AGE GROUPS	
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MASTERS & JUNIORS QUALIFYING IN SAME CATEGORY/DIFFERENT AGE-GROUP	
Masters and Juniors racers qualifying in a different age group and same ability category will be eligible to compete in their official racing age group and category at National Championships.	
UPGRADED BEFORE COMPETITION	
Category 2 riders who have met the mandatory upgrading requirements to category 1 (as defined in the 2015 USA Cycling Rulebook), but who have not then qualified as a category 1, may still compete in the category 2 race at the USA Cycling Gravity Mountain Bike National Championships, but may do so for this event only. After the National Championships, they must upgrade to, and compete as, category 1.	
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