

## Updated rules and regulations for the 2020 Mountain Bike season further to the Covid-19 pandemic

### 2020 UCI Mountain Bike International Calendar

Further to the many changes because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the UCI Mountain Bike International Calendar is regularly updated and published on the UCI website.

[Link to the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike International Calendar](#)

You can also keep track of the postponed or cancelled events on the UCI Website [dedicated page](#).

### UCI MTB Rankings

- The UCI MTB rankings will be calculated again, respectively published from **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August onwards** and will include the UCI points awarded at events registered in the UCI MTB International Calendar taking place from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 onwards.
- The calculation of the UCI MTB rankings will have 67 weeks included (usual 52 weeks + 15 weeks of suspension of competition) from 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 until 29 June 2021.

### Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games – Qualification Systems

As announced on 15 May ([see press release](#)) the updated qualification systems for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, is as follows:

- The points awarded at two rounds of the UCI World Cup during the 2021 season will be added to those taken into account in the **ranking of 3 March 2020**. The rounds are still to be determined and will be communicated at a later date.

Link to the [Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games - Mountain Bike - Revised Qualification System](#)

### 2020 UCI Junior Series - XCO

The calendar of the UCI Junior Series - XCO is updated and published on the UCI website.

[Link to the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike International Calendar](#)

The entry criteria for the 2020 UCI Junior Series will be as follows:

- Entry is open to any UCI Junior license holder (no UCI points is needed)

### 2020 Mountain Bike National Championships

As announced in the [UCI newsletter #76 - May 2020](#), the UCI will leave National Federations free to decide the dates of their Mountain Bike National Championships (except on dates where UCI World Championships or UCI World Cup events will take place) ; the UCI points awarded for National Championships will be integrated into the UCI Ranking on 31 December 2020.

Please send the new date or the information about potential cancellation of your National Championships to [offroad@uci.ch](mailto:offroad@uci.ch).

## Entry ranking for the 2020 Mercedes-Benz UCI Mountain Bike World Cups

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 ranking will be used for the entire season
- For riders not having obtained the required UCI points in the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 ranking but having reached the required UCI points in the latest published ranking before registration opens, NFs/Teams can request an entry by sending an email to [offroad@uci.ch](mailto:offroad@uci.ch)
- First year MU riders belonging to a UCI Elite MTB Team or a UCI MTB Team can register
- For double round events, such as Nove Mesto na Morave (CZE), Maribor (SLO) and Lousa, online registration must be done only once and will be valid for both events.

→ [Link](#) to the online registration deadlines

→ [Link](#) to the online registration platform

## Entry list at the 2020 Mercedes-Benz UCI Mountain Bike World Cups

### Cross-country:

The start order is determined as follows:

XCC men elite and women elite

1. riders ranked in the top 16 of the most recently published XCO world cup standings (not applicable for the first UCI world cup round of the season)
2. as per the UCI XCO individual ranking published on 03.03.2020

XCO men elite and women elite

1. the riders ranked in the top 24 of the XCC race result taking place in the current weekend
2. as per the UCI XCO individual ranking published on 03.03.2020
3. unclassified riders: by drawing lots.

XCO men under 23 and women under 23:

1. riders ranked in the top 16 of the most recently published XCO world cup standings (not applicable for the first UCI world cup round of the season)
2. as per the UCI XCO individual ranking published on 03.03.2020
3. unclassified riders; by drawing lots

Riders who submitted a late registration which was approved by the UCI are allocated the next available highest race number, with the exception of the riders ranked in the top 16 (men elite, women elite, men under 23, women under 23) of the most recent UCI XCO world cup standings for whom the race number is reserved (not applicable for the first UCI world cup round of the season). However, they are called to the start line in the order specified earlier in this article.

### Downhill:

The start order for the qualifying round or seeding run (women juniors) and the race numbers are determined as follows:

Men Elite, Women Elite:

1. riders ranked in the top 60 men and the top 15 women of the most recently published world cup standings (for the first event, as per the final world cup standings of the previous year), starting in reverse order.
2. as per the UCI DHI individual ranking published on 03.03.2020.
3. unclassified riders: random.

Men Juniors, Women Juniors:

1. riders ranked in the top 10 men juniors and the top 3 women juniors of the most recently published world cup standings (not applicable for the first UCI world cup round of the season), starting in reverse order.
2. as per the UCI DHI individual ranking published on 03.03.2020, starting in reverse order.
3. unclassified riders by random:

Riders who submitted a late registration which was approved by the UCI are allocated the next available highest race number, with the exception of the riders ranked in the top 60 men elite, the top 15 women elite, the top 10 men juniors and the top 3 women juniors of the most recent world cup standings for whom the race number is reserved. However, they are called to the start line in the order specified earlier in this article.

*The rules above are transitional in nature and destined to apply only to address the exceptional circumstances cause by the Covid-19 pandemic. These rules may also have to be amended to adapt to the evolution of the situation, including in particular the issuance of rules and restrictions by competent authorities and the actual extent of events held during the 2020 season. Relevant communications shall be issued in due course. Given the uncertainty regarding the resumption of competitions as planned, all stakeholders are invited to consider the different assumptions that could materialise.*