



MOUNTAIN BIKE MODULE 7 – CHIEF REFEREE



Purpose

The purpose of this module is to provide the Mountain bike official with the necessary information required to be a Chief Referee at events. The module serves as part of the training necessary for Level C Mountain Bike Officials for advancement to Level A Mountain Bike Official and must be completed before a Level C Official can accept an appointment as Chief Referee of any Category A or B Mountain Bike event.

The Chief Referee of an event is the manager of the officials and is responsible to oversee the sporting aspects of the event. It requires at least a basic understanding of what those other duties entail, and some experience in dealing with race incidents.

Required reading

- 1) Current *USA Cycling Rulebook*
 - a) Chapter 1: General Regulations
 - b) Chapter 5: Mountain Biking
 - c) Chapter 8: Discipline
- 2) *USA Cycling Race Officials Manual – Part I General Principles*
 - a) Chapter I Section F. Basic Duties of Chief Officials
 - b) Chapter 7 – Basic Duties of Chief Officials
- 3) *USA Cycling Officials Manual – Part IV - Mountain Bike Officiating*
- 4) *UCI Practical Guide for Mountain Bike Commissaires*
- 5) *UCI Mountain Bike Regulations*

Prerequisites

- 1) Level C Official
- 2) Completion of Mountain Bike Modules 1 through 6.
- 3) Module Pre-Test (Excel workbook)

Goals

After successful completion of this module, the Level C Mountain Bike Official will be able to demonstrate the following:

- 1) Review a race announcement for accuracy.
- 2) Determine the number and designation of officials needed for a specific event.
- 3) Meet with the race organizer to plan pre-race requirements.
- 4) Make appropriate calls and decisions concerning sporting aspects of MTB events.

Criteria for Successful Completion

- 1) Complete the worksheets for this module
- 2) Work with a Chief Referee on pre-race planning for a regional MTB or CX event
 - a) Observe pre-race communications between an experienced Chief Referee and the race organizer.
 - b) Observe pre-race communications between the Chief Referee and the officiating crew.
 - c) Assist the Chief Referee in pre-race planning
- 3) Understand and be able to effectively manage the responsibilities of the Chief Referee from the beginning of receiving an assignment through the completion of the event.
- 4) Demonstrate the ability to carefully review a race flier or technical guide, paying attention to the important details.
- 5) **When complete, return to your Local Administration Officials' Coordinator.**



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TASK TO BE COMPLETED

Work with the assigned Chief Referee on all phases of planning for an event.

1. Use your USAC Regulations, the Schedule of Fees, and pertinent local association rules to review the race announcement. Discuss any suggested changes with the Chief Referee.

CR: _____ Event: _____
 Date(s) _____ Permit #: _____

Check all that apply:

- XC STXC Team Relay Super D Marathon
 Downhill Dual Slalom 4X Other: _____

CR Signature: _____

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2. Observe pre-race communications between an experience Chief Referee and the race organizer.	_____	_____
3. Observe pre-race communications between the Chief Referee and the officiating crew.	_____	_____
4. Assist the Chief Referee in pre-race planning	_____	_____
5. Complete the Reports of Occurrence for an event. Collect corresponding rider waivers.	_____	_____
6. Complete a post-event CR Report for the event. Use the downloadable .pdf https://www.usacycling.org/forms/MTB-OfficialsReport.pdf	_____	_____
7. If there are issues you feel need to be discussed with the race organizer, please explain.		
8. How many officials will you need to run this event?		
9. What assignments will you give your officials?		
10. Suggest a bib number distribution for an event with the following categories. Assume you have bib numbers 1-699 available. The number of estimated maximum riders per category based on pre-registration appears in [brackets].		
Juniors (10-18) [20]		Masters Women 35+ [15]
Masters Wmn 35+/Cat+ 4 [20]		Masters Men 45+/55+ [40]
Women Cat 4 [30]		Women Cat 1/2/3 [30]
Men Cat 4 [80]		Men Pro Cat 1/2 [99]
Men Cat 3 [80]		
Masters Men 35+ [40]		