Individuals attempting to pre-view the course prior to the event or any scheduled practice day may encounter hazards including incomplete course construction or obstructions. The course may also cross private property.

Athletes may not preview courses outside of scheduled pre-ride times. No preview access to any of the courses during these times is allowed without athletes having completed registration, including signing the event waiver and receiving their number. Number plates must be displayed while on course. Any riding of the course outside official times is done so entirely at their own risk and may result in disqualification.”

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### ELIGIBILITY AND GENERAL RULES

Below is a brief summary of the eligibility and general rules for USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships. Full rules can be found in Chapter 7, Section I9 of the USA Cycling Rule Book.

To compete, all riders/teams must bring this form with them to packet pick-up: [USA Cycling Collegiate National Championship eligibility verification form](#).

#### LICENSING

Riders must currently hold an annual USA Cycling collegiate license. Rider’s will need to be listed as a cat A in their discipline of choice (Endurance, DH, DS) before they will be eligible to register.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

To register for the event, each rider’s conference director must first check off that the rider has met both the minimum race requirements (#3-5 below), and qualified for one of the conference’s allocated start spots (#6 below).

To compete in the endurance races, riders need to have competed as a category A rider in three (5 for varsity) conference mass start endurance races that season.

To compete in the dual slalom race, riders must have competed as a category A rider in three (5 for varsity) conference gravity races (4X, DS, or DH – Super D does not count) that season.
To compete in the downhill race, riders must have competed as a category A rider in three (5 for varsity) conference gravity races that season, and at least two of those races must have been downhill races.

To compete in the team relay, riders must have competed in at least one conference individual mass-start race that season. Riders can be of any category.

Each conference is allocated a finite number of start spots in the endurance races, you can find the allocations here. To earn one of these spots, in addition to the minimum requirements (#3-5 above), riders must rank highly enough in the conference either as a team or individual. Each conference determines differently how many of these spots go to teams and how many go to individuals, so ask your conference director or team leader for details. If you don’t think you will earn enough points either as a team or individual to qualify, there may be extra start spots available from other conferences, so ask your conference director.

Teams may enter a total of 12 men and 12 women at the national championship.

Teams may enter up to 6 riders in each race except for the cross country event which can have up to 8 riders and the team relay which is limited to 4 riders.

To place in the individual omnium, riders must score points in at least one endurance event and at least one gravity event.

**CALL UPS AND DOWNHILL START POLICY**

Call-ups: Call-ups will be performed according to rule 7I3, and will be posted with start lists the night before the event. **Please note that if a team has a rider in the front row as a conference champion, that team is left out of the first wave of call-ups, so that every team has one rider on the line before a second is called from any team.**

**Any protests to or questions about call-ups can be directed to Justin Evans, USA Cycling Racing Operations Manager, at 719-434-4263 or jevans@usacycling.org.**

Downhill riders must have two practice runs prior to the start of their seeding run. In order to advance to finals riders must start their seeding run. Finals will be run based on slowest to fastest seeding.

Racers who miss their assigned start time through no fault of the officials or organizers will not be allowed to start their run until the last rider of either their own category, depending on available time gaps between categories, this is at the discretion of race management and officials. The rider’s race clock will have been started at his or her assigned start time and will not be adjusted, and no new start time will be assigned.
TEAM RELAY GUIDELINES

Each team will have up to four riders with at least one woman and one man, and no more than two men or two women. Potential team compositions would be: WM; WMM; WWM; WWMM

One representative of each team starts the race and at the end of each lap, there is an exchange to another rider. The race will be 4 laps long and riders may not do consecutive laps, so exchanges are mandatory each lap, even if a team has fewer than four riders.

Two laps must be completed by women.

The exchange area is just before the S/F, with the course divided into two lanes. Riders finishing their lap will funnel into one lane, and from the other lane, riders waiting to start their lap will start moving once their teammate has crossed the finish line in the other lane.

The event counts toward the team omnium only.

At each race, all riders for a team must wear similar team jerseys with the school’s name displayed. Shorts must be of their team or blank. For podium presentations, riders must wear team or school clothing or jerseys. Penalties can vary from a fine to a disqualification.

Questions on the eligibility and qualification process for USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships should be directed to Justin Evans, USA Cycling Racing Operations Manager, at 719-434-4263 or jevans@usacycling.org.