

**Rules Page for Collegiate MTB National Championships**  
**October 16-18, 2009**

1. You must be the proper category at the time of registration.
2. You must have the appropriate annual USA Cycling license **BEFORE** you can register. The most current database will be used, when the rider is registering, to determine if the rider has a current, appropriate USA Cycling license. The registration process will not be final until verification of a license.
3. USA Cycling-Mountain racing regulations are in effect for Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championship.
4. Separate Races will be held for Division I and Division II at Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championship.
5. There are no citizenship requirements for collegiate national championships.
6. All rules cited in this document and used for the event are USA Cycling Collegiate Cycling rules found here: <https://www.usacycling.org/news/user/story.php?id=369>
7. All collegiate clubs must be current members of USA Cycling. There will be **NO** club licensing on site at the national championships.
8. Full-time students participating in the national championships must submit proof of eligibility (Collegiate Cycling Eligibility Verification form, found here: [http://www.usacycling.org/forms/collegiate/collegiate\\_nationals\\_eligibility\\_form.pdf](http://www.usacycling.org/forms/collegiate/collegiate_nationals_eligibility_form.pdf)). It is also available from your conference director.
9. Each rider must be enrolled as a "full-time student", as defined by their School, and must be in good standing financially, academically and disciplinarily, during the following relevant Championship Eligibility Period: Fall Session of the same calendar year. Or, if a rider is eligible during the conference season, they are eligible for nationals.
10. For each division, Conferences qualify for start spots in a National Championship Race as follows: (a) first the host Team (if any) qualifies the number of Riders a Team may enter in that Race, so long as this Team and its Riders otherwise meet the eligibility requirements contained in the Rules; then (b) each Conference qualifies the number of Riders a Team may enter in that Race; then (c) each Conference qualifies a single male and female Rider; then (d) each Conference qualifies a total number of Riders equal to (i) the percentage of the total number of Riders in that division that are recorded in USA Cycling membership files on December 31 of the previous year as being members of Teams that are members of that Conference, multiplied by (ii) the field limit of such Race reduced by the number of Riders qualified pursuant to subsections (a)-(c) of this Section.
11. Each Team may enter six Riders in each Race at the Collegiate Cycling Mountain Bike National Championship as follows: until the field limit of the Race is met or the Team has entered six Riders, each Team may enter (in the Order of Call-Up) one Rider at a time.

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12. For purposes of determining the Team omnium, only the top three point-scoring Riders for each Team in each Race may score points. Any lower scoring Riders for each Team are both placed and scored and any points they score are used to determine the Rider omnium.
13. To compete in a National Championship in a Discipline in which a conference offers conference competition, with the exception of track and cyclocross, a Rider from such Conference, must have competed in two A races during the conference season. For Disciplines without Conference competition and for track and cyclocross, qualification shall be set at the discretion of the Conference Director.
14. To compete in an Endurance Race at a mountain bike National Championship, a Rider must have either: (a) Competed in the Endurance Race at their conference championships as a category A Rider and must have competed in at least one other Endurance Race in the current conference mountain bike season as a category A Rider; or (b) Competed as a category A Rider in their final three conference Endurance Races during the current season. A Rider may petition the Board of Trustees if their Conference schedule prohibits meeting these qualification requirements.
15. To compete in a Gravity Race at a mountain bike National Championship, a Rider must have either: (a) Competed in the Gravity Races at their conference championships as a category A Rider and must have competed in at least one other Gravity Race in the current conference mountain bike season as a category A Rider, or (b) Competed as a category A Rider in their final three conference Gravity Races during the current conference mountain bike season.
16. A Rider may petition the Board of Trustees if their Conference schedule prohibits meeting these qualification requirements. Petitions regarding Rider or Team eligibility for a National Championship that may result in a Rider or Team not competing, may be filed only until 11:59 p.m (local time at the National Championship in question) on the day before the start of the first Collegiate Cycling Race at the National Championship in question. The Board of Trustees or their designee determines all such eligibility issues.
17. Teams may bring no more than 8 men and 8 women to any single National Championship Event.
18. To be included in individual omnium standings, a Rider must have scored individual points in at least one Endurance Race and one Gravity Race.
19. As of January 1 2009, a full-face helmet must be worn in all Downhill and 4X events.