2026 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup Entry Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

All riders are advised to carefully read and understand all the information below. There are several mandatory requirements that must be met to be eligible for supplementary entry along with an application process.

Please note that in categories where national federation entries are very limited, we are often oversubscribed with applications. We are unable to guarantee supplementary entry allocation to applicants. If you would like to discuss other race opportunities, should you miss out on an entry, please contact athletes@mtbnz.org.nz

World Cup Quota & Entry Pathways

Category	Automatic Individual Entry Criteria	National Federation supplementary entry quotas (per event)
XCO **Elite Men & Women**	Any rider ranked in the top 100 of the last UCI XCO individual ranking before the entry closing date (one month prior to the event)	3 men & 3 women
	Top three riders of any round of a UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series limited to 1 round (per top 3 result) of the UCI MTB World Cup within 52 weeks of the qualification (Golden Ticket)	
	Top five riders from the final standings of any UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous years Elite and U23 (if progressing to Elite category)	
	Current Continental and National Champions	
XCO **U23 Men & Women**	Any rider ranked in the top 200 of the last UCI XCO individual ranking before the entry closing date (one month prior to the event)	4 men & 4 women

	Top three riders of any round of a UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series limited to 1 round (per top 3 result) of the UCI MTB World Cup within 52 Weeks of the qualification (Golden Ticket)	
	Top five riders from the final standings of any UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous years U23 and Junior (if progressing to U23 category)	
	Current Continental and National Champions	

DHI **Elite Men & Women**	Any rider ranked in the top 50 of the last UCI DHI individual ranking before the entry closing date (one month prior to the event)	3 men & 3 women
	Top three riders of any round of a UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series limited to 1 round (per top 3 result) of the UCI MTB World Cup within 52 weeks of the qualification (Golden Ticket)	
	Top five riders from the final standings of any UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous years Elite and Junior (if progressing to Elite category)	
	Current Continental and National Champions	
DHI **Junior Men & Women**	Any rider ranked in the top 100 of the last UCI DHI individual ranking before the entry closing date (one month prior to the event)	4 men & 4 women
	Top three riders of any round of a UCI Mountain BikeContinental Series limited to 1 round (per top 3 result) of the UCI MTB World Cup within 52 weeks of the qualification (Golden Ticket)	
	Top five riders from the final standings of any UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous years U19 and U17 (if progressing to U19 category)	
	Current Continental and National Champions	

EDR **Elite Men & Women**	Any rider ranked in the top 300 men or top 75 women of the Enduro Global ranking on 31st December 2025	3 men & 3 women
	Any rider ranked in the top 50 men or women of the last UCI EDR individual ranking before the event entry close date (one month prior to the event)	
	Current Continental and National Champions	
EDR **Junior Men & Women**	Any rider ranked in the top 300 (men) or top 75 (women) of the enduro global ranking on 31st December 2025	4 men & 4 women
	Any rider ranked in the top 50 men or women of the last UCI EDR individual ranking before the event entry closing date (one month prior to the event)	

See the UCI Rules and Regulations for further detail.

The UCI rankings and points are published every Tuesday.

See this document for the dates UCI rank is taken at for each event

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible to enter MTB World Cups you MUST meet all the following eligibility criteria:

- Hold a current UCI Race Licence with the nationality marked as NZL – this should reflect the nationality of which you hold citizenship (i.e. You hold a passport for or are eligible for a passport of that country). This licence can be purchased following your entry allocation but must be obtained prior to entries opening.
- For your entry to be finalised, you must provide evidence of insurance cover for the duration of the international events for which you are applying.
- Have met the criteria for automatic entry via one of the pathways above OR apply for a federation entry.

In addition, all riders applying for a supplementary entry MUST:

- Fully complete the Rider Application process by the date specified;
- Not be under investigation for any breach of the Cycling New Zealand Constitution or any rule, regulation or requirement of Cycling New Zealand, or the UCI;
- Not have any outstanding debts owed to Mountain Bike NZ or Cycling New Zealand.
- Not have acted in a manner so as to bring themselves, the sport of cycling, or Mountain Bike NZ, into public disrepute;

- Not have used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the rider's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in the Cycling New Zealand anti doping rules (which are the Sports Anti-Doping Rules), or the UCI's anti-doping rules;
- Not be under investigation for any breach or anti-doping rule violation of any part of the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules, the UCI Anti-Doping Regulations, or the WADA Code;
- Be eligible to represent New Zealand at the applicable International Competition(s) for which the Team is being selected, including complying with any relevant age restrictions, which status is to be determined in accordance with the rules of the relevant competition(s).

ANTI-DOPING

All riders who are allocated an entry to represent New Zealand are encouraged to complete education through the Sport Integrity Commission (previously Drug Free Sport New Zealand).

If you have not completed any clean sport education in the 2026 calendar year, please complete the e-learning module on the Sport Integrity Commission website. Please complete Level 1 if you have done no prior education or Level 2 if have completed education previously.

The latest information on the Anti-doping rules can be found on the Sport Integrity Commission website or the Cycling New Zealand website.

UCI rules and policies can be found on the UCI Medical Rules page of the UCI website.

HOW TO APPLY *– see page 5 for application dates*

Please complete the online application form here:

APPLICATION FORM

OTHER EVENT FORMS TO BE ADDED 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO DUE DATES

The following key information is required for your entry:

Please submit the following information via the online application form. If you have any issues uploading, please email digital copies of your documentation through to applications@mtbnz.org.nz

- Copy of your New Zealand Passport
- Copy of your 2026 UCI International Licence
- Certificate of insurance cover – this must be UCI compliant international insurance •
  TUE for medication (if needed)
- If under 18, your rider application form must be digitally signed by a parent or guardian •
  Your contact details while at event:
  - Phone number and email address
  - Accommodation information (including full physical address)
- Full contact details of "guardian" while at event (this person must be available to assist you during competition, and **not** a competing athlete)*:

- Their full name and relationship to you
- Phone number and email address

- Emergency contact details (family member etc):
  - Their full name and relationship to you
  - Phone number and email address

If you are allocated a federation entry, you must also:

- Sign a Mountain Bike New Zealand athlete agreement – this will be emailed to you.
- Wear New Zealand World Cup uniform - this is a UCI requirement. See below for details on the kit.

KIT

Federation Entries:

It is a UCI requirement that any riders allocated a Federation Entry must wear New Zealand World Cup Kit. Details on the process for ordering this will be advised soon.

Golden Ticket and Automatic Individual Entries

Riders who have achieved Automatic Individual Entry via a 'Golden Ticket' or their individual ranking are not required to wear National Federation kit for the race they are using this entry method for.

Federation Entry Allocation Process

All federation entries will be allocated using the following criteria and process:

1. Entries will be allocated for each discipline as per the dates listed in the table below from applications received, to individual riders in order of UCI ranking (in the discipline for which they are applying) as at each respective **application due date**.

CLICK HERE to view the individual UCI rankings for each discipline.

Application and Allocation Dates

Information about each event can be found on the UCI and UCI MTB World Series websites – this will be updated closer to the start of each world cup.

2026 UCI MTB World Cups	Events	Application Open Date	Application Due Date	Allocation Date
Race of South Korea, ROK - 1-3 May	XCO, DHI	20 February	6 March	11 March
Nové Město na Moravě, Czech - 22-24 May	XCO	23 March	7 April	13 April
Loudenvielle, FRA - 28-31 May	DHI, EDR	23 March	7 April	13 April
Leogang, AUT - 11-14 June	XCO, DHI, EDR	23 March	7 April	13 April
Lenzerheide, SWI - 19-21 June	XCO, DHI	23 March	7 April	13 April
Val Di Fassa, ITA - 26-29 June	EDR	23 March	7 April	13 April
La Thule, ITA - 3-5 July	XCO, DHI, EDR	23 March	7 April	13 April
Pal Arinsal, AND - 9-12 July	XCO, DHI	23 March	7 April	13 April
Valais, SWI - 17-19 July	EDR	23 March	7 April	13 April
Haute-Savoie, FRA - 14-16 August	EDR	12 June	26 June	3 July
Haute Savoie, FRA - 21-23 August	XCO, DH	12 June	26 June	3 July
Soldier Hollow, USA - 19-20 September	XCO	18 July	1 August	8 August
Whistler, CAN - 25-27 September	DHI	18 July	1 August	8 August
Lake Placid, USA - 2-4 October	XCO, DHI	18 July	1 August	8 August