



MOUNTAIN BIKING RULES (Men & Women)

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These championships are conducted in the spirit with the current rules of the UCI http://www.uci.ch/imgArchive/Rules/MTB_2006regulations_E_jan06.pdf and rules and regulations of BikeNZ with the following exceptions and competition clarifications:

1. TEAM SIZE

- 1.1 There are no limitations on the number of competitors a University can enter into either division of the Mountain Bike.
- 1.2 Competitors may enter either or both of the race formats

2. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 2.1 The competition will include a Cross Country (XC) and a Downhill (DH) component
- 2.2 Cross Country distance to allow for an approximate 2 hour completion time
- 2.3 Downhill distance will be between 1500m and 3500m.

3. FORFEITS

- 3.1 If a competitor cannot compete in the competition they must officially withdraw at least one (1) hour prior to the scheduled start time. If a competitor fails to withdraw and doesn't compete it will be recorded as a forfeiture of the playing commitment.
- 3.2 Penalties for forfeiture of playing commitment are outlined in the USNZ Event Bond Policy.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND EVENT POINTS (SHEILD)

- 4.1 At the completion of the championship gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the first three finishers in both divisions (men's and women's) of each race (cross country and downhill). A trophy (if existing) will be awarded to the individual that wins the competition(s):
 - Men's Individual Cross Country Champion

- Men's Individual Downhill Champion
 - Women's Individual Cross Country Champion
 - Women's Individual Downhill Champion
- 4.2 At the completion of the championship a trophy (if existing) will be awarded to the university that wins the:
- Men's Overall University Team Championship
 - Women's Overall University Team Championship
- 4.3 To find the Overall University Team Champion in each division (men's and women's) each university's points will be based on the collation of the points earned by their best three placed competitors in both the cross country and downhill races. Competitors will score the following points for finishing in the following positions;
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| 1 st | - | Number of competitors plus (+) 3 |
| 2 nd | - | Number of competitors |
| 3 rd | - | Number of competitors minus (-) 1 |
| 4 th | - | Number of competitors minus (-) 2 |
| 5 th | - | Number of competitors minus (-) 3 |
| 6 th | - | Number of competitors minus (-) 4 |
| 7 th | - | Number of competitors minus (-) 5 |
| 8 th | - | Number of competitors minus (-) 6 |
| 9 th | - | Number of competitors minus (-) next no. etc, etc |
- e.g. The women's cross country race has 20 competitors, Canterbury's competitors finish 1st (23 points), 6th (16 points), 11th (11 points) & 17th (5 points), their cross country total would be 50 points (28+22+20).
- e.g. The women's downhill race has 15 competitors, Canterbury's competitors finish 2nd (15 points), 3rd (14 points), 10th (7 points), 11th (6 points), 15th (2 points), their downhill total would be 36 points (15+14+7).
- 4.3 The points awarded to each University in the cross country and downhill races will be combined to find the Overall University Team Champion for each division.
- e.g. Canterbury would score (50 + 36) 86 points for the Overall Women's University Team Championship.
- 4.4 In drawn situations where universities are tied on total points (for the overall university team championship) they shall be separated by the average of their best placed finisher in both races.
- i.e. If Canterbury's best placed finisher in the Women's events was 1st (Cross Country) and 2nd (Downhill) there average would be $((1+2)/3)$ 1.5.
- If they still cannot be separated they would share the championship or the position.
 - If a University is equal on points but does not have a competitor in both races they will automatically be placed below someone who they are equal with who has competitors in both races.
- 4.5 Event points (Shield) will be allocated to both divisions (men's and women's) using the overall university team championship rankings as per the USNZ Awards and Points Scoring Policy – Individual sports: Points allocation formula

5. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

5.1 General USNZ Uniform Requirements

- Each competitor shall wear the uniform of their university
- All required safety and protective equipment for that sport must be worn
- A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
- Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed or taped

5.2 Sport Specific Uniform Standards – The uniform requirements for each sport should be as per the National Sporting Organisations standard's with the following minimum requirements;

- Fully enclosed footwear
- Hard shell helmet
- Eye protection is strongly recommended
- Downhill – Full face helmet compulsory, body armour & full finger gloves strongly recommended

6. DUTY REQUIREMENTS

6.1 The duty requirement for **Mountain Biking** will be:

- There are no duty requirements for competitors in the Mountain Biking.

6.2 Penalties for not fulfilling the officiating requirement are outlined in the USNZ Event Bond Policy.