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1 SCOPE

The following guidelines have been developed to assist competitors and event organisers in the delivery of the 2017 MTBA DHI National Series, 2017 Oceania MTB Continental Championships & 2017 MTBA DHI National Championships.

All guidelines must be followed when promoting any 2017 DHI National Season Event.

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2 DESCRIPTION

Mountain Bike Australia are pleased to present the 2017 MTBA DHI National Season. The season will be made up of the four National Series rounds, the 2017 Oceania MTB Continental Championships and the 2017 MTBA DHI National Championships.

2.1 MTBA 2017 DHI NATIONAL SERIES

ROUND 1:	13 th -15 th Jan	Awaba NSW	Hunter Mountain Bike Club
ROUND 2:	3 rd -5 th Feb	Thredbo, NSW	Kosciuszko Thredbo Pty Ltd
ROUND 3:	17 th -19 th Feb	Mt Beauty, VIC	Team Mt Beauty Inc
ROUND 4:	10 th -12 th Mar	Jubilee Park, Toowoomba, QLD	Toowoomba MTB Club

The 2017 MTBA DHI National Series is an event series owned and managed by Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA).

All events on the National Series have been listed as C3 with the UCI.

2.2 2017 OCEANIA MTB CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

10 th – 12 th March	Jubilee Park, Toowoomba, QLD	Toowoomba MTB Club
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MTBA and the Toowoomba Mountain Bike Club will host the 2017 Oceania MTB Continental Championships. For Elite categories (both Men and Women) this event is the UCI Continental Championships for Oceania Cycling.

2.3 2017 MTBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

16 th – 19 th March	Canungra, QLD	Straight To Hell Mountain Bike Club
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The 2017 MTBA DHI National Championships is an event managed by Mountain Bike Australia. MTBA will be partnering with Straight to Hell Mountain Bike Club and a consortium of clubs from South East Queensland.

3 GENERAL

- 3.1** Unless the category is UCI listed, all series rules in this document override and supersede the rules in 2011 National Technical Regulations which are used for the event. UCI-listed categories will adhere to the UCI regulations except where explicitly noted.
- 3.2** At all times while at any MTBA event, riders must wear a helmet when they are on a bike.
- 3.3** Riders will receive one (1) point towards series rankings for a DNF. No points will be awarded for a DNS.
- 3.4** A full-face helmet must be worn correctly both when racing and when training on the course. The helmet must be fitted with a visor. Helmets with detachable mouth-pieces are not permitted. Open-face helmets may not be worn. (Replicated UCI 4.3.012)
- 3.5** In Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 competition, the following equipment is mandatory at all times while on track after January 1, 2015:
- a. Full-finger gloves must be worn.
 - b. Full length jersey – jersey must cover elbows at all times.
 - c. Knee pads and elbow pads must be worn.
- 3.6** Neck braces are highly recommended. Other equipment where required by 2011 Technical Regulation 3.6.2 remain mandatory and recommended where applicable.

4 ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

Entry fees are set by MTBA. All entries to the events covered in this document will be through MTBA Online Services, links to which can be found from the following web pages:

MTBA XCO National Series:	www.mtba.asn.au/event/dhinationalseries
Oceania MTB Continental Championships:	www.mtba.asn.au/event/oceania-champs
MTBA National Championships:	www.mtba.asn.au/event/national-champs

Online entries will close at midnight the Wednesday before the event.

On-the-day entries will be accepted the day before the scheduled race start, however will attract a late fee of \$25. Riders will be able to collect their race plates and riders information until 4 hours before the scheduled end of practice prior to seeding.

4.1 MTBA 2017 DHI NATIONAL SERIES

To register and participate in the 2017 DHI National Series, riders must hold a valid MTBA Race Membership, MTBA Free Trial Membership, a UCI International Licence or purchase a Race Day Licence at the time of registering. MTBA members on a Recreation Membership can purchase a discounted Race Day Licence.

To be eligible for overall National Series prizes and awards, a rider must start in a minimum of two (2) rounds of the 2017 DHI National Series. Overall series awards will be presented at the 2017 Achievement Awards function held in conjunction with the 2017 MTBA National Championships.

Series eligibility will be based on the below schedule. Note: Elite categories conducted as part of the Oceania Continental MTB Championships and will not count or contribute points towards the DHI National Series. Each round's points will be made up of points for seeding (half points) and finals.

Category	# Rounds in Series	Results for Series Points
Elite	3	Best 3 results count
Junior	4	Best 3 results count
Under 17,15,13	4	Best 3 results count
Expert & Masters	4	Best 3 results count

4.2 MTBA 2017 DHI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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5 CATEGORY RESTRICTIONS

In line with UCI 4.1.009, any rider who has competed in an event on the International calendar within the last 12 months is not eligible to race in age group categories in the national season. This means that if you race Elite in any UCI-listed event after March 2016, you may not race in the age categories at the 2017 MTBA National Championships.

- 5.1 It is expected that riders make their decision to race elite and may not change during the season to race Masters/Expert categories.

6 RACING

6.1 NUMBER ALLOCATION

Numbers will be allocated after the close of online entries. Please note seeding and race numbers maybe different based on the criteria listed below. Riders who enter the race at the event forfeit their eligibility to be assigned that seeded number and will be given the next available number.

- 6.1.1 Series rankings will be updated on the Monday following an event.

- 6.1.2 At National series rounds, race plates will be allocated in the following order:

Round 1

- 1) Winner – 2016 Subaru Australian MTB National Series
- 2) Riders ranked by UCI points at the applicable UCI ranking publication date,
- 3) By ranking from the 2016 Subaru Australian MTB National Series,
- 4) By chronological time of entry.

Rounds 2 onwards

1. Series leader – current MTBA National Series based on ranking (by category)
2. Riders ranked by UCI points at the applicable UCI ranking publication date,
3. By ranked position in the current MTBA National Series (by category),
4. By chronological time of entry.

6.1.3 At Oceania Continental Championships for the UCI categories race plates will be allocated in the following order:

- 1) 2016 Oceania Champions,
- 2) Riders ranked by UCI points at the applicable UCI ranking publication date,
- 3) Alternating country entrants based on that countries current series,
- 4) By chronological time of entry.

6.1.4 At the 2017 MTBA National Championships race plates will be allocated in the following order:

- 1) 2016 National Champions,
- 2) Riders ranked by UCI points at the applicable UCI ranking publication date,
- 3) Ranked position in the 2016 MTBA National Championships,
- 4) Ranked position in the 2017 DHI National Series,
- 5) By chronological time of entry.

6.2 JERSEYS

6.2.1 *The National Champions Jersey:* 2016 Australian Champions may wear the UCI registered design of the green and gold band, cuffs and collars with gold arms, for UCI category champions or the jersey design as awarded for all champions.

6.2.2 Riders who have won a National Championship are eligible to wear the previous champion stripes on their jersey cuffs and collars. However, this may only be worn in the discipline, specialty and category in which it was earned.

6.2.3 An exception is made to any rider who has previously won a National Championship in the Elite Men or Elite Women category. These riders will be permitted to wear the former champion cuffs and collar in any Masters category of the same specialty.

6.3 SEEDING

6.3.1 Seeding is compulsory for all riders. Riders who fail to start the seeding run will not be allowed to have a final run. Riders who fail to start their seeding run will be seeded last in their category.

6.3.2 For seeding riders will start in descending number order by category.

Category start order for seeding shall be:

- a. Masters 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Women
- b. Expert Women
- c. U13, U15, U17 Women
- d. Hardtail Junior & Senior
- e. Masters 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Men
- f. Expert Men
- g. U13, U15, U17 Men
- h. Junior Women
- i. Junior Men
- j. Elite Women
- k. Elite Men

6.4 FINALS

6.4.1 Riders will start from slowest to fastest within categories.

Category will run in the following order:

- a. Masters 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Women
- b. Expert Women
- c. U13, U15, U17 Women
- d. Hardtail Junior & Senior
- e. Masters 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Men
- f. Expert Men
- g. U13, U15, U17 Men
- h. Junior Women
- i. Junior Men
- j. Elite Women
- k. Elite Men

7 PODIUMS

7.1 The time of any podium presentation will be published in the event schedule. In rare cases a change may be required and this change will be broadly communicated at the race start. All riders who place 1st to 5th in Elite, or 1st to 3rd in any other category are required to be present at presentations. Non-attendance will result in forfeiture of any prizes. Repeat offences will result in forfeiture of series points.

7.2 Podium place getters may wear a hat and have sunglasses or goggles placed above their head or around their neck, but must not cover their eyes while on the podium. Gloves are not to be worn and no bottles or other items are to be carried on the podium.

7.3 Information on prizes can be found in the 2017 Prizemoney & Awards Guide available from the MTBA website.

8 SERIES POINTS

The 2017 DHI National Series will operate under the following scoring system. Points will be awarded to the all finishers at each of the series seeding and final races. The final standings will be based on the total points earned in the series. In the event of a tie the winner will be determined by the competitor who has the greater number of highest placings. If a tie remains the series winner will be determined by the competitor with the best placing in the most recent event.

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1st	80	11th	20	21st	10	31st	4	41st	2
2nd	65	12th	19	22nd	9	32nd	4	42nd	2
3rd	55	13th	18	23rd	8	33rd	4	43rd	2
4th	48	14th	17	24th	7	34th	4	44th	2
5th	43	15th	16	25th	6	35th	4	45th	2
6th	38	16th	15	26th	5	36th	3	46th	1
7th	33	17th	14	27th	5	37th	3	47th	1
8th	29	18th	13	28th	5	38th	3	48th	1
9th	25	19th	12	29th	5	39th	3	49th	1
10th	22	20th	11	30th	5	40th	3	50th	1
								51 st -~	1
								DNF	1

Seeding places will accrue points from this table:

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1st	40	11th	10	21st	5	31st	2	41st	1
2nd	32.5	12th	9.5	22nd	4	32nd	2	42nd	1
3rd	27.5	13th	9	23rd	4	33rd	2	43rd	1
4th	24	14th	8.5	24th	3	34th	2	44th	1
5th	21.5	15th	8	25th	3	35th	2	45th	1
6th	19	16th	7.5	26th	2.5	36th	1.5	46th	1
7th	16.5	17th	7	27th	2.5	37th	1.5	47th	1
8th	14.5	18th	6.5	28th	2.5	38th	1.5	48th	1
9th	12.5	19th	6	29th	2.5	39th	1.5	49th	1
10th	11	20th	5.5	30th	2.5	40th	1.5	50th	1
								51 st -~	1
								DNF	1

Series results will be published within 24hrs of the completion of an event weekend and be available online at www.mtba.asn.au/results