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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 XCO National Series, 2017 Oceania MTB Continental Championships & 2017 MTBA XCO National Championships.

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

For further information please contact Mountain Bike Australia.

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2 DESCRIPTION

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

2.1 MTBA 2017 XCO NATIONAL SERIES

ROUND 1:	8 th Jan	Kinross State Forest, Orange, NSW	Orange Mountain Bike Club
ROUND 2:	9 th Jan	Kinross State Forest, Orange, NSW	Orange Mountain Bike Club
ROUND 3 [^] :	28 th Jan	UNE Sports, Armidale, NSW	New England MTB Club
ROUND 4:	29 th Jan	UNE Sports, Armidale, NSW	New England MTB Club
ROUND 5 [^] :	11 th Feb	Mt Taylor, Bairnsdale, VIC	East Gippsland Community
ROUND 6:	12 th Feb	Mt Taylor, Bairnsdale, VIC	Eats Gippsland Community
ROUND 7*:	10 th -12 th Mar	Jubilee Park, Toowoomba, QLD	Toowoomba MTB Club

The 2017 MTBA XCO 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.

[^] Round 3 and Round 5 are also UCI Junior Series rounds.

* Round 7 will not be a part of the 2017 MTBA XCO National Series for Elite, Under 23 and Junior categories. These riders will participate in the Oceania MTB Continental Championships.

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, Under 23 and Junior 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 XCO 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.

2.4 UCI JUNIOR SERIES

Round 3 (Armidale, NSW) and Round 5 (Bairnsdale, VIC) of the 2017 MTBA XCO National Series are listed as rounds of the 2017 UCI Junior Series. These events will accrue points towards the UCI world ranking for junior athletes. As such, these races will adhere to UCI rules.

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 Spot checks for AS2063 standards compliance of helmets in XC events will occur. Riders found to be using a helmet which does not have an AS2063 compliance sticker attached will not be permitted to begin a race using that helmet.
- 3.4 Riders will receive one (1) point towards series rankings for a DNF. No points will be awarded for a DNS.

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/xconationalseries
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 2 hours before the scheduled race start.

4.1 MTBA 2017 XCO NATIONAL SERIES

To register and participate in the 2017 XCO 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 three (3) rounds of the 2017 XCO 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, Under 23 and Junior categories conducted as part of the Oceania Continental MTB Championships and will not count or contribute points towards the XCO National Series.

Category	# Rounds in Series	Results for Series Points
Elite	6	Best 5 results count
Junior	6	Best 5 results count
Under 17,15,13	7	Best 6 results count
Expert & Masters	7	Best 6 results count

4.2 MTBA 2017 XCO 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 Mar 2016, you may not race in the age categories at the 2017 Australian 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. At rounds which are a double-header, for the purpose of seeding no updated rankings will apply for the second day of racing.

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 MTB 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 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 XCO National Series,
- 5) By chronological time of entry.

6.2 CALL UP AND START ORDER

6.2.1 For 2017 XCO National Series rounds, in UCI listed categories the call up order will be:

- 1) Riders ranked by UCI points,
- 2) For round 1 and 2 only: By rankings from the 2016 Subaru Australian MTB National Series,
- 3) For all subsequent rounds: By ranking position in the 2017 XCO National Series,
- 4) By allocated rider number.

6.2.2 At the 2017 XCO National Series rounds for all other non UCI categories the call up order will be by allocated rider number.

6.2.3 At the 2017 Oceania Continental Championships the call up will be:

- 1) Riders ranked by UCI points,
- 2) By allocated rider number.

6.2.4 At the 2017 MTBA National Championships, for the UCI categories the call up order will be:

- 1) 2016 National Champion,
- 2) Riders ranked by UCI points,
- 3) By allocated numbers.

6.2.5 At the 2017 MTBA National Championships, for all other non UCI categories call up order will be:

- 1) 2016 National Champion (where a national champion has moved up an age group that rider may be acknowledged but will not carry-over the call up advantage),
- 2) By allocated numbers.

6.3 START

6.3.1 When there are multiple categories allocated the same start time in the schedule, riders shall be called up in their category in the order they are listed in the schedule. Where grouped categories have insufficient riders to fill a complete start grid they may be started together in a wave. The gaps between the start waves will be determined by the PCP.

6.4 JERSEYS

6.4.1 *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

- 6.4.2** 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.
- 6.4.3** 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.

6.5 RACE DURATION

Categories will race the following targeted race durations:

Category	Duration
Elite Men & Elite Women	1hr 30min – 2hrs
Under 23 Men & Under 23 Women	1hr 15min- 1hr 30min
Expert Men & Expert Women Masters 1, 2, 3, 4 Men & Masters 1, 2, 3, 4 Women	1hr 15min – 1hr 45min
Junior Men & Junior Women	1hr – 1hr 15min
Masters 5, 6, 7+ Men & Masters 5, 6, 7+ Women	45min – 1hr 15min
Under 17 Men & Under 17 Women	45min – 1hr
Under 15 Men & Under 15 Women	30min – 45min

6.6 FEED AND TECH ZONES

- 6.6.1** Riders will be provided 1 “FEED/TECH ZONE” pass at each event. Feed/Tech zones must be only be accessed by pass holders.
- 6.6.2** Where a double feed/tech zone is not available a second neutral feed may be provided. There would be no access to the neutral feed zone for rider supporters.

6.7 80% RULE

- 6.7.1** The 80% rule may be used for races in the UCI registered categories at the discretion of the President of the Commissaires’ Panel.

6.8 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – CROSS COUNTRY TEAM RELAY

- 6.8.1** At the 2017 MTBA National Championships, a Team Relay will be run. Teams will consist of four riders of the following make-up:
- One rider aged under 19 at the eligibility date;
 - One rider eligible to compete in a Masters 3 or higher category at the 2017 MTBA National Championships – that is, aged 40 or over at the eligibility date;
 - One rider eligible to compete in a women’s category at the 2017 MTBA National Championships;
 - One rider on which there are no restrictions (‘Open’).

- 6.8.2** A rider filling the criteria of points 5.7 (1a) or 5.7 (1b) may not be entered in an Elite XCO category, or have competed in an Elite XCO category in an event in the 2017 XCO National Series.
- 6.8.3** Where an individual meets more than one of the above criteria, they may only consider one criterion as being satisfied. A distinct different individual must fill the role of each criterion.
- 6.8.4** The team relay will have each rider complete a single lap, for a total race distance of four laps per team.
- 6.8.5** When riders transition, they must make physical contact to 'tag' the next rider to begin a lap. If this is not possible, or might cause a potential accident from needing to cut across to the other side of the track, the next rider out may be considered 'tagged' if the transitioning riders are both stationary and level such that no advantage is deemed to be received.
- 6.8.6** MTBA will facilitate the formation of teams at the event for riders who wish to ride, but have been unable to find a complete team.

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 XCO National Series will operate under the following scoring system. Points will be awarded to the all finishers at each of the series races and 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 most highest places, 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

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