



## **Statement regarding Junior Participants in mountain bike endurance events riding up categories.**

As the National Sporting Organisation responsible for mountain biking in Australia, MTBA has clear guidelines regarding juniors (athletes aged 18 and under), participating in mountain bike endurance events. MTBA does not condone or support in any way, allowing junior riders to enter and compete in older or open age categories for developmental reasons or any other purpose. Mountain bike endurance events include, but are not limited to, Cross Country Olympic (XCO), Cross Country Short Track (XCC), Cross Country Marathon (XCM), multi-lap endurance events including 24hr races, Cyclo-cross (CX) and Gravity Enduro (GE).

There are a range of physiological and psychological reasons for MTBA taking this position and these are in line with the policies of other world-leading cycling nations and other sporting organisations, such as the Australian Institute of Sport.

For more information, please refer to MTBA's Guidelines on Junior Participation in mountain bike events, which can be found under the General Policies section of the website.