



Oceania Cycling  
Confederation

# **2026 Oceania Mountain Bike Continental Series**

## **Series Guide**

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## **President's Message**

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On behalf of the Oceania Cycling Confederation, it is a pleasure to welcome all athletes, team managers and staff, officials, volunteers and supporters to the 2026 Oceania Mountain Bike Continental Series.

The Oceania Mountain Bike Continental Series will provide riders from Oceania with an opportunity to qualify for the UCI Mountain Bike World Cups, part of the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series.

Following a successful inaugural edition in 2025 I am delighted the series will return for a second year with four rounds for Cross-country and three rounds for Downhill across Australia and New Zealand, between January and March 2026.

The series was developed to enhance the level of mountain bike events in Oceania and serve as a building block for continued growth with UCI status and points on offer. This provides an important opportunity for athletes in the Oceania region to compete against some of the world's best on home soil.

We will be sure to witness exceptional performances from elite and aspiring athletes from across the Oceania region including Olympians and up and coming riders, who aspire to compete at the top level of our sport.

To AusCycling, Cycling New Zealand, Mountain Bike New Zealand, race officials, support services, team managers and crew, and the many community volunteers, I extend our gratitude for your contributions.

Finally, to the athletes, I wish you all the very best for the series and your ongoing goals.

**Tony Mitchell**

President, Oceania Cycling Confederation

Management Committee Member, Union Cycliste Internationale

## Introduction

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The Oceania Mountain Bike Continental Series was developed in close collaboration with the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) to strengthen mountain bike globally and provide a pathway for riders to qualify for the UCI Mountain Bike World Cups, part of the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series.

This series guide has been developed to provide information on the series, and it is important to read this document along with the UCI Mountain Bike Regulations and Event Technical Guides.

An FAQ and more information can be found on the event page at [oceaniacycling.org](https://oceaniacycling.org)

## 2026 Series Events

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### Cross-Country

| Round   | Date             | Event                           | Location                  |
|---------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Round 1 | 24 January 2026  | MTB New Zealand National Series | Christchurch, New Zealand |
| Round 2 | 25 January 2026  | MTB New Zealand National Series | Christchurch, New Zealand |
| Round 3 | 28 February 2026 | AusCycling National MTB Series  | Canberra, Australia       |
| Round 4 | 1 March 2026     | AusCycling National MTB Series  | Canberra, Australia       |

### Downhill

| Round   | Date              | Event                           | Location                  |
|---------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Round 1 | 16-18 Jan 2026    | MTB New Zealand National Series | Methven, New Zealand      |
| Round 2 | 19-22 Feb 2026    | Crankworx Christchurch          | Christchurch, New Zealand |
| Round 3 | 28 Feb-1 Mar 2026 | AusCycling National MTB Series  | Falls Creek, Australia    |

## UCI Regulations

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The Oceania Mountain Bike Continental Series is run under UCI Regulations.

[UCI Mountain Bike Regulations](#)

[UCI Points Scale](#)

[2026 UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series Guide](#)

## Eligibility

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Entries are open to any UCI license holder, except Masters

- Riders belonging to a UCI MTB TEAM or a UCI MTB WORLD SERIES TEAM
- There is no quota limitation for the National Federations
- Any rider can participate, no matter the country or the continent

Participants must have the following licenses to compete:

- Oceania Member: License from their National Federation and UCI ID.
- Non Oceania Member: UCI License and UCI ID.

## Registration

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Entries are made directly with the race organiser of each round.

## Series Categories

Cross-country: Elite, Under 23 and Under 19

Downhill: Elite, Under 19 and Under 17 (Non UCI category)

Riding up is not permitted.

## Prize Money

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For 2026 the UCI has approved a derogation that existing prize money for events are applied. For clarity the prize money for listed in the [UCI Financial Regulations](#) does not apply for the 2026 Oceania Continental Series.

## Continental Series Standings

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For Elite, U23 and U19 categories points are awarded as per annexes 2 and 3 of the [UCI Mountain Bike Regulations](#).

Series standings are based on the top four results of each rider.

Series rankings will be calculated based on the below points scale.

| Rank | XCO Elite | XCO U23 | XCO U19 | DH Elite | DH U19 |
|------|-----------|---------|---------|----------|--------|
| 1    | 100       | 60      | 20      | 90       | 30     |
| 2    | 80        | 40      | 18      | 70       | 25     |
| 3    | 60        | 30      | 16      | 60       | 20     |
| 4    | 50        | 25      | 14      | 50       | 18     |
| 5    | 40        | 20      | 12      | 40       | 16     |
| 6    | 35        | 18      | 10      | 35       | 15     |
| 7    | 30        | 16      | 8       | 30       | 14     |
| 8    | 27        | 14      | 6       | 27       | 13     |
| 9    | 24        | 12      | 4       | 24       | 12     |
| 10   | 22        | 10      | 2       | 22       | 11     |
| 11   | 20        | 8       |         | 20       | 10     |
| 12   | 18        | 6       |         | 18       | 9      |
| 13   | 16        | 4       |         | 16       | 8      |
| 14   | 14        | 2       |         | 14       | 7      |
| 15   | 12        | 1       |         | 12       | 6      |
| 16   | 10        |         |         | 10       | 5      |
| 17   | 9         |         |         | 9        | 4      |
| 18   | 8         |         |         | 8        | 3      |
| 19   | 7         |         |         | 7        | 2      |
| 20   | 6         |         |         | 6        | 1      |
| 21   | 5         |         |         | 5        |        |
| 22   | 4         |         |         | 4        |        |
| 23   | 3         |         |         | 3        |        |
| 24   | 2         |         |         | 2        |        |

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For Under 17 (Cadet) downhill category points are awarded as per the below scale for second year under 17 riders only.

As a matter of clarification, these points are applicable for the Continental Series standings only. Riders competing in the under 17 category do not earn UCI points.

Series standings are based on the top four results of each rider.

| Rank | DH U17 |
|------|--------|
| 1    | 30     |
| 2    | 25     |
| 3    | 20     |
| 4    | 18     |
| 5    | 16     |
| 6    | 15     |
| 7    | 14     |
| 8    | 13     |
| 9    | 12     |
| 10   | 11     |
| 11   | 10     |
| 12   | 9      |
| 13   | 8      |
| 14   | 7      |
| 15   | 6      |
| 16   | 5      |
| 17   | 4      |
| 18   | 3      |
| 19   | 2      |
| 20   | 1      |

Series standings will be published after each round at [oceaniacycling.org](http://oceaniacycling.org)

### Continental Series qualification pathway to the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup

Riders can qualify for the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in Cross-country and Downhill as follows:

| Category                             | Criteria  |
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| XCO - men elite (aged 23 and over)   | 1. Top three riders of any round of a UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series limited to 1 round of the UCI MTB World Cup within 52 weeks of the qualification (Golden Ticket)<br><br>2. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, |
| XCO - women elite (aged 23 and over) |   |

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|   | <p>Elite (from 2026)</p> <p>3. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, U23 (if progressing into Elite category) (from 2026)</p>   |
| <p>XCO - men under 23 (aged from 19 to 22)</p> <p>XCO - women under 23 (aged from 19 to 22)</p> | <p>1. Top three riders of any round of a UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series, limited to 1 round of the UCI MTB World Cup within 52 weeks of the qualification (Golden Ticket)</p> <p>2. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, U23 (from 2026)</p> <p>3. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, Junior (if progressing into U23 category) (from 2026)</p> |

| Category  | Criteria  |
|---|---|
| <p>DHI - men elite (aged 19 and over)</p> <p>DHI - women elite (aged 19 and over)</p> | <p>1. Top three riders of any round of a UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series, limited to 1 round of the UCI MTB World Cup within 52 weeks of the qualification (Golden Ticket)</p> <p>2. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, Elite (from 2026)</p> <p>3. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, Junior (if progressing into Elite category) (from 2026)</p> |
| <p>DHI - men juniors (aged 17 and 18)</p> <p>DHI – women juniors (aged 17 and 18)</p> | <p>1. Top three riders of any round of a UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series, limited to 1 round of the UCI MTB World Cup within 52 weeks of the qualification</p>   |

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|  | <p>(Golden Ticket)</p> <p>2. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, Junior (from 2026)</p> <p>3. Top five riders from the final standings of any of the UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series of the previous year, Cadet (if progressing into Junior category) (from 2026)</p> |
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The qualification criteria listed above are not applicable for riders who are a member of a UCI MTB World Series Team.

As a matter of clarification, riders who are a member of a UCI MTB World Series Team can participate in the race, but they cannot earn to a qualification quota or Golden Ticket for the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup through the Continental Series.

## Contact

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For queries on individual rounds please contact the event organiser.

For queries on the series please email [communications@oceaniacycling.org](mailto:communications@oceaniacycling.org)