



2023 UEC MTB DOWNHILL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Les Menuires (FRA)

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TECHNICAL GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

This document summarises the information needed about the participation at the 2023 UEC Downhill Mountain Bike European Championships.

Mainly intended for team managers, this document focuses the general and sporting aspects of the 2023 UEC Downhill Mountain Bike European Championships. If you have any questions concerning this document, please do not hesitate to contact the UEC.

ORGANISATION

LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

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73440 Val Thorens - France

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Additional Commissaire	Bernard FANTINATO (FRA)
Additional Commissaire	Dominique AUBERT (FRA)



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GENERAL INFORMATION

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Travel and accommodation expenses to and from Les Menuires (France) must be covered by the National Federations and teams.

Nearest airports are:

Lyon Saint-Exupéry FRA – 190 km

Grenoble FRA – 185 km

Geneva CH – 185 km

All participants must hold a valid passport or identity card. Visa obligations must be respected.
All riders and attendants must hold insurance valid in France.

Visas

Visa obligations must be respected.

Each Federation is responsible for obtaining documents for their delegation appropriate entries.

For further information, please visit the embassy website: France-visas.gouv.fr | [The official website for visa application to France](#)

For all invitation letter requests please contact the UEC: mail@uec.ch

All riders and attendants must hold insurance valid in France.

Accomodation

To make your search easier, you can use the link below:

<https://fr.locationlesmenuires.com/bons-plans/coupe-de-france-de-vtt.html>

OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF THE COMPETITION VENUE

La Croisette – Les Menuires

73440 Saint-Martin-de-Belleville



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COURSE MAP



MEDICAL – EMERGENCY - LOCAL AUTHORITIES

A medical team will be present onsite throughout official training sessions and competitions. The medical team will be based at the finish. Mountain rescue will be located on course, 3 positions, during official training and competition days.

Official Race Doctor: LUZY Raphaël mobile: +33 (0)6.73.68.55.36

Nearest hospital

Centre hospitalier de Moutiers
43, rue de l'Ecole des Mines
73604 MOUTIERS
Tél : +33 (0)4.79.09.60.60

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE 15
EMERGENCY NUMBER: 18
POLICE: 17

TEAMS / OFFICIALS ACCREDITATION

Teams and officials' accreditations can be collected starting at the Permanence Office, located at salle Leo Lacroix (La Croisette – Les Menuires), according to the schedule below.

Please ensure that you collect your accreditation before arriving at the venue as it will be required for access to all parts of the venue. Accreditations must be worn and visible whenever you pass through accreditation controls.



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PERMANENCE OPENING HOURS

Friday, 18.08.2023	07:00 – 18:00
Saturday, 19.08.2023	07:00 – 13:00 & 14:00 – 17:30
Sunday, 20.08.2023	08:00 – 12:00

TEAMS PARKING AREA

The Teams Parking Area will be available in the permanence room situated at salle Leo Lacroix (La Croisette – Les Menuires).

MEDIA CENTRE

The Media Centre is located at salle Leo Lacroix (La Croisette – Les Menuires).

In order to access the Media Centre an accreditation is necessary.
Media accreditation and photographers' bib's can be collected during the opening hours of the media centre.

Please ensure that you collect your accreditation as soon as you arrive onsite as it will be required to access all parts of the venue. Accreditations must be worn and visible whenever you pass through accreditation controls.

For any further inquire please contact Mr. Stefano Bertolotti, UEC Press Officer s.bertolotti@uec.ch or Mrs. Estelle ROY, LOC Press Officer: presse@lesmenuires.com

MEDIA CENTRE - OPENING HOURS

Friday, 18.08.2023	07:00 – 18:00
Saturday, 19.08.2023	07:00 – 13:00 & 14:00 – 17:30
Sunday, 20.08.2023	08:00 – 12:00

MIXED ZONE – FLASH INTERVIEW

At the exit of the course after the finish line, next to the Award Ceremony podium, the UEC will organise for the Media, a Mixed Zone area available for short interviews with riders.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

To apply for media accreditation, please visit the UEC website (<http://uec.ch/en/media>).

Media accreditation and photographers' bib's can be collected during the opening hours of the accreditation centre or at the media permanence. €50 will be requested for the bib as deposit. It will be refunded when the bib will be returned.

OFFICIAL MEETINGS

CONFIRMATION / LICENSE CHECK

Friday, 18.08.2023	07:00 – 18:00
Saturday, 19.08.2023	07:00 – 13:00 & 14:00 – 17:30
Sunday, 20.08.2023	08:00 – 12:00

At salle Leo Lacroix (La Croisette – Les Menuires). Signs will be put up to indicate the room.

The license check, the confirmation of the rider, the check of the national teams clothing and the distribution of race numbers start on Wednesday June 22 at 15:00 and for the next days will be organised according to the competition schedule below. Team Managers must confirm all starters, presenting all licences (with passport for the U17 and Juniors riders) and providing a sample of the national teams' apparel.

TEAM MANAGERS MEETING

Friday, 18 August 2023 @ 18:00 (for all races, all age categories)

salle Leo Lacroix (La Croisette – Les Menuires). Signs will be put up to indicate the room.

Riders' numbers will be distributed during that procedure. Due to the high number of teams entered, a maximum representation of two representatives per team is requested to attend that meeting.

Attendance is required for:

- UEC MTB Commission President
- UCI and Additional Commissaires
- Team Managers
- Event Director
- UEC Technical Delegate

PROVISIONAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Friday, 18 August 2023	07:00 - 18:00	Accreditation Centre open
	08:30 - 10:00	On foot course inspection
	10:00 - 10:45	Training Group C (U15)
	10:45 - 13:00	Training Group A & B
	13:00 - 14:00	Training Group C (U15)
	14:00 - 15:30	Training Group B
	15:30 - 17:00	Training Group A
	17:00 - 17:30	Training Elite – Yellow Plate
	18:00 - 18:30	Teams Meeting

Saturday, 19 August 2023	08:00 - 13:00	Accreditation Centre open
	14:00 - 17:30	Accreditation Centre open
	08:00 - 09:00	Training Group C (U15)
	09:00 - 11:00	Training Group B
	10:30 - 12:00	Training Group A
	12:00 - 13:00	Training Elite – Yellow Plate
	13:30 - 16:30	Placing Round
	+30'	On foot course inspection

Sunday, 20 August 2023	08:00 - 12:00	Accreditation Centre open
	08:00 - 09:00	Training Group C (U15)
	09:00 - 11:00	Training Group B
	10:30 - 12:00	Training Group A
	12:00 - 13:00	Training Elite – Yellow Plate
	13:30 - 16:30	Final Round – Awards Ceremony

RACE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL RULES

- 1.1 The 2023 UEC MTB DHI European Championships are organized by the Union Européenne de Cyclisme (UEC) in cooperation with the Fédération Française de Cyclisme (FFC)

The technical preparation and coordination will be done by: David Allouard

Technical Directors: Giorgio BARUFFI & Benjamin CADET

- 1.2 The event will be organised in accordance with rules of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) and these rules will be the reference for everything that is not mentioned in the current document.
- 1.3 The European MTB Championships consist of the following races: Downhill (DHI)

These Championships may be contested by riders entered by their National Federation as a National Team or by riders belonging to an official team.

2. TYPE OF THE EVENT

The participation is open for the following categories:

- ✓ **U15** **Men & Women** **13-14 years old**
- ✓ **U17** **Men & Women** **15-16 years old**
- ✓ **Juniors** **Men & Women** **17-18 years old**
- ✓ **Elite** **Men & Women** **19+ years old**
- ✓ **Masters Men**
35-39 / 40-44 / 45-49 / 50-54 / 55-59 / 60-64 / 65-69 / 70+
- ✓ **Masters Women**
35-39 / 40-44 / 45-49 / 50-54 / 55-59 / 60-64 / 65+

It is entered on the UCI calendar as a Continental Championships event (UCI CC).

3. PARTICIPATION

Participation – NATIONAL TEAMS

The participation is open for European riders only.

National Federations may enter the following riders free of charge:

- ✓ **Juniors:** **3 Women & 3 Men**
- ✓ **Elite:** **3 Women & 3 Men**

The National Federations have to register their teams (riders, staff and NF Official Delegates) directly on the UEC website www.uec.ch.

Registration opening: **Monday, 5 June 2023 (12:00 CET)**
Registration deadline **Thursday, 9 August 2023 (23:59 CET)**

Riders must compete in their national jersey.



Participation – OTHER RIDERS

The participation is open for European riders only.

Teams/riders have to register their riders directly on the FFC website:

[Engagements VTT - Fédération Française de Cyclisme \(ffc.fr\)](https://www.ffc.fr)

Elite, U19 and Masters riders

€ 65,00 registration from 19 April to 09 August 2023

€ 95,00 registration from 10 August to 16 August 2023

€ 115,00 registration from 18 August 2023

Youth riders

(U15 & U17)

€ 55,00 registration from 19 April to 09 August 2023

€ 85,00 registration from 10 August to 16 August 2023

€ 105,00 registration from 18 August 2023

The age of a rider shall be determined by the difference between the year of the event and the year of birth of the rider.

Registration opening: Monday, 19 April 2023 (12:00 CET)
Registration deadline Thursday, 9 August 2023 (23:59 CET)

Note: in case of cancellation the entry fee will be refunded except for 10 euro to cover administrative costs

The initial and final confirmation of the starters and the distribution of the race numbers will take place at the Race Headquarters located at salle Leo Lacroix (La Croisette – Les Menuires).

4. TEAM MANAGERS MEETING

The team managers' meeting, organised in accordance with the UCI regulations in the presence of Members of the Commissaries' Panel, is scheduled for all races, all age categories on:

Friday, 18 August 2023

Time: 18:00

Location: salle Leo Lacroix (La Croisette – Les Menuires).

5. RACES PROCEDURES

Masters (Women and Men)

These categories are doing a seeding run – all riders will qualify for the final - but they **must** complete the seeding run;

The results of the seeding run determine the start order in the final, with the slowest rider from the seeding run starting first.

Youth categories (Women and Men)

These categories are doing a seeding run – all riders will qualify for the final - but they **must** complete the seeding run;

The results of the seeding run determine the start order in the final, with the slowest rider from the seeding run starting first.



Juniors and Elite (Women and Men)

These categories are doing a seeding run – all riders will qualify for the final - but they **must** complete the seeding run;

As per the last published UCI DHI individual ranking. Unclassified riders; by nations in rotation (from last year's World Championships or European Championships). The best rider starting last.

The results of the seeding run determine the start order in the final, with the slowest rider from the seeding run starting first.

6. AWARDS CEREMONIES

In accordance with articles 1.2.112 and 1.2.113 of the UCI Regulations, the 3 best riders of each category must attend the official awards ceremony, any interviews organised and the press conference.

Unless otherwise stated, riders shall appear at official ceremonies wearing competition clothing.

Riders must present themselves at the podium right after crossing the finish line.

7. POINTS SCALE

For 2022 UEC MTB DHI European Championships, points will be attributed in accordance with the UCI MTB regulations, Annex 2.

8. AWARDS AND PRIZE MONEY

Jersey and medals

Every European Championship will be awarded with:

The 1st place:	European Champion jersey and Gold medal
The 2nd place:	Silver medal
The 3rd place:	Bronze medal

Prize money list (Amounts in Euro):

Elite:	1 st place	€ 625,00
	2 nd place	€ 375,00
	3 th place	€ 250,00
Juniors:	1 st place	€ 300,00
	2 nd place	€ 170,00
	3 th place	€ 125,00

The prize money will be transferred by the UEC directly to the concerned National Federations.

9. ANTIDOPING

The UCI antidoping regulations are entirely applicable to the event. The antidoping tests will take place at the bottom station of gondola, next to the finish area!



10. PENALTIES

The UCI penalty scale is the only one applicable.

11. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Organiser and UEC will not, under any circumstances, be liable to any accidents or damage that occurs during training and competitions.

The Organiser and UEC decline all responsibilities towards the riders and others in case of an accident.

For all cases not covered by these specific regulations, the UCI rules will apply. Any problems will be solved between the organizers, the Commissaires Panel and UEC officials.



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