



# 2024 UEC MTB DOWNHILL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Champéry (SUI)

9 - 11 August 2024

TECHNICAL GUIDE

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## INTRODUCTION

This document summarises the information needed about the participation at the 2024 UEC Mountain Bike Downhill European Championships.

Mainly intended for team managers, this document focuses the general and sporting aspects of the 2024 UEC Mountain Bike Downhill European Championships. If you have any questions concerning this document, please do not hesitate to contact the UEC.

## ORGANISATION

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Timekeepers:     ChronoConsult (FRA)

**GENERAL INFORMATION****TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION**

Travel and accommodation expenses to and from Champéry (Switzerland) must be covered by the National Federations and teams.

*Nearest airport :* Geneva (CH) – 93 km

All participants must hold a valid passport or identity card. Visa obligations must be respected.

**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:

<https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/fr/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html>

For all invitation letter requests please contact the UEC: [mail@uec.ch](mailto:mail@uec.ch)

All riders and attendants must hold insurance valid in Switzerland.

**Accommodation**

All requests and booking must be submitted using the link below:

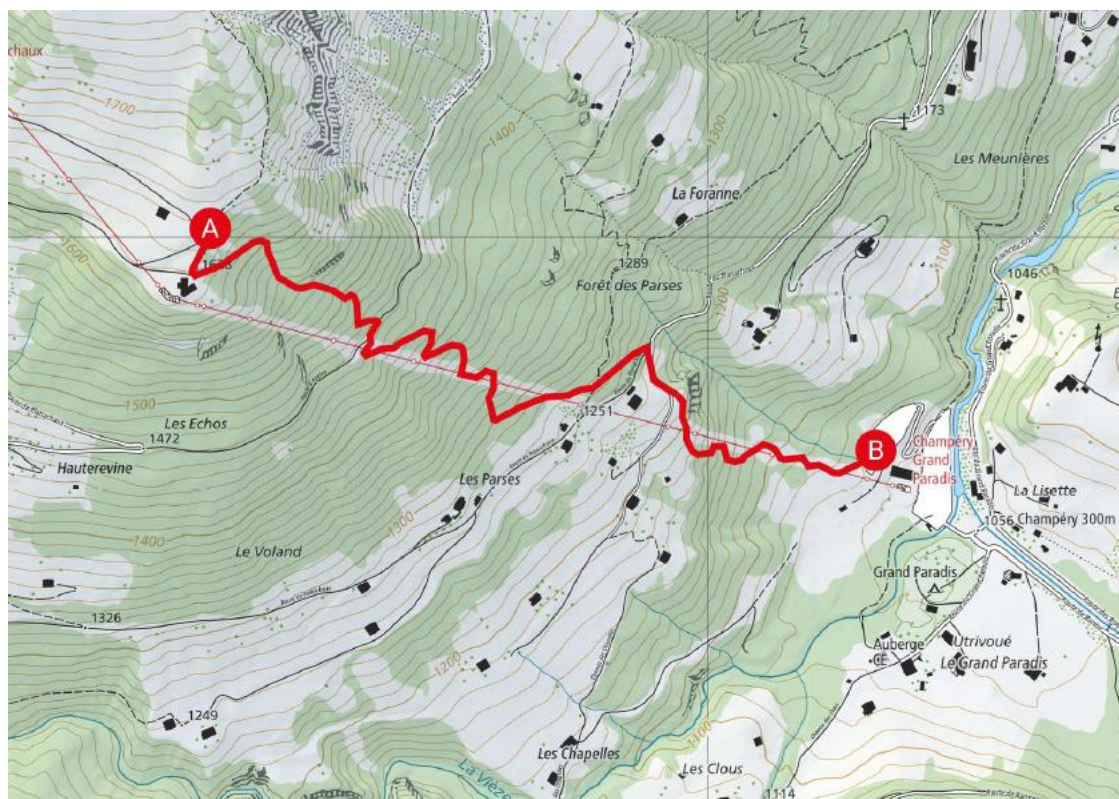
<https://www.regiondentsdumidi.ch/fr/hebergements/reservation/reservation-en-ligne-99/>

**OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF THE COMPETITION VENUE**

Grand Paradis  
1874 Champéry

46°09'50.1"N 6°51'34.1"E

## **COURSE MAP / VENUE**



Distance : 1,52 km

Negative elevation : 580 m

Alt. min/max : 1'068 m – 1'647 m

## **MEDICAL – EMERGENCY - LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

A medical team will be on site during official training sessions and competitions. The medical team will be based at the finish. Mountain Rescue equipment will be positioned at various points along the course during official trainings and competition days.

### **Official Race Doctor:**

**Dr Manuel PERNET** (GRIMM) Mountain Medical Intervention Group  
fully available to the Organising Committee.

### **Front medical PC**

### **Nearest hospital**

1. Rennaz Hospital  
Hospital centre  
Route du Vieux Séquoia 20 - 1847 Rennaz  
**Phone number +41 58 773'21'12**





2. Martigny Hospital  
Avenue de la Fusion 27 - 1920 Martigny  
**Phone number +41 27 603'40'00**
3. CHUV Lausanne  
University Hospital of Vaud  
Rue du Bugnon 46 - 1000 Lausanne  
**Phone number +41 21 314'11'11**
4. Sion Hospital  
Avenue Grand Champsec 80 - 1950 Sion  
**Phone number +41 27 603 90'00**

3 & 4. for serious cases (polytrauma)

#### EMERGENCY AMBULANCE

Via Command Post (PC-Front) Phone number **+41 24 479 44 10**

**EMERGENCY NUMBER:** 1/ Command Post (PC-Front) phone number **+41 24 479 44 10**  
2/ Valais cantonal rescue organisation (OCVS) phone number **144**

**POLICE:** 1/ Via Command Post (PC-Front) Phone number **+41 24 479 44 10**  
2/ Valais cantonal police **117** or **144**

#### Please note:

*On Swiss territory, helicopter interventions for this event will be carried out using private aircraft. As helicopter operations are the sole responsibility of the athletes involved, participants are strongly advised to take out private liability insurance, as they will be invoiced for the operation.*

#### TEAMS / OFFICIALS ACCREDITATION

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.

#### *Please note:*

**The accreditation office is 2.2 km away from the competition site (4 minutes by car).**

#### Address:

Palladium  
Route du Centre Sportif 1  
1874 Champéry  
GPS : 46°10'38.0"N 6°52'18.3"E

#### PERMANENCE / ACCREDITATION OPENING HOURS

Wednesday, 07.08.2024 09:00 – 18:00  
Thursday, 08.08.2024 08:00 – 18:00  
Friday, 09.08.2024 07:30 – 18:00  
Saturday, 10.08.2024 07:30 – 18:00  
Sunday, 11.08.2024 07:00 – 18:00 **INFO POINT – Grand Paradis**  
<https://www.google.com/maps?q=46.16313171386719,6.8608551025390625&z=17&hl=en>



### **TEAMS PARKING AREA**

Book a location: [Formulaire de réservation de stand | UEC 2024 \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)

Address : Grand Paradis  
1874 Champéry  
GPS : 46°09'50.1"N 6°51'34.1"E

**Booking opening: Monday, 15 April 2024 (09:00 CET)**

**Booking deadline: Monday, 12 July 2024 (23:59 CET)**

***Please note: limited places. First come, first served.***

### **OTHER PARTICIPANTS PARKING AREA**

Book a location: [Formulaire de réservation de stand | UEC 2024 \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)

Address : Grand Paradis  
1874 Champéry  
GPS : 46°09'50.1"N 6°51'34.1"E

**Booking opening: Monday, 15 April 2024 (09:00 CET)**

**Booking deadline: Monday, 19 July 2024 (23:59 CET)**

***Please note: limited places. First come, first served.***

**MEDIA****MEDIA CENTRE**

The Media Centre is located in Grand Paradis (1874 Champéry).

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 Stefano Bertolotti, UEC Press Officer  
Benjamin Arvis-Maxit, Organiser Communication Manager / Press Officer:

[s.bertolotti@uec.ch](mailto:s.bertolotti@uec.ch) or  
[barvis@rddm.ch](mailto:barvis@rddm.ch)

**MEDIA CENTRE - OPENING HOURS**

Thursday, 8.8.2024	15:00 – 18:00
Friday, 9.08.2024	08:00 - 18:00
Saturday, 10.08.2024	08:00 - 18:00
Sunday, 11.08.2024	08:00 - 18:00

**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.

Please note that only UEC OFFICIAL MEDIA (red bib) will be allowed inside the finish area. For all other accredited media, a mixed zone will be available.

**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. €50 will be requested for the bib as deposit. It will be refunded when the bib will be returned **at the info point**

<https://www.google.com/maps?q=46.16313171386719,6.8608551025390625&z=17&hl=en>

***Please note:***

**The accreditation office is 2.2 km away from the competition site (4 minutes by car).**

Palladium

Route du Centre Sportif 1

1874 Champéry

GPS : 46°10'38.0"N 6°52'18.3"E

**PERMANENCE / ACCREDIATION OPENING HOURS :**

Wednesday, 07.08.2024	09:00 – 18:00	
Thursday, 08.08.2024	08:00 – 18:00	
Friday, 09.08.2024	07:30 – 18:00	
Saturday, 10.08.2024	07:30 – 18:00	
Sunday, 11.08.2024	07:00 – 18:00	INFO POINT – Grand Paradis

<https://www.google.com/maps?q=46.16313171386719,6.8608551025390625&z=17&hl=en>





## OFFICIAL MEETINGS

### **CONFIRMATION / LICENSE CHECK**

Thursday 8 August 2024      15:00 – 17:30  
Friday 9 August 2024      08:00 – 12:00 / 13:30 – 17:00

Address: Palladium (Route du Centre Sportif 1874 Champéry).  
GPS: 46°11'16.0"N 6°55'44.6"E

Signage will be put in place to indicate the location.

The license check, the confirmation of the rider, the check of the national teams clothing and the distribution of race numbers start on Thursday, 8 August 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, 9 August 2024, 18:00 (for all races, all age categories)**

Address: Palladium (Route du Centre Sportif 1874 Champéry).  
GPS: 46°11'16.0"N 6°55'44.6"E

**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
- LOC Event Director or representative
- UCI and Additional Commissaires
- Team Managers
- UEC Technical Delegate

**PROVISIONAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

<b>Wednesday 7 August</b>	09:00- 18:00	Accreditation Centre opens
<b>Thursday 8 August</b>	08:00- 18:00	Accreditation Centre opens
	15:00 – 17:30	Riders Confirmation – all categories
	15:00 - 16:30	On foot course inspection
	19:00	Meeting UEC / LOC
<b>Friday 9 August</b>	07:30 - 18:00	Accreditation Centre opens
	<b>08:00 - 12:00</b>	<b>Riders confirmation - final confirmation all categories</b>
	08:00 - 09:45	Official Downhill Training >> <b>Men Master</b>
	9:50 – 11:30	Official Downhill Training >> <b>Women Elite/Junior/Master/ U15 &amp; U17 (Boys and Girls)</b>
	11:40 – 13:40	Official Downhill Training >> <b>Men Junior / Elite</b>
	<b>13:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>Riders confirmation – final confirmation all categories</b>
	13:45 – 14:45	Official Downhill Training >> <b>Men Master</b>
	14:50 – 16:00	Official Downhill Training >> <b>Women Elite/Junior/Master/ U15 &amp; U17 (Boys and Girls)</b>
	16:05 – 17:30	Official Downhill Training >> <b>Men Junior / Elite</b>
	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Team Managers Meeting – at the Palladium</b>
	19:00	Meeting UEC / LOC
<b>Saturday 10 August</b>	07:30 - 18:00	Accreditation Centre opens
	08:00 - 09:15	Official Downhill Training >> <b>Men Master</b>
	09:15 - 10:30	Official Downhill Training >> <b>Women Master/U15 &amp; U17 (Boys and Girls)</b>
	<b>10:45 - 11:30</b>	<b>Seeding round - Men &amp; Women Master</b>
	<b>11:35 - 12:30</b>	<b>Seeding round - U15 &amp; U17 (Boys and Girls)</b>
	13:00 - 14:30	Official Downhill Training >> <b>Men/Women Junior &amp; Elite</b>
	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Seeding round – Men/Women Junior and Elite</b>
	19:00	Meeting UEC / LOC

<b>Sunday 11 August</b>	07:00 – 18:00	Accreditation Centre open
	08:00 – 09:00	Official Downhill Training >> <b>Women Master/U15 &amp; U17 (Boys and Girls)</b>
	09:00 – 10:00	Official Downhill Training >> <b>Men Master &amp; Guests</b>
	<b>10:20 - 11:05</b>	<b>Final Downhill European Championships U15 &amp; U17 (Boys and Girls)</b>
	<b>11:30 - 12:10</b>	<b>Final Downhill European Championships Men &amp; Women Master</b>
		Followed by Awards Ceremonies
	12:30 - 13:30	Official Downhill Training >> <b>Women Junior/Elite</b>
	13:30 -14:30	Official Downhill Training >> <b>Men Junior / Elite</b>
	<b>15:00 - 15:40</b>	<b>Final Downhill European Championships Women Junior* &amp; Women Elite*</b>
	<b>15:45 - 17:30</b>	<b>Final Downhill European Championships Men Junior* &amp; Men Elite *</b>
		Followed by Awards Ceremonies

\* *Separate DHI European Championship titles will be awarded for the Elite and Junior categories. Points will be awarded according to UCI rules.*

## RACE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

### 1. GENERAL RULES

- 1.1 The 2024 UEC MTB DHI European Championships are organised by the Union Européenne de Cyclisme (UEC) in cooperation with Association Bike Dents du Midi.

The technical preparation and coordination will be done by: Ben Walker.

Technical Directors: Giorgio BARUFFI (UEC) & Ben Walker (LOC).

- 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 [UEC Upcoming Events \(evodata.it\)](https://www.uec.ch/uec-upcoming-events)

**Registration opening:**                      **Monday, 15 April 2024 (09:00 CET)**  
**Registration deadline**                      **Monday, 29 July 2024 (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 following website:  
<https://www.njuko.net/uec-mtb-dh-championship-2024>

**Registration opening: Monday, 15 April 2024 (09:00 CET)**  
**Registration deadline Monday, 05 August 2024 (23:59 CET)**

\* The attention of all registered participants in the MASTERS categories is drawn to the importance, before registration and also before presenting themselves at the licence check, of checking that they meet the requirements defined by the UCI for participating in events on the UCI international masters calendar"

### **Masters**

- \* 4.1.009 All riders aged 35 or over who hold a masters licence are allowed to ride mountain bike events on the UCI international masters calendar, apart from:
1. riders who, during the current season starting January 1st, have scored 1 or more UCI points during the same calendar year as a UCI masters event;
  2. riders who during the current year have been a member of a team registered with the UCI.  
(text modified on 1.01.18; 1.01.20, 1.01.21)

### **Registration price**

REGISTRATION PRICE - DOWNHILL 2024				
	ELITE	JUNIORS (U15 & U19)	YOUTH	MASTERS
<b>15.04 to 30.06</b>	€ 75	€ 65	€ 55	€ 75
<b>01.07 to 31.07</b>	€ 95	€ 85	€ 75	€ 95
<b>01.08 to 05.08</b>	€ 115	€ 105	€ 95	€ 115

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.

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

### **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, 9 August 2024  
Time: 18:00  
Location: Palladium (Route du Centre Sportif 11874 Champéry)



## 5. RACES PROCEDURES

### Masters (Women and Men)

These categories are doing a seeding run - all riders will qualify for the final - but they must take **the start of** 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.

If a rider does not complete the Seeding Run (DNF), he/she will start as the first in his/her category (ahead of the slowest rider who finished the Seeding Run). If several riders from the same category do not finish the Seeding Run, they will start first in order of the Seeding Run start list (between them).

If a biker validly entered in the race does not take the start in the Seeding Run, he/she will be considered DNS and will not be allowed to participate in the Final Run.

### Youth categories (Women and Men)

These categories are doing a seeding run - all riders will qualify for the final - but they must take **the start of** 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.

If a rider does not complete the Seeding Run (DNF), he/she will start as the first in his/her category (ahead of the slowest rider who finished the Seeding Run). If several riders from the same category do not finish the Seeding Run, they will start first in order of the Seeding Run start list (between them).

If a biker validly entered in the race does not take the start in the Seeding Run, he/she will be considered DNS and will not be allowed to participate in the Final Run.

### Juniors and Elite (Women and Men)

These categories are doing a seeding run - all riders will qualify for the final - but they must take **the start of** 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.

If a rider does not complete the Seeding Run (DNF), he/she will start as the first in his/her category (ahead of the slowest rider who finished the Seeding Run). If several riders from the same category do not finish the Seeding Run, they will start first in order of the Seeding Run start list (between them).

If a biker validly entered in the race does not take the start in the Seeding Run, he/she will be considered DNS and will not be allowed to participate in the Final Run.

## 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 2024 UEC MTB Downhill 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:

<b>The 1<sup>st</sup> place:</b>	<b>European Champion jersey and Gold medal</b>
<b>The 2<sup>nd</sup> place:</b>	<b>Silver medal</b>
<b>The 3<sup>rd</sup> place:</b>	<b>Bronze medal</b>

### Prize money list (Amounts in Euro):

<b>Elite:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> place	€ 625,00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	€ 375,00
	3 <sup>th</sup> place	€ 250,00
<b>Juniors:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> place	€ 300,00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	€ 170,00
	3 <sup>th</sup> place	€ 125,00

The prize money will be transferred by the UEC directly to the concerned National Federations by mid-November. Therefore, prize money should be requested to your National Federation in due time.

## 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.