

2018 UEC Mountain Bike European Championships

XCO-XCR-XCE

**Graz - Stattegg (Austria)
26 - 29 July 2018**

Technical Guide
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1. ORGANIZATION

1.1. LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Head of OC	Mr Jürgen Pail
2. Head of OC	Mr Gerald Brunner
Race office and accommodation	Mrs Stephanie Pall
Chiefs of the Course XCO	Mr Bernd Tauderer Mr Florian Gruber Mr David Kneidinger
Manager of the XCE race Graz/City	Mr Heinz Bauer
Manager of the central event center Stattegg/Lässerhof	Mr Tobias Träger
Manager of the public facilities in the municipality of Stattegg	Mr Andreas Möstl
Chief of the national commissaires	Mr Alex Forstmayr

1.2. UEC REPRESENTATIVES

UEC Management Committee	Mr Rocco Cattaneo (SUI), President Mrs Agata Lang (POL), Vice President Mr Alexander Gusyatnikov (RUS), Vice President Mr Henrik Jess Jensen (DEN), Vice President Mr Martin Wolf (GER), Member Mr Sahib Alakbarov (AZE), Member Mr Alasdair MacLennan (GBR), Member
UEC General Secretary	Mr Enrico Della Casa (ITA)
UEC MTB Commission	Mr Thierry Marechal (BEL), President Mrs Elena Valentini (ITA), Member Mr Henrik Hakala Dahle (NOR), Member Mr Jurgen Pail (AUT), Member
UEC Technical Delegate UEC Press Officer UEC Photographer	Mr Alex Forstmayr (AUT) Mr Stefano Bertolotti (ITA) Mr Michele Mondini (ITA)

1.3. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSAIRES PANEL

President of the Commissaires Panel	Mrs Federica Guarniero (ITA)
Member of the Commissaires Panel and Secretary	Mr Henrik Hakala Dahle (NOR)
Chief of the national Commissaires	Mr Alex Forstmayr
National Commissaire	Mrs Margarete Forstmayr
National Commissaire	Mr Hubert Trilsam
National Commissaire	Mrs Ulrike Bechtel
National Commissaire	Mr Johann Orsolits

1.4. ANTIDOPING CONTROL

Doping control Officers appointed by the CADF:
Philippe Queroue (FRA) and Marko Procikevic (SRB)

National Anti Doping (Austria): tbc

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Travel and accommodation expenses to and from Gratz - Stattegg must be covered by the National Federations.

Nearest airports are:

**International Airport Graz, www.flughafen-graz.at
19 km from Graz/Stattegg**

**Vienna International Airport, www.viennaairport.com
200 km from Graz/Stattegg**

Transportation from the above mentioned airports to Gratz - Stattegg and vice versa is possible to arrange with the organizers for extra payment agreed mutually.

Accommodation and transportation requests must be submitted directly to the official travel agency.

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

All riders and attendants must hold insurance valid in Austria.

Official travel agency

bike09 sportmanagement gmbh
A-8046 Stattegg, Dorfplatz 4
Tel.+Fax 0043 (0)316 577 124
mobil 0043 (0)664 54 22 433
e-mail: office@bike03.at

Accommodation

The organizer holds contingents in several hotels and will book the accommodations according to the wishes of the national federations.

You can find the booking form here:

http://www.bike09.at/contact_accommodation-pid794

Visas

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

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

Team area

In order to reserve a team area, please use the official team area booking form.

http://www.bike09.at/contact_accommodation-pid794

2.2. MEDICAL – EMERGENCY - LOCAL AUTHORITIES

OFFICIAL RACE DOCTOR from Red Cross Graz

HOSPITALS

LKH Graz, www.klinikum-graz.at
Unfallkrankenhaus Graz, www.ukhgraz.at

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE

Red Cross Graz directly at the race venues or phone number 144 or 112

POLICE

Polizeiinspektion Kumberg
8062 Kumberg, Meierhöfenstraße 7
Telefon: +43 59 133 6143-100
eMail: PI-ST-Kumberg@polizei.gv.at

2.3. TEAMS / OFFICIALS ACCREDITATION

Teams and officials accreditations can be collected starting from Wednesday, 25th July at the permanence offices, located at the:

**Event Center Stattegg Lässerhof
Hofweg 2
8046 Stattegg**

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.

2.4. PERMANENCE OPENING HOURS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 25 th July	12:00 – 19:30
Thursday, 26 th July	09:00 – 12:00 / 15:00 – 19:00
Friday, 27 th July	09:00 – 12:00
Saturday, 28 th July	08:00 – 19:00
Sunday, 29 th July	08:00 – 19:00

2.5. MEDIA

MEDIA PERMANENCE – UEC PRESS CENTER

The Media Permanence and Press Room are located directly at the start-finish-areas of the race venues:

For XCO:
Event Center Stattegg Lässerhof
Hofweg 2
8046 Stattegg

For XCE (only on race day XCE):
ÖVP Steiermark
Karmeliterplatz 6
8010 Graz

In order to access the UEC Press Center an accreditation is necessary.

MEDIA PERMANANCE – UEC PRESS CENTER OPENING HOURS

Wednesday, 25 th July	12:00 – 21:30
Thursday, 26 th July	08:00 – 21:30
Friday, 27 th July	12:00 – 21:30 (only at XCE in Graz)
Saturday, 28 th July	08:00 – 21:30
Sunday, 29 th July	08:00 – 21:30

MIXED ZONE

At the exit of the course after the finish line, UEC will organize a Mixed Zone where media can have a short interview with riders they wish to do so.

FLASH INTERVIEW TENT

Next to the Awards Ceremony podium, UEC will organize a flash interview tent open for the media.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

To apply for media accreditation, please visit the UEC website (www.uec.ch dedicated page).

Media accreditation and photographers bib's can be collected at the media permanence on **Wednesday, 25th July from 12:00 – 19:30.**

For any further inquire please contact: Mr Stefano Bertolotti - s.bertolotti@uec.ch

3. OFFICIAL MEETINGS

3.1 COMMISSAIRES PANEL MEETING

Wednesday, 25th July 11:00 – 12:00

at the Commissaires office located in

**Event Center Stattegg Lässerhof
Hofweg 2
8046 Stattegg**

3.2. CONFIRMATION / LICENCE CHECK / DISTRIBUTION OF RACE NUMBERS

The license check, the initial confirmation of riders, the check of the national teams clothing the distribution of race numbers and transponders will be organized on

Wednesday, 25st July – 13:30 until 16:30

at the race headquarters located in

**Event Center Stattegg Lässerhof
Hofweg 2
8046 Stattegg**

Team managers must confirm all starters, presenting all licences (with passport for the juniors' category) and providing a sample of the national teams' apparel.

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.

3.3. TEAM MANAGERS MEETING

- **Wednesday, 25th July 17:00 – 17:45 (for all races, all age categories)**
- **Team managers meeting room:**

**Event Center Stattegg Lässerhof
Hofweg 2
8046 Stattegg**

Attendance is required for:

- UEC MTB Commission President
- UCI and Additional Commissaires
- Team Managers
- CADF Doping Control Officer
- Event Director
- UEC Technical Delegate

4. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 25th July (Stattegg)

12:00 – 14:00	Courses inspection XCO by UCI, UEC and LOC
13:30 – 16:30	Riders confirmation (<u>only for National Teams, not for Masters</u>)
17:00 – 17:45	Team managers meeting (all races, all categories)
18:00 – 19:30	Riders final confirmation for Team Relay (XCR)

Thursday, 26th July (XCO & XCR Stattegg – XCE Graz City)

09:00 – 12:00	Course recognition (XCR/XCO and TT Masters)
09:00 – 12:00	Riders final confirmation for Eliminator (XCE) Riders confirmation for all Masters Cross Country (XCO)
13:30 – 15:15	Official training for Team Relay (XCR)
16:00 – 17:30	Team Relay Final (XCR)
17:30 – 17:45	Team Relay Victory Ceremony (XCR)

Friday, 27th July (XCE Graz City)

15:00 – 16:00	Course recognition for Eliminator (XCE)
17:00 – 18:00	Eliminator, Qualifications (XCE)
18:30 – 19:30	Eliminator, Finals (XCE)
19:30 – 19:45	Eliminator, Victory Ceremony (XCE)
19:45	Welcome to the Nations – Opening Ceremony

Friday, 27th July (XCO Stattegg)

09:00 – 10:00	Riders final confirmation for all Juniors and U23 Cross Country races (XCO)
	Riders confirmation for all Masters Cross Country (XCO)
09:00 – 17:00	Course recognition (XCO)

Saturday, 28th July (Stattegg)

08:00 – 09:00	Riders final confirmation for all Masters Cross Country (XCO)
08:30 – 09:30	Official training for Cross Country (XCO)
10:00 – 11:30	Masters Men's 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+ Cross Country, Final (XCO)
10:02 – 11:30	Masters Women's all categories Cross Country, Final (XCO)
12:00 – 13:30	Masters Men 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49 Cross Country, Final (XCO)
14:30 – 15:30	Masters Cross Country XCO all categories – Victory Ceremonies

Sunday, 29th July (Stattegg)

07:30 – 08:30	Official training Cross country (XCO)
09:00 – 10:30	Junior Women's Cross Country, Final (XCO)
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Junior Women's Cross Country, Victory Ceremony</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Junior Men's Cross Country, Final (XCO)
12:45 – 13:00	<i>Junior Men's Cross Country, Victory Ceremony</i>
13:00 – 14:30	U23 Women's Cross Country, Final (XCO)
14:45 – 15:00	<i>U23 Women's Cross Country, Victory Ceremony</i>
15:00 – 16:30	U23 Men's Cross Country, Final (XCO)
16:45 – 17:00	<i>U23 Men's Cross Country, Victory Ceremony</i>
17:00	After race Party Jr & U23

5. RACE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL RULES

- 1.1 The 2018 UEC MTB European Championships are organized by the Union Européenne de Cyclisme (UEC) in cooperation with Bike Club Giant Stattegg and the Austrian Cycling Federation
The technical preparation and coordination will be done by: Mr Jurgen Pail

Technical directors: Mr Jurgen Pail, Mr Gerald Brunner and Mr Heinz Bauer

- 1.2 The event will be organized 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: Team Relay (XCR), Eliminator (XCE) and Cross Country Olympic format (XCO). They are scheduled **from 26th to 29th July 2018.**

These Championships may be contested by riders entered by their National Federation as a National Team.

The Masters Championships may be contested by riders, who hold UCI Masters Licenses, unequal they will start in National or Club Teams or as single participants.

ARTICLE 2. TYPE OF THE EVENT

2.1 The event is open to athletes of the Women Junior (WJ), Men Junior (MJ), Women U23 (WU), Men U23 (MU), Women Elite (WE) and Men Elite (ME), Women's Masters (WM), Men's Masters (MM) categories.

2.2 Age categories for which the title of the European Champion will be awarded are the following:

XCR National Teams (See point 3.1. below....)

XCE Men and Women (Participation for Junior, U23 and Elite allowed.)

XCO-Masters: Masters Women and Masters Men
(aged 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-70+)

XCO Men U23 (aged 19 to 22)
Women U23 (aged 19 to 22)
Men Juniors (aged 17 and 18)
Women Juniors (aged 17 and 18)

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

ARTICLE 3. PARTICIPATION

National Federations may enter the following riders per Championship :

3.1 Team Relay (XCR)

For the team relay, each nation may enter only a single team.

Each national team shall be made up of 1 Men Elite, 1 Women Elite, 1 Men Under 23, 1 Men Junior and 1 Women Under 23 or Women Junior.

However the following substitutions shall be permissible:

- ✓ **Men Elite by Women Elite or Men under 23 or Men Junior or Women Under 23 or Women Junior;**
- ✓ **Women Elite by Women Under 23 or by Women Junior;**
- ✓ **Men Under 23 by Women Elite or Women Under 23 or Men Junior or Women Junior;**
- ✓ **Men Junior by Women Junior.**

For the European championship team relay, the team manager must use the form provided, to notify the names and categories of the riders making up their team and their start order to the President of the Commissaire's panel at the end of the team managers' meeting, **the day before the event, during the riders final confirmation (XCR) on Wednesday 25th of July from 18:00 – 19:30.**

This start order may not be altered subsequently.

The exchange boxes will be allocated on the basis of the results of the team relay event in the preceding European championships. The order of nations not placed will be determined by drawing lots. The first nation will be installed in box number 1 and so on.

Note that UCI points which will be awarded to the team relay will be given to the nation and not to the individual riders.

3.2 **Cross Country Olympic (XCO)**

Men Under 23, Women Under 23, Men Juniors and Women Juniors

Participation for all categories : total riders that may be registered 12 riders/event

maximum 8 riders to start per category / per nation

3.3 **Cross Country Olympic Masters (XCO)**

Men Masters, Women Masters.

Men Masters (aged 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-70+)

Women Masters (aged 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-70+)

Participation for all categories:

The Masters Championships may be contested by riders, who hold UCI Masters Licenses, unequal they start in National or Club teams or as single participants.

There is no limit concerning the number of participants per nation and as a whole in the Masters categories.

Starting order:

For fixing the starting order for the Masters XCO Races a Single Time Trial will be organized on Friday, 27th of July from 10:00 to 12:00 at Stattegg Lässerhof on parts of the XCO race course.

One lap of around 1,5 km length on a simple course. Interval start with 30 seconds gap. The starting order within the categories of the Masters XCO will depend on the results of the Time Trial. Riders, who do not participate in the Time Trial, will be positioned at the end of the starting grid of each Masters categorie.

3.4 **Eliminator (XCE)**

Men and Women (categories as UCI rules)

Participation for all categories : total riders that may be registered 12 riders/event

maximum 8 riders to start per category/per nation

- 3.5 For all individual events and categories the outgoing European Champion can be added to the maximum quota of a National Federation provided that he/she remains eligible for the Championship.

Riders registration (Juniors, U23 & Elite)

- 3.6 The National Federations have to register their riders directly on the UEC website (www.uec.ch).

The registration will open on Monday 02/07/2018. Deadline for the registrations is Monday 16/07/2018 midnight Central European time.

In accordance with the riders' registration, the National Federations may add to the above mentioned numbers of riders a max 4 reserve riders per category.

The initial and final confirmation of the starters and the distribution of the race numbers will take place at the Race Headquarters located at the:

**Event Center Stattegg Lässerhof
Hofweg 2
8046 Stattegg**

Wednesday, 25th July

13:30 – 16:30 Riders confirmation
17:00 – 17:45 Team managers meeting (all races, all categories)
18:00 – 19:30 Riders final confirmation for Team Relay (XCR)

Thursday, 26th July

09:00 – 12:00 Riders final confirmation for Eliminator (XCE)

Friday, 28th July

08:00 – 12:00 Riders final confirmation for all Juniors and U23 Cross Country races (XCO)

Riders registration (Masters)

- 3.7 Each rider has to do the registration by himself directly on the website of the organizer (www.bike09.at).

The registration will open on Monday 11/06/2018. Deadline for the registrations is Monday 16/07/2018 midnight Central European time.

Registration fee per rider: € 60,00

There will be a possibility for **late registrations during the riders confirmation on Thursday, 26th of July from 9:00 to 12:00** at the race office in Stattegg/Lässerhof

Late registration fee per rider: € 120,00

The initial and final confirmation of the participants and the distribution of the race numbers will take place at the Race Headquarters located at the:

**Event Center Stattegg Lässerhof
Hofweg 2
8046 Stattegg**

Thursday, 26th July

09:00 – 12:00

Riders confirmation for all Masters Cross Country races (XCO)

Late registration for all Masters Cross Country races

Friday, 28th July

08:00 – 12:00

Riders final confirmation for all Masters Cross Country races (XCO)

NO late registration will be accepted.

- 3.7 Riders ages shall be defined according to the UCI Regulations.

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.

ARTICLE 4. TEAM MANAGERS MEETING - RACE OFFICE

- 4.1 The team managers' meeting, organized in accordance with the UCI regulations in the presence of Members of the Commissaries Panel, is scheduled for

Wednesday, 25th July, from 17:00 – 17:45

in the following location:

**Event Center Stattegg Lässerhof
Hofweg 2
8046 Stattegg**

ARTICLE 5. RACES PROCEDURES

XCO START PROCEDURE

- 5.1 For all XCO races, the start procedure will be conducted according to the following UCI MTB Regulations:

4.1.030 For Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup and Continental Championships events and hors class events, the organiser must make provisions for a call-up area which is sufficiently large for riders to warm up in, close to the start zone.

4.1.031 In mass start events, riders must be called to the start no earlier than 20 minutes before the scheduled start of the race. This period can be reduced where the number of riders allows.

Five minutes before the call-up an announcement must be made over the public address system to inform riders of the fact, and again three minutes beforehand.

The riders shall line up in the order in which they are to be called to the start line.

The number of riders on each line will be decided by the president of the commissaires' panel and supervised by a commissaire.

The rider himself shall decide which position on the line to take. Once the riders are lined up, warm-up (by rollers, turbo trainer etc.) is excluded inside or outside the start area.

The start will be given by the start commissaire using the following the procedure: warnings at 3, 2, 1 minutes and 30 seconds before the start, then a final announcement that the start will be given within the next 15 seconds.

A starting pistol or, if none is available, a whistle, will be used to give the start.

4.1.032 The start commissaire shall be in sole control of the public address system from three minutes before the start, until the start has been given.

4.1.033 The start briefing will be given in at least one of the official languages of the UCI.

XCE RACE PROCEDURE

5.2 The qualifying round for all categories will take place on Friday 26th July 2018, 17:00- 18:00.

For the Qualifying round, the start will be given on the basis of the most recent UCI XCO individual ranking published. The best ranked riders starting first.

In the elimination heats, there will be 4 riders starting per heat.

ARTICLE 6. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The following UCI Regulations will be applicable:

4.2.044

No rider may turn back on the course to reach a feed/technical assistance zone. Any rider doing so is disqualified. Only within the feed/technical assistance zone itself, a rider may turn back without obstructing other competitors

4.2.045

Technical assistance during a race is permitted subject to the conditions below.

4.2.046

Authorised technical assistance during a race consists of repairs to or the replacement of any part of the bicycle other than the frame.

Bike changes are not permitted and the rider must cross the finishing line with the same handlebar number plate that he/she had at the start.

4.2.047

Technical assistance can only be given in the feed/technical assistance zones.

4.2.048

Spare equipment and tools for repairs must be kept in these zones. Repairs and equipment changes can be carried out by the rider himself or with the help of a teammate, team mechanic or neutral technical assistance.

4.2.049

In addition to technical assistance in feed zones, technical assistance is permitted outside these zones only between riders who are members of the same UCI ELITE MTB team, UCI MTB team or of the same national team.

During the European championships, it is only authorised between riders of the same national team.

For the Masters Championships technical assistance between riders is NOT allowed.

Riders may carry tools and spare parts provided that these do not involve any danger to the rider himself or the other competitors.

ARTICLE 7. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE / FEEDING ZONES

7.1 In XCO races, 1 double zone or 2 single technical assistance / feeding zones will be organized.

The location of the technical assistance / feeding zones are shown in appendix.

For the cross-country team relay event during the world championships and, if applicable, during the continental championships, a feed/technical assistance zone can be set up for technical support only, at the discretion of the president of the commissaires' panel. For the sake of clarity, feeding from the feed/technical zone is not permitted for the cross-country team relay events.

(4.2.036. text modified on 01.01.2017)

7.2 Technical assistance / Feed zone passes will be distributed during the riders' confirmation.

ARTICLE 8. AWARDS CEREMONIES

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

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

Riders must present themselves at the podium in a maximum of 10 minutes after crossing the finish line.

ARTICLE 9. POINTS SCALE

In accordance with the UCI MTB regulations, Annex 2, the following points will be attributed:

Place	POINTS SCALE		
	Under 23	Juniors	Team Relay*
1st	75	60	100
2nd	55	40	75
3rd	45	30	60
4th	40	25	50
5th	35	20	40
6th	30	18	30
7th	25	16	25
8th	20	14	20
9th	15	12	10
10th	10	10	5
11th	8	8	X
12th	6	6	
13th	4	4	
14th	2	2	
15th	1	1	
16th	X	X	

* **Note:** According to UCI Regulations the points for Team Relay, are not nominative to the riders, but to the nation.

ARTICLE 10. AWARDS AND PRIZE MONEY

10.1 Jersey and medals

Every European Championship will be awarded with:

The 1st place: Champion(s) jersey and Gold medal

The 2nd place: Silver medal

The 3rd place: Bronze medal

10.2 Prize money list (Amounts in Euro):

XCR	
Place	
1st	€ 1'875,00
2nd	€ 1'250,00
3rd	€ 625,00
Total	€ 3'750,00

XCE - Eliminator ELITE		
Place	Elite Men	Elite Women
1st	€ 400,00	€ 400,00
2nd	€ 300,00	€ 300,00
3rd	€ 200,00	€ 200,00
4th	€ 100,00	€ 100,00
Total	€ 1'000,00	€ 1'000,00

Place	XCO - Cross Country JUNIORS		XCO - Cross Country U23	
	Junior Men	Junior Women	U23 Men	U23 Women
1st	€ 380,00	€ 380,00	€ 470,00	€ 470,00
2nd	€ 190,00	€ 190,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
3rd	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 160,00	€ 160,00
Total	€ 670,00	€ 670,00	€ 880,00	€ 880,00

No price money for Masters

ARTICLE 11. ANTIDOPING

11.1 The UCI antidoping regulations are entirely applicable to the event.

The antidoping tests will take place at:

Volksschule Stattegg / Elementary School Stattegg
Schulweg 1
8046 Stattegg

ARTICLE 12. PENALTIES

12.1 The UCI penalty scale is the only one applicable.

ARTICLE 13. RESPONSIBILITIES

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

13.2 The organizers 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.

Lausanne (SUI), 28 May 2018