

# **BCSS Mountain Biking Commission - Provincial Championship Rules and Regulations (2017)**

**1. Player Eligibility and Association:** BC School Sports Mountain Biking is a Commission of BC School Sports and operates under the rules and regulations outlined in the BCSS Handbook. Specific Commission info available on the following page:  
<http://www.bcschoolsports.ca/commissions/mountain-biking>

## **2. Competition Divisions**

Team and individual competition is held for:

- Senior Boys & Girls (Gr. 11 & 12)
- Junior Boys & Girls (Gr. 10)
- Juvenile Boys & Girls (Gr. 9)
- Bantam Boys & Girls (Gr. 8)

## **3. Team Uniforms/Jerseys**

All team members should wear school colours and be properly attired. School names should be dominant in order to help coaches, spectators and others to differentiate between riders.

## **4. Race Number Plates**

Each competitor must be clearly identified with a race number plate, with his/her assigned number, affixed to the handlebars of his or her bike. Race number plates will be provided to coaches and racers at the provincial championship event.

## **5. Helmets**

Helmets are mandatory. Coaches should ensure that all helmets are in good condition. Helmets must be properly affixed to the rider by a tightened chin strap. Participants may not race with an improperly adjusted or with a damaged helmet.

## **6. Race Disciplines**

The Championship event provides two formats of competition: All-Mountain and Enduro. All competitor must start in **BOTH disciplines** in order to earn team points.

- **All-Mountain (XC)** is an endurance event on a challenging course including double-track and single-track trails, climbing, descending, traversing and passing opportunities. Race Duration: race organizers seek to develop a race course that challenges riders abilities in the discipline. In order to maintain consistency from year to year, courses are developed with the following intended average completion times: Senior - 65-75 mins., Junior - 60 mins., and Bantam - 50 mins.
- **Enduro** is a timed event in which the racer's finishing position is based on timed downhill stages, typically two to three different stages, combined between

untimed transfer sections. The overall time of the racer is not considered, instead only the timed enduro stages are used for determining finishing order. The length of each stage, the number of stages, and the start format may differ at each Championship event. This is determined by the constraints of each individual course and in the spirit of having as clear and as unimpeded a flow as possible between racers. It is best practice for course officials to separate riders by 30 second intervals when enduro stage starting areas become busy and allowing riders to proceed at their own will could impede individual results.

## **7. Typical Championship Event Structure**

Please refer to the document titled '*BCSS Mountain Biking Commission Provincial Championship Event Guidelines*' for the full details on the structure and organization of the provincial championship.

## **8.Race Finish**

When a competitor crosses the finish line with his or her bike (walking is permitted), he or she will receive an official finishing position and time. The Timing & Scoring Official has the final say in all matters timing and scoring. See below for further information on discrepancies.

## **9.Protests**

All protests must be reported by the coach to the race coordinator, in writing, within 30 minutes of the race heat finish. Protests will be investigated by the race coordinator as thoroughly as possible and may result in disqualifications or adjustments.

## **10.Discrepancies in Results**

Discrepancies in placings and scoring are to be reported to the race coordinator immediately.

## **11. Points Scoring System**

Race finishers in the top 20 in each division of both the All-Mountain and the Enduro competitions, for both boys and girls, will receive a specific number of points based on their finishing position as outlined below. The following points allotment seeks to recognize the top finishers in each division as well as to allow finishers up to 20th place to feel like they can contribute to the overall team results.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Points Allotted</b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>50</b>

<b>4th</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>7th</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>8th</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>9th</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>11-15th</b>	<b>2 points each</b>
<b>16-20th</b>	<b>1 point each</b>

## **15. Points Calculations and Awards for the Provincial Championship**

### **Team Overall**

The BCSS Provincial Championship award will be presented to the school team whose athletes earn the highest total number of points in both the All-Mountain and Enduro disciplines. This points total is determined based on the highest number of accumulated points for the top 20 finishers in each division on that team. The overall team winning school will be presented with the BCSS Provincial Championship banner and the BCSS Mountain Biking Commission Championship Cup.

### **Individual**

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to athletes who finish in 1st through 3rd positions in all categories (both boys and girls), and in both All-Mountain and Enduro disciplines. First through third placings are awarded based on the three lowest accumulated times in each race discipline.

### **King and Queen of the Mountain**

Individual gold medals will be awarded to the King and to the Queen of the Mountain in all divisions based on the highest total points accumulated by an individual in both the All-Mountain and Enduro disciplines in their respective age division.

Example - Racer 1 finishes in 8th in All-Mountain (15 pts.) and he finishes 3rd in Enduro (50 pts.) - his total is 65 points. Racer 2 finishes in 4th in All-Mountain (40 pts.) and he finishes 4th in Enduro (40 pts.) - his total is 80 points. Racer 2 wins the KOM for his division with 80 points vs. 65 points.

## **16. Points Tie Breakers**

### **Team**

Ties for team overall points will be broken by calculating the lowest overall combined time for all of the included (maximum 20 in each division) individuals using the results from each division of the All-Mountain discipline \*Note: this must be calculated based on an equal number of competitors on each of the teams in each of the divisions, as it is possible for a team with fewer riders to accumulate an equal number of points. For example, if one team has 10 points earning riders and the other has 9, then the lowest overall combined time must include only the top 9 riders on the 10 rider team.

### **Individual**

If it is determined that two or more racers finish a race in a given discipline with the same time (even after considering fractions of a second) and in a medal position (1st - 3rd), then all of the tied riders will receive the appropriate medal for their placing at a later time. Example - three silver medals could be awarded if three racers finished with the same second place time.

### **King & Queen of the Mountain**

To break a tie in this category, the lowest cumulative time for the tied riders in both the All-Mountain and Enduro disciplines will be used to determine the winner.

## **17. Electronic Devices**

Electronic devices are not permitted to be used during race events to play music either through personal headphones, device speakers or through speaker systems. Electronic devices may be used for hand free fitness, location and timing applications.