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2010 World Solo 24Hr MTB Championships

Frequently Asked Questions – Version 1.6

The following is provided in response to some questions we have received. Matters of detail or falling outside the scope of this document should be referred to Russ Baker on +61 408 407 946 or bakersmtb@mac.com

This event is being held at Stromlo Forest Park, Canberra on the weekend of 9/10 October 2010 in conjunction with the Scott Australian 24Hr MTB Championships. The easiest explanation is to think of the Solo category at the Scott as being the 2010 World Solo 24hr MTB Championships.

Categories Available in the 2010 World Solo 24hr MTB Championships

The WSC offers Elite (open) Male and Female categories plus as age group categories; Under 25, 25 – 29, 30 – 34, 35 – 39, 40 – 44, 45 – 49, 50 – 54, 55 – 59, 60+ for both Male and Female, plus Single Speed for both Male and Female. The rider's age is their age on 31 December 2010. Riders may only enter in one category and the overall World Champion title will only be awarded to riders from the Elite Male and Elite Female categories.

Grandfather Clause

Any Australian or New Zealand rider who has previously qualified for a 24 Hours of Adrenalin World Solo 24 Hr MTB Championships will automatically be grandfathered into the event. These riders need to contact Stuart Dorland on worldchampionships@twenty4sports.com to activate their rider profile. Grandfathered riders receive a 5% discount on entry if they enter before the end of January 2010.

A complete list of Australian and New Zealand riders who have qualified at recent events, or who qualify under the grandfather clause, is available as a separate document. That list is sorted by Male and Female riders.



Qualifying Events

The allocation of Qualifying Event Status to 24Hr races in Australia and New Zealand is being managed by CORC on behalf of twenty4sports. Contact Russ Baker on +61 408 407 946 or bakersmtb@mac.com

The allocation of Qualifying Event Status to 24Hr races outside of Australia and New Zealand is being managed by twenty4sports. Contact Stuart Dorland on worldchampionships@twenty4sports.com

With these championships being held in Australia, the aim of twenty4sports and CORC is to have as many Australian and New Zealand riders as possible qualify to compete. Qualification Events will be assessed on application and there may be more than one qualifying event in each State/Region.

Conditions for Qualifying Events








Australian and New Zealand events need to meet certain conditions in order to be allocated Qualifying Event status.

- The qualifying event must take place before 20 September 2010.
- The minimum age for a Solo rider is 18 on the start date of the qualifying race unless the respective national mountain bike body specifies a higher minimum age for Solo 24Hour Racing.
- The qualifying event must be a 24 hour race and it must have Male and Female Solo 24 Hr categories. Team categories and sub-24Hr duration races are permitted to be held within the qualifying event at the event owner's discretion, but only riders entered in Solo 24Hr categories can qualify.
- The logo for the 2010 24Hrs of Adrenalin World Solo 24Hr MTB Championships Qualifying Event must appear in all advertising, programs, media releases and promotional material for the qualifying event.
- The logo for the 2010 24Hrs of Adrenalin World Solo 24Hr MTB Championships Qualifying Event must appear on number plates and identification badges for the qualifying event.
- A minimum of two hard banner signs of the 2010 24Hrs of Adrenalin World Solo 24Hr MTB Championships Qualifying Event logo at least 1.0m high and 1.4m wide must be located in the finish straight in the zone from 20m before the finish line to 20m after the finish line.
- The Overall Solo Male and Female Winners must each receive a minimum cash prize of \$A 1,500 which they can use to pay for their entry to the 2010 24Hrs of Adrenalin World Solo 24Hr MTB Championships plus a full fitout pit area (Hoecker marquee, table, chairs, power, lights, heater, floor) and some travel subsidy. For the more remote events, CORC may consider a mix of cash and paid air travel as an acceptable prize, with each application being considered on its merits and the final determination being made by CORC.
- The qualifying event must provide to CORC by email within 7 days of the completion of their event, an Excel file containing Solo race results and contact details (Name, address, DOB, email, phone) for all Solo riders in their event. A standard format will be supplied to qualifying events.



Approved Australian and New Zealand Qualifying Events (as at 14 Dec 2009)

Since the previous edition of these FAQs, Mountain Bike Australia have awarded the 2010 Australian Solo 24Hr Mountain Bike Championship to the CORC Easter Solo Only 24Hr, so this list of events has been reduced by 1, and the qualification rules for the CORC Easter Solo Only 24Hr Race have been changed from Proportional to the 75 % / 50% rule.

Event / Contact Details ¹		Date	Location	No. to Qualify ²
	2009 Scott Australian 24Hr MTB Championships http://www.corc.asn.au info@corc.asn.au	10 / 11 Oct 2009	ACT	75 % / 50% Rule
	2009 Kona 24Hr http://www.fullgaspromotions.com.au/ send a message via their website	28 / 29 Nov 2009	VIC	Proportional
	2010 JetBlack Sydney 24Hr http://www.rockytrailandentertainment.com/ martin@rockytrailandentertainment.com	6 / 7 Feb 2010	NSW	Proportional
tba	2010 Kellevie 24Hr http://www.kellevie24.com info@endorfun.com.au	27 / 28 Mar 2010	TAS	Proportional
 	2010 Australian Solo 24Hr Championships http://www.mtba.asn.au http://www.corc.asn.au info.mtba@mtba.asn.au info@corc.asn.au	Easter 2010 3 / 4 Apr 2010	ACT	75 % / 50% Rule
	2010 Kona Dirty Weekend 24Hr http://www.bikesa.asn.au michael.bridge@bikesa.asn.au	8 / 9 May 2010	SA	Proportional
	2010 Merida 24Hr http://tailwindpromotions.com.au/merida24hr/index.html peter.creagh@tailwindpromotions.com.au	24 / 25 Jul 2010	QLD	Proportional

CORC are also in negotiations with an event in Western Australia as a potential qualifier event.

¹ Shaded events have already been run, and the details of riders who qualified from these events have been advised to twenty4sports.
² All explained on the next page.



Number of Riders to Qualify From Events

- The minimum number of riders who can qualify from each qualifying event is 10 Male and 5 Female. If the number of qualifiers from any of the following rules is less than 10 Male or 5 Female, then the 10 Male and 5 Female numbers will be used.
- **75% / 50% Rule.** The 2009 Scott Australian 24Hr MTB Championships plus any qualifying events which are recognised National Solo 24Hr Championships will use the 75% / 50% rule based on the number of laps completed by the overall Male and Female winners, for example:
 - Riders completing 75% or greater of the winner's laps for their gender will qualify for the Elite Worlds and the Age Group Worlds categories.
 - Riders completing from 50% to less than 75% of the winner's laps for their gender will only qualify for the Age Group Worlds categories.
 - If they have not already qualified above, the first 5 male and first 3 female single speed riders will qualify for the World single speed categories.
 - If they have not already qualified above, age group winners in the standard 24Hrs of Adrenalin World Solo 24Hr MTB Championships 5-year age groups will also qualify as age group riders.
 - Some qualification races have rules, which require the rider to ride for a certain minimum time, or they will receive a DNF result. These DNF riders may still qualify from that race as long as they have met the percentage laps completed requirements.
- **Proportional.** Other events will have qualifying rider allocations based on the number of Solo entrants. These allocations will go to the highest placed riders in these events, overall and by category:
 - Events which have been staged previously will initially be allocated minimum qualification numbers of 40% of the Male and Female solo fields from the last time their event was held, or 10 Male and 5 Female, whichever is the higher number. This number may be increased and updated based on increased entries for the qualifying race as registrations come in.
 - Events which have not been staged previously will initially be allocated 10 Male and 5 Female qualifying places. This number may be increased and updated as registrations come in, up to 40% of the male and female solo fields, plus 40% of each solo sub-categories, for example, age-groups and single speed.
- **Qualification by Individual Application.** A rider may apply to twenty4sports for special consideration to be allowed to enter the World Solo 24Hr Championships. An example might be a rider who has only ever raced in a pair, or a rider from another endurance sport. These riders will be assessed by twenty4sports and, if successful, go into a pool. A rider who goes into this pool allocation may still miss out on an entry, as the pool allocation is normally only used when other qualification places have been taken up.
- **Special Categories.** A rider who enters a qualifying event which does not contain the World Championships category they wish to ride, and fails to qualify, may then apply to twenty4sports to have their qualification changed to the relevant World category. For example, a single speed rider might enter an Australian race which does not have a single speed category. If they fail to qualify in the qualification race and consider that this failure is associated with their age or category, for example, they want to enter the 50-54 age category but there were too many young riders in the qualification race and they were pushed down the placings, then they need to apply under the *qualification by individual application* procedure above.
- **Changing the Category of Your Qualification.** Subject to meeting age and bike requirements, riders who qualify for Elite are eligible to enter Age-Group and Single Speed categories. Riders who qualify for Age-Group or Single Speed are eligible to enter the other category, but not Elite.



How to Enter

The following steps need to take place in order to get set up for the 2010 WSC.

Step #1 – Your Profile. You need to have an active member profile on our web site www.24hoursofadrenalin.com. (make sure you have confirmed the automated email as confirmation of your email address. This is sent within minutes)

Step #2 – Your Entry. Once you have completed or if you already have a profile you need to email Stuart Dorland so that your profile can be activated, thus allowing you to register for the WSC. Not just anyone can enter, only those qualified from events or under the grandfather clause. Be sure to email: worldchampionships@twenty4sports.com and include in the Subject: Qualifier Activation - (your name). Also in the body of the email include your full name and your email address used in your profile.

Entry Costs

The basic entry cost for a Solo rider for the 2010 World Solo 24Hr MTB Championships is \$AUS 400. This may be shown on the website as a different figure depending on exchange rates as the website normally displays \$ CAN.

There is a 5% discount available for age group categories and single speed riders. Riders who have been grandfathered will also receive a 5% discount if they enter before the end of January 2010. These discounts are cumulative.

Entry Services Provided

Riders who enter will receive as part of their entry:

- An allocated empty 3m x 3m site in the World Solo Pit Row. This is the only space allowed for the rider/helpers in the World Solo Pit Row and all sites will have direct frontage onto the course.
- An allocated 5m x 10m camping and parking area between 100m and 300m from the solo pit row.
- A range of World Solo 24Hr Championships Products.
- Access to the World Solo Pit Row battery charging facilities.
- Access to the World Solo Pit Row kitchen (BBQ, microwaves, urn, fridge, some 110V power, tables, chairs).
- World Solo Pit Row helper pass.

Additional Options which may be hired through the organizer (costs TBA)

- A fitted out 3m x 3m Hoecker Marquee with, rectangular table, 3 chairs, power, lights
- Rigid plastic flooring for the marquee
- Gas heating plus spare cylinder (only available for the Hoecker Marquee)
- 240v to 110v step-down power transformer (only available for the Hoecker Marquee)



Rider-Provided Tents and Site Allocation

Riders can bring their own pop-up tent for use in the World Solo Pit Row but the tent, including secure ground-attachment methods, must fit into the allocated 3m x 3m space. Gas heaters or mains power are not permitted in rider-provided tents.

Riders can apply to group together in the solo pit row if they have common support staff, or are part of a trade group of solo riders. In this case a larger tent can be used, but it can only be 3m deep. If solo riders wish to group together in this fashion, then the higher ranked riders within the group may need to sacrifice their ranked placing in the World Solo Pit Row. Their ranked place on the start grid will not be affected.

Some Changes to 'The Australian Way'

The major changes that riders, helpers and spectators will notice, compared to the way that 24 hour races have been traditionally run in Australia, are:

- The rider briefing for the Solo Riders is held on the Friday, normally around mid afternoon. All solo riders and helpers **must** attend.
- Solo Riders will have a separate registration area and time-period. This will be on Friday before the Solo Rider briefing and all Solo Riders must have registered before the briefing.
- Access to the World Solo Pit Row is by controlled pass only. This area is fenced and is not open to the general public.
- There is no camping in the World Solo Pit Row area.
- Generators are not permitted in the World Solo Pit Row area.
- Only solo riders are permitted to have sites in the World Solo Pit Row. There will be no provision for any team riders to be physically located in the World Solo Pit Row, even if they claim to be supporting a solo rider.
- The presentations for all the World Solo categories are held at a separate function on Sunday night. Only the Elite Male and Elite Female solo winners are presented to the public/media at the event immediately after the race, as the first presentation before the team categories.
- Laps completed after a nominal period (usually 25 hours) of race time will not be counted.
- Any rider who completes 1 lap will receive a valid finish result.
- To qualify for a **podium place**, a rider must complete a lap after 23 hours of race time have elapsed.
- All Solo riders will be ranked by twenty4sports and their race number and World Solo Pit Row space allocated according to their ranking. Riders who have previously raced in a World Solo 24Hr MTB Championships will receive the higher rankings, based on their previous category results. Reigning National Solo 24hr Champions who have not previously raced in a World Solo 24Hr MTB Championships will also be allocated a high ranking.
- The ranking and plate allocation is across sex and category. For example, in the 2009 World Solo 24Hr MTB Championships, the # 1 plate went to Rebecca Rusch in Elite Female as the only reigning world champion who was defending a title, while Jason English (2nd in 2008) was allocated plate # 3.

