

Referring to the inquire received regarding the Elite and U23 events.
We have communicated with UCI in order to ensure that African Riders don't miss any chance for Olympic qualification.

According to the hereinafter answer received, as per the applied UCI rules, CAC MTB African Championships shall include separate event for Elite and U23.

If there are riders U23 who aspire to qualify for the coming Tokyo Olympic Games, his concerned national federation has to submit a request to CAC for a UCI derogation for U23 to compete with Elite.

I wish that this clarify the situation.

Best Regards

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2019 Continental Championships:

For each gender, an NOC can earn maximum one (1) quota place through the Elite Individual results from the 2019 Continental Championships.

At Continental Championships a separate event must be organised for Men Elite and Men Under 23 as per UCI MTB Rules article 4.1.004. On the other hand, we are ready to give a derogation for a Men Under 23 rider to compete with the Men Elite, this with formal request from CAC as per last year.

2019 UCI MTB World Championships:

For each gender, the two (2) highest ranked NOCs in the Elite Cross-country Olympic race and the two (2) highest ranked NOCs in the Under 23 Cross-country Olympic race - which have not yet qualified any quota places - will qualify a maximum of one (1) quota place per NOC.

I remain at your disposal for any further information.

Kind regards,

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