



2025 Rulebook

The beauty of Youth Enduro Series racing is that it brings us all back to the roots of mountain biking. It is ungoverned, unsanctioned, and each event utilizes the most unique and challenging terrain available in the host location. We feel it is in the best interest and safety of all our competitors to have some rules in place to make sure competition is fair, friendly and there is no gray area during a YES event. If you have any further questions outside of this Rulebook, please email us at info@bigmountainenduro.com.

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Description

Enduro mountain bike racing is designed to be the definitive test for the mountain biker, with the focus of each event about creating a great atmosphere, community, competition, and adventure experience for each competitor. This includes riding the best terrain available in each host location.

The racing platform detailed below outlines a format that allows riders to compete against each other, starting individually, on special stages which are designed to challenge the rider's technical ability and physical capacity.

The following rules aim to define the enduro mountain bike discipline while still allowing space for each event to showcase its own individual characteristics.

Series Format & Point Structure

The 2025 Youth Enduro Series consists of six events, and 1 day National Championships

- Round 1 - Cedar City, Ut
- Round 2 - Las Vegas, Nv
- Round 3 - Richfield, Ut
- Round 4 - Sunrise, Az
- Round 5 - Tamarack, ID
- Series Finals - Brian Head, UT
- **National Championships - Granby Ranch, Co.**



Each event will consist of three to five timed race stages with the total number of stages depending on each venue. Each timed stage will be run as an individual time trial format. There will be untimed transition stages in between each timed stage that require pedaling to the next stage, taking a chair lift or transport via shuttle. Although untimed, transition stages do operate under a cut-off time for racers to arrive at the next race stage. The racer with the overall fastest (e.g., lowest) cumulative times for the timed race stages will win the event.

The Youth Enduro Series will be based on an overall point structure of the *Gravity Points Card*. The *Gravity Points Card* is NOT required for those just looking to do a few rounds of racing. The *Gravity Points Card* is designed to be for those that are looking to be ranked in the overalls. The \$20 fee is only required once per year to keep the *Gravity Points Card* current. A rider who chooses to obtain the card mid season can still do so and count the prior races towards the overalls. To be eligible for the 2025 season all *Gravity Points Cards* will need to be purchased no later than July 10th, 2025

Each **event** is worth up to 25 points. Full points table available in Appendix 1. Four (4) out of six (6) rounds of the YES will count towards the overall series points total. Racers competing in all six events will have their best four event results count towards the point total. For all categories, there is a minimum of three (3) rounds to gain a series point/ranking and no races are mandatory.

National Championships

The one-day National Championships are designed to bring together the top riders in the country and showcase their hard work and dedication. The winner of the National Championships will be awarded the custom winners jersey.

To pre-qualify into the National Championships the top 5 riders in the 2025 Youth Enduro Series will be automatically qualified. We will hold the remaining spots for any rider who chooses to enter on their own, until the event is sold out.

2025 Categories

Boys 10-12
Girls 10-12
Boys 13-14
Girls 13-14
Boys 15-16
Girls 15-16
Boys 17-18



Girls 17-18
Advanced Boys 15-18
Advanced Girls 15-18

Racing Age: Your racing age is determined by your age on December 31, 2025. *Race Director reserves the right to request a copy of the original birth certificate to verify.

You may change categories throughout the season, however points the points do not carry with you between classes.

Course Information

Courses are released at Youth Enduro Series' discretion, typically the Wednesday before the race weekend. Course releases are always posted to the website and via social media. Do not email and ask for course information. Courses and maps will be consistently posted in advance of race day throughout the season.

All riders must attend the rider briefing, which is typically held on the Saturday morning directly before the riders roll to Stage 1, for important course information. If the rider briefing is a virtual rider's meeting, all racers are responsible for watching the virtual rider's meeting.

Course changes of any kind, up to including stage cancellation, may be made by the race director at any time before or during an event. Course modifications will typically be made only in unforeseen or extreme circumstances, for example, as necessitated by weather or trail conditions, chair lift malfunction, racer injury, or other emergency. The race director may modify the course or cancel race stage(s) to apply to any or all race categories, as determined appropriate considering the health and safety of participants and execution of the event.

Grom and Amateur Categories

If a racer in the Grom or Amateur category is uncomfortable racing a stage due to its difficulty, the racer in these categories may choose to skip the stage by notifying the timing official prior to their scheduled start time for the given stage or prior to starting the next stage. The racer will not be allowed to ride the stage. The racer will then be awarded for that stage a time equal to the slowest time in their category plus 1 minute.



Safety

First Aid & Evacuation

A Medical Plan and location of the First Aid Base will be available at race headquarters. When a rider sees that another competitor is injured on course, they should alert the next race official, marshal or medic that they encounter.

Rider Down

If a rider encounters another rider down on course, a verbal response is necessary before continuing. If no response between the riders is given, the rider must stop and assess the situation. If the rider not responding is injured please call 911 if it is life threatening, or notify the closest marshal. If you begin life-saving first-aid, send the next rider down to the marshal. Any rider who does not stop for an unresponsive rider will be banned from the series. Riders who help injured riders (must be a removal from race injury) will be given the opportunity to repeat the stage or to take an average of their other stage finishes.

Head Injury/Concussion

A rider who has a positive mechanism for a head injury will be assessed by a first responder of the race. If the first responder deems the rider unfit, the rider will be removed from the course and forbidden to ride in the event for that day. If another event is scheduled within 10 days, the rider must submit a doctor's note confirming that they are ready to participate in mountain biking again. When a first responder deems a rider is unfit to continue, that rider must submit their number plate to the first responder without question.

Safety Equipment

All riders must wear a helmet during competition, including during untimed transition stages while on the bike. If you are walking during a transition stage, a helmet can be removed. The correct fitting, condition and suitability of the rider's helmet is the sole responsibility of the rider. Specific body protection including but not limited to, knee pads, elbow pads, full-fingered gloves, full-face helmet and torso protection are strongly encouraged for some Youth Enduro stages, but not required. The extent of the protection worn by a rider in excess of a standard helmet is up to the sole discretion of the rider.



Helmets

All competitors must wear a helmet purchased/manufactured within the last three years. Random inspections are done. If a helmet does not meet this stipulation the rider will not be allowed to compete.

Riders must wear an approved helmet for mountain biking.

Helmets with removable chin bars are acceptable.

On practice days and race days, helmets must be **worn AT ALL TIMES** when you are on and riding your bike. Anyone found not in compliance with this rule will be subject to a time penalty on their first offense and a disqualification from the event if it continues.

See recommended penalties section for more information.

Recommended Gear List

- Suitable hydration backpack
- Spare tube, puncture repair kit and hand pump
- Multi-tool, tire levers and small parts
- First aid kit
- Course map
- Extra food and fluids
- Eye protection (glasses or goggles)
- Emergency contact information
- Water bottle

Directions and Course Markings

A course map will be displayed at registration headquarters. This map will also be published on the event website the evening prior to the first practice day of the event. Riders are encouraged to study the map and understand the race route before leaving race headquarters each morning.

Course Tape

Riders must stay on the designated course for each race stage. Where two pieces of course tape (gates), on opposite sides of the course, are installed, the riders must pass between them. In these areas, missing, crossing or passing the course tape on the wrong side will be deemed as course cutting and will lead to disqualification. The starts and finishes of each stage will be marked with signs, as well as different colored course tape.



Directional Markers

In areas of open mountainside, a single pole can be used to mark the direction of the route. Riders can pass either side of a single pole. On long road or singletrack sections, a small single piece of course tape may be used. These single pieces of tape act purely as directional markers.

Competition Requirements

Rider Equipment

Each rider must be self-sufficient during the entire duration of the race. Personal responsibility and self-sufficiency are a large part of the spirit of enduro racing and riders are encouraged to carry adequate equipment for operating in mountainous environments. Each rider should remember that they are solely responsible for themselves, but also aim to help other competitors on course where possible.

Only one frame, one front and rear suspension unit (fork/rear shock) and one pair of wheels can be used by a competitor during a race. Frame, suspension, and wheels may be individually marked prior to the race start. Any rider needing to replace a wheel, frame or suspension during the competition must present the broken item to registration headquarters, where the race director will assess the damage. Only upon approval of the race director, may a rider replace a frame, suspension part or wheel. Following the repair, the rider must return to the race director to have the replacement part(s) re-marked before rejoining the race and time penalty enforced. If you find yourself needing to replace a damaged or broken component (excluding wearable items such as chains) on your bike, there will be a time penalty added to your overall race time. Penalties for replacing any component on your bike will be as follows:

- Frame: 30 seconds
- Wheels: 30 seconds
- Fork/shock: 30 seconds

Any rider found to have replaced a named/marked part without consent from the race director will be disqualified (DSQ).



Practice Days

Youth Enduro will release official course maps and race information on Wednesday evening prior to each event. Following the course map release, practice will commence on Thursday and Friday depending on the venue with all course markings in place. For one-day events, course maps and race information will be released the evening prior to the practice day. Depending on the venue, chair lift access may be provided one or both official practice days (upon rider's purchase of a lift ticket) and racers may access the course by chair lift at their choosing. Medical first responders will be provided on bike park and backcountry race stages during designated times on official practice days. Riders choosing to practice outside of these designated times understand that medical support will not be provided. Additional rules and restrictions may apply to official practice as determined by the race director.

The week leading up to the event, the trails that are to be used for the race will be released on Monday evening before the race. From that point, all race courses WILL BE CLOSED until practice starts on Thursday morning. Safety of everyone is our top priority, and our crews are out on the courses with tools and course marking supplies on those days. Any rider caught riding the official race course on Tuesday or Wednesday will be subject to disqualification.

Pre-riding any race courses on official race days is strictly prohibited. If you would like to ride and get warmed up before you start your race, you may do so on any trails that are not being or no longer being used as a race stage. That includes riding any stages on day one that will be used as race stages on day two, before OR after the completion of your day one race stages.

No shuttling or use of motorcycles (mechanized vehicles) during any of the official practice days or race days, period. If a participant is caught shuttling or using a motorcycle, they will be subject to immediate disqualification.

Seeding and Start Order

Individual start times will be posted the night before race day on YouthEnduroSeries.com

Start intervals between riders must be a minimum of 30 seconds. A 1-minute interval should be added between classes to allow a clear gap to start riders who have missed their start. All late riders must start, under instructions from the official starter, within each 1-minute gap. There is no fixed start interval between late starters as the goal is to



keep late riders racing, without affecting other riders on course. Late starters will receive a fixed penalty (see Rules Violation). If you show up after the race stage has closed, you will receive a DNF for that stage.

Results

The General Classification (GC) will be calculated by adding all Special Stage times together for each rider. In the event of unforeseen or extreme circumstances, the race director can decide to withdraw a Special Stage (s) from the General Classification.

In the event of a tie in the General Classification, the highest placed rider from the final or prior stage will be awarded the higher placing.

Number plates and racer identification

Friday afternoon, each rider will be required to pick up their 'race packet.' This will include the number plate and timing chip. Number plates are to be attached to handlebars and in a manner that is visible and clear. Any modification to the number plate including cutting or folding is prohibited and will be subject to a time penalty. Riders are to wear the provided timing chip on their left wrist or mounted on bicycle for the duration of the race. Chips must be returned to race control at the BME trailer once the race is completed. Riders who fail to return their chips by the end of the day on Sunday will be subject to a fine.

Environmental Rules

Enduro mountain bike racing allows us to ride into remote, backcountry areas throughout the mountainous zones where BME events are held. It is of upmost importance that all racers respect their environment and consider the impact they leave behind for the local riding community. The below rules have been put in place to protect our trails, our riding environments and the overall safety of the participants.

- No disposable goggle tear offs are allowed to be used.
- The disposal of food packaging on the trail is strictly prohibited.
- Youth Enduro reserves the right to penalize any rider whose actions are deemed to seriously damage the local environment.
- Riders must not store food or drinks on the trail (food stashes). Packaging left behind and uncontrolled food supplies may have a serious impact on local wildlife and the local environment. Any rider found to be hiding or retrieving foods from unofficial feed stations will be penalized.



Open pits

On official race days, we will have a designated “open pit” in between two stages TBD by race Director about halfway through the day. Riders will be able to do a bike check to ensure safety for the remaining stages.

Rule Violations

Course Cutting

Taking short cuts on course in order to gain an advantage can both damage the environment and brings the sport and spirit of enduro mountain racing into disrepute. Therefore, any rider trying to save time by choosing a line that lies outside the marked course will be disqualified.

In exception of the circumstances, the race director may choose to apply a time penalty, not a DSQ to a rider found to have cut the course unintentionally. However, any rider leaving the obvious line must be aware that they risk a DSQ.

Course tape and signs with arrow will be used to identify the course. Where two pieces of tape, on opposite side of the course, are installed, the riders must pass between them. In these areas, missing, crossing, or passing the course tape on the wrong side will be deemed as course cutting.

Transition Stage Delay/Missed Start

An individual's time on a timed race stage will start in accordance with the specified start time on the published start list even if the rider is not present. Riders arriving late to the start must follow the starter's orders and join the course when instructed to do so. Failure to follow starter's orders will result in a suitable time penalty.

Any riders arriving at the start of a stage later than 30 minutes after their specific start time will be disqualified from the race.

The race director and staff hold the right to send riders outside their specified start times. This will only be done in accordance to concerns with weather, other missed starts, and daylight operating hours.



Illegal Outside Assistance

Racers are encouraged to help fellow competitors on course. Any competitor receiving outside assistance from a non-racer without prior agreement from the race director will be disqualified. This includes using team staff/outside help to carry equipment around the course or perform repairs during the race.

Rule Violation Recording

The race director is responsible for the application of the rules and has the final decision-making authority. The race director can appoint special marshals to travel around the course at their own discretion to undisclosed points. These marshals can report rule violations to the race director.

Any rule violations must be registered with the race director within 20 minutes of the last competitor finishing the final stage. Any protest on final race times must be registered with the race director within 20 minutes of the official results posted at the event headquarters. All final decisions on assessing penalties and race time corrections will be made when all available resources have been adequately evaluated by the Race director and staff

Recommended Penalties

The following shall guide the determination of penalties. Penalty assessment is at the full discretion of the race director.

- Missed Start: Up to 5 minutes late = 1 minute penalty; 5+ minutes late = 5 minute penalty; 30+ minutes late = DSQ
- Other Start Violation (ex. pushing into queue, delaying start, jumping start, etc.). Rider must have one foot on the ground at start buzzer: 30 seconds
- ***Riding / racing without helmet properly worn: 2 minutes to Disqualification***
- Not obeying course marking/course cutting: Disqualification
- Unintentional course cutting: 30 seconds
- Illegal Outside Assistance: Disqualification
- Use of mechanized vehicle on any race course: Disqualification
- Environmental Disrespect: From 1 minute to Disqualification
- Changing a marked piece of racer equipment with authorization: 2 minutes
- Changing a marked piece of racer equipment without authorization: Disqualification
- Disposal of a goggle tear-off on the trail: Disqualification
- Altering the course: Disqualification
- Missing / alteration of number plate: 1 Minute



- Lost number plate during weekend: \$20 replacement cost
- Food stashing: 5 minutes
- Result Dispute: \$20 charge to initiate dispute. If rider is correct, \$20 is refunded. If rider is incorrect, \$20 is non-refundable.
- Illegally using motorized vehicle or e-bike during the event: Disqualification

Appendix 1: Points Table

POSITION	POINTS		POSITION	POINTS
1	25		13	9
2	22		14	8
3	20		15	7
4	18		16	6
5	17		17	5
6	16		18	4
7	15		19	3
8	14		20	2
9	13		21	1
10	12		22 and up	0
11	11			
12	10			