

AUS/NZL MTBO CHALLENGE RULES

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1 Introduction

1.1 As agreed between the two nations, Australia and New Zealand will compete in a two-nation mountain bike orienteering competition, known as The Australia/New Zealand MTBO Challenge (AUS/NZL MTBO Challenge).

1.2 The Challenge will consist, as a minimum, of an Individual Long Distance Challenge, and other disciplines (Middle, Sprint, and Relay) as presented by the host.

1.3 For matters not explicitly covered here, the Australia-New Zealand Challenge Rules for foot-orienteering will apply. These include team size, eligibility, and notifications between the two countries.

2 Challenge Teams

2.1 The Challenge shall be conducted in M21 and W21 and any of the following classes:

Junior Men (-20) Junior Women (-20)

Masters Men (40-) Masters Women (40-)

Veteran Men (50-) Veteran Women (50-)

Super Veteran Men (60-) Super Veteran Women (60-)

Legend Men (70-), Legend Women (70-)

The visiting country shall nominate the actual classes to be contested in the Challenge, with the minimum being M21 and W21.

2.2 An open invitation should be extended to those not selected for the “official teams” to be able to ride on the day.

3 Individual Challenges

3.1 The Challenge competitors shall start in alternating order (Australia or New Zealand) with the host nation first. The first non-challenge rider will start at least 15 minutes after the last challenge rider on each course.

3.2 In each Challenge class, for each nation the times of the two fastest team members are added to give the team time. The nation with the lower team time is the winner of the class.

4. Relay Challenges

4.1 All teams, both Challenge and non-challenge, will start together as is normal for relays.

4.2 For each Challenge class, the winning nation is the nation whose Challenge team is faster.

5. Results and Trophy

5.1 The Challenge result will be determined by the number of class wins across the disciplines contested. The nation with the most class wins is the winner and holds the ANZ MTBO Challenge banner.

5.2 In the event of a draw the previous challenge winner retains the banner.

6 Amendments

6.1 These conditions may be varied or waived from time to time by agreement between Orienteering Australia and the New Zealand Orienteering Federation.