

Guidelines “Wild Card”

(rule 12.18)

at MTB Orienteering World Cup events

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Rule 12.18 (valid for WMTBOC and World Cup):

The IOF MTBO Commission may provide up to three “wild cards” per class to add further top athletes without a sufficient number of ranking points into the Orange or Red Start Group. The MTBO Commission shall determine the start position of such wild cards within the start group.

This rule is particularly meant for top athletes returning from injury or pregnancy. The current World Ranking system and also the rather low number of WREs hinder such athletes from getting back quickly to a good world ranking.

GUIDELINES

1. All applications for a Wild Card are for the Orange Group, but at the MTBO Commission’s discretion, selected riders may be promoted to the Red Group.
2. Wild Cards are issued at the discretion of the MTBO Commission. They may not always be given.
3. Any competitor who is entered by his/her federation for the event can apply for a Wild Card.
4. Applications must be made by completing the application form. It is a Google form and can be found on the website of the MTBO Commission, section ‘Guidelines’, at www.mtbo-commission.com/rules--guidelines.html, or via the direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/wuocmmg>.
5. This form is to be sent to the MTBO Commission no later than **one month before the event**. Later applications will not be considered.
6. The MTBO Commission takes a decision based mainly on the applicant’s previous results (WMTBOC, World Cup and World Ranking) and informs the applicant(s).
7. The MTBO Commission also informs the organiser and event adviser no later than two weeks before the event if there are competitors with a Wild Card and for which races.
8. If a Wild Card is provided, the Wild Card competitors’ names will be published in Bulletin 4.
9. The MTBO Commission determines the start position of competitors with a Wild Card within the start group (Orange or Red). Competitors with a Wild Card will be added to the Orange or Red start group, i.e. the Orange or Red group may consist of more than 10 riders.

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