Junior Race Info:

U.C.I. Junior XCO racing is for riders 17-18 years of age only and rider must have a valid U.C.I. racing license to compete. UCI JR categories are not "skill" based, but rather is aged based, meaning you have to be 17-18 years of age to be able to enter. You can not enter a UCI JR Race no matter "how fast you are" if you are younger or older than the designated age range.

However while there is no "skill" level requirement to enter, **UCI JR racing is for the highest level of riders in the country and across the globe**. If you are a racer with not that much racing experience, or don't have a high level of skill and fitness, **we recommend saving money on a UCI license and fee's and race in the USA Cycling categories associated with your age and skill level.**

In order to improve the racing experience of our younger racers, we offer classes for JR riders that may not be ready or can't afford UCI racing. These races are traditionally held on Sunday's with all other USAC amateur categories.

These classes offer USAC rider ranking points towards call up's for XC Nationals as well.

USAC categories are as follows:
CAT 1-highly advanced skills and fitness, think of this as an "Expert" class.
CAT 2-medium skills and fitness, think of this as an "Intermediate" class.
CAT 3-lower skill and fitness with not much racing experience, think of this as a "beginner" class.

Example, a 17 year old rider with 2 years of racing, with a medium level of skill and fitness may want to consider racing CAT 2 17-18 instead of the UCI JR race.

Please consider the above when making a selection as to whether racing UCI JR category is the right call for you.

Both Vail and Fayetteville event will offer UCI JR XCO Series level event, which take place on Saturdays respectivley. JR XCO Series events will offer points 25 position deep, instead of 10 positions deep like a normal JR UCI designated race. Note that Wednesday's JR C1 XCO race in Fayetteville is a regular race and will offer points 10 deep.

Lastly, we encourage all racers to read our are racing FAQ sheet on the event website to familarize yourself with our race protocols.
RACING FAQ