

# PART 1 - GENERAL ORGANISATION OF CYCLING AS A SPORT

Rules amendments applying on **01.07.2022**

## Chapter II RACES

### Section 1: administrative provisions

#### § 1 Calendar

- 1.2.001** The calendar is the chronological list of cycling races by discipline, category and/or gender **which have received prior authorisation by the UCI as regards the international calendar and by a national federation as regards national calendars.**

**Authorisation by the UCI or by a national federation for the registration of events on the respective calendars is required in order to ensure the good functioning of the cycling disciplines in particular with respect to the following objectives:**

- **uniform and consistent exercise of cycling competitions;**
- **sporting merit and consistency in sporting results;**
- **sport calendar to the benefit of organisers, teams and riders;**
- **protection of riders through anti-doping, health and safety rules;**
- **protection of the integrity of competitions;**
- **financial stability for organisers, riders and teams;**
- **solidarity for the elite level to the training and development of young riders.**

*(text modified on 01.07.22)*

- 1.2.002** A calendar shall be drawn up for the following disciplines:

1. road
2. track
3. mountain bike
4. cyclo-cross
5. **BMX Racing and ~~BMX Freestyle~~**
6. **BMX Freestyle (park and flatland)**
- 7 ~~6~~. trials
- 8 ~~7~~. indoor cycling (cycle ball and artistic cycling)
- 9 ~~8~~. cycling for all (**granfondo and gravel**)
- 10 ~~9~~. para-cycling (**road and track**)

*(text modified on 15.10.04; 01.01.17; 01.07.22)*

- 1.2.003** The calendar shall be prepared annually for a calendar year or a season, **in accordance with the period determined by the UCI management committee for each discipline.**

- 1.2.004** In each discipline a world calendar, a continental calendar by continent and a national calendar by national federation shall be prepared.

The international calendar comprises the world calendar and continental calendars.

An international race is a race entered on a world calendar or on a continental calendar.

A national race is a race entered on a national calendar.

Any race which has not received prior authorisation or is not registered on the international or national calendar shall be considered to be a forbidden event in accordance with article 1.2.019.

*(text modified on 01.01.01, 01.07.22)*

- 1.2.005** With the exception of UCI WorldTour events, the world and continental calendars are as determined by the UCI management committee on the advice of the continental confederations for the competitions which concern them.

The calendar of UCI WorldTour events is drawn up by the Professional Cycling Council, in line with the provisions concerning the UCI WorldTour in Part II, section XV.

The UCI management committee or the professional cycling council shall assess applications for registration on the international calendar in accordance with the criteria laid down in article 1.2.010 as well as any requirements pursuant to the UCI Regulations and the instructions laid down in the registration procedure for UCI calendars.

*(text modified on 02.03.00; 15.10.04; 01.07.22)*

- 1.2.006** Each year, organisers shall ~~submit apply to~~ their request for registration on the international calendar to their respective national federations ~~to have their races included on the world or continental calendar.~~

By filing its application, the organiser commits to respecting the UCI constitution and regulations and to irrevocably submitting to the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) with respect to any dispute concerning the application.

The organiser of ~~7~~ cyclo-cross, mountain bike or BMX events registered on a national calendar in which riders of three or more foreign federations participated, two foreign federations for a track, trials or an indoor cycling event, must request the inclusion of the next edition of ~~his the~~ event on the international calendar. The event shall not be included in the national calendar, except if its inclusion in the international calendar is rejected.

The organiser of a paracycling event registered on a national calendar in which riders of many foreign federations participated, as per Article 16.18.003, must request the inclusion of the next edition of ~~his the~~ event on the international calendar.

Regarding road, ~~N~~national federations shall pass on applications for inclusion to the UCI with a copy to their continental confederation no later than July 1st of the year preceding that for which inclusion is requested ~~required~~. For Track, the deadline shall be set at May 1<sup>st</sup>. For indoor cycling, para-cycling road and cycling for all, the deadline shall be set at July 1st. For MTB, BMX, BMX Freestyle and trials, this date is the last Friday of July as for track, para-cycling track and cyclo-cross, the deadline shall be set at December 15th.

National federations must submit the applications to the UCI of the national federations must be filed according to in accordance with the instructions laid down in the registration procedures for UCI calendars given by the UCI administration and, in any case, confirms in any case the organiser's commitment to submit to abide by the UCI constitution and regulations and to submit any additional documentation requested by the UCI.

If a race is run over the territory of several countries, the race shall be included on the calendar only with the agreement of the federation of each country concerned.

National federations shall submit to the UCI all applications for which their assessment of the criteria of article 1.2.010 is satisfactory. In case of a negative assessment or any other ill-compliance with the UCI regulations identified by the national federation, the latter shall inform the organiser accordingly.

Any organiser for which the application is not transmitted by the national federation to the UCI may file its request directly with the UCI no later than 30 days after the above-mentioned deadline for submission of the application by the national federation to the UCI. Such request may only be considered by the UCI if, based on a *prima facie* examination, there are no justified reasons for the national federation not submitting the application to the UCI.

For any application received after expiry of any above-mentioned deadlines, the UCI shall determine if it can be considered at the time of approval of the respective calendar or only subsequently.

~~If a federation does not transmit a request for inclusion on a calendar, the organiser of the race may approach the UCI directly.~~

*(text modified on 01.06.98; 01.01.03; 01.01.04; 01.01.05; 01.07.09; 01.07.12; 25.02.13; 01.07.13; 01.01.16; 01.01.17; 08.02.18; 01.07.18; 01.07.22)*

**1.2.007** The draft continental calendars shall be sent by the UCI to the respective continental confederations which may state their opinions thereon within 30 days of the despatch of the draft.

Continental confederations shall, whenever publishing their continental calendars, include world calendar races that are run on their territories.

**1.2.008** National calendars shall be prepared by the respective national federations.

National federations shall, when publishing their national calendars, include international calendar races that are run in their countries.

*(text modified on 01.01.05)*

**1.2.009** The first time a race is submitted for inclusion on the international calendar, the organiser shall submit the documentation required in the registration procedure for UCI calendars, including at least the following information:

- name and contact details of organiser and of representative;
- type of race (discipline, speciality, format);

- **venue of the event or** description of the course including total length (in km) and, where applicable, that of stages and circuits;
- **the type and envisaged number and categories** of participating teams and/or riders' **categories wanted**;
- **proposed dates of the event**;
- financial aspects (prizes, travel and subsistence expenses);
- references concerning organisation;
- **confirmation that the event shall be held in accordance with the UCI regulations for the discipline concerned (with any derogation to be requested for authorisation).**

Any request for derogations to the UCI regulations for the discipline concerned shall be reasoned and submitted to the UCI together with the application for the UCI's consideration.

For ~~the R~~road events, the documentation must be submitted to the UCI no later than three months before the meeting of the UCI management committee at which the calendar in question is finalised (in general, June 25th). For the other disciplines, the documentation must be submitted to the UCI at the latest on the same registration deadline ~~settled~~ in Article 1.2.006 for ~~the other such~~ disciplines.

Upon receipt of the application, the UCI shall determine if additional documentation or information is reasonably required in order to assess the criteria laid down in article 1.2.010 and any requirements pursuant to the UCI Regulations and/or the registration procedure for UCI calendars.

For any application submitted late, the UCI shall determine if it can be considered at the time of approval of the respective calendar or only subsequently.

*(text modified on 01.01.98; 01.01.04; 01.01.05; 01.07.13; 01.07.22)*

**1.2.010** The UCI shall endeavour to review the application and issue a decision at the UCI management committee (or professional cycling council) meeting planned for approval of the international calendar of the respective discipline, provided the application is submitted to the UCI in accordance with the applicable deadline(s). The UCI reserves the right to extend the period of review in cases where further assessment of the application is necessary to determine compliance with the applicable requirements.

The UCI management committee (and professional cycling council) shall review the application on a transparent, fair and non-discriminatory basis having regard to the following criteria and in light of the objectives set out in article 1.2.001:

- **Administrative criterion, which includes an assessment of:**
  - o Organiser's company, shareholder(s) and representative(s);
  - o Insurance requirements;
  - o Compliance with UCI regulations pertaining to the administration of events, including but not limited to financial obligations towards the UCI and other stakeholders;
  - o Compliance with applicable laws.
- **Sporting criterion, which includes an assessment of:**
  - o Dates requested for event;
  - o Class requested for the event;

- Compliance with UCI regulations pertaining to the sporting conduct of events;
- Safety requirements;
- Specific requirements related to the class of events;
- Attractivity of the event for the stakeholders of cycling and third parties;
- Respect of scope of competence of commissaires and other stakeholders (e.g., national federations, teams or riders);
- Fair and equal treatment of invitations and participating teams and riders;
- Ethical criterion, which includes an assessment of:
  - Compliance with the UCI Code of Ethics;
  - Compliance with UCI's anti-doping and medical rules;
  - Compliance with UCI regulations pertaining to integrity of cycling competitions, including but not limited to rules on sponsorship, obligations related to competition manipulation, forbidden association with betting, forbidden links with teams;
  - Underlying objectives for organisation of event;
  - Impact on the reputation or image of the UCI and/or the sport of cycling.

In addition to the above, the UCI shall also consider any provisions of the UCI regulations applicable to event organisers.

Assessment of the criteria above shall be performed on the basis of the application as well as past editions of the event. The UCI shall consider any relevant documents or information for such purpose.

*(article introduced on 01.07.22)*

~~[article abrogated on 01.01.05]~~

**1.2.011** Upon review of the application, the UCI management committee or professional cycling council shall adopt one of the following decisions:

- (i) Authorise the event where, in its reasonable opinion, the race satisfies all authorisation criteria; or
- (ii) Reject the application request where, in its reasonable opinion, one or more of the criteria for authorisation is not satisfied; or
- (iii) Authorise the event subject, in its reasonable opinion, to one or more of the following conditions:
  - Completion of a successful test event in particular where the event involves a derogation from the UCI regulations for the discipline concerned; and/or
  - Classification in a lower category of events; and/or
  - Refusal to grant any requested derogation; and/or
  - Change of date to ensure coherence of the calendar (e.g. to avoid overlaps, avoid unlawful dealings between organisers and/or teams, avoid unreasonable burden on teams and/or riders, ensure geographical coherence with other events on the calendar); and/or
  - Other conditions to be satisfied within a reasonable timeframe by the organisers.

The authorisation of an event shall be confirmed through publication of the event on the relevant calendar on the UCI website. Other decisions shall be notified by the UCI to the organiser.

~~If the documentation is accepted, the race shall be registered for a probationary year, on a date compatible with the existing calendars. The race may be supervised by a UCI delegate at the expense of the organiser.~~

*(text modified on 01.01.99; 01.07.22)*

- 1.2.012** The inclusion of a race on the international calendar shall be subject to the payment of a fee, called the calendar fee, the amount of which shall be set annually by the UCI management committee.

The total amount of the fee must be paid by the organiser to the UCI upon reception of an invoice from the UCI. Invoices are sent 90 days before an event, or upon approval of the race in the calendar, whichever is later.

The UCI reserves the right to remove the race from the international calendar at any moment prior to the event should the calendar fee remain unpaid. In such a circumstance, no UCI International Commissaires will be appointed, respectively no UCI ranking points will be awarded to the participants; should the organiser wish to re-register the event on the calendar on a following season a penalty fee of CHF 250 will be applied.

Furthermore, a race inscription shall be refused if the enrolment fees for previous season's races have not been paid or if the organiser does not honour its financial obligations with the UCI ~~and/or to other stakeholders, subject to the relevant claim being duly established~~. This measure also applies to the new organiser of the race and, in general, to the organiser and/or race that the UCI management committee considers to be the successor of another organiser or another race.

*(text modified on 01.06.98; 01.02.03; 01.01.04; 01.01.05; 01.01.21; 01.07.22)*

- 1.2.013** ~~In the event of a rejection of an application for inclusion registration on the international calendar is decided by the UCI management committee or the professional cycling council, the organiser shall be provided with the reasoning for such decision. The organiser shall be allowed to put his case. If the organiser has not had an opportunity to defend his application, he may lodge an appeal with the UCI arbitral board. The decision of the arbitral board is final and not subject to appeal.~~

~~The UCI may cancel an authorisation decision with immediate effect should the organiser infringe one or more of the criteria or conditions required for authorisation, including in cases where the UCI becomes aware of the relevant information after the registration of the event.~~

~~Decisions by the UCI management committee or the professional cycling council rejecting authorisation or cancelling registration on the international calendar are subject to *de novo* appeal before the Court of Arbitration for Sport.~~

*(text modified on 02.03.00; 01.01.05; 01.01.10; 01.07.22)*

- 1.2.014** Any change to the date of an event included on the international calendar shall be subject to prior authorisation by the UCI or, for a UCI WorldTour event, the professional cycling council at the request of the national federation of the organiser. **In case an event is held**

~~at a date which has not been authorised, the event shall be considered to be a forbidden event in accordance with article 1.2.019. If there is a change of date or if an event is cancelled, the organiser shall be liable for a fine the amount of which shall be set each year by the management committee, subject to recourse to the arbitral board. The decision of the arbitral board is final and not subject to appeal.~~

~~(text modified on 02.03.00; 01.01.05; 01.01.10; 01.07.22)~~

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### **§ 3 Forbidden races**

**1.2.019** ~~No licence holder may participate in an event that has not been included on a national, continental or world calendar or that has not been recognised by a national federation, a continental confederation or the UCI.~~

~~Depending on the circumstances, A national federation and the UCI may grant special exceptions for particular races or events run in its own country.~~

~~Particular races or events may consist of:~~

- ~~- events organised occasionally only and which do not belong to the organised sport movement;~~
- ~~- events whose format is not covered by the UCI regulations.~~

~~Any national federation intending to grant a special exception must submit its reasoned request to the UCI administration in the beginning of the season and at least two months before the respective event. The decision of the UCI in this respect is final and shall not be subject to appeal.~~

~~Licence-holders shall not participate in an event that has not been registered on a national or international calendar or has not otherwise been granted prior authorisation by a national federation, a continental confederation or the UCI.~~

~~The UCI may grant authorisations to events which do not meet the criteria for registration on the international in order for licence-holders to participate. Such authorisations shall be conditional upon the following conditions:~~

- ~~- the event shall not result in any classification points and not be part of a series; and~~
- ~~- prize money and participation fees shall not exceed the levels of prize money awarded for elite UCI World Championships races of the disciplines concerned; and~~
- ~~- a reasoned request shall be submitted by the organiser at least two months before the respective event.~~

~~In case of authorisation, the event shall be published by the UCI.~~

~~National federations issue authorisations in accordance with the above. However, participation of members of UCI teams shall require the UCI's approval.~~

~~(text modified on 25.09.14; 01.07.22)~~

**1.2.020** Licence holders may not participate in activities organised by a national federation that has been suspended, save in application of article 19.4 of the UCI Constitution.

**1.2.021** ~~Breaches of articles 1.2.019 or 1.2.020 shall render the licence holder liable to one month's suspension and a fine of CHF 50 to 100.~~

Breaches of articles 1.2.019 or 1.2.020 shall be sanctioned as follows:

For riders and other licence-holders:

- Warning in case of a first-time minor infringement (no intention or negligence);
- A fine of 100 CHF to 10'000 CHF and/or a suspension up to six months for a first-time intentional or negligent infringement (e.g. where notice provided in advance by UCI and/or national federation that the event was a forbidden race or where licence-holder was otherwise aware of the absence of authorisation for the event);
- A fine of 1'000 CHF to 100'000 CHF and/or a suspension of up to twelve months in case of recidivism.

In addition to the sanctions provided for above, a team which participates in an event in breach of article 1.2.019 or 1.2.020 shall be sanctioned as follows:

- A fine of 500 CHF to 10'000 CHF in case of a first-time minor infringement (no intention or negligence);
- A fine of 5'000 CHF to 100'000 CHF and/or a suspension of one to six months in case of a first-time intentional or negligent infringement (e.g. where notice provided in advance by UCI and/or national federation that the event was a forbidden race or where licence-holder was otherwise aware of the absence of authorisation for the event);
- A fine of 10'000 CHF to 200'000 CHF and/or cancellation of the team's registration or licence in case of recidivism.

In the case of a UCI team, the sanctions shall be double those provided for above (i.e. amounts of fines and durations of suspensions).

*(texte modified on 01.07.22)*