

PART 5 CYCLO-CROSS

Rules amendments applying on **1.07.2022**

Chapter I CYCLO-CROSS EVENTS

§ 1 General Rules

Participation

5.1.001

The category which will be applied for entries to races for the entire season is the category to which the rider will belong on 1 January of the following calendar year.

Men

The category men junior shall comprise riders aged 17 to 18. The category men under 23 shall comprise riders aged 19 to 22.

The category men elite shall comprise riders of 23 years and above.

~~Except in the UCI cyclo-cross world championships, UCI cyclo-cross world cup events, when those include a separate men under 23 race, and, at the discretion of continental confederations or respectively national federations, continental and national championships, men under 23 can ride in the race for men elite, even if a separate race is being run for under 23 riders.~~

Except when separate category races are organised, men under 23 and men elite shall race together.

Men under 23 riders cannot race with men elite during the following events:

- UCI cyclo-cross world championships,
- UCI cyclo-cross world cup events, when those include a separate men under 23 race,
- continental and national championships, at the discretion of continental confederations or respectively national federations.

In all other events, men under 23 can ride in the race for men elite, even if a separate race is being run for men under 23 riders.

If men under 23 and men elite compete in the same race, meaning same start time and same race distance:

- no separate results are made up,
- UCI points are awarded according the elite points scale,
- in case of championships, only one title is awarded (for example, should an under 23 rider win the race, he shall be awarded the elite title).

Women

The category women junior shall comprise riders aged 17 to 18. The category women under 23 shall comprise riders aged 19 to 22.

The category women elite shall comprise riders of 23 years and above.

Except when separate category races are organised, women junior, women under 23 and women elite shall race together.

~~Except in the UCI cyclo-cross world championships, UCI cyclo-cross world cup events, when those include a separate women junior race, and, at the discretion of continental confederations or respectively national~~

~~federations, continental and national championships, women junior, women under 23 and women elite can ride in the race for women elite, even if a separate race is being run for women junior.~~

Women junior riders cannot race with women elite during the following events:

- UCI cyclo-cross world championships,
- UCI cyclo-cross world cup events, when those include a separate women junior race,
- continental and national championships, at the discretion of continental confederations or respectively national federations.

In all other events, women junior can ride in the race for women elite, even if a separate race is being run for women junior.

Women under 23 riders cannot race with women elite during the following events:

- UCI cyclo-cross world championships,
- continental and national championships, at the discretion of continental confederations or respectively national federations.

In all other events, women under 23 can ride in the race for women elite.

If two or three of the categories women junior, women under 23 and women elite compete in the same race, meaning same start time and same race distance:

- no separate results are made up for the grouped categories,
- UCI points are awarded according the elite points scale,
- in case of championships, only one title is awarded (for example, should an under 23 rider win the race, she shall be awarded the elite title).

Masters

All riders aged 35 and over may ride in the UCI masters cyclo-cross world championships. However the following riders are not eligible:

- 1 Any rider who has ridden in the UCI cyclo-cross world championships, continental championships or UCI cyclo-cross world cup during the current year,
- 2 Any rider, who has been a member, during the current cyclo-cross season, of a team registered with the UCI,
- 3 Any rider classified with at least 100 points in the UCI individual cyclo-cross ranking published after the first UCI cyclo-cross world cup event of the current cyclo-cross season.

In races other than the UCI masters cyclo-cross world championships, riders may participate with a temporary or daily licence, issued by their national federation. The licence must clearly state the starting and finishing dates of its period of validity. The national federation shall make sure that the holder of a temporary licence will, for the duration of his licence, benefit from the same insurance cover and other benefits as those attached to an annual licence.

UCI recognised teams

Riders, men and women, belonging to the following teams are allowed to race cyclo-cross events under the name and the clothing of their respective team, at the exception of races where the national outfit is mandatory as per the article 1.3.059:

- UCI cyclo-cross teams and UCI cyclo-cross professional teams, as per Chapter V, Part V Cyclo-cross of the UCI regulations;
- UCI road teams, as per Chapters XV, XVI and XVII, Part II Road races of the UCI regulations;
- UCI Mountain Bike teams, as per Chapters IX and X, Part IV Mountain Bike of the UCI regulations.

(article modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.04; 1.09.06; 1.09.08; 16.06.14; 1.07.15; 7.06.16; 28.01.17; 26.06.18; 21.06.19; 12.06.20; 10.06.21; 1.07.22).

Calendar**5.1.004**

International cyclo-cross races are registered on the international calendar in accordance with the following classification:

- UCI cyclo-cross world championships (CM)
- UCI cyclo-cross world cup (CDM)
- UCI masters cyclo-cross world championships (CMM)
- continental championships (CC)
- class 1 events (C1)
- class 2 events (C2)

The allocation of classes shall be carried out annually by the UCI management committee.

An event will only be given or maintained class 1 status if the previous season's race does not present any major organisational issues and following the UCI's approval.

For all cyclo-cross events registered on the international calendar in class 1 or class 2, the organiser must organise a men junior race, a women race and a men elite race. A derogation for the mandatory organisation of the men junior race may be granted by the UCI if the event is not organised on a saturday or a sunday.

A separate women junior race can be organised during all UCI events, except the UCI cyclo-cross world cup when decided by the ~~cyclo-cross-commission~~ UCI.

A separate women under 23 race can be organised only during UCI cyclo-cross world championships, continental championships and national championships.

A separate men junior race must be organised during all UCI events, except the UCI cyclo-cross world cup when decided by the ~~cyclo-cross-commission-UCI~~.

A separate men under 23 race can be organised during UCI cyclo-cross world championships, continental championships, national championships and class 1 or class 2 event, and for the latter only if the event is part of a UCI recognised series.

A continental championship may be organised over two days.

A new event may only be added to the international calendar in class 2.

(article introduced on 1.09.06, modified on 1.09.08; 1.07.11; 7.06.16, 21.06.19; 12.06.20; 1.07.22).

Cyclo-cross team relay**5.1.004 bis**

One cyclo-cross team relay event must be organised at the UCI world championships and may be organised at the continental cyclo-cross championships in accordance with the provisions of article 9.2.045 bis. UCI points are allocated to the nation only and not to the riders individually. A minimum of 5 nations must compete in the cyclo-cross team relay for UCI points to be awarded.

Each rider shall race during one complete lap of the parcours used for the individual races of the UCI cyclo-cross

world championships. At the end of his lap and in the official relay zone, he shall give the relay to the next teammate. The finishing rider must touch the hand, arm or shoulder of the next racing rider, when he is standstill in the relay box. No flying relay shall be accepted. When he is touched by the finishing rider, the next racing rider can start and ride his lap.

If the rider finishing his relay passes his teammate without touching him, he must immediately make a u-turn and come back to the box allocated to his nation. The riders racing after the last relay shall finish their lap by crossing the finish line of the venue.

Teams are responsible for determining the order of riders and for their timely presence in the relay zone.

Failure to comply with these provisions concerning the relay between teammates shall be sanctioned by the disqualification of the team.

(article introduced on 1.07.22)

UCI Technical delegate

5.1.007

If an event is promoted at a new venue, the UCI technical delegate must carry out an inspection well in advance to take the necessary measurements. The inspection will include the course, the distance, determine the double pit area, installations and the security. He will meet the organiser and prepare an inspection report without delay for submission to the UCI cyclo-cross coordinator.

He must be on site prior to the first official training session and must carry out an inspection of the venue and course in conjunction with the organiser and the president of the commissaires' panel. He shall coordinate the technical preparations for the event and shall ensure that the recommendations made in the inspection report are implemented. The definitive version of the course and any changes, if this is the case, shall be the responsibility of the UCI technical delegate. Where a UCI technical delegate does not have to be appointed under article 5.1.006, this task shall fall to the president of the commissaires' panel.

The UCI technical delegate shall attend the team managers' meetings **during the UCI cyclo-cross world championships**.

(article introduced on 1.09.06; modified on 1.09.08; 1.07.22).

Installations

5.1.010

The judge's stand at the finish must be covered and **mandatory placed right across the finish line. It shall be preferably located on the left of the finish line.**

The organiser shall provide at least four radio sets to the commissaires' panel. These radio sets must have one channel reserved for the sole use of the commissaires' panel and another with which it is possible to contact the organiser.

(article modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.04; 1.07.22).

Course

5.1.012

A cyclo-cross course shall include road, country and forest paths and meadowland alternating in such a way as to ensure changes in the pace of the race and allowing riders to recuperate after difficult sections.

The course of a cyclo-cross event shall be inspected by the president of the commissaires' panel together with the course manager appointed by the organising committee, the day before the event when it is a UCI cyclo-cross world cup, continental championships or class 1 event. For a class 2 event, it shall be inspected at the latest 2 hours before the first race.

(article modified on 1.08.00; 1.07.22).

Pit areas

5.1.028

The double pit area (see annex 2) is compulsory for UCI cyclo-cross world championships, UCI cyclo-cross world cup events, continental championships, national championships and events in class 1.

If it is not possible to design a course such that a double pit area as per article 5.1.029 can be set up, the event may only be organised with the prior consent of the ~~cyclo-cross commission~~ UCI to set up two single pits (see annex 3).

(article modified on 1.09.04; 1.07.10; 1.07.22).

Allocation of boxes

5.1.036

~~At UCI cyclo-cross world championships, UCI cyclo-cross world cup events and continental championships, the pit boxes are allocated at the team managers meeting, as follows:~~

The pit boxes are allocated the day prior to the event for the UCI cyclo-cross world cup events and continental championships, they are allocated during the team managers meeting for the *UCI cyclo-cross world championships*. For those 3 events, pit boxes are allocated as follows :

- 1 Separately for each category on the basis of the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross ranking by nation of the current season for the category concerned (or the final ranking of the previous season if no ranking has yet been published for the current season);
- 2 The allocation of boxes to teams that do not feature in the relevant ranking shall be by drawing lots; ~~3 The team leaders shall select their preferred box in the order thus determined.~~
- 3 The president of the commissaires' panel shall prepare per category the number of pits allocated to each nation, taking into account the number of riders. Three boxes maximum will be allocated to one nation. Nations with a small number of riders may be grouped in the same box;
- 4 The national team managers shall select their preferred boxes in the order determined by points 1 and 2. Any nation that is allocated 2 or 3 boxes must chose the numbers of these boxes back to back;
- 5 In case of absence of reply of the team manager or blocked situation, the president of the commissaires panel shall fix the relevant boxes allocation. The final distribution of boxes per nation will be communicated to teams and commissaires.

(article modified on 1.09.9; 1.09.05; 1.09.08; 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.07.22).

5.1.036 bis

For the class 1 events, the pit boxes must be allocated the day prior to the event with the 12 boxes minimum requested by the article 5.1.035 and as follows:

- 1 Separately for each category, the president of the commissaires' panel determines the number of riders per box, taking into account the rounded up ratio between the number of riders and the number of boxes;
- 2 The riders are distributed by drawing lot in each of these boxes, in respect of the maximum of riders per box determined by the point 1;
- 3 The final distribution of riders per box will be communicated to teams and commissaires.

The provisions 1, 2 and 3 may be applied to a class 2 event where boxes are set-up as per the article 5.1.035. The decision as to whether the boxes allocation by drawing lot in a class 2 event is to be applied will be made by the president of the commissaires' panel after approval of the organiser.

(article introduced on 1.07.22)

5.1.053

~~At the UCI cyclo-cross world championships, a classification by nation shall be drawn up by summing the places of the first three riders from each nation. Nations with two riders finishing shall be ranked after those with three. Nations with one rider finishing shall be ranked after those with two. In case of equal points in this classification, the place of the best ranked rider will break the tie.~~

~~The classification by nation shall not be used for a world champion's title.~~

~~(article modified on 1.09.03; 1.07.10).~~

5.1.053 [article transferred to 9.2.045 ter on 1.07.22]

Chapter II UCI CYCLO-CROSS RANKING**5.2.009**

A UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking is published every tuesday. It is used for the start order of riders in the international events given in article 5.1.043. The date of the first publication for a new season is decided by the ~~cyclo-cross commission~~ UCI.

(article modified on 1.09.98; 1.09.04; 1.09.05; 1.09.08; 1.07.10; 1.07.15; 1.07.22).

5.2.010

At the same time a UCI cyclo-cross ranking by nation ~~for men elite, a UCI cyclo-cross ranking by nation for women elite, a UCI cyclo-cross ranking by nation for men under 23, a UCI cyclo-cross ranking by nation for women under 23 and a UCI cyclo-cross ranking by nation for men junior~~ are shall be drawn up by totaling the points of the three first ranked riders of each nation, ~~for the following categories:~~

- men elite, with the three first men of 19 years and more;
- women elite, with the three first women of 17 years and more;
- men under 23, with the three first men of 19-22 years;
- women under 23, with the three first women ~~of 19-22 years;~~

- men junior, with the three first men of 17-18 years;
- women junior, with the three first women of 17-18 years.

In case of nations placed equal in the ranking, the place of its best rider in the individual ranking will break the tie.

The UCI points awarded for the team relay event at the UCI cyclo-cross world championships and eventually at continental cyclo-cross championships are awarded to the nation in the elite ranking and not to the individual riders.

(article modified on 1.09.98; 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.09.05; 1.09.08; 1.07.09; 1.07.15; 1.07.22).

Chapter V UCI CYCLO-CROSS TEAMS

§ 1 Identity

5.5.001

Two levels of teams are registered by the UCI as cyclo-cross team:

- UCI cyclo-cross professional team,
- UCI cyclo-cross team.

The members of a UCI cyclo-cross team or a UCI cyclo-cross professional team are employed and/or sponsored by the same entity, for the purpose of taking part in cyclo-cross events on the UCI international cyclo-cross calendar.

1- UCI cyclo-cross team

A UCI cyclo-cross team is an entity consisting of a minimum of 3 riders, each of whom must be of the age of 19 years and older as defined in article 5.1.001. A UCI cyclo-cross team must include at least one woman rider.

A rider who is already member of another discipline's UCI registered team, may be registered in a UCI cyclo-cross team, only if a signed three-party agreement (rider, UCI cyclo-cross team and the other UCI team) is provided during the registration process.

The nationality of the UCI cyclo-cross team must be that of the country where the head office or the domicile of the paying agent is located.

2- UCI cyclo-cross professional team

A UCI cyclo-cross professional team is an entity consisting of a minimum of 10 riders, each of whom must be of the age of 19 years and older as defined in article 5.1.001 and a maximum of 16 riders. The team must respect one of the two obligations below:

- the UCI cyclo-cross professional team includes a minimum of 10 men riders, or
- the UCI cyclo-cross professional team includes a minimum of 8 women riders.

UCI cyclo-cross professional teams will be allowed to participate to some events of the road UCI international calendar, as described in article 2.1.005:

- a UCI cyclo-cross professional team including a minimum of 10 men riders may participate to any road event where UCI continental teams participate;
- a UCI cyclo-cross professional team including a minimum of 8 women riders may participate to any road event where UCI women's continental teams participate.

UCI cyclo-cross professional teams have the obligation to participate with minimum 1 rider of the women elite or men elite category at each of the UCI world cup events. If this is not the case, the UCI cyclo-cross professional teams status is removed immediately and the team is not able to register as a UCI cyclo-cross professional team for the following season. In this case there is no refund of the registration fee.

The downgrading of the status of UCI professional cyclo-cross team may be reconsidered if the UCI professional cyclo-cross team proves that none of the national federations concerned by its riders has agreed to submit the UCI world cup entry of a rider of the team, in compliance with article 5.3.005.

UCI cyclo-cross professional teams have the obligation to subscribe to the prize money centralisation system set-up by the UCI.

A UCI cyclo-cross professional team is recognised and certified by the national federation of the nationality of the majority of its riders.

UCI cyclo-cross professional teams will not take part in any UCI road team rankings (UCI world ranking, UCI continental rankings).

(article modified on 12.06.20; 1.07.22).

§ 3 Registration

Rider's addition or transfer

5.5.012

Article 5.5.011 also applies to any changes to the riders and other staff for UCI cyclo-cross teams and UCI cyclo-cross professional teams. Such changes must be immediately submitted by the teams to the UCI.

A team may add one or more riders between the 15 August and the 31 December by justifying to its national federation and the UCI the reason for the late addition. The information and contract must be transmitted to the UCI at least two weeks before the first participation of the rider to any UCI event.

On the expiry of the term of the contract, the rider is free to enter the service of another paying agent. No system of transfer fees is permitted.

Before the expiry date of the contract, transfers of riders are only permitted if a global agreement in writing is reached between the three parties concerned: the rider, his current paying agent and the new paying agent, and with the authorisation of the UCI.

However, a rider who is registered with a UCI cyclo-cross professional team will have the right to transfer to **another** UCI cyclo-cross professional team during the period from 15 March to 15 April **only**.

Whether by transfer or addition, a rider may be added to a UCI cyclo-cross professional team with a contract starting between the 02 January and the 15 August only if the duration of his contract runs until the 15 August of the following year.

(article modified on 12.06.20; 1.07.22).

5.5.017

UCI cyclo-cross teams and UCI cyclo-cross professional teams registered with the UCI receive a series of benefits which include, but are not limited to:

- a. advertising on leader's jersey of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup as per article 5.3.023;
- b. name of the team on the entry / start lists and results / rankings edited during a UCI cyclo-cross world cup;
- c. ~~2 accreditations for the team managers zone in the pit area and 2 parking passes per UCI cyclo-cross team during UCI cyclo-cross world championships and UCI cyclo-cross world cup; UCI cyclo-cross professional teams are entitled to 2 additional accreditations during UCI cyclo-cross world championships and UCI cyclo-cross world cup events;~~ accreditations for the team managers zone in the pit area and parking passes during UCI cyclo-cross world championships and UCI cyclo-cross world cup, as per the ratio described below;
- d. mailing list providing a direct information from UCI;
- e. publication of the team's name, composition, geographical and digital addresses on the UCI website;
- f. publication of the UCI cyclo-cross team ranking based on the weekly UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking as per article 5.2.014.

During the UCI cyclo-cross world cup events, the number of accredited team managers and parking passes allocated is

determined following the number of riders entered under the team's name in the men elite and women elite races:

1 rider:	1 accreditation and 1 parking pass
1 to 6 riders:	2 accreditations and 2 parking passes
7 to 10 riders:	4 accreditations and 4 parking passes
12 riders and more:	5 accreditations and 5 parking passes

During the UCI cyclo-cross world championships, the number of accredited team managers and parking passes allocated is as follows:

UCI cyclo-cross team: 2 accreditations and 2 parking passes

UCI cyclo-cross professional team: 4 accreditations and 4 parking passes

(article modified on 12.06.20; 10.06.21; 1.07.22).

§ 4 Contract of employment

5.5.021

~~On the expiry of the term of the contract, the rider is free to enter the service of another paying agent. No system of transfer fees is permitted.~~

~~Before the expiry date of the contract, transfers of riders are only permitted if a global agreement in writing is reached between the three parties concerned: the rider, his current paying agent and the new paying agent, and with the authorisation of the UCI.~~

[article transferred to 5.5.012 on 1.07.22].

Chapter VI RACE INCIDENTS

5.6.001 Table of race incidents in accordance with article 12.4.001

Cyclo-cross	Elite world championships world cup; class 1, continental championships	Other events
18. Act of violence among riders or any other person	Disqualification (DSQ) and 200 fine	Disqualification (DSQ) and 100 fine
19. Obstruction by a rider in order to prevent or delay the movement of another rider	Disqualification (DSQ) and 100 fine	Disqualification (DSQ) and 50 fine

(article modified on 1.07.22).

ANNEX 4 UCI points table

	UCI CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS				UCI CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CUP			CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS				NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS			Class 1	Class 2	Class 1 or 2	
Rank	Elite	U23	Junior	Team Relay ***	Elite	U23	Junior	Elite	U23	Junior	Team Relay ***	Elite	U23*	Junior*	Elite	Elite	U23*	Junior*
1	400	200	200	200	200	100	100	100	60	60	100	100	60	60	80	40	30	30
2	360	150	150	150	160	60	60	60	40	40	75	60	40	40	60	30	20	20
3	320	120	120	120	140	40	40	40	30	30	60	40	30	30	40	20	15	15
4	280	100	100	100	120	30	30	30	25	25	50	30	25	25	30	15	12	12
5	240	90	90	90	110	25	25	25	20	20	40	25	20	20	25	10	10	10
6	200	80	80	80	100	23	23	20	17	17	30	20	15	15	20	8	8	8
7	190	70	70	75	90	21	21	17	15	15	25	15	10	10	17	6	6	6
8	180	60	60	70	80	19	19	15	12	12	20	10	5	5	15	4	4	4
9	170	55	55	65	70	17	17	12	10	10	10	5	3	3	12	2	2	2
10	160	50	50	60	60	16	16	10	8	8	5	3	x	x	10	1	1	1
11	150	45	45	55	58	15	15	8	6	6	x	x			8	x	x	x
12	140	40	40	50	56	14	14	6	4	4					6			
13	130	35	35	45	54	13	13	4	2	2					4			
14	120	30	30	40	52	12	12	2	1	1					2			
15	110	25	25	35	50	11	11	1	x	x					1			
16	100	20	20	30	48	10	10	x							x			
17	90	18	18	25	46	9	9											
18	80	16	16	20	44	8	8											
19	70	14	14	15	42	7	7											
20	60	12	12	10	40	6	6											
21	57	10	10	x	39	5	5											
22	54	9	9		38	4	4											
23	51	8	8		37	3	3											
24	48	7	7		36	2	2											
25	45	6	6		35	1	1											
26	42	5	5		34	x	x											
27	39	4	4		33													
28	36	3	3		32													
29	33	2	2		31													

Rank	UCI CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS				UCI CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CUP			CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS			NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS			Class 1	Class 2	Class 1 or 2	
	Elite	U23	Junior	Team Relay ***	Elite	U23	Junior	Elite	U23	Junior	Elite	U23*	Junior*	Elite	Elite	U23*	Junior*
30	30	1	1		30												
31	28	x	x		29												
32	26				28												
33	24				27												
34	22				26												
35	20				25												
36	18				24												
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* in case of split event

** amount of points for each ranked rider / nation

*** counting only for the nations ranking of the elite categories, not for the individual ranking

(article modified on 1.07.11; 16.06.14; 1.07.15; 7.06.16; 21.06.19; 1.07.19; 1.07.22)