# **PART 7 TRIALS REGULATIONS**

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# Chapter I GENERAL RULES

## §1 Age and competition categories and participation

- **7.1.001** Trials officially recognises the following types of individual events as described in the present Trials rule book.
  - 20" (wheel size between 18" to 23")
  - 26" (wheel size between 24" to 26")
  - Open (free choice of wheel size, between 18" and 26")

Categories within these events depend on age. The age class a rider is eligible to ride is determined by his/her age which shall be calculated by deducting the year of birth from the current year.

(text modified on 1.02.11; 1.02.12; 15.10.18).

**7.1.002** Participation at competition in races is organised on the basis of the age categories set out below:

_	Poussins:	9-10 years old	white course	Open	
_	Benjamins:	11-12 years old	blue course	Open	
_	Minimes:	13-14 years old	green course	Open	
_	Cadets:	15-16 years old	black course	Open	
_	Youth Girls	9-11 years old	white course	Open	
_	Girls:	12-15 years old	pink course	Open	
_	Men Juniors:	16-18 years old	red course	20"	
_	Men Juniors:	16-18 years old	red course	26"	
_	Men Elite:	19 years old and up	yellow course	20"	
_	Men Elite:	19 years old and up	yellow course	26"	
_	Women Elite:	15 years old and over	pink course	Open	
(text modified on 1.02.11; 1.02.12; 18.03.15; 15.10.18).					

## §2 Calendar

## Events classes and date protection

- **7.1.003** The calendar season starts on January 1 and continues until December 31 of the same year. International trials events are registered on the international calendar in accordance with the following classification:
  - World Championships (CM)
     No other Trials event (CDM, CC, CN, HC, C1, JMJ) may be organised on the weekend prior to or on the same dates as the World Championships.
  - World Cup (CDM)
     No other Trials event (CM, CC, CN, HC, C1, JMJ) may be organised on the same dates as the World Cup.

- Continental Championships (CC)
   No other Trials event (CN, HC, C1, JMJ) may be organised on the same continent during the Continental Championships.
- World Youth Games (JMJ)
   No other Trials event (CM, CDM, CC, CN) may be organised on the same dates as the World Youth Games.
- National Championships (CN)
   No other Trials event (CM, CDM) may be organised on the same dates as the National Championships. Further, the dates retained for CN are mandatory and set out as per art. 1.2.029
- International events, Hors class (HC)
   No other Trials event (CM, CDM, CC) may be organised on the same dates as the Hors Class event. However, the UCI may grant derogations, at its sole discretion, provided that the two events races in question do not take place in the same country.
- International events, Class 1 (C1)
   No other Trials event (CM, CDM, CC) may be organised on the same dates as the international event Class 1. However, the UCI may grant derogations, at its sole discretion, provided that the two events races in question do not take place in the same country.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

- **7.1.003** A new event may only be given Class 1 (C1) status in its first year.
  - **bis** However, An event is only given Hors Class (HC) status if the previous season's event race had five foreign federations taking part based on the elite participation only.

In order to obtain a registration for Hors Class (HC) events on the international calendar, a detailed technical guide must be presented to UCI during the calendar registration process.

(article introduced on 1.10.13; text modified on 15.10.18).

**7.1.004** Every entity organising a Trials event shall conduct the event in strict accordance with the UCI constitution and its regulations.

All events registered on the international calendar must comply with respect the UCI financial obligations (in particular calendar fee) approved by the UCI management committee and published on the UCI website.

(text modified on 1.10.13; 15.10.18).

## §4 Competition

## **General Comments**

7.1.008 International Trials competitions shall be organised and run in full respect of the natural environment are run with all respect for the natural environment. Competitions can take place in city centres, in halls, in stadiums or in open country. (text modified on 1.02.12; 15.10.18).

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## **Definition**

7.1.011 Trials is a cycling competition, the objective of this sport is to get over obstacles grouped into sections, without setting foot on the ground or on the obstacle or any part of the bicycle (only the tires) touching the ground or on the obstacle as this incurs penalty points (dabs). The rider with the lowest total of penalty points shall be declared the winner in his/her category. The total duration of the competition, necessary to negotiate all sections, is set accordingly.

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games the rider with the highest total of points shall be declared the winner in his/her category. (text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

#### Riders meeting

**7.1.013** A meeting of all riders shall be held before the start of the competition event. At this meeting all important information on the running of the competition shall be given event. Attendance at this meeting shall be obligatory for all riders.

During such meeting the starting method and time, the number and order of sections, the number of laps, the total duration of the competition event and any amendments to the regulations decided on at a meeting of the Commissaires' Panel, shall be announced. Upon decision of the Technical Delegate, this meeting may be replaced by the distribution or display of information.

(text modified on 15.10.18).

## §5 Sections

- 7.1.016 Sections are difficult stretches. Each section shall include a maximum of six five principal difficulties (obstacles), that may either be natural or artificial, e.g.: stones, water, sand, soil, steps, inclines, embankment, tree trunks, concrete pipes or precast concrete structures, metallic structures, wooden constructions, train sleepers, spools, etc. A detailed guideline "UCI Event Setup & Trials Section Building Guide" is available on the UCI website explaining how to design and build sections. (text modified on 1.02.12; 18.03.15; 15.10.18).
- 7.1.018 Each side of the section must be marked by plastic course tape. The tape should be installed 20 to 30 cm above the ground. There can also be plastic course tape inside the section to indicate different lines ways of difficulty or closing some obstacles adding extra difficulty.

The tape should be minimum 12 cm wide and of high quality, as defined in the technical specifications of the organisation guide.

Inside the sections there are coloured arrows indicating:

- Direction: one arrow indicating the riders' sense.
- Gates: two arrows (same colour and number) pointing at each other and leaving a space between them, where riders must pass through them.

Arrows inside the section must be numbered for easier understanding. The last arrow must be indicated with a circle around the number.

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games, each section shall be split into six sectors. Each sector is composed of different obstacles marked with gates. Gates arrows inside the section with the same number and different letter, belong to the same sector obstacle (for example 1A, 1B and 1C belongs to sector 1).

- The first sector starts at the starting line by passing the front wheel axle.
- The next sector starts at the last gate of the previous sector by passing both wheel axles.
- The sector ends at the last gate by passing both axles, except the last sector which ends at the finish line by passing the front wheel axle.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

- **7.1.020** Each section shall comprise a «neutral zone», behind ahead the starting line, which shall be designated for one single participant. Dimensions of neutral zone: 2 m x 1,5 m. (text modified on 1.02.12; 15.10.18).
- 7.1.023 The official sections must may not be ridden and or practiced by bicycle preceding the start of the competition race. In case of a breach, the rider will not be permitted to start. (text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18).
- **7.1.025** In choosing sections, it is recommended not to exceed the following maximum drop-off heights:

Poussins: white course 0,80 <del>0,60</del> m maximum Benjamins: blue course 1,00 <del>0,80</del> m maximum Minimes: green course 1,20 <del>1,00</del> m maximum Cadets: black course 1,40 <del>1,20</del> m maximum – Youth Girls: white course 0,80 <del>0,60</del> m maximum – Girls: pink course 1,00 0,80 m maximum – Men Juniors: red course 1,60 <del>1,40</del> m maximum Men Elite: yellow course 1,80 m maximum Women Elite: pink course 1,60 <del>1,40</del> m maximum

Under special circumstances the Commissaires' Panel may accept other maximum drop off heights.

(text modified on 1.02.11; 1.02.12; 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

7.1.025 At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games sections must be designed/built according to the UCI Trials Event Setup & Section Building Guide and must include a total of six sectors main obstacles.
Sections shall be designed in an easy shape, easy to follow and avoiding loops inside. (article introduced on 27.01.17; text modified on 15.10.18).

## §6 Competition area

7.1.026 In order to be attractive, the sections shall be set in one close area, called competition area, placed in city centres, in halls, in stadiums or in open country. The technical area race headquarter (Trials race office, screen area, team area, warm-up section and stage area), VIP area, press office, sound system, big screen, team area and warm-up section must be installed nearby the competition area.

The entire competition area must be fenced off.

The ideal layout is to have the competition area and the technical area race headquarter connected to each other, as such the riders don't need to walk through the spectators.

The competition area shall be laid out in such a way that spectators can easily follow the competition.

"UCI Event Setup & Trials Section Building Guide" provides a detailed explanation how to set the competition area and is available on the UCI website. (text modified on 1.02.12; 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

## §7 Starting and riding regulations

- **7.1.033** It is forbidden for a rider to modify sections of the competition area or their configuration. (text modified on 15.10.18).
- **7.1.034** [article abrogated on 1.02.12].
- 7.1.035 With the exception of the Commissaires' Panel, the Technical Delegate, the medicals, the riders on course and the authorised media, only the rider whose name is called by the commissaire may be in the section. (text modified on 15.10.18)
- 7.1.037 Penalties inflicted by the Commissaires' Panel shall be entered on the score card given to each rider at the start. In addition, penalty points shall be entered on the penalty check list, to be kept for each section. In case of a difference between the score card and the check list, the Commissaires' Panel decides.

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games points counted by the section Commissaires Panel shall be entered on the score card given to each rider at the start of the competition. In addition, the counted points shall be entered on the check list, to be kept for each section. In case of a difference between the score card and the check list, the Commissaires' Panel shall decide.

At the World Championships Finals and at the World Cup Finals a radio or a digital system shall be used.

(text modified on 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

**7.1.038** Sections Courses shall be marked with numbered arrows of the colour corresponding with the category of the competition race, and shall be ridden in accordance with this marking.

(text modified on 15.10.18).

7.1.041 Any rider dropping out of the competition event shall return his/her points score card to the Trials race office headquarter or the Technical Delegate. (text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

#### §8 Duration of the competition

7.1.042 The total duration of the competition event shall be set by the Technical Delegate in agreement with the Commissaires' Panel. It shall be so set as to permit riders to end the sections circuit in the set time. The Commissaires' Panel may extend it during the competition.

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(text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

## §9 Repairs

**7.1.044** Repairs may be undertaken during the competition event, but neither inside a section, nor in any other place liable to hamper or endanger riders. (text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18)

#### §10 Classifications and results

**7.1.045** The rider with the lowest total of penalty points shall be declared winner in his/her category.

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games, the rider with the highest total of points shall be declared the winner in his/her category. (text modified on 1.02.12; 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

**7.1.046** The other places in the classification shall be allocated in ascending number of penalty points imposed.

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games, the other places in the classification shall be allocated in descending number of points gained. (text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

- 7.1.047 In case of a tie (where two or more riders have the same total of penalty points, the tie shall be solved in the following order:
  - 1. Highest number of sections covered with zero penalty points;
  - 2. Highest number of sections with one single penalty point, with two penalty points, etc:
  - 3. Best result in the ½ Finals;
  - 4. In a competition without a ½ Finals and concerning a podium place, a decisive section to be competed covered will be selected appointed by the Commissaires' Panel. In the decisive section, in case of equal points the time will be used as the decision-making criterion to allocate the places on the podium. Should several riders obtain five penalty points, the winner will be the rider who goes furthest in the section:
  - 5. In cases of equal penalty points other than for a podium place, the total competition time will be the decision-making criterion der.

In case of a tie in the Final the points obtained in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Finals will be considered as a tiebreaker.

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games in case of a tie (where two or more riders have the same total of points), the tie shall be solved in the following order:

- 1. Highest number of sections covered with maximum points possible;
- 2. Highest number of sections with fifty points, with forty points, etc;
- 3. Best result in the ½ Finals;
- 4. In a competition without a ½ Finals and concerning a podium place, a decisive section to be competed vered will be selected appointed by the Commissaires' Panel. In the decisive section, in case of equal points the time will be used as the decision-making criterion to allocate the places on the podium. Should several riders obtain zero points, the winner will be the rider who goes furthest in the section;
- 5. In cases of equal points other than for a podium place, the total competition time will be the decision-making criterion.

In case of a tie in the Final the place in the ½ Finals will be considered as a tiebreaker. (text modified on 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

## §11 Competition facilities

**7.1.048** In order to have a competition sanctioned by the UCI, National Federations and organisers seeking the UCI sanction for a competition event must be able to demonstrate to the UCI that the facilities proposed for the event meet the specifications set forth in this chapter section and in the organisation guide.

A detailed description of all types of facilities required for the various purposes at Trials event are defined in the organisation guide.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

#### Riders and Teams' area

7.1.049 The area reserved for riders and teams shall be located close or inside to the technical area race headquarter and outside the competition area. A warm up section shall be installed inside the riders and teams' area. (text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

#### **Bulletin boards**

7.1.050 Well-constructed and weather-resistant bulletin boards and/or monitors for posting the start lists, results lists and any riders information shall be erected near the technical area race headquarter.

#### Screen area

An area for the screen beside close to the technical area race headquarter must be provided with a good visibility for riders and teams and spectators. It must be covered, stable and wind resistant. The screen features are defined in the organisation guide. (text modified on 1.02.12; 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

#### Technical area Race headquarter

**7.1.051** The technical area race headquarter must preferably be located at the centre of the site of the Trials event, giving easier access to the riders Trials competitors and giving better visibility to the spectators. This area must be fenced off.

The access to the technical area race headquarter is restricted to the public. only to riders, on course, to UCI officials and to accredited media. can be allowed access. During the riders confirmation procedure the access is allowed to all riders.

Within the technical area the organiser must provide an area using containers and tents or a lorry intended for this purpose.

The screen area and deejay area must be covered, stable and wind-resistant.

An internet connection (Wi-Fi or cable) must be available exclusively at the Trials race office for the secretary.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

## Spectator's facilities

- **7.1.053** A description of all types of spectator's facilities and services required for various purposes for the Trials events are defined hereinafter:
  - Grandstand
  - Welcome desk
  - Information boards
  - Big screen
  - Score board
  - Public car park
  - Food and beverage service
  - Crossing points
  - Public' toilets
  - Litter bins

The following spectator's capacities are suggested:

International Trials events:
 UCI Trials World Youth Games:
 UCI Trials World Cup events:
 UCI Trials World Championships:
 Tool Spectators;
 3000 spectators;
 UCI Trials World Championships:
 7.500 spectators.

(text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

## §12 Officials and staff

## National and/or Regional Trials Commissaires

**7.1.058** The National and/or Regional Trials Commissaires are appointed by the national federation according to article 1.2.116 of the UCI Regulations. They shall assist the Commissaires' Panel.

In order to perform their tasks, all commissaires shall satisfy the following requirements must have the following qualifications:

- A. They must be fluent in the English language or have English interpretation available;
- B. They may not be either directors or officers of the UCI;
- C. All commissaires must wear some form of distinctive clothing so that they may be easily identified by riders and team managers;
- D. Each section race commissaire shall operate from a clearly defined position. (text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

## §13 Clothing and safety equipment

#### Inspection

**7.1.061** Before the start of, or during the event course of any competition, the rider's bicycle, helmet and clothing may be subject to inspection by the Commissaires' Panel in order to ascertain whether or not this equipment conforms to these rules.

Any rider whose equipment is unsafe in the opinion of the Commissaires' Panel, whether or not it fails to comply with a specific provision of these rules, shall not be permitted in the competition.

Any rider who does not comply with all instructions given to him/her by the Commissaires' Panel with respect to his/her equipment shall not be permitted to compete in any competition event.

(text modified on 15.10.18).

#### Jersey

**7.1.063** Proper long or short sleeve jersey is required.

Regulations regarding the national champion jersey are set in articles 1.3.056 ff.
Regulations regarding the UCI Trials World Champion jersey are set in articles 1.3.060 ff.

Provisions on advertising matter are regulated by the UCI. (text modified on 15.10.18).

## Jersey - Order of priority

- **7.1.063** Should various provisions requiring the wearing of different Trials jerseys apply to the same rider, the order of priority shall be as follows:
  - the UCI Trials World Champion's jersey
  - the leader's jersey of the UCI Trials World Cup
  - the Continental Champion's jersey (as per article 1.3.070)
  - the National Champion's jersey
  - the National Federation jersey

For the sake of clarity, if the leader of the UCI Trials World Cup is also the UCI Trials World Champion, he/she must wear the World Champion's jersey (as per article 1.3.071).

During World Championships and Continental Championships every rider has to wear the jersey of the national team as per article 1.3.071.

(article introduced on 18.03.15; text modified on 15.10.18).

- **7.1.068** [article abrogated on 15.10.18].
- **7.1.069** [article abrogated on 15.10.18].
- **7.1.070** [article abrogated on 15.10.18].

## §15 Starting numbers

7.1.077 The rider's body number and number plate shall be water proof and clearly show the starting number, the colour of the course and the sponsors' logos. The colour of the number plates shall correspond with that of the course (example: yellow for Men elite, red for Men juniors, pink for Women elite). The plates are defined in the technical specifications.

Number plates shall be placed on the bike's handlebars to be visible from the front, whilst the body numbers must be put on the back.

(text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

## §16 Infringements, penalties and protest

## Part 1: Infringements

7.1.080 All riders must observe these rules and follow all instructions given by any commissaire or official at any time during the course of the event. Every rider must at all times observe such conduct which reflects the ideals of good sportsmanship and avoid any conduct

which may bring himself/herself or the sport of Trials into disrepute. The use of obscene or foul language is forbidden. Riders using such language will be penalized in a manner to be determined by the Commissaires' Panel.

The infringements described in this chapter will be penalized by the Commissaires' Panel, according to the present chapter 16. part 2 of the present rule book. (text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

#### Third Persons Interference

7.1.081 Team managers, minders, parents and other people who accompany in the company of a rider or who provide external assistance shall not interfere with the competition on behalf of a team or a rider.

(text modified on 15.10.18).

#### Part 2: Penalties

#### Penalty points (dabs)

- **7.1.082** The following penalty points may be imposed cumulatively on riders in the sections: (text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18).
- 7.1.083 Any support on the obstacle or on the ground to re-establish the rider's balance, be it with apart of the body or with a part of the bicycle, except the tyres (1 penalty point). The body is splitted in 4 parts:
  - feet until the ankle:
  - between the ankles until the hip;
  - upper part of the body, from the hip including the arms and the head;
  - hands until the wrists (incl. the handlebar if it's touched by the hand).

In case of a support of more than one part, the penalty points will be cumulated. If one or more parts of the body are touching the obstacle or the ground, they are penalized with penalty points. Contacts with parts of the bike on the ground or on the obstacle, which are not caused in order to re-establish the rider's balance, are permitted.

Brushing without any weight on the touching part of the bike or the body during the bicycle movement shall be permitted. It is allowed to turn the foot on place.

If a rider is approaching the gate from behind the visual line (with bike and/or parts of the body) in static position (without attempt) and puts the foot on the obstacle/ground to cross the gate (5 penalty points). The rider is not allowed to continue riding the section.

If a rider is approaching the gate from front of the visual line (with bike and/or parts of the body) in static position (without attempt) and puts the foot on the obstacle/ground to cross the gate (1 additional penalty point). The rider is allowed to continue riding the section.

During a rider's attempt on an obstacle (after a frontal, upwards or sideways movement) from front of the visual line and he/she puts the foot on the obstacle/ground (1 penalty point). The rider is allowed to continue riding the section.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games passing the maximum time cut of 2 minutes for the section the rider is not allowed to continue riding. The rider keeps the previous score gained.

(text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

**7.1.087** Entering the gate of some other category, skipping a gate or a direction of his/her own category or not riding the gates or direction in the correct order (5 penalty points).

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games the rider must cross the gates of the sector where he/she is riding whereas it is not allowed to cross any other gates of other sectors.

Entering a gate or a direction in the wrong sense for the first time (5 penalty points). A gate is passed only if the line between the two arrows with the same number is crossed in the correct sense of the arrows. Once the gate is passed, if it is crossed backwards, the rider will have to pass it again (in the correct sense of the arrows).

An arrow is passed only if the line between the arrow, and the next tape in the sense of the arrow, is crossed in the correct sense of the arrow. Once the arrow is passed, if it is crossed backwards, the rider will have to pass it again (in the correct sense of the arrow).

The crossing is only valid if at least one wheel axle crosses above the arrow level or gate line. If both axles cross the line below the arrow level, the crossing is not passed yet. The crossing with both axels below the arrow level shall be permitted for all other categories.

(text modified on 1.10.13; 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

**7.1.094** It is forbidden to mark 5 penalty points on the score card without having entered the section.

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games it is forbidden to mark 0 points on the score card without having entered the section. (text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

**7.1.095** Touching the ground or the obstacle with a hand that does not hold the handlebars (5 penalty points).

#### Supplementary penalties

In addition to the penalties set out in as of articles 7.1.082 ff of the present Trials rule book, the following penalty points may be imposed cumulatively on riders: (text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

**7.1.096** Per minute for being late at the start (1 penalty point) in case of starts at minute intervals. At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games per minute for being late at the start (minus 10 points) in case of starts at minute intervals. (text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

## External assistance

**7.1.097** Relatives, followers or attendants shall in no case interfere in the competition.

The following acts by attendants or followers to help riders shall be prohibited and penalized by 10 penalty points against the rider helped:

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games these acts by attendants or followers to help riders shall be prohibited and penalized by minus 100 points against the rider helped:

- A. Taking up position, for the rider, at the entry to a section
- B. Criticizing the commissaire
- C. Entering a section (assistance to protect the rider without influencing his/her performance in the section race-shall be permitted)
- D. Giving advice (positions) to a rider riding in the section (text modified on 1.02.12; 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).
- **7.1.098** Losing the points score card or omitting a section (10 penalty points).

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games losing the points score card or omitting a section (minus 100 points). (text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

**7.1.099** Unsporting behavior (10 penalty points).

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games unsporting behaviour (minus 100 points).

(text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

**7.1.105** Supplementary penalties that only the Technical Delegate can impose in agreement with the Commissaries' Panel, shall be added to the other penalty points.

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games supplementary penalties that only the Technical Delegate can impose in agreement with the Commissaries' Panel shall be subtracted to the other points.

(text modified on 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

**7.1.106** Any rider exceeding the set duration of the competition race shall be penalised by 1 penalty point for each minute or part thereof in the default time.

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games any rider exceeding the set duration of the competition race shall be penalized by with a deduction of 10 points for each minute or part thereof in the default time.

(text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

**7.1.108** Non compliance respecting of the rules concerning the wearing of a helmet (disqualification).

(text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

**7.1.109** Non compliance respecting of the rules concerning the number plate and/or the body number (10 penalty points).

At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games non compliance respecting of the rules concerning the number plate and/or the body number (minus 100 points).

(text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

#### Official warning

7.1.111 A rider may receive an official, verbal warning for certain misconduct. The first warning issued to a rider at an event carries no specific penalty other than the advice of the warning, however the issuance of a subsequent warning for the same, or any other offence, on the same day will result in the rider's disqualification from the competition event.

A warning shall be displayed on the printed output of the result list and on the monitors. (text modified on 15.10.18).

## Removal of an offender from the competition venue

7.1.113 The Commissaires' Panel shall have the discretion to remove an offender from the competition venue for an offence against any of the provisions set down in this rule book. (text modified on 15.10.18).

## Suspension Removal of an offender from the competition venue

- **7.1.114** The UCI may by its sole discretion and for cause suspend for any period of time, or permanently revoke, the licence entitling a rider to compete in a Trials event. The following offences will result in suspension:
  - A. Competing under a false name;
  - B. Use of false information relating to age, category or other subject at the time of registration in order to gain an unfair advantage;
  - C. Conspiring with one or more other riders to predetermine the outcome of any competition;
  - D. Offering, giving or receiving either directly or indirectly any bribe or other incentive intended to influence the outcome of a competition race either to or from any other person, including without limitation, riders, commissaires, officials and spectators at a Trials competition;
  - E. Wilfully entering a competition or riding a bicycle that does not conform to the rules of the competition:
  - F. Altering the specification of any bicycle after inspection that results in an infringement of the rules of competition;
  - G. Engaging in any unfair practice, misbehaviour or action detrimental to the sport of Trials, whether or not related to a specific event.

(text modified on 15.10.18).

- §17 Riding system applicable at the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games.
- **7.1.120** The penalty points (dabs) will apply as per art. 7.1.082 to 7.1.119.

A rider starts the section with zero penalty points dabs and zero points.

Every time that the rider crosses a sector gate—with zero penalty points dabs, his/her score will be added by 10 points. The procedure The point of view to validate the sector is defined in article 7.1.018. gates is the rear wheel's axle.

The same procedure must be followed with the other sectors gates of the section.

In the case that the rider commits a dab at the beginning of the section before crossing any gates or between gates, he/she will accumulate penalty points up to total of five.

The rider can only score make five penalty points dabs in the whole section. If a rider has got five penalty points dabs before finishing the whole section, he/she has to leave the section, but he/she keeps the previous score gained.

If a rider is approaching the gate from behind the visual line (with bike and/or parts of the body) in static position (without attempt) and puts the foot on the obstacle/ground to cross the gate (5 penalty points). The rider is not allowed to continue riding, but he/she keeps the previous score gained.

If a rider is approaching the gate from front of the visual line (with bike and/or parts of the body) in static position (without attempt) and puts the foot on the obstacle/ground to cross the gate (1 additional penalty point). The rider is allowed to continue riding, but he/she doesn't get points.

During a rider's attempt on an obstacle (after a frontal, upwards or sideways movement) from front of the visual line and he/she puts the foot on the obstacle/ground (1 penalty point). The rider is allowed to continue riding, but he/she doesn't get points. (article introduced on 27.01.17; text modified on 15.10.18).

## Chapter II INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- 7.2.002 Either Each the team manager or the rider himself must confirm the presence of the each rider as per the pre-registration riders list, on the scheduled day of registration, by provision of the following information:
  - Rider's presence at the venue;
  - Correct spelling of the rider's name;
  - Rider's category of competition;
  - Rider's date of birth:
  - Rider's bike number:
  - Rider's proof of identity.

(text modified on 15.10.18).

7.2.003 Confirmation of registration must be reported by the rider to the secretary. The definitive list of the starters must be drawn up before the start of the competition race. As well as the riders' names, it must also accurately list their UCI ID, category, the competition race type and the start list.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 15.10.18).

#### **Events format**

7.2.007 Hors Class (HC) events shall be run in one or two days. One qualification round and one final round will be run. International events Class 1 (C1) shall be run in one day with a single round.

(article introduced on 1.10.13; 15.10.18).

# Chapter III UCI TRIALS WORLD CUP

## Registration and confirmation of riders

**7.3.005** All riders must be registered using the UCI online registration system (www.uci.ch) through their National Federation. The opening/closing dates of the online registration system are published on the UCI website. All riders or their team managers must attend the riders' confirmation presenting their licenses and picking up their race numbers.

A rider cannot be registered in more than one category.

The riders confirmation deadlines are indicated on the official programme published on the UCI website.

Riders that are not confirmed within the set deadline or that did not complete the registration procedure will not be authorised to compete at the event.

Riders not being confirmed before the indicated deadline did not complete the

registration procedure and will not be able to compete at the event.

Late entries are refused unless authorised by the UCI, and on payment of a fine of CHF 100 for the first rider. Where more than one rider per national federation is involved, a total fine of CHF 200 must be paid. Late entries are entries handled after the online registration deadline and before the riders' confirmation deadline. Once passed the riders' confirmation deadline no more late entries will be accepted.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

#### Competition format

**7.3.008** In the women's category, each UCI Trials World Cup competition format race shall include a ½ Finals and a Final.

In the men's categories, each UCI Trials World Cup competition format race shall include a ¼ Finals, a ½ Finals and a Final.

#### Women Elite 1/2 Finals

The UCI Trials World Cup event will begin with a ½ Finals. The UCI Trials World Cup ½ Finals is open to all riders entered. The ½ Finals shall consist of two laps of five sections. The Commissaires' Panel will set the competition time according to the number of entered riders.

#### Women Elite Final

The best six riders in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Finals will be eligible to compete in the Final. The penalty points obtained in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Finals do not count in the Final.

In case of a tie, the penalty points in the ½ Finals will be considered as a tiebreaker.

#### Men Elite 20 and 26 1/4 Finals

The UCI Trials World Cup event will begin with a ¼ Finals. The world cup ¼ Finals is open to all non-qualified riders entered. The ¼ Finals shall consist of two laps of five sections. The Commissaires' Panel will set the competition time according to the number of entered riders.

The Men Elite ¼ Finals will be set in groups:

- Groups (3 or 4) will be determined depending on the number of riders entered.
- If the number of riders entered is 30 or lower, they will be split in 3 groups.
- If the number of riders entered is more than 30 they will be split in 4 groups.
- Groups will be determined as per riders order in the current UCI Trials ranking, as e.g. group of 10 riders, positions: 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43 and 47. (This principle is to avoid having riders ranked in highest position in the same group).
- For 3 groups the best four riders of each group will be eligible to compete in the ½
   Finals plus the three or more of the lucky losers in overall should be qualified.
- For 4 groups the best three riders of each group will be eligible to compete in the ½
   Finals plus the three or more of the lucky losers in overall should be qualified.

#### Men Elite 20 and 26 1/2 Finals

The number of riders qualified in the ½ Finals including the top ten is always 25. At least the first fifteen riders in the ¼ Finals in each category and the ten highest ranked riders on the UCI Trials ranking qualify for the ½ Finals. More riders can qualify if the number of directly qualified (from the UCI Trials ranking) is less than ten riders.

The ½ Finals shall consist of two laps of five sections. The Commissaires' Panel will set the competition time.

#### Men Elite 20 and 26 Finals

The best six riders in the ½ Finals will be eligible to compete in the Finals. The penalty points obtained in the ½ Finals do not count in the Finals round. In case of a tie, the penalty points obtained in the ½ Finals will be considered as a tiebreaker.

## Final procedure

At the Final round the six by six system shall be applied:

Before the start, the six riders will be presented on the start podium, in reverse order to the position obtained in the ½ Finals round. After the presentation they must go to section one.

The order to start will be determined by the result obtained in the ½ Finals round. Rider that obtained the sixth place shall start first in section one and so on. The same principle applies for the remaining sections.

Once a rider finishes a section, the next rider has maximum thirty seconds to start the section. After the thirty seconds have elapsed the section time is running.

In case of slight injury, the other rider must overtake and start the section in front of him/her.

In case of a tie, article 7.1.047 shall apply. (text modified on 1.02.11; 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18).

## Official ceremony

**7.3.015** The official ceremony shall take place immediately after the competition race.

The following riders must attend the official ceremony:

- the first three riders in the Men Elite 20, Men Elite 26 and Women Elite competitions events;
- the leaders of the Men Elite 20, Men Elite 26 and Women Elite UCI Trials World Cup standings after the competition-event in question.

Bicycles cannot be taken onto the podium. However, an area can be provided by the organiser in front of the podium to display the bicycle of the winner during the official ceremony.

(article introduced on 1.10.13; 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

# Chapter IV UCI TRIALS WORLD YOUTH GAMES

#### Registration and confirmation of riders

**7.4.005** Riders wishing and eligible to compete in the UCI Trials World Youth Games must be registered through their National Federation. Registration fees are not charged for the UCI Trials World Youth Games.

The opening/closing dates of the registration are published on the UCI website. All riders or their team managers must attend the riders' confirmation presenting their licenses and picking up their race numbers.

The riders confirmation deadlines are indicated on the official programme published on the UCI website.

Pre-Registration for the UCI Trials World Youth Games is subject to the following restrictions:

- In total, each National Federation shall be permitted to register up to 5 riders in each category.
- The host federation may register a greater number of riders, with a maximum of 6 riders in each category.

(text modified on 1.02.11; 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

## Competition type and categories

**7.4.006** For the UCI Trials World Youth Games events, the competition type is open (free choice of wheel size between 18" and 26") and the competition categories are youth girls, poussins, benjamins, minimes, cadets and girls, as described in article 7.1.002 of the present rule book.

(text modified on 1.02.11; 27.01.17).

#### Competition format

**7.4.008** The UCI Trials World Youth Games shall include one ½ Finals and one Final.

If the category has more than 16 riders, the best 12 riders in the ½ Finals will be eligible to compete in the Final.

If the category has between 11 and 16 riders, the best 8 riders in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  Finals will be eligible to compete in the Final.

If the category has less than 11 riders there will be no ½ Finals.

The number of sections and laps are as indicated below:

Round	Number of sections	Number of laps
Direct Final	5	3
½ Finals	5	2
Final	5	2

(text modified on 1.02.11; 1.02.12; 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

**7.4.009** Each National Federation member organization which registers riders must appoint a national team manager to represent the interests of all of its riders at the Trials world youth games. Entry fees for all categories, due to the UCI, are published in the UCI financial obligations.

(text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

#### Official ceremony

**7.4.012** The official ceremony shall take place immediately after the competition race.

The first three riders in each category must attend the official ceremony.

Bicycles cannot be taken onto the podium.

(article introduced on 18.03.15; 15.10.18).

# Chapter V UCI TRIALS NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION

## Section description

**7.5.004** The section, which must be split in five parts sectors, has to be designed/built according to the UCI Trials section building guide. Each part sector is composed by different obstacles marked with four different levels (gates).

The length of a section must be between 30 to 50 m and must be lineal or in a U-shape. The five parts sectors of each section must be clearly defined by a cross-wise tape on the ground in order to identify each part.

Each part sector must contain the four different levels (gates) indicated with coloured arrows. Riders will get a different score depending on the level (gate) they choose to ride.

Points scored with each level (gate)

White gate: 10 pointsBlue gate: 20 pointsRed gate: 30 pointsYellow gate: 40 points

(article introduced on 18.03.15; text modified on 15.10.18).

#### Riding system

**7.5.005** The penalty points (dabs) will apply as per art. 7.1.082 to 7.1.119.

A rider starts the section with zero penalty points dabs and zero points. A rider can choose the level (gates) he wants to ride in each part of the section or skip some of them. The level gates chosen in each part can only be passed once.

If the rider finishes the first part of the section with zero penalty points dabs, his/her score will be the points corresponding to the level (gate) chosen.

The same procedure must be followed with the other parts in the section.

A part in a section starts when the front wheel's axle passes the cross-wise tape on the ground.

Once the rider starts the second and following parts of the section, he can go back to the previous part.

In the case that the rider commits a penalty point dab on the part that he has already finished, the penalty point will count as a penalty point for the part which is about to start.

The rider can only make five penalty points dabs in the whole section. If a rider has got five penalty points dabs before finishing the whole section, he/she has to leave the section, but he/she keeps the score from the completed sectors parts. (article introduced on 18.03.15; text modified 15.10.18).

## Official ceremony

## 7.5.008 World Championships

The official ceremony shall take place immediately after the competition race and will be run according to articles 9.1.043 ff.

All members of the first three national teams must attend the official ceremony.

#### **World Youth Games**

The official ceremony shall take place immediately after the competition All members of the first three national teams must attend the official ceremony. Bicycles cannot be taken onto the podium. (article introduced on 18.03.15; text modified 15.10.18).

# Chapter VI UCI TRIALS RANKING

7.6.005 As set out in article 1.2.029, National Trials Championships shall be run on the last weekend of June. However, it is possible to run them together with the national mountain bike championships. on the 29<sup>th</sup> weekend of the year.

The UCI may grant dispensations for the southern hemisphere or in cases of force majeure.

Concerning the calculation of the UCI Trials rankings, national championships run before or after the mandatory date shall be considered as being run on the mandatory date. (article introduced on 1.10.13; text modified on 15.10.18).