

PART VI – BMX

Rules amendments applying on **01.01.2021**

Chapter I General Rules

- 6.1.030** (N) The schedule of heats within a BMX event shall be established according to the procedures set forth in Annex 1.
The event schedule and order shall be published along with the start lists. Start lists must indicate:
- Each rider's name, **UCHID**, country and plate number.
 - The heat number.
 - The Qualifying Round to which riders will transfer.
 - The gate starting positions for each heat, or the rule by which gate starting position is determined, depending upon the Phase of the event.

6.1.039bis

In the event that several scoring systems as described above are utilised during the event, they must apply according to the following order of priority:

- For BMX Time Trial
 - Photo finish or light beams (photo cells)
 - Timing transponders together with Photo finish, as laid down above
- For BMX Race (~~Motos, Qualifiers and Finals~~ All Phases)
 - Photo finish
 - Timing transponders together with Photo finish, as laid down above
 - Video Camera
 - Finish line commissaires
- For gate selection
 - Transponders together with Photo finish, as laid down in the article above
 - Photo finish

The use of video camera equipment is mandatory at all international BMX Events ~~if Photo finish or Timing transponders used together with Photo finish are not present~~ except when photofinish and timing transponders are used together.

In the event that a specific scoring system is required by the UCI regulations, such finish scoring system must be in place and other systems with a lower priority are not necessary.

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Final Classification

- 6.1.041** The Final Classification of the BMX event for each category (or combined category) is determined by:
- a. The Phase reached (Final, Qualifiers, or Motos **or, in the specific case of a UCI BMX Supercross World Cup with 17 or more entries in the category in question, Round 1 or Last Chance, whichever the case may be**).
 - b. If the Phase reached is the Final or the Qualifiers, the rank from the last completed Round within that Phase. In the case of a UCI BMX Supercross World Cup event for each category with at least 17 entries, if the Phase co
 - c. If the Phase reached is the Motos, the total points from this Phase. In case the Motos are not completed, then the total points from all Rounds of the Motos that were completed. **In the case of a UCI BMX Supercross World Cup event, for each category with at least 17 entries, in case the Last Chance phase is not completed, then those in the Last Chance Phase must be ranked below those who advanced directly to the First Round of the Qualifiers.**
 - d. **In the case of a UCI BMX Supercross World Cup with 17 or more entries in the category in question:**
 - i. **If the Phase reached is Round 1, then the finish position from Round 1**
 - ii. **If the Phase reached is Last Chance, then the riders advancing directly to the Qualifiers from Round 1 will be ranked above the riders participating in Last Chance, with the Last Chance riders ranked according to finish position in Last Chance**
 - e. The time in the last heat completed, in case of ties the time from the previous heat is considered.

When the tie cannot be broken by time, then the tie-breaker in article 6.1.041ter shall apply.
(text modified on 01.01.18, **01.01.21**).

Ties

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This tie-breaking method is used in the following cases:

- a. In case more than 1 rider in a heat is scored with the same IRM as described in articles 6.1.034 and 6.1.035;
- b. In case a tie occurs in any particular heat where a clear decision cannot be determined from the applicable scoring system in the transferring positions in the Motos, or the Qualifiers **or in the case of a UCI BMX Supercross World Cup with at least 17 entries in the category in question, Round 1 or Last Chance**;
- c. In case a tie occurs when determining the Final Classification, as described in article 6.1.041.

In all of the above cases, the tie will be broken by applying the following methods in the order listed below until the tie is broken. In case a method is either not available or not applicable to the situation, then the next highest priority tie-breaking method will be used.

- a. Time in the previous heat
- b. Position in the previous heat
- c. If applicable to the situation, the rider's best finish (time, or if not available, finish position) in the preceding qualifiers preceding in descending order of Semi Final, Quarter Final, Eighth Final, et cetera, until the Motos are reached
- d. In descending order 3rd, 2nd, 1st round finish result in the Motos
- e. BMX Time Trial results (if held)
- f. For Championships categories, the UCI Individual BMX ranking, or for Challenge level and Masters categories, the national ranking or series ranking used for seeding the Motos, if any
- g. In the case of breaking ties between riders scored with the same IRM, at random.

Otherwise, if the tie can't be broken according to the above method, then the riders concerned shall share the place in question, and the place(s) below would not be allocated. For example: 2 riders tied for 5th place in the semi-finals would both receive 9th place in the Final Classification; the next place awarded would be 11th place.
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Should a situation arise in a heat in one of the three Rounds of Motos or non-transferring positions of a heat in the Qualifiers or in the award positions in the Final where a clear decision cannot be determined from the applicable scoring system, both riders will be scored with the better ranked finishing position. For example: a protest between 5th 4th-place and 6th 5th place finishing position would in the case of a tied decision ultimately give both riders 5th 4th place finish in that particular heat; 6th 5th place would not be allocated.

Award positions in the Final shall refer to the riders ranked 1st to 3rd for the Championships and Masters categories and 1st to 8th for the Challenge categories.
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- 6.1.092** If a photo finish system is utilised, each bicycle entered into competition must display a lateral number plate/sticker located just behind the steer tube, if one is required within the technical guide. The ~~number-digits~~ shall be black ~~with-a-placed on~~ white background, ~~or white placed on a black background~~.
(text modified on 01.01.21).

Number Criteria

- 6.1.095** The International Elite Number list defined in January 2018 shall be frozen until 31st December 2021; during this period of time, International Elite Numbers shall neither be granted nor removed.

Following the publication of the UCI Individual Rankings for Men Elite and Women Elite on 31st December 2021, all International Elite Numbers formerly awarded shall again become available. Riders in the top 40 ranked Men Elite and top 40 Ranked Women Elite in the UCI Individual Ranking of 31st December 2021 will then be invited to select a UCI **International** Elite Number. Riders already in possession of a UCI International Elite Number may choose to retain that number; otherwise, all such numbers shall be in the range of 9 to 199.

In case any of the riders selected by their national federation to participate in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games (if finally held on the postponed dates), or former Elite World Champions, or former Olympic Champions are not in the top 40 respectively, they may also request an International Elite Number in accordance with the method specified above, as long as they are still in possession of an Elite license and have figured in the UCI individual ranking of 31st December in at least 1 year within the last Olympic Quadrennial. In case of multiple requests for the same number, requests from present Olympic Champions, present World Champions shall take priority in that order; following this, the request of the rider with the higher ranking on 31st December 2021 shall take priority.

Such requests shall be received up to and including 31st January 2022, after which no further requests shall be considered.

All riders not matching the criteria described above shall have their International Elite Numbers (formerly referred to as UCI Permanent Career Numbers) removed.

Beginning on 1st January 2022, they shall use a random number assigned to them by the organisation of the races in which they register which does not conflict with an awarded International Elite Number. Likewise, such riders must not print a number on the back of their jersey. ~~For Elite riders, such numbers shall fall in the range of 200 to 599.~~

This procedure shall be repeated as described above for each Olympic Quadrennial. For the purpose of awarding International Elite Numbers, each Olympic Quadrennial begins on 1st January in the year following the Olympic Games and ends on 31st December in the year of the Olympic Games.

Once a rider retires from his Elite BMX racing career, his International Elite Number shall again become available at the end of the Olympic Quadrennial in which he retired. A rider shall be considered to have retired when he has not figured in the UCI Individual Ranking of 31st December in 2 consecutive years, or upon notification of retirement sent to the UCI by the rider in question. Such riders lose the right to use their International Elite Number at the beginning of the season in which they no longer hold a license in the Elite category.

Under circumstances that it may determine, the UCI BMX Commission may occasionally decide to retire the International Elite Number of a rider so that it is no longer available to be selected by someone else once that rider's Elite career is over. A chosen number will be exclusive for the rider, and cannot be used by any other rider in the Championship level categories within the same gender, including the Juniors category. ~~As such, Juniors riders shall always be assigned numbers in the range of 600 to 999.~~

Once awarded, a rider must use his/her International Elite Number at all international BMX events.

A number plate with white background and black numbers shall be used, according to article 6.1.091.

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6.1.095 bis

Championship category riders without an International Elite Number will be allocated a number in the following ranges;

Elite (men and women) 200-599

Junior (men and women) 600-900

In all cases, the colour combination of number plates must respect article 6.1.091

(article introduced on 01.01.21).

6.1.096

Numbers 1 – 8 are reserved and will be assigned to the top 8 finishers in the previous year's BMX world championships for the Men Elite and Women Elite categories and may be used for the upcoming season and the remainder of the current season following the World Championships. A rider who is eligible for number 1 – 8 may ride with his world championships number for the season until the next world championships. During this period of time, the International Elite Numbers for all such riders, if any, will remain and will not become available to anyone else.

Such riders must notify the UCI of their intention to use number 1 – 8 no later than 2 weeks following the date of the UCI BMX World Championships race in which they earned this right.

For avoidance of doubt, this article shall continue to apply in the years 2018 – ~~2021~~ ~~2020~~ when the International Elite number list is frozen.

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6.1.098

The national federation shall submit a single list of all their riders, wishing and eligible to receive an International Elite Number within the time period specified in article 6.1.095 with the number they would like to obtain. The following information should be included in the document:

- a. Name of the rider
- b. UCI ID
- c. UCI BMX ranking as at 31st December in the year of the Olympic Games ~~Current UCI BMX ranking position~~
- d. 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice of number

In case of conflicting wishes, the following rules will be adopted in order of the priority outlined in article 6.1.095. :

- ~~a. The rider with the highest UCI BMX ranking on the date of the registration deadline will have the first right of choice (first elite ranking, then junior ranking).~~

The UCI has the final authority to assign numbers based on the above criteria.

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Chapter II Specific Rules for International Events

6.2.002

Each team manager must confirm the presence of each rider as per the pre-registration riders list, on the scheduled day and times of riders' confirmation, by provision of the following information:

- a. Rider's ~~UCI~~ Cycling license including their UCI ID ;

- b. Rider's presence at the venue;
- c. Correct spelling of the rider's name;
- d. Rider's category of competition;
- e. Rider's date of birth;
- f. Rider's bike number;
- g. Rider's proof of identity.

For UCI BMX World Championships and UCI BMX Supercross World Cup events, all Championships level riders need to confirm their hotel details.

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- 6.2.003** All team managers must attend the riders' confirmation presenting ~~their~~ licenses for each rider and confirming the details indicated in article 6.2.002. Once completed, team managers can ~~and picking~~ pick up the ~~their~~ identification numbers for their riders from the secretary. The riders confirmation deadlines are indicated on the official program. Riders not being confirmed before the indicated deadline, did not complete the registration procedure and will not be able to compete at the event.

The final confirmed riders list will constitute the basis of the official start lists.

(text modified on 01.01.21).

Chapter III Specific Rules for BMX Supercross World Cup Events

Event Format

- 6.3.006** Competition categories at a UCI BMX Supercross World Cup event shall be as described in article 6.1.008 where a combined class is made by
- a. Men Elite/ Men Juniors combined category
 - b. Men Under 23, consisting of riders in the age range 17 – 22, who elect to enter it instead of the Men Elite / Men Juniors combined category
 - c. Women Elite/ Women Juniors combined category
 - d. Women Under 23, consisting of riders in the age range 17 - 22, who elect to enter it instead of the Women Elite / Femmes Juniors combined category

For avoidance of doubt, riders entered in the Under 23 categories mentioned above will NOT earn points in the UCI Individual Rankings during the 2021 season. Riders entering the Under 23 category will be eligible only for prize money as defined in the UCI Financial Obligations. Otherwise, the Under 23 categories will be run in accordance with the UCI Regulations for UCI BMX Supercross World Cup events.

Riders entered in the combined Elite / Juniors category will remain eligible to earn points in the UCI Ranking.

Comment: The two Under 23 categories mentioned above are being introduced as an intermediate step only during UCI BMX Supercross World Cup events in the 2021 season, in order to avoid any possibility of undue influence on the qualification process for the postponed Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Full implementation of the Under 23 categories for BMX will be done for the start of the 2022 season.

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Recognition and Awards

6.3.017 Riders will receive, at minimum, prize money for each Stage of the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup according to the UCI financial obligations for the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup events and for the overall standings. This prize money shall be paid by the organiser of each such event.

Within the context of each individual event UCI BMX Supercross World Cup event, should a rider in either category win both Stages of such an event, that rider will receive a bonus that is paid by the UCI. The amount of this bonus is defined in the UCI Financial Obligations.

Each season, the UCI shall give the first-place overall finisher in each category the title of "UCI BMX Supercross World Cup Winner". This winner shall be the highest ranked rider in the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup Ranking following the last UCI BMX Supercross World Cup Stage in that season.

This title shall remain the property of the UCI and may not be used in conjunction with any product endorsement or for any other commercial purpose without its prior express consent.

After the final Stage of the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup, the UCI will award special world cup trophies to the top three riders in the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup ranking for each category.

Additionally, the highest ranked ~~Juniors~~ Male participating in the Under 23 category and the highest ranked ~~Juniors~~ Female participating in the Under 23 category within the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup Ranking following each event shall be recognized.

The overall prize money for the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup found in the UCI Financial Obligations shall also be awarded in order of the final UCI BMX Supercross World Cup Ranking of the season.

6.3.018 For the ~~two~~ four categories held during UCI BMX Supercross World Cup events (~~the combined Elite / Junior category and the Under 23 category for each gender~~), a UCI BMX Supercross World Cup Ranking shall be maintained within each season. This ranking shall be comprised of the accumulation of all UCI ranking points earned by each rider during UCI BMX Supercross World Cup Stages within the current season, ranked in order of the highest number of points to the lowest. ~~For the 2021 season, for the Under 23 categories, the Elite points scale shall be used to maintain the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup Ranking, as participants in the Under 23 categories do not earn points in the UCI ranking.~~

In case of a tie in the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup Ranking, the better result in the final Stage of the series shall resolve the tie. Should a tie remain, the better ranking in the second last Stage in the series for that season shall decide the tie, and so on, until the first Stage in the season is reached.

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Chapter IV Specific Rules for UCI BMX World Challenge Events

Registration of Participants

- 6.4.005** All riders must be registered using the UCI online registration system (www.uci.org) through their national federation. The opening/closing dates of the online registration system are published on the UCI website. All team managers must attend the riders' confirmation presenting their licenses and picking up the identification numbers for the riders who were entered by their country. The riders confirmation deadlines are indicated on the official programme published on the UCI website. Riders not being confirmed before the indicated deadline, did not complete the registration procedure and may not be able to compete at the event.

Comment: For avoidance of doubt, given the volume of entries in the world challenge, licenses for individual challenge riders need not be presented; national federations are responsible for ensuring that all such riders have valid licenses as defined by the UCI Regulations prior to registering them in the UCI BMX World Challenge.

During riders confirmation, the team manager for each country must confirm that all entries are correct; any errors brought to the attention of the event organisation or commissaires panel following this moment will not be corrected.

For avoidance of doubt, all riders entered in the UCI BMX World Challenge must have a license issued by the national federation of their country of residence, in accordance with articles 1.1.001 to 1.1.039. The national federation of each such rider's nationality has the duty to confirm this prior to registering that rider for the UCI BMX World Challenge.

Comment: The UCI reserves the right to set an earlier registration deadline for all Challenge and Masters level categories than for Championships level categories.

(text modified on 01.01.18, 01.01.21).

- 6.4.006** Pre-registration for the UCI BMX World Challenge event is subject to the following restrictions:
- a. Each national federation shall be permitted to register up to 16 riders in each Challenge level category which is scheduled for competition. The host organisation may register a greater number of riders in each limited category, with a maximum of 32 riders.
 - b. Each national federation shall be permitted to register up to 16 riders in each Masters category.
 - c. The limits specified in 'a' and b' above exclude the **main-finalists riders ranked from 1 to 8** at the UCI BMX World Challenge or Masters event of the previous year. These riders can be added on top of the riders selected according to the above criteria.

Any errors made during the registration process by a national federation, including the late entries, may be corrected at latest up until the moment of riders confirmation. However, a fine of CHF 100 payable by the national federation may apply for each correction that is made.

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Chapter VI UCI BMX Ranking

Ranking Updates

6.6.008 ~~The UCI BMX rankings are updated after the Olympic Games, the UCI BMX World Championships, the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup events and on 31st December. The dates of other ranking updates are published on the UCI website. Unless otherwise announced by the UCI, the UCI BMX Rankings are updated weekly on Tuesday, and also on 31st December.~~

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