PART 6bis: BMX Freestyle Competitions

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Chapter II CATEGORIES AND LICENSES

Licences

6bis.2.005 Everyone participating in BMX Freestyle Competitions, in whatever capacity, must have a license. In this regard, articles 1.1.001 – 1.1.034 and 1.1.040 – 1.1.087 shall apply.

The licence must indicate the category of the rider.

As concerns the integration of the Flatland discipline, in the 2019 season, a license is required for all events in the UCI BMX Flatland World Cup, though not for other events. A license will be required for all other Flatland events beginning on 1st January 2020.

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Chapter III CALENDAR AND THE ORGANISATION OF BMX FREESTYLE EVENTS

Calendar

6bis.3.002 In General

All events registered on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar shall hold, at least, the UCI Categories identified in article 6bis.2.002. Such events on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar shall comply with the UCI Regulations for the UCI Categories.

The UCI has the sole authority to allocate any Competition on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar.

The UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar shall consist of the following types of Competitions:

Park and Flatland Competitions

- UCI BMX Freestyle World Championships (CM): no other Competition may be registered on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar on the same dates as the UCI BMX Freestyle World Championships.
UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup (CDM): no other Competition may be registered on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar on the same dates as any UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup.

Continental Championships (CC): Only riders with the nationality of a country for the continent in question are permitted to enter that Continental Championships. No other C1 or CN Competition in the same continent may be registered on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar on the Continental Championships date for that continent.

International BMX Freestyle Competition (C1): every national federation has the possibility to register one or more International BMX Freestyle Competitions on the UCI calendar within each calendar year.

National Championships (CN): every national federation has the possibility to register a single National BMX Freestyle Championships on the UCI calendar within each calendar year.

Additionally, the Olympic Games (OG) and Youth Olympic Games (YOG) shall be included on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar for the Park specialty.

Flatland Competitions

- For the 2018 season, only UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup (CDM) Competitions.

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6bis.3.004 The organisation of a BMX Freestyle Competition may decide to limit the number of entries in any category, but only if this limit is announced in the Technical Guide for the Competition. Otherwise, the organiser can not refuse the entry of any license-holder, without prejudice to the provisions set down in article 1.2.022. Likewise, the organiser can not refuse to allow a rider who has completed the registration process to start, without prejudice to any other provisions of these regulations that may apply.

In principle, BMX Freestyle Competitions registered on the UCI International BMX Freestyle Calendar are open competitions, in which riders of any nationality who have a valid license may enter. Competitions in which either or both of the Men Elite or Women Elite categories are open only to invited riders shall not be registered on the UCI International BMX Freestyle Calendar.

The organiser is not allowed to accept any entries after the riders' confirmation deadline found in the Technical Guide. The Commissaire appointed to supervise the Competition shall rule in the event of a dispute.

Ignorance of the provisions of the Technical Guide or of the competition schedule shall not be admitted as an excuse by any rider or other license holder.
Chapter IV CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Safety Equipment

6bis.4.006 Wearing a helmet certified for cycling is an obligation attached to all categories, as specified in article 1.3.031. This helmet must be worn at all times while riding. Only accessories approved by the helmet manufacturer may be attached to helmets.

The helmet strap must be securely fastened at all times when riding, whether during Competition, warm-up or practice.

It is strongly recommended that riders wear:

a. back, elbow, knee and shoulder protectors
b. protection of the cervical vertebrae

For riders in any Youth category, knee protection is highly recommended.

6bis.4.011 Abrogated on 02.02.19. Riders must wear a shirt (either with or without sleeves) during Competition, and during official ceremonies and press conferences (including interviews following the Competition). Likewise, the design or advertising printed on such clothing must not contain any offensive statement or image which could damage the public image of the organiser, the UCI, nor of BMX Freestyle as a sport.

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Chapter V CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS, AND PENALTIES

Penalties

6bis.5.003 Without prejudice to any specific provisions of these regulations, the Commissaire appointed to manage a BMX Freestyle Competition has the right to give an official warning, disqualify or refuse the start of a rider who violates the following standards of safety or good conduct:

a. Failure to respect the equipment regulations
b. Failure to respect the published event schedule
c. Failure to respect restricted areas or the time limits of the Competition.
d. Failure to respect the start order for the Competition
e. Deliberately causing damage to equipment, the venue, or the environment
f. Participating in the event (regardless of the stage) under the influence of alcohol or other illegal substances
g. Smoking is prohibited within the rider's area, on the field of play and in secured zones around it
h. Behaving in an inappropriate manner (for example: use of obscenities, insults, inappropriate language, obscene gestures)
i. Any other behaviour that is against the interests of the fair conduct of the Competition, or which damages the reputation of the sport, the organisation, or the UCI.
   o In particular, any insults or disrespectful behaviour directed at or against the judges, the organisation, the UCI, or other officials may be penalised.

Without prejudice to any other disciplinary measures that may apply, in relation to this point neither verbal nor physical aggression will be tolerated; exclusion from the Competition or event area will be immediate.

In addition, the rules of conduct outline in article 1.2.079 to 1.2.082 of the UCI Regulations shall also apply.

The decision of the Commissaire in warning, disqualifying or refusing the start of a rider can not be protested.

An official warning shall be noted on all results in which the rider concerned is listed. In case an official warning is given, any further misconduct by the rider concerned within the same event shall result in disqualification.

The Commissaire shall make an official report to the UCI following the competition concerning the circumstances of each official warning, disqualification or refusal of start.

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Chapter VI BMX FREESTYLE COMPETITIONS

Competition Format

6bis.6.003 A BMX Freestyle Competition for each category may be composed of the phases (Qualification, Semi-final or Final) described below, and within each phase, a number of heats.

For Park Competitions, a heat is a group which comprises 2 to 5 riders.

For Flatland Competitions, riders are not organised into heats. At the discretion of the organiser, periodic breaks may be inserted into the program in order to allow for rider rest and warm-up.
The combination of phases and heats (if applicable) for a category depends on the number of entries, and is found in the following table.

### Park Competitions

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<td>Qualification x 1</td>
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<td>6 heats of 4 in Semi-final</td>
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**Number of heats:** The number of heats in each round is found in the table above. For the Qualification phase, the number of heats should be chosen such that as many heats as possible have 4 riders.

Whenever it is not possible for all heats to have 4 riders, a number of heats will have either 3 riders or 5 riders, whichever must be done to maximize the number of heats with 4 riders. By preference, heats with 3 riders shall be avoided if it is possible to form the heats with only 4 and 5 riders. Any heats of 3 or 5 will be at the start of the heat order.

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<td>3 phases:</td>
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Competition Classification

6bis.6.017 After the Final of a BMX Freestyle Competition is completed, a Competition classification accounting for the results of all phases of the event is produced as follows:

1. All riders not Disqualified (DSQ) who qualified for the Final, in order of their scores in the Final (from highest score to lowest). DNS riders in the Final as described in article 6bis.6.016
2. If it was held, all riders not Disqualified (DSQ) who qualified for the Semi-final but did not qualify for the Final, in order of their scores in the Semi-final (from highest score to lowest). DNS riders in the Semi-final as described in article 6bis.6.016
3. If it was held, all riders not Disqualified who started in the Qualification phase, in order of their scores in the Qualification phase, but who did not qualify for the next phase of the Competition.
4. If it was held, all riders not Disqualified who started in the Pre-Qualification phase, in order of their scores in the Pre-Qualification phase, but who did not qualify for the next phase of the Competition.

Starting a Run

6bis.6.030 In General

Riders are responsible to follow the progress of the Competition and must be ready to begin their run at the point in time when their position in the start order arrives. Riders shall have 1 minute to begin their run from the point in time that they are informed that they may begin; at that point the time for that rider’s run shall begin, whether they begin riding or not. In case the rider is not ready when the time for his run begins, he may nevertheless begin riding at any point before the time for his run ends.

Park Competitions

Riders may begin their run from any position within the boundaries of the field of play and must be ready in their chosen starting position prior to beginning their run.
The time for each run will be started when in the opinion of the Commissaire, the rider begins moving in case he starts on a flat surface or drops in from an obstacle or higher level of the park. In this regard, the decision of the Commissaire responsible for time-keeping shall be final and may not be protested.

Any riding taking place outside the boundaries of the field of play shall not be considered by the judges. For avoidance of doubt, railings along the edge of the field of play shall be considered as part of the field of play.

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Prior to beginning their run, the bicycle must be upright with both tires in contact with the riding surface. Riders must begin their run while on their bicycle, in a normal bicycle riding posture (that is, legs straddling the top tube with both hands on the handlebars and at least one foot on one of the pedals).

The time for each run will begin when in the opinion of the Commissaire, the rider begins the very first movement in the first trick. The decision of the Commissaire responsible for time-keeping shall be final and may not be protested.

At the point in time when the clock reaches 0 time, the judges shall begin their deliberation and ignore any additional movements of the rider in question.

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Outside Interference

6bis.6.033 The commissaire may decide to allow a rider to re-start a run in case of outside interference which, in the opinion of the Commissaire, has a visible impact on the rider's progress through the field of play, or on his performance. Such interference must be physical in nature such as debris blowing into the boundaries of the field of play and making physical contact with the rider or coming in to his path causing him to alter his direction of travel or lose control of his bicycle. For avoidance of doubt, background noise and weather conditions such as wind are not considered as outside inference. Likewise, the presence of other riders within that heat, or event staff normally allowed within the boundaries of the field of play shall not be considered as interference unless there is a deliberate attempt or obviously careless movement which blocks the rider's progress.

In case the rider believes that he has been unfairly interfered with, he must immediately stop his run and complain to the Commissaire, who will review the situation and render a decision. In case the rider decides not to stop his run at that moment, no later complaint concerning interference shall be considered.

The Commissaire's decision is final and may not be appealed. In case a run is restarted, it shall be done after the end of the second run for all riders within the
heat in question. In case the run to be re-started is the final run of a heat, then the rider concerned will be allowed a 2-minute rest break before re-starting the run in question.

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Chapter VII COMPETITION FACILITIES AND FIELD OF PLAY

Park Competition Facilities

6bis.7.001 As general principle, the field of play, or “park” in which BMX Freestyle Park Competitions take place is a facility composed of various ramps and obstacles that are designed and optimised to allow riders on BMX bicycles to compose runs through the park consisting of a number of tricks. It is understood that while the type and difficulty of the tricks that are possible depend on the creativity and skill of the rider, the format of the BMX Park also has a significant influence in that the size, shape, and spacing of the ramps and obstacles within the park provide the space and possibility to achieve the necessary altitude to make various types of tricks and styles of BMX riding possible. As such, a basic BMX Freestyle Park which is constructed for that purpose must be a minimum of 15 metres wide and 25 metres long. Also, neither the width nor the length of the park can be greater than 60 metres.

A safety zone of at least 2 metres must surround all sides of the stage on which the park is built, in areas where a rider or bicycle could be ejected from within it. No person other than accredited staff and riders entered in the Competition are permitted to stay in the safety zone.

To ensure safety, for edges of the park which do not consist of quarter pipes (normally the longer edges of a rectangular park), at least 2m of flat stage must separate the obstacles from the edge of the stage.

The park can be all at the same level (ground level), or spread across several different levels raised above the others. However, the base or ground area of each such level where the obstacles sit shall be flat and must be built of a material that is hard enough to allow the riders to preserve their momentum.

A safety barrier or equivalent fall protection is needed at any edge of a raised level which is also an outside edge of the park. This must be built in a way so as to not impair the full use of the park by the riders, nor put their safety at risk.
6bis.7.003bis The type of field of play that can be used for BMX Freestyle Park competitions, including the materials of which it can be made, depends on the level of contest that will be held.

Local, Regional, National, National Championships and International C1 Events

Existing facilities made of either wood or cement can be used. While it is preferred that such facilities are designed specifically for BMX, various public freestyle facilities such as bowls and skateboard parks can also be used. It is strongly recommended that where possible, such a field of play should incorporate at least 3 of the obstacles typically found in a BMX Freestyle Park as outlined in the UCI BMX Freestyle Park Guide.

Continental Championships

Prior to the 2021 season, the same type of facilities as described above for International C1 Events can be used. Beginning in 2021 and after, a facility specifically made for BMX riding must be used, whether built of wood or cement; such a field of play shall comply with the principles and guidelines outlined in the UCI BMX Freestyle Park Guide.

UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Events, UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Championships, Multi-Sport Games including the Olympic Games

A field of play specifically constructed for BMX must be used and shall consist of wooden ramps. Such a field of play shall comply with the principles and guidelines outlined in the UCI BMX Freestyle Park Guide.

(Article introduced on: 02.02.19)

Chapter IX RULES FOR THE UCI BMX FREESTYLE WORLD CUP

Registration Conditions

6bis.9.002 Registration in the Men Elite and Women Elite categories for the UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup shall be done by pre-registration only. Once the pre-registration deadline has passed, no further entries shall be accepted.

At registration, the presentation of a valid ID such as a passport or national identity card is an obligation. A valid cycling license as defined in Part I of the UCI Regulations is required, except for the Flatland Competition; such a requirement shall come into force for Flatland beginning on 1st January 2019. For the 2018 season, riders in the Flatland Competition shall sign a waiver in
which they attest to the declaration found in article 1.1.023 (parts 2, 3 and 4) of the UCI Regulations.

UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Events

With the following exceptions, every rider entered in a UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup must have 50 or more points in the latest UCI BMX Freestyle Park Individual Ranking that is published prior to the opening of registration.

Exceptions:

- Riders ranked in the top 50 of the final UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup ranking of the season prior may enter if they do not presently have 50 or more points as of the ranking deadline for any particular event in the season following.
- In case a national federation does not presently have any riders with 50 or more points as of the ranking deadline for any particular event, that federation nevertheless has the right to enter a single rider for the category in question.

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6bis.9.010 Park Competitions

For Men Elite, the Park Competitions are organized as follows:

1. A Qualification phase, which must completed by all riders. The riders with the best score from the Qualification phase will advance to the Semi-final. The number of riders who advance from the Qualification phase is at most 24, depending upon the number of invited riders who are registered;
2. A Semi-final phase with 24 riders, including the invited riders; the 12 riders with the best score in the Semi-final phase advance to the Final
3. A Final phase, with 12 riders

In case 24 or fewer riders are entered and confirmed following riders' confirmation, then the system outlined in article 6bis.6.003 shall apply instead.

In case more than 80 entries are received, the organiser may decide to hold a Pre-Qualification phase. In this case, the number of riders who advance to the Qualification phase shall be defined in the Technical Guide for the event. In case a Pre-Qualification Phase is held, the Top 50 riders in the latest overall UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Individual Ranking shall who registered at least 3 weeks in advance shall be directly entered in the Qualification Phase. Such riders registered later than 3 weeks in advance shall be required to ride in the Pre-Qualification Phase.

The number of riders advancing from the Pre-Qualification Phase shall be the difference between the number of riders in the Qualification Phase as defined
by the organiser, and the number of riders who are entered directly in the Qualification Phase, as described above.

Riders who are required to do so who do not start in the Pre-Qualification phase are dealt with in the same manner as described for the Qualification phase in article 6bis.6.016. As such, the Pre-Qualification phase shall take the place of the Qualification phase for the purposes of article 6bis.6.016, except for those riders who bypass the Pre-Qualification phase.

For Women Elite, the same system shall apply as defined above for Men Elite.

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UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup Ranking

6bis.9.012 For each Competition specialty, a ranking consisting of all events in the UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup series shall be drawn up for Men Elite and for Women Elite. Points will be awarded based on the final ranking for each event, according to the schedule found in annex 1. The ranking shall be updated following each event. For avoidance of doubt, the results of the Pre-Qualification phase, if held, are included in the final ranking, making riders not advancing to the Qualification phase eligible for World Cup series ranking points if they place highly enough to earn points in accordance with points table found in Annex 2.

In case of a tie on points, the rider with the better result in the final classification of the latest round held shall break the tie.

Following the last event in the UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup Series each season, the highest ranked rider in Men Elite and also Women Elite will be declared the UCI BMX Park World Cup Champion, respectively, for the year in question.

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Competition Schedule

6bis.9.013 The schedule for each event will be published in the Technical Guide. Without prejudice to any other specific provisions of these regulations, the elements described in articles 6bis.9.014 to 6bis.9.016 shall be respected within the schedule. The Competitions and practices for the Men Elite and Women Elite categories shall at all times take priority over those for any other categories that may be held, even if it means that the amount of time available for those other categories must be reduced or eliminated.

In the case of an event featuring World Cup stages for both Park and Flatland, if circumstances (weather or other exceptional situation) arise such that the World Cup stage for only of the specialties can be completed, then the Park World Cup stage shall take priority.
6bis.9.025  Scores for all riders competing in the Qualification phase are published no later than 60-120 minutes after the Qualification phase is finished.

(6bis.9.025 modified on: 02.02.19)

Chapter X UCI BMX FREESTYLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Competition Specialties

6bis.10.004

Each national federation shall be entitled to enter 2 reserve riders in each category. The final deadline to change entered riders for reserve riders is the end of the riders' confirmation period defined within the official event schedule. Such reserve riders shall be allowed to practice during all practice sessions held before the final riders' confirmation deadline.

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6bis.10.005

For the Park discipline (only), each national federation shall be permitted to enter a maximum number of riders in each category, as determined by the Ranking by Nation closest in time to the deadline published by the UCI for each such category for the World Championships of the year in question. The maximum quota available to each national federation defined by that quota for each category is found in the table below.

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Chapter XI UCI BMX FREESTYLE RANKING

Categories

6bis.11.001

The UCI is the exclusive owner of the UCI BMX Freestyle Rankings. The UCI BMX Freestyle Rankings consist of an UCI Individual BMX Ranking for the following categories, as well as a ranking by nation.

a. Men Elite: aged 15 and over
b. Women Elite: aged 15 and over

The UCI BMX Freestyle Rankings are drawn up over a period of 1 year in accordance with the conditions set out below, by adding the points won since the preceding ranking was drawn up, and respecting the provisions of article 6bis.10.002. At the same time, the remaining points obtained up to the same day of the previous year by each rider in international BMX Freestyle events are deducted.

Each time the UCI BMX Freestyle Ranking is updated, the new rankings come into force on the day of publication and stand until the publication of the subsequent rankings.

A set of rankings as defined above shall be drawn up for UCI BMX Park Competitions on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar. For the moment, no UCI BMX Freestyle Rankings are drawn up for the Flatland specialty. These rankings shall first be drawn up for the Flatland specialty beginning on 1st January 2020.

The UCI BMX Freestyle Rankings for the Park specialty shall consist only of BMX Freestyle Park events; the UCI BMX Freestyle Rankings for the Flatland specialty shall consist only of BMX Freestyle Flatland events.

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