

# PART 1 – GENERAL ORGANISATION OF CYCLING AS A SPORT

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## Chapter I LICENCE-HOLDERS

### § 1 Licences

- 1.1.033 A. For the world championships, continental championships and for ~~teams participating in~~ UCI world cup events, a rider may only be selected by the federation of his nationality, regardless of the federation that issued his licence. A rider shall be subject to the regulations and disciplinary procedures of the national federation of his nationality in all matters concerning his selection for the national team.

A stateless rider may be selected only by the national federation of a country where he has been continuously in residence for at least five years.

B. A rider holding multiple nationalities shall be required to choose between them on the occasion of first applying for a licence. The nationality chosen will then be the rider's nationality for all matters regarding the UCI regulations. ~~The first application for a licence permanently defines a rider's nationality for the whole of his career, except in the following cases:~~

~~A rider may request a change of nationality to the UCI in the following cases and under the following conditions:~~

- a. if the nationality in question is lost for any reason, ~~and without prejudice to paragraph b,~~ the rider may choose one of the nationalities to which he is entitled ~~in accordance with his civil status;~~
- b. if the rider was a minor at the time of first applying for a licence in accordance with the relevant laws of ~~each of the nations in question~~ his current nationality, the rider may choose a different nationality ~~to which he is entitled which he holds in accordance with his civil status~~ when making a first application for a licence after he reaches the age of majority, ~~in accordance with the laws of each of the nations in question;~~
- c. if the rider holds another nationality without letters a. or b. applying. A change of nationality in application of letter c. may only occur twice in a rider's career. ~~if a rider acquires an additional nationality, the rider may choose this nationality. This choice must be made, at the latest, when applying for a licence for the second~~

~~year following the year of acquisition of the new nationality. This choice is final unless the rider loses the nationality in question (a.) or if a global agreement intervenes (d.);~~

- ~~d. in exceptional cases and in the event of the agreement of the national federations concerned (the nations in question) and the UCI, a rider may choose another nationality to which he is eligible in accordance with his civil status, even if he had already made an initial choice that had been considered final in principle. A change of this kind is only allowed once in a rider's career;~~
- ~~e. in the cases described in c. and d. and insofar as the rider has already represented the former nationality in the events described in A., a rider who has validly chosen a new nationality may not be selected nor participate in:
  - ~~i. the world championships held in the year in which the rider's change of nationality is approved by the UCI;~~
  - ~~ii. the world championships held in the year after the change of nationality.~~~~

~~Example: a rider holding nationality A acquires nationality B on 1 July 2013 and wishes to henceforth represent nation B. The change of nationality is approved by the UCI on 5 October 2013. The rider may not represent nation B at the world championships of 2013 (i) or 2014 (ii). However, the rider may immediately represent nation B at other competitions, in particular continental championships and as a member of the national team for world cup events. A rider who has never represented nation A at the world championships, continental championships or as a member of the national team competing in world cup events, shall not be subject to any restrictions and may immediately represent nation B at the world championships.~~

In order to formalise his change of nationality, ~~the~~ rider must send to the UCI Legal Services the following documents ~~in order to formalise his choice of nationality:~~

- ~~- Proof of eligibility for the nationality chosen, which may be illustrated by a certificate issued by a competent authority (ex: passport or certificate issued by a ministry, consulate, embassy, etc.) attesting to the date of acquisition of the nationality.~~
- A formal statement by the rider, signed and dated, expressing the choice of nationality and the fact that he is aware of the restrictions imposed on participation if applicable. ~~the rider is aware that this choice is final for his entire career in accordance with UCI regulations.~~

~~Once the change of nationality officialised, the UCI will notify the rider and the concerned national federations.~~

~~In the event of a change of nationality, the rider retains the individual points acquired during his career. The points acquired by the nation of his former nationality are retained by the latter.~~

~~In the case referred to in letter c. and provided that the rider has already participated in at least one of the events referred to in paragraph A (categories Elite/U23/ Junior), the rider will not be able to participate in the next edition of the world championships and the continental championships (categories Elite/U23/ Junior) following the confirmation of the change of nationality by the UCI.~~

In the case of a second change of nationality made under the letter c, and provided that the rider has already participated in at least one of the events referred to in paragraph A (categories Elite/ U23/Junior), the rider will not be able to participate in the next two editions of the world championships and continental championships (categories Elite/U23/ Junior) following the confirmation of the change of nationality by the UCI.

~~C. A rider who changes nationality may not be selected to participate in the world championships held in the year in which the change was approved by the UCI, nor in the world championships of the year following the change of nationality.~~

~~Comment: a change of nationality means that a person of nationality A loses this nationality upon acquiring nationality B. There is thus no need to make a choice of nationality as described in c.~~

~~The rider must send the UCI Legal Services the following documents in order to formalise his change of nationality:~~

- ~~- Proof of acquisition of the new nationality, which may be illustrated by a certificate issued by a competent authority (ministry, consulate, embassy, etc.) attesting to the date of acquisition of the nationality.~~
- ~~- A formal statement by the rider, signed and dated, expressing the new nationality and acknowledging the fact that the rider is aware that this change is final for his entire career in accordance with UCI regulations.~~

C. Participation in national championships is governed by **Art. article 1.2.028** of these regulations.

D. The determination of a country that a rider can represent at the Olympic and Paralympic Games is governed by the Olympic Charter **and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Handbook** respectively.

*(text modified on 08.06.00; 01.01.04; 01.10.11; 01.05.14; 01.01.19)*

## § 2 Categories of riders

**1.1.035** Without prejudice to relevant legal provisions, only riders aged 17 or more to whom a licence for one of the international categories below has been issued shall have the right to take part in events on the international calendar. However, riders aged 16 or under may take part in international BMX events (including BMX Freestyle events) **and Para-cycling events** if the applicable legislation does not prohibit it.

*(text modified on 01.01.05; 01.01.17; 01.01.19)*

### Men

#### 1.1.036 Youth

This category denotes riders aged 16 years or under and is controlled by national federations, except as provided for BMX **and Para-cycling** in article 1.1.035.

#### Juniors (MJ: Men Juniors)

This category shall comprise riders aged 17 and 18.

**Under 23 (MU: Men Under 23)**

This category shall comprise riders aged 19 to 22.

**Elite (ME: Men Elite)**

This category shall comprise riders aged 23 and above.

**Masters (MM: Men Masters)**

This category shall comprise riders of 30 years and above who elect this status. The choice of masters status shall not be open to a rider belonging to a team registered with the UCI.

**Para-cyclists**

This category shall comprise riders with disabilities as specified by the UCI functional classification system described in part 16, chapter V.

A para-cyclist may, or may not for health and safety reasons, be issued with an additional category from the current list, regarding the established integration procedure. This depends on the degree and nature of the disability.

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**Women**

**1.1.037**

**Youth**

This category denotes riders aged 16 years or under and is controlled by national federations, except as provided for BMX and Para-cycling in article 1.1.035.

**Juniors (WJ: Women Juniors)**

This category shall comprise riders of 17 and 18 years old.

**Under 23 (WU: Women Under 23)**

Unless otherwise provided in the UCI Regulations, this category shall comprise riders aged 19 to 22.

**Elite (WE: Women Elite)**

This category shall comprise riders aged 23 and above.

**Masters (WM: Women Masters)**

This category shall comprise riders of 30 years and above who elect this status. The choice of masters status shall not be open to a rider belonging to a team registered with the UCI.

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## § 4 Commissaires

- 1.1.052 bis** The title of elite national commissaire shall be conferred by the UCI in the disciplines determined by the UCI, to persons having successfully completed a course approved by the UCI and given by an instructor appointed by the UCI. Such qualification shall be a requirement for candidates for qualification as UCI international commissaire in the disciplines of Road, **Track**, MTB and BMX.

*(article introduced on 01.01.17; text modified on 01.01.19)*

- 1.1.054** To be able to be admitted to the selection procedure to become UCI international commissaire, the concerned person has to meet the following conditions:
1. be a national, respectively an elite national commissaire license holder of a UCI affiliated national federation;
  2. be proposed by that national federation. This federation is required to submit an application signed by its president or a person delegated by its president which shall include the following documentation:
    - a copy of an official identity document (passport, etc.) showing that the person - is aged between 25 and 50 years in the year of his selection by the UCI;
    - for the disciplines of Road, **Track**, MTB and BMX: qualification of elite national commissaire obtained after having successfully completed an elite national commissaire course approved by the UCI given by an instructor appointed by the UCI;
    - evidence that he has served actively as a national respectively elite national commissaire in the two years preceding the selection;
  3. have an excellent knowledge of the UCI regulations;
  4. have a command of the official course language, which will be one of the two official UCI languages (French or English).

The final selection of candidates is operated by the UCI based on the needs, the files received, the places available. Additional criteria might be established specifically for the course.

If a false statement is made, the candidate shall be excluded from every course or examination. If applicable, he shall be stripped of the title of international commissaire.

*(text modified on 01.01.03; 01.04.05; 01.01.07; 30.01.09; 01.01.10; 01.02.11; 01.02.13; 01.01.17; 01.01.19)*

- 1.1.058** The UCI shall set the examination requirements and standards for each course. Examination shall comprise a theoretical part (written and oral) and a practical part. In the event of failure, the candidate shall be permitted to retake the examination a second time, subject to the requirements of article 1.1.054. Two failures in the same discipline shall result in **the** exclusion for the examinations in ~~the other that~~ disciplines.

*(text modified on 01.01.03; 01.01.17; 01.01.19)*

- 1.1.062** At the maximum, a **UCI international** commissaire can exercise in two disciplines. Except for Road and Track commissaires who can at the same time exercise in Paracycling. A UCI international commissaire cannot at the same time:
- be the holder of a licence as a rider of a team registered with the UCI or be member of a national team;
  - exercise any technical function (team assistant, mechanic, paramedical assistant, team manager, etc.) for a national federation or a team registered with the UCI.
  - ~~E~~ exercise the function of president or vice president within a national federation or continental confederation. A UCI international commissaire may in no case carry out another role on the occasion of an international event.

*(text modified on 01.01.00; 01.01.05; 01.01.07; 01.07.07; 25.06.07; 01.02.13; 01.01.17; 01.01.19)*

- 1.1.074** International commissaires appointed by the UCI **and national federation in their respective discipline as detailed in article 1.2.116 or who sit on a commissaires' panel, the president of which is appointed by the UCI**, shall wear the official uniforms provided by the UCI. Such uniforms may be worn solely during such missions.

*(text modified on 01.01.19)*

- 1.1.074 bis** *National commissaires and elite national commissaires shall wear the official uniform provided by the national federation in their respective discipline. The UCI logo should not appear on such uniforms.*

*(article introduced on 01.01.19)*

## **§ 7 Miscellaneous**

*(§ introduced on 01.01.19)*

### **Betting**

- 1.1.088** Anyone subject to the UCI regulations may not be involved in the organisation of bets on cycling competitions.

In addition, it is forbidden for licence-holders to place bets or agree with a third person for a bet to be placed in relation to the following events:

- a) Events in which his team may participate or in relation to which he is directly involved in another manner;
- b) All national, continental and world championships of his discipline(s); and
- c) All multisport events in which he participates in relation to which he is otherwise involved.

Violations to the present article may be sanctioned with a fine of CHF 2'000 to CHF 200'000 and/or a suspension of 8 days to 1 year. Violations to the first paragraph of the present article by an organiser may also be sanctioned with a withdrawal of its events' registration.

### **Sponsorship**

- 1.1.089** Without prejudice of the applicable law, no brand of tobacco, spirits, pornographic bis products or any other products that might damage the image of the UCI or the sport of

cycling in general shall be associated directly or indirectly with a licence-holder, a UCI team or a national or international cycling competition.

As defined in the present article, a spirit is a beverage with a content in alcohol of 15% or more.

**1.1.090** Sponsorship by betting companies is forbidden, except where:

- The betting operator abstains from organising bets in relation to events of the organiser concerned or in relation to the events in which the team concerned takes part; and
- The betting operator is affiliated to the competent national monitoring authority for sports bets (as well as other gaming and gambling as the case may be) and holds a licence to organise bets on cycling events, amongst others. In the event of absence of a national monitoring authority and/or licensing system in the country of the betting operator, the UCI may authorise such sponsorship provided that the betting operator is contractually affiliated to a monitoring agency approved by the UCI and which agrees to provide reports to the UCI.

Organisers or teams wishing to be sponsored by a betting company shall provide documentation establishing compliance with the conditions above along with their request for registration before the UCI or the national federation, as determined by the applicable provisions. In the event the organiser or team is already registered at the time it wishes to obtain sponsorship by a betting operator, the documentation shall be submitted without delay for approval to the UCI or the national federation and in any case no later than two months prior to the event during which the organiser or team wishes to grant visibility to the betting operator.

For any sponsorship contract which does not comply with the conditions of the first paragraph and was signed prior to entry into force of the present article, the relevant sponsor may be granted visibility on cycling events up until 31 December 2019 at the latest.

**1.1.091** Breaches of articles 1.1.089 and 1.1.090 may be sanctioned as follows:

- Refused start and/or fine of CHF 1'000 to 25'000 for a licence-holder (art. 1.1.089 only);
- Refusal or withdrawal of the registration, refused start and/or fine of CHF 1'000 to 200'000 for a team;
- Refusal or removal from the calendar and/or fine of CHF 5'000 to 500'000 for an organiser.

## Chapter II RACES

### Section 1: administrative provisions

#### § 7 National Championships

**1.2.028** Participation in national championships shall be regulated by the respective national federations. Only riders who ~~hold~~ ~~have held~~ the nationality of the country for the purposes of the present regulations ~~as from January 1st of the year~~ may compete for the title of

national champion and the relevant points. A rider cannot compete for the title of national champion and the relevant points for more than one country during the same season.

If a national federation organises a separate event to award the national champion's title in a given category, riders in this category may not take part in the national championship event in another category. As an exception, if a national federation organises separate events for the award of the Elite and U23 national road champion titles, the national federation may determine that U23 riders are authorised to take part in both events.

A maximum of three national federations may organise their national championships as a joint event.

*(text modified on 01.01.05; 01.01.19)*

## **§ 8 — Betting**

**1.2.030** [article abrogated on 01.01.19]

~~Anyone subject to the UCI regulations may not be involved directly or indirectly in the organisation of bets on cycling competitions, under penalty of a suspension of between 8 days and one year and/or a fine of CHF 2,000 to 200,000. In addition, if an organiser is involved, any competition organized by him may be excluded from the calendar for one year.~~

~~*Comment: this provision should not be interpreted as excluding commercial sponsorship agreements between teams and companies that provide betting services, provided the team has provided to the UCI or national federation proof that (i) sufficient safeguards exist to separate the company's betting activities from the team sporting operations and (ii) that the betting company shall withhold from organising bets that may be seen as putting the principles of sporting integrity and fairness at risk.*~~

~~*(text modified on 01.01.00; 01.01.05; 14.08.17)*~~

## **§ 9 — Sponsoring**

**1.2.030 bis** [article abrogated on 01.01.19]

~~Without prejudice of the applicable law, no brand of tobacco, spirits, pornographic bis products or any other products that might damage the image of the UCI or the sport of cycling in general shall be associated directly or indirectly with a licence-holder, a UCI team or a national or international cycling competition.~~

~~As defined in the present article, a spirit is a beverage with a content in alcohol of 15% or more.~~

~~Besides the refusal of the licence, the registration of the team and the registration of the race, breaches of this article are punished as follows:~~

- ~~- Refused start and fine from CHF 1,000 to 200,000 for a team~~
- ~~- Refused start and fine from CHF 1,000 to 25,000 for a licence-holder~~
- ~~- Removal of the race from the calendar and/or fine from CHF 5,000 to 500,000 due jointly by the licence-holder, the owner and the organiser of the race.~~

~~(article introduced on 01.07.10)~~

## Section 2: organisation of races

### § 7 Course and safety

#### 1.2.064 Riders shall study the course in advance.

Unless ordered so to do by a police officer, they may not leave the prescribed course and shall not be able to claim any error in this respect, nor any other motive such as, for example, incorrect directions by any person, badly placed or non-existent signs, etc.

Conversely, should the rider take a shortcut giving an advantage, he shall be penalised in accordance with article 12.1.040.15 (**2.12.007 for Road events**), notwithstanding any other disciplinary measures that may be provided for.

*(text modified on 01.01.07; 01.01.19)*

**1.2.064 bis** ~~It is strictly prohibited to use sidewalks/pavements, paths or cycle paths that do not form part of the course (i.e. those separated by kerbs, verges, level changes or other physical features) if a dangerous situation is created inter alia for other riders, spectators or race personnel by such action or if such action procures a significant advantage over other riders. Non-respect of this requirement is sanctioned in accordance with Article 12.1.040.14bis, without prejudice to any other sanctions that may apply.~~

~~(article introduced on 01.10.13; text modified on 07.03.14)  
[article transferred to article 2.2.025 on 01.01.19]~~

## Section 4: supervision of races

### § 2 Commissaires' panel

**1.2.116** The commissaires' panel shall comprise commissaires appointed as per article 1.1.070. The number and status of the commissaires to be appointed for each race shall be as indicated in the table below. Where applicable, and subject to availability, national federations shall respect the following order of priority when appointing commissaires: international commissaire, elite national commissaire (for Road, **Track** MTB and BMX), national commissaire:

*(text modified on 01.01.05; 26.01.07; 01.02.11; 01.10.11; 01.07.12; 01.02.13; 01.01.17; 01.01.19)*

## Chapter III EQUIPMENT

### Section 1: general provisions

## § 1 Principles

- 1.3.002** The UCI shall not be liable for any consequences deriving from the choice of the equipment used by licence holders, nor for any defects it may have or its non-compliance. Equipment used must meet ~~applicable official quality and safety standards.~~ all relevant ISO quality and safety requirements for bicycles (as referenced for illustration purposes in the Clarification Guide published on the UCI website) as well as any other standards applicable in the country of the event.

~~A licence holder is not authorised to modify, in any way, the equipment given by the manufacturer used in competition.~~

The licence-holder shall use the equipment which is certified and compliant with quality and safety standards as provided by the manufacturer, without any modification whatsoever. The licence-holder shall be entirely and exclusively liable for any modification made to the equipment, in particular in the event of an incident, and may be subject to disciplinary sanctions in accordance with the UCI Regulations.

*(text modified on 01.04.07; 01.10.11; 01.01.19)*

## Section 2: bicycles

### § 1 Principles

- 1.3.007** The bicycle is a vehicle with two wheels of equal diameter. The front wheel shall be steerable; the rear wheel shall be driven through a system comprising pedals and a chain.

Exceptions to this rule may exist for certain cycling disciplines, in which case specific rules are provided for in the respective discipline.

*(text modified on 01.01.19)*

- 1.3.010** The bicycle shall be propelled solely, through a chainset, by the legs (inferior muscular chain) moving in a circular movement, without electric or other assistance.

Exceptions to this rule may exist for certain cycling disciplines, in which case specific rules are provided for in the respective discipline.

In para-cycling, mechanical prostheses/orthopaedic braces for upper or lower limbs can only be used by athletes who have been evaluated in accordance with the UCI classification procedure and who have Review (R) or Confirmed (C) status.

In no case may a mechanical prosthesis/orthopaedic brace for the lower limbs be used outside paracycling events.

*(text modified on 01.01.05; 01.10.13; 01.01.19)*