

PART II – ROAD RACES

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Chapter I CALENDAR AND PARTICIPATION

2.1.005 International races and participation

International Calendar	Category of event	Class	Participation
Olympic games	ME WE	JO	- As per part XI
World championships	ME WE MU MJ WJ	CM	- National teams, in accordance with the world championships (see part IX)
Continental championships	ME WE	CC	- National teams, in accordance with the continental championships (see part X)
Continental games	MU WU	JC	- National teams, in accordance with the specific regulations of the event
Regional games	MJ WJ	JR	- National teams, in accordance with the regional games (see part X)
UCI WorldTour	ME	UWT	- UCI WorldTeams (see Art. 2.15.127) - Invited UCI ProTeams - National team of the organising country in events determined by the PCC
UCI Europe Tour	ME MU	1.Pro 2.Pro	- UCI WorldTeams (max 70%) - UCI ProTeams - UCI continental teams of the country ⁽⁴⁾ - Foreign UCI continental teams (max. 2) ⁽⁴⁾ - National teams of the country of the organiser
		1.1 2.1	- UCI WorldTeams (max 50%) - UCI ProTeams - UCI continental teams - national teams
		1.2 2.2	- UCI ProTeams of the country - Foreign UCI ProTeams (max. 2) - UCI continental teams - National teams - Regional and club teams
	MU	Ncup 1.2 Ncup 2.2	- National teams - Regional and club teams (max 15%) ⁽²⁾ - Mixed teams

UCI America Tour UCI Asia Tour UCI Oceania Tour UCI Africa Tour	ME	1.Pro 2.Pro	- UCI WorldTeams (max 65%) - UCI ProTeams - UCI continental teams ⁽⁴⁾ - National teams
		1.1 2.1	- UCI WorldTeams (max 50%) - UCI ProTeams - UCI continental teams - National teams
		1.2 2.2	- UCI ProTeams - UCI continental teams - National teams - Regional and club teams - African mixed teams ⁽¹⁾
	MU	1.2 2.2	- UCI ProTeams of the country - UCI continental teams - National teams - Regional and club teams - Mixed teams
		Ncup 1.2 Ncup 2.2	- National teams - Regional and club teams (max 15%) ⁽²⁾ - Mixed teams
Women Elite	WE	1.WWT 2.WWT	- UCI Women's WorldTeams (min 8) - UCI women's continental teams - National team from the country of the organiser with the agreement of the UCI
		1.Pro 2.Pro	- UCI Women's WorldTeams (min 4, max 10) - UCI women's continental teams - National teams - Regional and club teams ⁽³⁾ from the country of the organiser (max 2)
		1.1 2.1	- UCI Women's WorldTeams (min 1, max 5) - UCI women's continental teams - National teams ⁽³⁾ - Regional and club teams ⁽³⁾
	WE WU	1.2 2.2	- UCI Women's WorldTeams ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽³⁾ - UCI Women's continental teams - National teams ⁽³⁾ - Regional and club teams ⁽³⁾ - Mixed teams
Men Junior	MJ	1.Ncup 2.Ncup	- National teams - Mixed teams
		1.1 2.1	- National teams - Regional and club teams - Mixed teams
Women Junior	WJ	1.Ncup 2.Ncup	- National teams - Regional and club teams - Mixed teams
		1.1 2.1	- National teams - Regional and club teams - Mixed teams WJ 1

⁽¹⁾ Only for UCI Africa Tour.

⁽²⁾ Only regional and club teams from the country of the organiser or border country and only if the national team of the country of the regional or club team is also taking part in the event.

~~(3) Women of the second year of junior may be included in these teams, provided they have authorization from the National Federation that issued their license.~~

~~(4) (3) Only national or class 2 events from the country of the paying agent of the team or from the country of one of the main sponsors of the team and with a maximum of two national or class 2 events per year. Teams must seek for the agreement of the UCI at least three months before the race.~~

~~(4) In order to compete in a UCI ProSeries event, UCI Continental Teams must contribute to the programme for the fight against doping related to UCI ProSeries events; the teams concerned will be included in a list published on the UCI website.~~

In order to compete in a UCI WorldTour race, riders must have submitted accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information to an anti-doping organisation for a minimum period of 6 weeks and have been subject to testing in accordance with the athlete biological passport programme as implemented by the UCI.

(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.05; 1.01.06; 1.10.06; 25.09.07; 1.01.08; 1.1.09; 1.07.09; 1.10.09; 1.10.10; 1.07.11; 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.14; 1.01.15; 1.01.16; 12.01.17; 1.02.17; 1.01.18; 23.10.19; 1.01.20).

2.2.002 The number of riders starting a road race shall be limited according to the following table:

Category	Maximum
Olympic Games	200
World Championships	
Continental Championships	
Continental Games	
Regional Games	
National Championships	

Men international events	Maximum
UCI WorldTour	176
UCI Europe Tour	
UCI America Tour	
UCI Asia Tour	
UCI Oceania Tour	
UCI Africa Tour	
UCI Nation's Cups	
Men Junior	

Women international events	Maximum
One-day races of the UCI Women's WorldTour and UCI Pro Series	144
Stage races of the UCI Women's WorldTour and UCI Pro Series	168
Class 1	176
Class 2	
Women Juniors	

Epreuves nationales	Maximum
(N*) Calendriers nationaux	176

* within the limit of 200.

Without prejudice to the minimum of starting riders resulting from any other provision of the UCI Regulations, the minimum number of riders starting a road race is established according to the following table:

Category	Class	Minimum
Men International events		
UCI Europe Tour	1.HC	150
	2.HC	120
UCI America Tour UCI Asia Tour UCI Oceania Tour UCI Africa Tour	1.HC	120
	2.HC	
Other events	-	40
Women international events		
UCI Women's WorldTour UCI ProSeries Class 1	1.WWT 1.Pro 1.1	90
	2.WWT 2.Pro 2.1	105
Other events	-	40

(text modified on 1.01.18; 22.10.18; 23.10.19; 1.01.20).

- 2.2.003** Without prejudice to specific provisions of the UCI Regulations (e.g. provisions in Part IX and XI regarding respectively the UCI Road World Championships and Olympic Games), the number of starting riders per team shall be set by the organiser, with a minimum of 4 and maximum of 7. The organiser shall indicate in the programme or technical guide and on the entry form the number of starting riders per team for the event. This number shall be the same for all teams.

The number of starting riders who are registered on the entry form must be equal to the number set by the organiser. No account shall be taken of any riders entered in excess of that number.

Special provisions for UCI WorldTour

In UCI WorldTour events, the number of starting riders per team is 8 for Grand Tours and 7 for other events.

Without prejudice to articles 1.2.053, 1.2.055 and 2.2.003 bis, if a team, without valid justification, starts a UCI WorldTour event with fewer riders than that established by the previous paragraph, the team shall be subject to a fine of CHF 5,000 for each missing rider.

Special provisions for women elite events of the UCI Women's WorldTour and UCI ProSeries

For one-day races, the number of starting riders per team is set at 6.

For stage races, the organiser can set the number of starting riders per team to 6 or 7.

Special provisions for UCI ProSeries men elite events

For one-day events and stage races, the number of starting riders per team is set at 6 or 7 by the organiser.

The minimum number of starting teams for UCI ProSeries events is established as follows:

	2020	2021	2022 and subsequent
Events in Europe			
Stage races	18 teams of 6 riders; or 16 teams of 7 riders	19 teams of 6 riders; or 17 teams of 7 riders	20 teams of 6 riders; or 18 teams of 7 riders
One-day events	22 teams of 6 riders; or 19 teams of 7 riders	23 teams of 6 riders; or 20 teams of 7 riders	24 teams of 6 riders; or 21 teams of 7 riders
Events outside Europe			
Stage races and One-day events	18 teams of 6 riders; or 16 teams of 7 riders	19 teams of 6 riders; or 17 teams of 7 riders	20 teams of 6 riders; or 18 teams of 7 riders

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.07; 26.01.08; 1.02.12; 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 1.01.18; 23.10.19; 1.01.20).

Chapter III ONE-DAY RACES

Feeding zones signposted by the organiser

2.3.025 In ~~other~~ events or stages the organisers ~~must implement zones may also provide food and drink in areas set aside~~ for teams to supply their riders ~~that purpose~~. These feeding zones will be signposted. They shall be of sufficient length to allow supply operations to proceed smoothly.

The food and drink shall be distributed on foot by the staff accompanying the team and by no-one else. ~~Staff supplying the riders must wear team's clothing and stand at a maximum of one meter from the side of the road.~~ They shall be positioned on one side of the road only, which must be the side on which road traffic circulates in the country concerned.

Each feeding zone should be accompanied by a zone for waste situated just before and just after the feeding zone where riders can get rid of their waste.

Organisers should also have a waste zone of sufficient length situated ~~between before~~ the final 20 to 10 kilometres of each race or stage where riders have the opportunity to get rid of their waste.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.20).

Feeding riders from team cars

**2.3.025
bis**

In events or stages over a distance not exceeding 150 km, it is recommended that riders be supplied with refreshments only from the team car. The refreshments may be provided either **with musettes or bidons in bonkbags or flasks**. The implementation of a **feeding zone signposted by the organiser is not mandatory**.

Riders shall move slowly up level with their sports director's car **and he shall supply them from the vehicle**. Food and drink shall be provided exclusively behind the commissaire's car and in no case in or behind the bunch.

If a group of 15 riders or less has broken away from the bunch, food and drink may be supplied at the rear of that group.

(text modified on 1.01.20).

Feeding riders outside of the feeding zones signposted by the organiser

2.3.026

Feeding riders outside of the feeding zones signposted by the organiser is allowed on foot by the staff accompanying the team and by no-one else. Staff is allowed to supply riders with bidons only. Servicing riders with musettes is only allowed in the feeding zones signposted by the organiser as well as in climbs counting towards the mountains classification.

Staff supplying the riders must wear team's clothing and stand at a maximum of one meter from the side of the road. They shall be positioned on one side of the road only, which must be the side on which road traffic circulates in the country concerned.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.15; 1.01.20).

2.3.027 All feeding (from a car and on foot **outside of the feeding zones signposted by the organiser**) is strictly forbidden:

- during the 30 first and last 20 kilometres;
- in the last **500 m kilometre** before a sprint counting for a secondary classification (points classification, king of mountain classification or others), bonus sprint, feeding zone;
- in the **first 50 500** meters after a sprint counting for a secondary classification (points classification, king of mountain classification or others), bonus sprint, feeding zone;
- on descents of mountains listed on the mountain classification;
- in any other area specified by the organiser or the commissaires panel.

The commissaires panel may **adapt reduce** the distances mentioned above, depending on atmospheric conditions and the category, type and length of the race. Such a decision must be communicated to the followers through radio-tour.

(text modified on 1.01.01; 1.08.13; 1.01.19; 1.01.20).

Chapter VI STAGE RACES (N)

Duration

2.6.007 The durations indicated below correspond to the total number of days occupied on the calendar, i.e. both days of competition, including any prologue, and rest days.

UCI WorldTour

The duration of the events is determined by the Professional Cycling Council.

For Grands tours, the duration must be between 15 and 23 days.

For all UCI WorldTour events, the organiser may ask, every four years, for one additional day in order to organise the start in a non-adjacent territory to the country of the event and/or requiring a long transfer. Any such request must be submitted at least one year before the event and will be reviewed at the Professional Cycling Council's discretion.

UCI ProSeries men elite events

The duration of events is determined by the UCI Management Committee. However, the maximum duration of new UCI ProSeries events shall be 6 days in Europe and 8 days outside Europe. Events that are already registered on the UCI ProSeries calendar may retain their historical duration subject to UCI Management Committee approval.

Continental circuits

The duration of existing events can be reduced by the UCI Management Committee. In that event, the organiser has the right to be heard by the UCI Management Committee. The duration of new events in UCI ProSeries, classes 1 and 2 is limited to 5 days, unless an exemption is made by the UCI Management Committee.

Elite women's world circuit

The duration of new events of classes 1 and 2 is limited to 6 days, unless an exemption is made by the UCI Management Committee.

Junior men's and women's world circuits

The duration of new events is limited to 4 days, unless an exemption is made by the UCI Management Committee.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 1.07.18; 1.01.20).

Chapter XIII UCI WOMEN'S WORLDTOUR

§ 4 UCI Women's WorldTour Licence

Duration of validity of the licence

2.13.036 On the condition that all criteria stipulated in article 2.13.035 are met, and without prejudice to article 2.13.069, licences shall be issued for the following periods:

- 2020 to 2023 for four calendar years;
- 2021 to 2023 for three calendar years;
- 2022 to 2023 for two calendar years.

For the 2024 season and thereafter, the licences issued to teams already registered as UCI Women's WorldTeams will be valid for the periods indicated below, based on ~~the basis of~~ the classification established by cumulating ~~the points of the UCI Women's WorldTeams~~:

1. in the final UCI women's world ranking by teams of the previous year; and
2. in the UCI women's world ranking by teams ~~at the end of~~ ~~calculated on 1st~~ ~~October of~~ the current season.

Based on the classification hence established, UCI Women's WorldTeams ranked:

- from 1 to 5 will be granted a four-year licence;
- from 6 to 10 will be granted a three-year licence;
- from 11 to 15 will be granted a two-year licence.

Also for the 2024 season and thereafter, the duration of the licences issued to UCI women's continental teams accessing UCI Women's WorldTour status will be two calendar years.

(text modified on 1.01.20).

Criteria

- 2.13.041** For the seasons 2020 to 2023, ~~a ranking is established between the UCI women's continental teams~~ candidate teams for UCI Women's WorldTeam status ~~will be evaluated based on their position in by totaling the points of the UCI women's continental teams in the UCI women's world ranking by teams up until October 1st at the end of each the season underway.~~

Depending on the number of licences available, the best candidate UCI women's continental teams ~~of this in the aforementioned~~ classification are deemed to fulfil the sporting criterion. The UCI Women's WorldTeam(s) ~~team(s)~~ ranked beyond the position that corresponds to the number of licences available shall not fulfil the sporting criterion.

(text modified on 1.01.20).

- 2.13.042** For the 2024 season and thereafter, in the first instance, a classification is established by totaling the points of the UCI Women's WorldTeams,
- a. in the final UCI women's world ranking by teams of the previous year; and
 - b. in the UCI women world ranking by teams calculated ~~on 1st October in at the end of~~ the current season.

All the UCI Women's WorldTeams ~~teams~~ in this classification are deemed to satisfy the sporting criterion, with the exception of the last team, which will be assessed on the basis of article 2.13.042 bis.

(text modified on 1.01.20).

- 2.13.042 bis** Subsequently, a classification is established including the UCI Women's WorldTeam which does not meet the sporting criterion as per article 2.13.042 as well as the UCI women's continental teams that are candidates for the status of UCI Women's WorldTeam, ~~on the basis based on of~~ the UCI women's world ranking by teams ~~calculated on 1st October in the current at the end of the~~ season.

Depending on the number of licences available, the best candidate teams ~~of this in the aforementioned~~ classification are deemed to fulfil the sporting criterion. The team(s) beyond the position that corresponds to the number of licences available shall not satisfy the sporting criterion.

(text modified on 1.01.20).

Chapter XV UCI WORLDTOUR

§ 3 UCI WorldTeams

Identity

2.15.049 A UCI WorldTeam consists of the holder of the UCI WorldTour licence, the riders registered with the UCI as members of the team, the paying agent, the sponsors and any other parties contracted by the paying agent to ensure the operation of the team (manager, sports director, coach, team doctor, paramedical assistant, mechanic, accountant etc.).

Each UCI WorldTeam must employ at least ~~23~~ 27 riders, 4 sports directors and 10 other staff (coaches, doctors, paramedical assistants, mechanics, etc.) on a full-time basis for the whole registration year.

(text modified on 15.11.08; 1.02.12; 1.01.15; 12.01.17; 24.03.17; 1.01.20).

Financial audit

2.15.068 In the context of license and registration applications, the paying agent must provide (electronically) the following financial documentation to the auditor:

1. the audited accounts for the last financial year, with the audit report;
2. interim accounts to 30 June of the current year;
3. profit-and-loss account forecast for the current year;
4. forecast cashflow plan to the end of the current year;
5. annual budget for the registration year with explanatory notes;
6. monthly cashflow budget for the registration year;
7. financial plan for the period covered by the licence application or the remainder of the licence period.

The documents required must be drafted in accordance with the models and instructions drawn up by the administration of the UCI.

The documents required for the audit will also include all the contracts signed with riders. The number of these contracts, approved by the auditor, must be at least 10 by 1st October and 15 by 20 October.

All the contracts, numbering at least ~~23~~ 27, must be submitted to and approved by the auditor no later than 1st December.

Concerning riders' and staff contracts, a copy must be sent electronically to the auditor. The original document must be kept by the team and made available at any times if requested by the auditor.

The budget and the bank guarantee to be submitted by 1 October must take account of all the riders that the UCI WorldTeam or applicant intends to recruit.

(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.04.11; 1.07.14; 1.01.15; 12.01.17; 1.01.20).

Riders

2.15.110 The number of riders in each UCI WorldTeam may not be fewer than **twenty-seven (27)** ~~twenty-three (23)~~. These riders will be exclusively from the men elite or men under 23 categories.

The maximum number of riders per UCI WorldTeam which may be registered with the UCI is restricted according to the number of new professionals under contract (within the meaning of article 7 of the joint agreement concluded between the CPA (Cyclistes Professionnels Associés) and the AIGCP (Association Internationale des Groupes Cyclistes Professionnels) in the following manner:

Minimum number of new professionals under contract to the UCI WorldTeam	Maximum number of riders registered with the UCI
0	28
1	29
2	30

If the number of riders proves to be less than the stipulated minimum, the UCI shall issue a warning to the UCI WorldTeam and allow it a period of grace of 30 days to regularize the situation. In the event of failure to do so, the UCI WorldTeam shall be liable for a fine of between CHF 10,000 and 100,000. To determine the fine, the UCI shall take account in particular of the reduction of the payroll costs from which the team benefits during the period for which its numbers fall short of the required minimum.

Payment of the fine does not release the UCI WorldTeam from the obligation to enlist the minimum number of riders again. If the failure to comply persists, the UCI WorldTeam shall be suspended.

The UCI WorldTeam is not obliged to replace a rider whom it has dismissed on grounds of a proven violation of the anti-doping regulations. In this regard, the fact that an A and B sample has tested positive is regarded as a proven violation of the anti-doping regulations.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 15.11.08; 1.01.10; 1.10.12; 1.07.13; 1.01.15; 1.07.18; 1.01.20).

§ 4 UCI WorldTour calendar

Participation of UCI WorldTeams

2.15.193 As from the 2020 season, all UCI WorldTour events must invite the UCI ProTeam, if any, that lost its UCI WorldTeam status at the end of the previous season due to the fact that it was deemed not to satisfy the sporting criterion. The UCI ProTeam concerned shall participate in the UCI WorldTour event with the same conditions as UCI WorldTeams.

A UCI ProTeam that lost its UCI WorldTeam status at the end of the previous season, but which participates in at least one Grand Tour, shall be required to pay the same contribution to the biological passport as UCI WorldTeams, as published in the CADF financial obligations document available on the UCI website.

(article introduced on 12.01.17; modified on 1.07.17; 1.01.20).

Chapter XVI UCI PROTEAMS

Identity

2.16.001 A UCI ProTeam is an organisation created to take part in road events open to UCI ProTeams as per article 2.1.005. It is known by a unique name and registered with the UCI in accordance with the provisions below.

UCI ProTeams shall use the UCI ProTeam logo in accordance with the graphic charter provided by the UCI and shall respect the conditions and restrictions on the use of the logo and brand as defined by the UCI.

The UCI ProTeam comprises all the riders registered with the UCI as members of the team, the paying agent, the sponsors and all other persons contracted by the paying agent and/or the sponsors to provide for the operation of the team (manager, sports director, coach, paramedical assistant, mechanic, etc.).

Each UCI ProTeam must employ at least ~~16~~ 20* riders, 3 sports directors and 5 other staff (paramedical assistants, mechanics, etc.) on a full-time basis for the whole registration year.

** Special provision for UCI ProTeams outside of Europe: The minimum number of riders that a team must contract is respectively 16, 18 and 20 for seasons 2020, 2021 and 2022.*

(text modified on 26.06.07; 1.07.12; 1.05.17; 1.01.20).

Chapter XVII UCI CONTINENTAL TEAMS

§ 1 General Conditions

Identity

2.17.001 A UCI continental team or UCI women's continental team is a team of road riders recognised and certified by the National Federation of the nationality of the majority of its riders to take part in road events on the international calendars, within the constraints imposed by article 2.1.005, and registered with the UCI.

UCI continental teams shall use the UCI continental team logo in accordance with the graphic charter provided by the UCI and shall respect the conditions and restrictions on the use of the logo and brand as defined by the UCI.

It is composed by the group of riders registered with the UCI as part of the team, the team representative, the sponsors and all other persons contracted by the team representative and/or team sponsor to facilitate the team's activities (manager, sports director, coach, etc.).

A UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team is registered for one year, i.e. from 1st January to 31 December of the same year (registration year).

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.05.17; 1.01.20).

2.17.004 A UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team will comprise riders who may or may not be professional, in the elite and/or under 23 categories. It must have **between minimum 10 riders for UCI continental teams, 8 for UCI women's continental teams and a maximum of 16 riders for both categories.**

However, a UCI continental team shall also have the right to add up to 4 riders specialising in other endurance cycling disciplines (cyclo-cross; mountain bike: cross country; track: points race, scratch, pursuit, omnium) as long as the riders in question are among the top 150 of the last final UCI individual classification.

A UCI women's continental team may also add 4 riders specialising in one of the disciplines listed in the preceding paragraph, as long as the riders in question are among the top ~~400~~ **150** of the final UCI individual classification for that discipline.

(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.12; 1.01.17; 1.07.18 ; 1.01.20).

§ 1 General Conditions

2.17.006 The nationality of a UCI continental team or UCI women's continental team is determined by the nationality of the majority of its riders.

Special provision for UCI continental teams only

However, the UCI may grant a dispensation to the above provision to a national federation which intend to register a UCI continental team of its nationality without the majority of the riders being of the nationality of the national federation; this dispensation will be subject to the following conditions:

- The country does not have enough professional riders to constitute a UCI continental team;
- At least one rider from the team will be of the nationality of the country of the national federation that wish to register the team with the UCI;
- The Continental Confederation must confirm to the UCI that it supports the dispensation;
- The national federation cannot register more than one UCI continental team with the UCI.

(text modified on 1.01.20).

Transfer period

2.17.007 During the season, no rider already registered with a UCI road team for the current season may join a UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team outside the period from 1 June to 15 July.

However, a rider who is registered with a UCI road team and is considered a cyclo-cross specialist will have the right to transfer to a UCI continental team or UCI women's continental team during the period from ~~4 to 25 March~~ **15 March to 15 April.**

To transfer to a UCI continental team, a rider is considered as specialist if he is ranked in the top 150 of the final cyclo-cross UCI individual classification.

To transfer to a UCI women's continental team, a rider is considered as a specialist if she is ranked in the top ~~400~~ 150 of the final UCI cyclo-cross classification.

(text modified on 1.08.13; 1.01.18; 1.01.20).

Trainees

2.17.008 In the period between 1 August* and 31 December, each UCI continental team or UCI women's continental team may engage two ~~under-23~~ trainees on the following conditions:

- The rider is from the under 23 category (for UCI continental teams only);
- The rider is from the under 23 category or is in the second year of junior category (for UCI women's continental teams only);
- The rider may not previously have ridden for a UCI road team;
- The UCI team shall obtain the authorisation of the parents or legal representative if the rider is a minor;
- The rider may not take part in UCI Women's WorldTour events (for UCI women's continental teams only);
- The UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team must notify the UCI of the identity of the riders before 1 August;
- Such riders shall obtain the authorisation of their National Federations and may be associated with only one UCI team during this period;
- Upon authorisation of his new team, a trainee rider may continue to participate in events of his club team.

** Upon justification of the participation in a stage race starting in July and ending in August, the registration of these riders may occur in July no earlier than the day before the first race day of the aforesaid race.*

(text modified on 1.01.18; 1.01.20).

Chapter XVIII UCI ProSeries Men Elite

(chapter introduced on 1.01.20).

2.18.001 The UCI ProSeries is a series of road cycling events in which UCI-registered teams and national teams participate.

2.18.002 The UCI is the exclusive owner of the formula, brand, logo and all other elements relating to the UCI ProSeries.

§ 1 UCI ProSeries events

2.18.003 UCI ProSeries events are registered on the UCI ProSeries calendar – an integral part of the UCI international calendar – by the UCI Management Committee.

2.18.004 Events applying for registration on the UCI ProSeries calendar must comply with the registration procedure set out by this chapter.

2.18.005 An application for registration implies that the applicant accepts the rules and conditions governing the UCI ProSeries as well as the UCI regulations in general.

§ 2 UCI ProSeries calendar

Criteria for drawing up the calendar

2.18.006 The UCI ProSeries calendar is drawn up annually by the UCI Management Committee on the basis of the following criteria that will apply from the 2021 season:

Number of days of racing on the UCI ProSeries calendar

There shall not be more than 190 days of racing on the UCI ProSeries calendar.

Number of days of racing per continent

The number of days of racing per continent shall not exceed 15% of the total number of days of racing on the continent on the road international calendar (ME and MU events).

A continent of whom the total number of racing days on the UCI ProSeries exceeds the aforementioned limit will not be allowed to register additional events on the UCI ProSeries calendar.

Number of days of racing per country

The number of days of racing per country shall not exceed 15% of the total number of days of racing in the country on the road international calendar (ME and MU events) with an absolute maximum of 10 one-day events and 3 stage races.

A country of whom the total number of racing days on the UCI ProSeries exceeds the aforementioned limit will not be allowed to register additional events on the UCI ProSeries calendar.

Consistency of the calendar

A new event shall not be accepted on the calendar if it overlaps with more than three other UCI ProSeries or UCI WorldTour events.

UCI ProSeries events may not be placed on the calendar between the end of the season, as defined by article 2.1.001, and 15 January of the following year.

Eligibility criteria for events on the UCI ProSeries calendar

2.18.007

The following selection criteria will be taken into account by the UCI Management Committee when: accepting or refusing an application for registration; withdrawing a registration; submitting a registration to the respect of conditions and/or measures considered appropriate; or reducing the duration of an event:

1. the sporting level according to the start lists of the two editions preceding the application for registration with, as a minimum, the following participation levels:

	2019	2020	2021	2022 and subsequent
Events in Europe				
Minimum number of UCI WorldTeams at the start for the relevant year	-	3	4	5
Minimum number of UCI WorldTeams and UCI ProTeams at the start for the relevant year	10	11	12	13
Events outside Europe				
Minimum number of UCI WorldTeams and UCI ProTeams at the start for the relevant year	6	8	10	12
Minimum number of UCI WorldTeams at the start for the relevant year	-	-	1	3

2. the format, structure and nature of the event, contributing to the image of UCI ProSeries' elite events;
3. the sporting ambition and coherence of the event within the UCI ProSeries calendar;
4. the quality of the event's organisation, in particular with regards to the safety of the riders, race followers and spectators;
5. the technical quality of TV production and observance of the UCI TV production guide;
6. live international TV coverage of the event in at least ten countries and live TV coverage of the event in the organiser's country;
7. respect of UCI regulations and other applicable regulations;
8. respect of the organisation guides, specifications or guidelines published by the UCI;
9. respect of contractual, legal and regulatory obligations;
10. respect of the financial obligations published by the UCI;
11. the absence of attempts to infringe or circumvent obligations;
12. respect of sporting ethics;
13. the absence of any other element liable to harm the image of the UCI ProSeries, the UCI or cycle sport in general.

The eligibility criteria for submitting an application for registration on the UCI ProSeries calendar are defined above and may be adapted by the UCI Management Committee if necessary.

The UCI Management Committee may also take acknowledged facts into account.

Prior to registration on the UCI ProSeries calendar

2.18.008 The entity applying for registration of an event on the UCI ProSeries calendar must be the owner of a UCI WorldTour, UCI ProSeries or Class 1 event being held in the year preceding the first year of registration.

The UCI Management Committee may grant an exemption of this rule upon receipt of a reasoned request and in recognition of strategic importance for the development of cycling.

2.18.009 The fact of applying for registration on the UCI ProSeries calendar shall mean that the event owner submits to UCI regulations from the delivery of the application to the end of the period of registration.

The event owner shall be fully liable for its event in respect of the UCI regulations and towards the UCI.

2.18.010 Registration is granted for a specific event. Registration does not affect the event owner's right of ownership of the event, without prejudice to obligations arising from the UCI regulations.

2.18.011 The applicant shall submit its application for registration by completing the registration dossier established annually by the UCI Management Committee, including all information and other documents as required by the UCI Management Committee.

2.18.012 The deadline for the submission of applications for registration is 1 July.

2.18.013 The UCI Management Committee shall not be obliged to examine applications sent to the UCI after the deadline.

Registration on the UCI ProSeries calendar

2.18.014 The UCI Management Committee shall examine an application for registration on the basis of a registration dossier comprising the following elements:

1. The registration application form and various appendices;
2. The opinion of the UCI and/or any entity responsible for examining applications;
3. Any other document or information required to allow the evaluation of the application by the UCI, UCI Management Committee or any other entity responsible for examining applications.

The UCI Management Committee shall decide, at its discretion, whether additional documents and information are required from the applicant. If this is the case, the UCI Management Committee shall set relevant deadlines and may summon the applicant to a hearing.

2.18.015 The dossier shall be drafted in French or English. Documents by third parties that are written in another language must be accompanied by a translation into the language of the dossier.

The applicant is solely responsible for the quality and completeness of the dossier. The applicant may not claim, in particular, that information or documents have not been requested by the UCI, or that its attention has not been drawn to deficiencies or other elements liable to be judged negatively when the application is evaluated by the UCI Management Committee.

2.18.016 The UCI must send its opinion or report to the UCI Management Committee before the UCI ProSeries calendar for the following season is drawn up.

The UCI may present additional opinions if the applicant adds new elements to its dossier or it becomes aware of new elements in another manner.

2.18.017 Regarding the registration of events on the UCI ProSeries calendar, the UCI Management Committee shall make decisions on award, withdrawal and any other measures set out in the regulations.

As a general rule, all decisions concerning applications for registration on the UCI ProSeries calendar are issued simultaneously and communicated to applicants as soon as possible.

The UCI Management Committee may also make decisions on applications for registration on the UCI ProSeries calendar in an individual manner or postpone the evaluation of certain applications if this is considered appropriate, in particular if additional documents are required from the applicant or the UCI.

2.18.018 The decisions taken by the UCI Management Committee on applications for registration on the UCI ProSeries calendar are final and not subject to appeal.

Calendar fees

2.18.019 An annual calendar fee for UCI ProSeries events shall be paid to the UCI's bank account at the latest by 1 September of the year preceding the year of registration of the event.

2.18.020 The amount of the fee shall be established by the UCI Management Committee and published in the financial obligations document.

2.18.021 If the UCI's account is not credited by 1 September, registration on the UCI ProSeries calendar is suspended without further notice and the event is not published on the UCI international calendar.

Furthermore, a fine of CHF 5,000 will be due as well as a penalty of CHF 100 for each day of delay.

Duration of registration

2.18.022 The UCI ProSeries calendar consists of cycles of three seasons starting from the 2020-2022 cycle. Events are registered for one to three seasons depending on their entry into the cycle in progress.

Conditional registration

2.18.023 The UCI Management Committee may decide to register an event on the UCI ProSeries calendar subject to certain conditions.

If the conditions defined by the UCI Management Committee are not respected by the organiser, the event will not be registered on the UCI ProSeries calendar for the following season.

2.18.024 The owner of an event for which registration on the UCI ProSeries calendar is expiring may request registration for a further three-year cycle by following the same procedure as used for the initial application.

Annual evaluation of events

2.18.025 The UCI evaluates UCI ProSeries events in accordance with the criteria defined by article 2.18.007. Without prejudice to the sanctions set out by the UCI Regulations, in particular Paragraph 2 of Chapter XII of Part 2, the UCI Management Committee may withdraw the registration of an event from the UCI ProSeries calendar in the case of a significant failing with regards to one of the criteria defined in article 2.18.007.

Evaluation of an event at the end of the registration period

2.18.026 The UCI evaluates UCI ProSeries events during the period of registration in accordance with the criteria defined by article 2.18.007 with a view to renewing registration.

2.18.027 Once the evaluation of a UCI ProSeries event has been completed, the UCI Management Committee is sent a copy of the final evaluation report.

Expiry of registration

2.18.028 Registration automatically expires at the end of the cycle for which the registration had been granted.

2.18.029 Registration on the UCI ProSeries calendar shall be terminated prematurely in the following cases:

1. Cancellation of the registration at the event owner's request;
2. Cancellation of the registration upon a declaration of the bankruptcy of the event owner, or compulsory liquidation, winding up or suspension of activities of the owner or any other measure ending the ability to make free use of the status of the UCI ProSeries event;
3. Withdrawal of the event's registration on the UCI ProSeries calendar by the UCI Management Committee in accordance with Article 2.18.025.

2.18.030 No compensation shall be due in the event of the cancellation or withdrawal of registration. Any amounts due shall remain payable and shall not be subject to compensation.

Ownership of the rights and obligations relating to the registration of an event on the UCI ProSeries calendar

2.18.031 The event owner is responsible for submitting an application to register the event on the UCI ProSeries calendar.

2.18.032 If the event owner is not the actual organiser of the event, the event owner shall inform the UCI and specify the precise identity of the actual organiser or any other intermediary in its application for registration.

2.18.033 The event owner, the actual organiser and, where applicable, any other intermediary shall be jointly and severally liable for all obligations arising from the registration, including the debts described by article 1.2.032. A written commitment must be attached to the licence application.

2.18.034 If the actual organiser of the event changes during the registration period, the UCI Management Committee must be informed by the event owner.

2.18.035 The event owner shall not have any link, whether directly or indirectly, with a team registered with the UCI. In exceptional cases, which do not call into question the integrity or sporting equity of the event, the UCI Management Committee may grant a derogation of this article.

- 2.18.036** In a document to be appended to the registration application form, the applicant shall certify (i) that it does not have any direct or indirect links to a UCI-registered team and (ii) that if any direct or indirect links (including, where applicable, through the intermediary of the actual organiser) with a UCI-registered team exist, this shall be communicated. The UCI Management Committee must be provided with this information and be updated throughout the registration period.
- 2.18.037** In the event that direct or indirect links as described by articles 2.18.179 or 2.18.180 exist, the UCI Management Committee and the event owner shall consult and, if applicable, the UCI Management Committee shall impose a deadline on the event owner to regularise the situation.
- 2.18.038** If the UCI Management Committee learns, through a third party other than the event owner, of the existence of such links as described in articles 2.18.179 and 2.18.180 which are not authorised by the UCI Management Committee, the parties concerned shall each be subject to a fine of CHF 10,000. The UCI Management Committee may set a deadline for the situation to be regularised.
- 2.18.039** If the situation is not regularised in the sense or within the deadline indicated by the UCI Management Committee, or in the case of a dispute on the existence of a prohibited link or the achievement of regularisation, the dispute shall be presented to the UCI Disciplinary Commission upon a simple written request, either by the President of the UCI Management Committee or by the applicant who is the owner of the event. If the Disciplinary Commission considers that a link that is prohibited by articles 2.18.179 or 2.18.180 exists, it may make the registration subject to compliance with conditions and/or measures as considered appropriate, reduce the registration's duration or withdraw it, if appropriate after having granted a period for regularisation.

Organisation

- 2.18.040** The event owner must organise the event every year consecutively for the entire duration of the registration and assume all obligations that arise. The event owner must comply with the dates fixed by the UCI ProSeries calendar as established annually by the UCI Management Committee.
- 2.18.041** The event owner shall not change the format, distance or nature of the event without the prior written agreement of the UCI Management Committee.
- 2.18.042** The event owner shall preserve the professional level, quality and reputation of the event.
- 2.18.043** The event owner shall organise the event in compliance with the existing usual standards as imposed by the UCI and in accordance with the organisation guides, guidelines and specifications for event organisers.

Financial transparency

- 2.18.044** The event owner accepts the principle of financial transparency by spontaneously and comprehensively informing the UCI Management Committee and providing it with all useful documentation and information in the following cases:
1. if the event owner has or anticipates financial difficulties, including, in particular, the non-payment of a debt when due, insolvency or the risk of insolvency, or significant changes to the annual budget, cashflow plan or financial planning;
 2. if a risk, dispute or any other circumstance arises that is likely to jeopardise the financial equilibrium of the event owner, actual organiser or any other intermediary;
 3. in the event of the non-fulfilment, for any reason, of an obligation by the event owner to any third party creditor.

Promotion of the UCI ProSeries

- 2.18.045** The event owner shall promote the UCI ProSeries within the scope of its event in compliance with the series' visual identity as defined by the series specifications.
- 2.18.046** The event owner shall use the UCI ProSeries logo in accordance with the graphic charter appended to the series specifications and shall respect the conditions and restrictions on the use of the logo and brand. Any divergence from the requirements of the specifications must be approved by the UCI Management Committee.
- 2.18.047** The rights and obligations of all parties in respect of the promotion of the UCI ProSeries shall be defined by the series specifications.

Checks and sanctions

- 2.18.048** The event owner and every licence holder shall provide the UCI, at its first request, with any documentation or information considered useful to verify the respect of regulations, contracts, specifications or legislation. In the case of refusal, and without prejudice to the application of article 2.18.025 or other consequences, the event owner and/or any licence holder shall be sanctioned by a fine ranging from CHF 5,000 to CHF 10,000.