

PART II – ROAD RACES

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Chapter I CALENDAR AND PARTICIPATION

§ 1 Participation

2.1.007 Obligatory invitations to events on the international calendar bis

Provisions for Grand Tours and UCI WorldTour stage races

The organiser must invite the best UCI ProTeams on the UCI World Team Ranking, as considered on the last day of the previous season (under the terms of article 2.1.001), according to the followings:

Number of UCI WorldTeams	UCI ProTeam invited according to art. 2.15.193*	Obligatory Invitation of best UCI ProTeams**	Remaining wild card for Organisers	
			Grands Tours***	Other stage races
18	0	2	2	5
	1	1	2	5
19	0	1	2	5
	1	1	1	4
20	0	1	1	4
	1	0	1	3

* According to article 2.15.193, 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.

** Invitations declined by invited UCI ProTeams may be used by the organiser as additional wild cards.

*** The organiser of a Grand Tour must guarantee the participation in the race of at least one UCI WorldTeam or UCI ProTeam from the country of the organiser amongst the 22 participating teams.

UCI ProTeams that accept the obligatory invitation from the organiser (except wild card) to participate in at least one Grand Tour, shall pay the same contribution to the biological passport as UCI WorldTeams, as published in the CADF financial obligations document available on the UCI website.

Provisions for ~~UCI Classics Series events of the~~ UCI WorldTour one-day races

The organiser must invite the best UCI ProTeams on the UCI World Team Ranking, as considered on the last day of the previous season (under the terms of article 2.1.001), according to the followings:

Number of UCI WorldTeams	UCI ProTeam invited according to art. 2.15.193 ⁽¹⁾	Obligatory Invitation of best UCI ProTeams ⁽²⁾	Remaining wild cards for Organisers
18	0	3	4
	1	2	4
19	0	2	4
	1	1	4
20	0	1	4
	1	0	4

* According to article 2.15.193, 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.

** Invitations declined by invited UCI ProTeams may be used by the organiser as additional wild cards.

Provisions for ME and MU class2 events of the Europe Tour as well as ME and MU class 1 and class 2 events of the America Tour, Asia Tour, Africa Tour and Oceania Tour

For events taking place between 1st January and 15th March, the organiser must invite:

- the first 3 UCI continental teams in the classification by team for the relevant continental circuit of the event, on the last day of the previous season (in the sense of Article 2.1.001). For the application of this provision, only teams from the relevant continental circuit of which the event is part and, amongst these, only the best team of each nation is considered.

For events taking place between 16th March and 31st December, the organiser must invite:

- the 3 first UCI continental teams in the rolling classification by team for the relevant continental circuit, on the second Sunday of January (based on new team rosters). For the application of this provision, only teams from the relevant continental circuit of which the event is part and, amongst these, only the best team of each nation is considered.

Provisions for ME and MU class 1 and class 2 events of the Africa Tour

For events taking place between 1st January and 15th March, the organiser must invite:

- the first 3 national teams in the classification by nation for the UCI Africa Tour, on the last day of the previous season (in the sense of Article 2.1.001).

For events taking place between 16th March and 31st December, the organiser must invite:

- the 3 first UCI national teams in the rolling classification by nation ~~of the UCI Africa Tour for the relevant continental circuit~~, on the second Sunday of January.

For stage races, the date to be taken into account is the first racing day.

The organiser must accept entries from above mentioned teams who have responded positively to an invitation.

(text modified on 1.01.06; 1.01.07; 1.10.10; 1.02.11; 1.07.11; 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 1.01.17; 25.10.17; 22.10.18; 23.10.19; 11.02.20).

Chapter II GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 2 Organisation

Security

The course

2.2.015 In general, the course of a road race is defined **with** by the **paved** road available to road traffic. Riders cannot leave the prescribed course, as per article 1.2.064.

The organiser will physically mark the course (with barriers, tape, etc.) when it is very likely for riders to deviate from it, intentionally or not, for instance when the course is lined by a sidewalk/pavement, a path or a cycle path separated by edges, a verge or a difference in road level that can be easily crossed.

The organiser shall, by way of signs, give sufficient prior notice of any obstacle that he can reasonably be expected to know or anticipate and that presents an abnormal security risk for riders and attendants.

Hence, the organiser shall in particular take care to ensure the lighting of tunnels so that it is possible, at all points in the tunnel and at its entrance, to make out a car number plate at 10 metres and a dark-coloured car at 50 metres with the naked eye.

The use of unpaved roads

If an organiser wishes to include unpaved roads in an event, the UCI must be informed at the time of registering the event on the calendar. Furthermore, the organiser shall make every effort to ensure the safety of the riders, spectators and race followers and that the event runs smoothly in sporting terms and with regards to the equitable treatment of participants. In particular, the organiser shall:

- provide the teams with a detailed description of the relevant sections (length, type of surface, degree of difficulty of each section, road width, etc.), if necessary providing photos or videos;
- ensure that the course can be traversed at all times (weather conditions, etc.) by a road bicycle as defined by Chapter III of Part I of the UCI Regulations;
- ensure the safety of the course (maintenance, sweeping and stabilising the surface, protective measures, signage, etc.);
- ensure that the following vehicles are suitable for the course and that the drivers have the necessary skills.

The UCI may refuse to register an event on the calendar and/or refuse the inclusion of an unpaved section.

(N) The **elements obstacles** referred to in the present article shall be indicated in the race programme – technical guide. For one-day races, they shall also be especially mentioned during the meeting of sports directors.

Lead vehicle

The organiser shall have an inspection vehicle lead the race to point out any possible obstacles and intervene if necessary.

Inflatable structures

(N) From 1st January 2022, inflatable structures on the road or crossing the road are prohibited, except in order to mark the position of the start line.

(N) Between 1st January 2018 and 1st January 2022, inflatable structures on the road or crossing the road are permitted only to mark the location of the start line, the last kilometre of the race and the finish line, subject to the following requirements:

- The structure must be equipped with two generators as well as two blowers working simultaneously; the structure must be maintained in a stable position even in case one of the two generators fails;
- At least one technician must stay on alert close to the structure in order to intervene if a problem occurs;
- At least one of the two blowers must be ~~supplied with~~ operated by a ~~thermic~~ petrol generator;
- Petrol must be available ~~next to~~ in the immediate vicinity of the structure ~~if necessary~~;
- The structure must be secured to at least 10 anchor points.

(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.18; 1.01.19; 11.02.20).

§ 3 Race procedure

Protocol for discussions regarding extreme weather ~~protocol~~ and the riders' safety during events

2.2.029 bis The ~~Extreme Weather~~ protocol (~~Annex B to this regulation~~) shall be applied in men's ~~elite~~ events of the UCI WorldTour and UCI ProSeries as well as in women's ~~elite~~ events of the UCI Women's WorldTour and UCI ProSeries ~~in order to prevent and avoid incidents or problems relating to whenever extreme weather conditions or the riders' safety during events., as per the Protocol, are forecast.~~ All other road ~~cycling~~ events are equally recommended to refer to the procedures set out in the ~~Extreme Weather~~ protocol when appropriate.

The protocol for discussions regarding extreme weather and the riders' safety during events is appended to this section (Annex B).

(article introduced on 1.01.16; text modified on 23.10.19; 11.02.20).

Chapter VII CRITERIUMS

Calendar fee

- 2.7.005** An annual calendar fee shall be paid to the UCI's bank account at the latest by
bis 1 September of the year preceding the year of registration of the event for any event which allows the participation of riders registered with a UCI WorldTeam, UCI Women's WorldTeam or UCI ProTeam.

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

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

Furthermore, a fine of CHF 1,000 will be due as well as a penalty of CHF 100 for each day of delay.

(article introduced on 11.02.20).

Chapter X UCI RANKINGS

§ 1 Elite and Under 23 Men's UCI World Ranking

Individual UCI World Ranking – one-day races

- 2.10.002** The individual UCI World Ranking – one-day races is a 52-week rolling ranking that is
bis updated once a week.

If necessary, the ranking for the preceding weeks shall be corrected. The new ranking comes into force on its day of publication and remains valid until the publication of the subsequent ranking.

Riders score points on the individual ranking in accordance with the scale in article 2.10.008 only taking into account one-day races.

(article introduced on 1.01.19; abrogated on 23.10.19; reintroduced on 11.02.20).

Individual UCI World Ranking – stage races

- 2.10.002** The individual UCI World Ranking – stage races is a 52-week rolling ranking ~~and shall~~
bis ter that is ~~be drawn up at least~~ updated once a week.

If necessary, the ranking for the preceding weeks shall be corrected. The new ranking comes into force on ~~the its~~ day of publication and ~~stands remains valid~~ until the publication of the subsequent ranking.

Riders score points on the individual ranking in accordance with the scale in article 2.10.008 only taking into account stage races.

Points awarded for stages are included in the ranking drawn up following the final day of a stage race.

(article introduced on 1.01.19; numbering modified on 23.10.19; 11.02.20).

§ 4 UCI Women's WorldTour rankings

Team classification

- 2.10.035 The team classification shall ~~only~~ include UCI Women's WorldTeams as well as UCI Women's Continental Teams.

The team classification is obtained by adding the individual classification points scored by all the riders of the team in the UCI Women's WorldTour individual ranking.

Special provision for riders being transferred ~~during the season~~

Points obtained from the start of the season (or date of start of the contract if this commenced after the start of the season) until the date of the transfer, ~~by a rider transferred during the season~~, are added to the points of the former team. ~~if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the 4 best placed riders of the former team in the individual ranking~~; Points obtained from the date of the transfer until the last day of the season (or date of a new transfer) are added to the points of the new team ~~if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the 4 best placed riders of the new team in the individual ranking~~.

Special provision for riders ending a contract

Points obtained by a rider from the start of the season (or date of start of contract if the this commenced after the start of the season) until the date of the end of the contract are still added to the points of the former team.

Special provision concerning trainees:

During his training period, regarding rankings, a trainee is still considered as a member of his usual team. Points potentially obtained by the trainee during the training period, shall in no instance be added to the points of the host team.

(article introduced on 1.01.06; modified on 1.01.17; 25.10.17; 11.02.20).

§ 5 ~~UCI Classics Series Ranking~~

(paragraph introduced on 23.10.19; abrogated on 11.02.20).

- 2.10.037 ~~An individual ranking shall be established for the UCI Classics Series of which the UCI shall be the exclusive owner.~~

~~Updates~~

- 2.10.038 ~~The ranking shall be updated after the UCI has received the results of each event in the UCI Classics Series.~~

~~The winner of the season shall be determined by the ranking drawn up after the last UCI Classics Series event of the season as defined by article 2.1.001.~~

- 2.10.039 ~~The individual ranking shall incorporate men elite and under-23 riders.~~

~~Calculation of the ranking~~

- 2.10.040 ~~The ranking shall be drawn up by taking into account the points acquired by riders between the opening day of the season in progress and the date of publication of the ranking. The ranking is reset to zero at the start of the season.~~

~~A new ranking enters into effect on the day of its publication and remains valid until the publication of the subsequent ranking.~~

~~Riders only earn points in UCI Classics Series events~~

Separating tied riders

2.10.041 ~~Riders who are tied in the ranking shall be separated by taking into account the greatest number of first places in the results of events counting towards the ranking. If riders are still tied, they are separated by the greatest number of second places, then third places, etc., only taking into account places that award points for the ranking in question.~~

~~If riders are still tied, they shall be separated by taking into account the placing achieved at the most recent event counting towards the ranking.~~

2.10.042 ~~The UCI Management Committee may draw up criteria in order to award prizes to the riders in accordance with their ranking.~~

Chapter XII RACE INCIDENTS AND SPECIFIC INFRINGEMENTS BY ORGANISERS

§ 2 Specific infringements by organisers of road events

2.12.011 The table set out in article 2.12.012 applies to all international road events. For national calendar events, National Federations may set fines at an amount equal to or lower than that established for class 2 events.

The following weightings apply to the amounts of the fines set out in the table of sanctions in article 2.12.012:

	Group 1 Federation	Group 2 Federation	Group 3 Federation	Group 4 Federation
UCI WorldTour UCI Women's WorldTour	100%	100%	100%	100%
UCI ProSeries	50% 80%	50% 80%	50% 80%	50% 80%
Men Elite - Class 1	40% 70%	30% 56%	20% 28%	14%
Women Elite - Class 1 Men Elite - Class 2 Men Under-23 - Nations' Cup & Class 2 Men Junior - Nations' Cup	30% 60%	20% 48%	15% 24%	12%
Women Elite - Class 2 Men Junior - Class 1 Women Junior - Nations' Cup & Class 1 Other events	20% 50%	15% 40%	10% 20%	10%

(text modified on 23.10.19; 11.02.20).

Chapter XIII UCI WOMEN'S WORLDTOUR

§ 1 UCI Women's WorldTour

Participation

2.13.006 For the ~~2019~~, 2020 and 2021 seasons, the organiser of a UCI Women's WorldTour event must invite 15 teams, as described below. From the 2022 season onward, all UCI Women's WorldTeams must be invited by the organiser.

~~For the 2019 season, the first 15 UCI Women's Continental Teams in the first rolling UCI Women World Ranking by Team (as defined in Article 2.10.045) – calculated on the second Sunday of January – must be invited by the organiser.~~

For the 2020 and 2021 seasons, ~~the~~ all UCI Women's WorldTeams must be invited by the organiser. A number of UCI Women's Continental Teams corresponding to the remaining number of required invitations, based on the UCI Women World Ranking by Team – calculated on the second Sunday of January – must also be invited by the organiser.

The organiser must accept entries from ~~the~~ above-mentioned teams ~~who~~ that have responded positively to an invitation.

(text modified on 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.1.06; 1.01.07; 1.01.09; 1.07.10; 1.07.11; 1.07.12; 1.01.16; 1.01.18; 1.01.19; 11.02.20).

2.13.168 In addition, in the period between 1st August* and 31st December, each UCI Women's WorldTeam may register two trainees, who may be of elite, under 23 or junior category (second year only), on the following conditions:

1. in the case of an elite or under-23 rider, they shall not previously have belonged to any UCI Women's WorldTeam ~~or UCI women's continental team~~;
2. the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall notify the UCI of the rider's identity before 1st August;
3. the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall obtain the authorisation of the National Federation of the rider's nationality and, if applicable, the authorisation of the National Federation of the team with which the rider is registered;
4. the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall obtain the authorisation of the parents or legal representative if the rider is a minor;
5. a rider may join only one UCI Women's WorldTeam during this period;
6. the rider may not take part in UCI Women's WorldTour events;
7. the rider in question may continue to take part in events with their club team or National Federation and, if appropriate, their UCI women's continental team;
8. the rider will be paid on the basis of a flat-rate payment for each race day or day of participation in an event with the UCI Women's WorldTeam. The amount of the flat-rate payment will correspond to at least 50% of the amount of the minimum salary (calculated on a daily pro-rata of the minimum salary of article 2.13.177). The payment will be made to the team which will pay the rider, after deducting sums for which they are contractually responsible towards the rider.

** 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 event.*

In all other respects, the relationship between the rider and the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall be mutually agreed between the parties.

(text modified on 11.02.20).

Chapter XV UCI WORLDTOUR

§ 2 UCI WorldTour Licence

2.15.011 [article abrogated on 11.02.20].

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~~For the UCI WorldTour licences issued for the period 2020-2022, the team(s) ranked 19th and/or 20th of the ranking referred to in article 2.15.011a shall also be considered to satisfy the sporting criterion in case such team(s) was/were registered as UCI WorldTeam(s) in 2019.~~

~~For the sake of clarity, UCI WorldTeams and other applicant teams which do not satisfy the applicable criteria laid down in articles 2.15.011c to 2.15.011f shall not be taken into consideration for assessment of the present article.~~

~~(text modified on 1.07.13; 27.03.14; 1.07.14; 1.01.15; 12.01.17; 1.07.17; 5.02.19).~~

§ 4 UCI WorldTour calendar

2.15.142 The UCI WorldTour calendar shall be made up of a certain number of events known as UCI WorldTour events.

The events of the UCI WorldTour are grouped as follows:

- Grand Tours;
- Stage races;
- One-day races, ~~gathered into the "UCI Classics Series".~~

~~The UCI is the exclusive owner of the "UCI Classics Series" formula and brand without prejudice to the organisers' exclusive ownership rights.~~

~~Unless otherwise stated, provisions in the UCI regulations applying to the UCI WorldTour will also apply to UCI Classics Series in full.~~

~~(article introduced on 12.01.17; text modified on 23.10.19; 11.02.20).~~

2.15.192 [article abrogated on 11.02.20].

~~Events registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar for the first time in 2017 and thereafter shall ensure the participation of a minimum of 10 UCI WorldTeams in their events.~~

~~In case of failure by one of these events to ensure the participation of 10 UCI WorldTeams during two consecutive editions, the registration of the said event shall be withdrawn from the UCI WorldTour calendar.~~

~~(article introduced on 12.01.17).~~

2.15.193 ~~As from the 2020 season, A~~ 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. ~~This obligation only applies for the season following such loss of status.~~ 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; text modified on 1.07.17; 1.01.20; 11.02.20).

Annex B Protocol for discussions regarding extreme weather ~~protocol~~ and the riders' safety during events

Background

A working group made up of representatives from the UCI (~~commissaires in particular~~), riders (CPA), teams (AIGCP) and organisers (AIOCC) agreed ~~the principles of~~ an action plan in the event of extreme weather conditions ~~or concerns or an incident relating to riders' safety during events.~~

The group considered the health and safety of the riders to be the absolute priority.

~~The Extreme Weather Protocol~~ This document forms an integral part of the UCI Regulations and ~~is shall be~~ applied in accordance with article 2.2.029 bis.

Convening a meeting

~~The~~ ~~This~~ meeting is convened at the request of any of the appointed representatives (see the section on "Appointment of representatives" below) ~~or by the UCI through the President of the Commissaires' Panel.~~

Meeting

The meeting shall be held in a suitable environment and in a formal manner. Participants shall take part in a constructive spirit and shall listen to the views of others while employing common sense, taking into account the interests of all stakeholders and ~~preserving endeavouring to preserve~~ the good image of the sport of cycling.

A concise summary of the meeting shall be drawn up by the President of the Commissaires' Panel and sent to the UCI along with the race report.

Problems

The protocol involves the compulsory convening of a meeting of stakeholders (see the section on “Appointment of representatives” below) (~~organisation, including Race Doctor and Head of Safety; riders; teams; President of the Commissaires’ Panel~~) when:

- extreme weather conditions are anticipated prior to the start of a stage or race. The extreme weather conditions that could lead to such a meeting include:
 1. Freezing rain,
 2. Accumulation of snow on the road,
 3. Strong wind,
 4. Extreme temperatures,
 5. Poor visibility,
 6. Air pollution.

- an issue regarding the course or the organisation of the event or stage represents a risk to the riders’ safety. The following issues may lead to the convening of a meeting:
 1. Failings relating to the safety of the course (surfaces, obstacles, protective measures and barriers, signage, lighting, descents, narrow roads, bridges, etc.),
 2. The intrusion of vehicles or individuals onto the course,
 3. Specific failings in the final kilometres of an event (road width, protective measures and barriers, final bends, positioning of photographers, etc.),
 4. Failure to control spectators (behaviour, crowd management, smoke bombs, etc.),
 5. Failings relating to the movement of vehicles in the race convoy.

Decisions

Depending on the ~~problems weather conditions~~ encountered, and after discussions by the stakeholders, the following actions may be ~~taken~~ decided for the forthcoming event or stages:

1. No action,
2. Change of the ~~start~~ location or time of the start or finish,
3. Change of the course or neutralisation of part of the course,
4. Reinforcing safety arrangements for the course and organisation,
5. Any other corrective measure or action adopted by the stakeholders in compliance with the UCI Regulations,
6. Cancellation of the stage/race.

If stakeholders cannot reach a consensus by the end of the meeting, the organiser, in agreement with the President of the Commissaires’ Panel, shall decide the actions to be taken.

As far as possible and subject to the legislation applicable in the country in which the event is being held, decisions shall be taken or confirmed by the morning of the race (or relevant stage) and in all cases before the start.

Appointment of representatives

The meeting of stakeholders shall have the following participants:

- President of the Commissaires’ Panel,
- Organiser’s representatives:
 - Race Director or representative appointed by the Race Director;
 - Race Doctor;

- Head of Safety;
- Teams' representative appointed by the AIGCP from the Sport Directors involved in the event ⁽¹⁾;
- Riders' representative appointed by the CPA ⁽²⁾.
- **UCI representative if attending the event.**

(1) The teams' representative appointed by the AIGCP will make himself or herself known to the President of the Commissaires' Panel of the event, at the latest by the start of the Sport Directors' meeting. If a teams' representative is not appointed by the AIGCP, this representative will be appointed during the Sport Directors meeting.

(2) The riders' representative appointed by the CPA will make himself or herself known to the President of the Commissaires' Panel of the event, at the latest by the start of the Sport Directors' meeting. If a riders' representative is not appointed by the CPA, this representative will be appointed by the President of the Commissaires' Panel (with the agreement of the rider concerned).

~~Representatives will be appointed for every event to which the protocol applies. The protocol establishes that a meeting can be convened by the issue of a request to the President of the Commissaires' Panel by any of the appointed representatives. To this end, both Riders' and teams' representatives must be present throughout the event in order to be able to attend the meeting in person.~~

Representatives shall act in the collective interest of the parties that they represent; before adopting a position, representatives shall consult a sufficient number of the parties who they represent and who may have contrary opinions or interests. They shall present recommendations, opinions and proposals based on their experience.

Responsibilities

The procedures provided for herein are without prejudice to the responsibility of the organiser ~~established in as per~~ articles 1.2.032 and 1.2.035 **of the UCI Regulations.**

(text modified on 3.06.16; 1.01.18; 11.02.20).