

PART II – ROAD RACES

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PREAMBLE

In addition to the present part which applies to road races, licence-holders must also respect and comply with the specifications, financial obligations, guides and guidelines published by the UCI and in particular, but not limited to, the following publications:

- UCI International Calendar registration procedure;
- Registration guide for UCI Teams;
- Specifications for UCI WorldTour, UCI Women's WorldTour and Men Elite UCI ProSeries organisers;
- Organisational specifications for UCI WorldTeams and UCI Women's WorldTeams;
- Joint agreements on the working conditions of UCI WorldTeams and UCI ProTeams riders;
- UCI financial obligations and International Control Agency (ITA) financial obligations;
- Organiser's guide to road events;
- Guidelines for vehicle circulation in the race convoy;
- TV production guide, timekeeping guide for provider, regulator's guide to road events;
- Visual guidelines for UCI teams and organisers of international events and Use of the rainbow stripes, the UCI marks and the UCI event marks;
- Users guide of the centralised prize money management system;
- Training guides for Commissaires.

All the above-mentioned documents are published on the UCI website in the regulations or publications pages.

(text introduced on 8.02.21).

Chapter I CALENDAR AND PARTICIPATION

2.1.007 bis Obligatory invitations to events on the international calendar

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) ⁽¹⁾, according to the followings:

Number of UCI WorldTeams	UCI ProTeam invited according to art. 2.15.193 ⁽⁴⁾	Obligatory Invitation of best UCI ProTeams ⁽²⁾	Remaining wild cards for Organisers	
			Grands Tours ⁽³⁾	Autres épreuves par étapes
20	0	4	4	4
	4	0	4	3
19	0	1	2	5
	4	4	4	4
18	0	2	2	5
	4	4	2	5
17		3	2	5
16		3	3	6

⁽¹⁾ For the purpose of this article, teams registered as UCI ProTeam or UCI WorldTeam during the previous season are taken into consideration. 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.

⁽²⁾ Invitations declined by invited UCI ProTeams may be used by the organiser as additional wild cards.

⁽³⁾ 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 International Testing Agency (ITA) financial obligations document available on the UCI website.

Provisions for 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) ⁽¹⁾, according to the followings:

Number of UCI WorldTeams	UCI ProTeam invited according to art. 2.15.193 ⁽⁴⁾	Obligatory Invitation of best UCI ProTeams ⁽²⁾	Remaining wild cards for Organisers	
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	4	2	4	4
17		4	4	4

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(2) 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

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.

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

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 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; 12.06.20; 8.02.21).

Chapter II GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 2 Organisation

Race programme - technical guide

2.2.012 (N) The programme - technical guide shall cover all details of organisation, and at minimum:

- the specific regulations for the event which, depending on the type of race, shall include the following:
 - mention of the fact that the race will be run under UCI regulations;
 - a statement that only the UCI scale of penalties will apply;
 - where applicable, the local anti-doping legislation which will be applicable in addition to the UCI's anti-doping regulations;
 - the class of event and the UCI points scale applicable;
 - the categories of riders;
 - the number of riders per team (maximum and minimum);
 - the opening hours of the race headquarters;
 - the venue and time for the confirmation of starters and the distribution of identification numbers;
 - the venue and time of the sports directors' meeting;
 - the exact location of race headquarters, the testing station for anti-doping tests;
 - the frequency used for radio-tour;
 - secondary classifications including all the information required (points, tie-break procedures, etc.);

- the prizes awarded for all classifications;
- any applicable time bonuses;
- the finishing time limits;
- stages with summit finishes for the purposes of article 2.6.027;
- awards ceremony procedures;
- the procedures for applying the times recorded during team time trial stages to individual classifications;
- the presence of the neutral support service via motorcycle, if any;
- feeding points, if any, during time trial events or stages and the relevant procedures;
- the criteria used to determine the starting order of a time trial event or prologue; the criteria shall determine the order of teams; each team shall determine the starting order of its riders.
- a description of the course or the stages with profile (profile if necessary), distances, feeding points and, where applicable, circuits;
- obstacles on the course (tunnels, level crossings, **danger specific** points, etc.) ;
- a detailed route and the schedule anticipated;
- intermediate sprints, mountain primes and special primes;
- the plan and the profile (profile if necessary) of the final three kilometres;
- exact start and finish points;
- the list of hospitals contacted by the organiser in order to receive any injured;
- the composition of the commissaires' panel;
- ~~for UCI WorldTour events, the technical delegate's contact details;~~
- the name, address and telephone number of the event director, **event safety manager** and the names of **other** officials;
- **the event's safety organisation chart, providing details of the identity, functions and contact details of those in charge of the various sectors;**
- in races with time trial stages: whether the use of a specific time trial bicycle is prohibited for time trial stages.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.07; 1.01.09; 1.01.15; 8.02.21).

Security

2.2.015 Event safety manager

The organiser shall appoint an event safety manager as part of its organisation staff, whose role is defined in the organisers' guide to road events as published by the UCI.

The event safety manager will assess the risks of the event and oversee the observance of the safety regulations set out by both the national authorities and the sporting authorities (UCI, National Federation, etc.).

The organiser shall ensure that the event safety manager has a good knowledge of the organisation and safety procedures of cycling events. The organiser shall also make sure that the event safety manager has the relevant regulatory training that could be requested to carry out his or her duties.

The course

In general, the course of a road race is defined 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.

For stage races, the organiser will systematically indicate in the daily communiqué of the organisation any important information concerning the safety of the next day's stage, for the benefit of the teams, riders and followers.

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 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, **in which the event safety manager (or another person designated by the latter) shall travel**, 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 operated by a petrol generator;
- Petrol must be available in the immediate vicinity of the structure;
- 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; 8.02.21).

Evaluation of event route

2.2.016 The UCI may use the services of independent experts to evaluate the safety and compliance of the route. The UCI collects essential information from the organisers for this purpose and/or mandates an independent expert to collect the essential information directly from the organisers. The information collected may include videos of the route, the route layout in GPX format and any other information as deemed relevant by the UCI. The result of the evaluation of the event route by the UCI or the appointed independent expert may be communicated by the UCI to the organiser so that the latter can implement any corrective actions required.

(text introduced on 8.02.21).

§ 3 Race procedure

Race incidents

2.2.029 In case of an exceptional accident or incident that could impinge upon the normal conduct of a race in general or a particular stage thereof, the race director may, after obtaining the agreement of the commissaires' panel and having informed the timekeepers, at any moment, decide:

- to modify the course;
- to temporarily neutralise the race or stage;
- to stop a race or a stage and restart the race or stage;
- **to definitively stop the race or stage;**
- to cancel a race or a stage

The president of the commissaires' panel, after consulting the organiser, may take the following sporting decisions:

- cancel or let the results stand in case the race is temporarily neutralised or stopped, taking account of the gaps recorded at the moment of the incident;
- cancel or let the results stand of an intermediate sprint, mountain sprint or any classifications;
- declare a stage or a race null and void,

If necessary, the commissaires' panel may consult the technical delegate appointed to UCI WorldTour events by the UCI to reach a decision.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.01.18; 8.02.21).

Race security briefing

- 2.2.034 bis** (N) At all events registered on the UCI International calendar, the organiser shall provide for the organisation of a briefing to be attended by all persons who will be driving a car or a motorcycle in the race convoy, a representative of the television production, a representative of the police, and the commissaires' panel. The organiser shall ensure the availability of a suitable meeting room equipped with a screen for the broadcasting of a video presentation.

The briefing shall be conducted by the president of the commissaires' panel based on the training material drawn up by the UCI and adapted by the president of the commissaires' panel according to the event in question. The organiser (**represented by the event director and/or the event safety manager**), in conjunction with the president of the commissaires' panel, shall also provide the relevant technical elements specific to his event relating with the circulation of vehicles in the race convoy.

(text modified on 1.01.06; 1.01.07; 1.01.15; 1.01.19; 1.01.21; 8.02.21).

§ 6 Guides, Guidelines and Terms of reference for organisers

- 2.2.089** The organisers must respect the provisions **of the organisers' guide to road events as well as the guides and guidelines relating to the organisation of events published by the UCI. The organiser must also respect the provisions** of Annex A of the present Part of the UCI Regulations relating to minimum criteria for international road events.

In addition ~~to the regulations~~, the organisers of men's events of the UCI WorldTour and UCI ProSeries as well as women events of the UCI Women's WorldTour must also respect the provisions of the terms of reference applicable to the respective series and published by the UCI.

(article introduced on 1.01.15; modified 1.01.17; 23.10.19; 8.02.21).

§ 7 Technical ~~adviser~~ delegate

- 2.2.090** The technical ~~adviser~~ delegate evaluates the conformity of the organisation of ~~UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour~~ events to which he/she has been appointed by the UCI with the regulations, ~~and~~ the specifications for organisers ~~and the various relevant guides and directives published by the UCI.~~

The technical ~~adviser~~ delegate may attend events in order to carry out this task **in accordance with article 1.2.023**. In this case, the organiser shall provide the technical ~~adviser~~ delegate or any other individual appointed by the UCI with a pass allowing free access to the event as well as an accreditation plate for the technical delegate's vehicle, granting entry to reserved parking at the race start and finish as well as permission to drive on the event route.

(article introduced on 1.01.15; text modified on 23.10.19; 8.02.21).

2.2.091 ~~For the UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour,~~ The technical adviser delegate draws up a detailed evaluation report of the event and sends it to taking into account the terms of reference for organisers, using an evaluation grid provided for this purpose by the UCI administration. The organiser receives a copy of this report.

(article introduced on 1.01.15; text modified on 23.10.19; 8.02.21).

2.2.092 ~~For UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour events,~~ The technical adviser delegate may also conduct a prior inspection of the event route, paying particular attention to safety issues, the danger points indicated by the organiser and arrangements relating to the specifications for organisers and other relevant UCI publications.

If such an inspection is to be conducted, the technical adviser delegate contacts the organiser and draws up a report for the attention of the UCI administration which then takes appropriate decisions as necessary.

(text introduced on 1.01.15; text modified on 23.10.19; 8.02.21).

Chapter III ONE-DAY RACES

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. ~~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. 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; 8.02.21).

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~~ are allowed to supply riders with bidons only or musettes. ~~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 metre 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; 8.02.21).

- 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 metres before a sprint counting for a secondary classification (points classification, king of mountain classification or others), bonus sprint, feeding zone;
 - in the first 50 metres 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 urban areas and** any other area specified by the organiser or the commissaires panel.

The commissaires panel may adapt 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; 1.09.13; 1.01.19; 1.01.20; 8.02.21).

§ 2 Specific infringements by organisers of road events

General provisions

- 2.12.008** The infringements described are sanctioned by the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with article 12.4.013 on the basis of the table of sanctions defined in article 2.12.012.

2.12.012 Table of sanctions relating to the organisation of events

	Applicab
1 Administrative management of the event and financial obligations	
1.1 Infringements or non-compliance with administrative provisions and in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - failure to respect administrative deadlines and the calendar registration procedure; - failure to respect the event date approved by the UCI; - event format or name does not comply with regulations, event is part of a classification or cup that is not authorised by the UCI; - refusal by the organiser to issue accreditation to an entitled party; - Late, partial, knowingly irrelevant or refusal by the organiser to submit any documents or information that would allow evaluation of the event route or checks of the observance of the regulations, contracts, specifications or legislation. 	Fine of C

(text modified on 8.02.21).

Chapter XV UCI WORLDTOUR

§ 2 UCI WorldTour Licence

Application for a licence

- 2.15.009** All teams wishing to apply for a UCI WorldTour licence shall declare their intention to the UCI at the latest on 1 January of the year during which the award shall be made (in principle, the year before the validity of the licence). ~~For UCI WorldTour licences for the period 2020-2022, such declaration shall be submitted at the latest on 1 April 2019.~~ The UCI reserves its right not to take into consideration applications for which such declaration was not submitted within the applicable deadline.

The maximum number of UCI WorldTour licences that may be issued is 18.

For the period 2020-2022, up to two additional UCI WorldTour licences may be issued in the event existing UCI WorldTeams fulfil the sporting criterion via article 2.15.011b, without prejudice to other applicable conditions.

~~If less than 18 teams are registered as UCI WorldTeams (following procedures for the award of licenses or annual registration), the Professional Cycling Council decides if and when the available licences can be allocated. Any such allocation shall, in principle, not take place, before the end of the following season.~~

(text modified on 12.01.17; 5.02.19; 8.02.21).

- 2.15.011** The licence commission awards licences on the basis of the following criteria:
- ethical;
 - financial;
 - administrative;
 - organisational.

If the number of candidate teams (UCI WorldTeams and UCI ProTeams) that meet the criteria set out above is greater than the number of licences available, ~~the licence commission will decide between them the applicants will be subject to the application of the sporting criterion~~ in accordance with articles 2.15.011a ~~and 2.15.011b~~.

In order to obtain a UCI WorldTour licence, applicants must fulfil each of the applicable criteria.

(text modified on 12.01.17; 5.02.19; 8.02.21).

Criteria

- 2.15.011**
a The sporting criterion is evaluated with regard to ~~the position of the UCI WorldTeam or applicant team on~~ the UCI world ranking for men UCI teams – 3 years, as defined in article 2.10.044.

~~The UCI WorldTeams and applicant teams ranked within the top 18 teams of the above-mentioned ranking shall be considered to satisfy the sporting criterion. 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.~~

~~The 18 top-ranked teams in the above-mentioned ranking, among the teams having applied for a UCI WorldTour licence in accordance with articles 2.15.009 and 2.15.010~~

and having met the criteria defined in articles 2.15.011c to 2.15.011f, are deemed to meet the sporting criterion

(text modified on 1.07.11; 1.07.12; 27.03.14; 24.09.14; 1.01.15; 12.01.17; 1.07.17; 5.02.19; 23.10.19; 8.02.21).

§ 3 UCI WorldTeams

Participation in UCI WorldTour events

2.15.128 In the event of unjustified absence, withdrawal or giving up, the UCI WorldTeam shall be liable to:

- a fine of between CHF 10,000 and ~~20,000~~ CHF 40,000. For stage races, this fine shall be multiplied by the number of days of racing ~~remaining on the day of absence, withdrawal or giving up~~ in which the UCI WorldTeam fails to take part; and
- a deduction of UCI points on the UCI World Ranking by teams corresponding to the number of points granted for the winner of the UCI WorldTour event according to article 2.10.008.

In addition, the team shall be liable to pay the organiser of the UCI WorldTour event an indemnity equal to the double of the regulatory participation allowance, to which shall be added any additional benefit (in cash or in kind) agreed in writing between the team and the organiser. In the case of services in kind, their counter-value will be defined in consideration of the amount that would effectively have been paid by the organiser.

The UCI may decide not to ~~refer a~~ open a disciplinary action in case of absence, withdrawal or giving up of a UCI WorldTeam ~~to the Disciplinary Commission~~, in case the two cumulative conditions below are fulfilled:

- The UCI WorldTeam beforehand submitted to the UCI a formal motivated request for absence, withdrawal or giving up following an abnormal situation pertaining to doping;
- The organiser of the UCI WorldTour event ~~has~~ agreed in writing to the absence, withdrawal or giving up of the UCI WorldTeam.

In case of any further offence committed during the period of validity of the licence, the deduction of UCI points indicated above shall be doubled.

On the third offence committed during the period of validity of the licence, the UCI WorldTeam will further receive a month's suspension; on the fourth offence, the suspension will be for three months.

On the fifth offence committed during the period of validity of the licence, the licence shall be automatically revoked.

Events that were not registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar in 2016 shall be taken into consideration for application of article 2.15.128 above, subject to the UCI WorldTeam having accepted the UCI WorldTour event's invitation to participate, in accordance with article 2.15.190.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 8.11.16; 12.01.17; 1.01.17; 25.10.17; 8.02.21).

§ 4 UCI WorldTour Calendar

Participation of UCI WorldTeams

2.15.193 [article abrogated on 8.02.21].

~~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 International Testing Agency (ITA) financial obligations document available on the UCI website.~~

~~(article introduced on 12.01.17; modified on 1.07.17; 1.01.20; 11.02.20).~~

Chapter XVI UCI PROTEAMS

2.16.016 On 1st November, the UCI administration will issue its assessment of the UCI ProTeams and applicants for that status.

~~The files of all UCI ProTeams which are considered to have satisfied the sporting criterion according to articles 2.15.011a and 2.15.011b shall be transferred to the licence commission in order to commence a procedure to grant a UCI WorldTour licence, following article 2.15.009 ff.~~

UCI ProTeams which are considered not to have satisfied the sporting criterion according to articles 2.15.011a and 2.15.011b, but whose documentation is found to be in order by the UCI administration on 1st November of the registration year at the latest, shall be registered directly as UCI ProTeams for the following registration year.

If the UCI administration decides that it is unable to register the team, it will notify the applicant.

Unless the team withdraws its application, the UCI administration will refer the case to the licence commission.

~~(text modified on 1.06.06; 26.06.07; 1.07.10; 1.06.14 ; 8.02.21).~~