

PART 5 CYCLO-CROSS

Rules amendments applying on **10.06.2021**

Chapter I CYCLO-CROSS EVENTS

Participation

5.1.001 (...)

Masters

Any rider **aged 35 and over who hold a Masters licence** may ride in the UCI masters cyclo-cross world championships, with the exception of:

- 1 any rider who has ridden in the UCI cyclo-cross world championships, continental championships or UCI cyclo-cross world cup during the current year;
- 2 any rider who has been a member, during the current cyclo-cross season, of a team registered with the UCI;
- 3 any rider classified with at least 100 points in the UCI individual cyclo-cross ranking published after the first UCI cyclo-cross world cup event of the current cyclo-cross season.

(...)

*(article modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.04; 1.09.06; 1.09.08; 16.06.14; 1.07.15; 7.06.16; 28.01.17; 26.06.18; 21.06.19; 12.06.20; **10.06.21**).*

Start section

5.1.020 The start section must be on firm ground, and preferably on surfaced road. It must have a length of at least 150 meters and a width of at least 6 meters. It must be as straight as possible and not include any descent. The first narrowing or obstacle after the start section may not be abrupt, it must be such as to allow all the riders to pass easily. The angle of the first corner must be greater than 90 degrees. U-turns are not allowed.

If the start section uses the finish section or if barriers are used in the start section, then the barriers must be continuous and be firmly attached to each other. No gaps are allowed. A gate system for spectators' and officials crossing can be installed but only after the finish line. The use of lightweight barriers (e.g. plastic) for the start section is prohibited. The barriers must be weighted down so that they do not move in strong winds or when subject to pressure by spectators or other forces.

*(article modified on 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.09.06; 1.09.08; 16.06.14; 7.06.16; **10.06.21**).*

Pit areas

5.1.034 In double pit areas provision must be made for a water supply for cleaning of equipment. For single pit areas, the water supply must be in the immediate proximity such that mechanics do not have to cross the course to access it.

If a water tank or connections for high pressure cleaning apparatus are provided, they must be made freely available.

At UCI cyclo-cross world championships, UCI cyclo-cross world cup **and continental championships** events the organiser must provide **ten eight** high-pressure cleaners in the pit area. Personal high pressure cleaners are forbidden in the pit area during the UCI cyclo-cross world championships, the UCI cyclo-cross world cup and the continental cyclo-cross championships.

(article modified on 1.09.98; 1.09.04; 28.06.17, 10.06.21).

Starting-procedure-order

5.1.042 The riders shall assemble in the call-up zone defined in article 5.1.019 at least 10 minutes before the start.

Riders must wait for the start with at least one foot on the ground or be penalised by being sent back to the last place in their start lane.

The start is given by the president of the commissaires' panel with a whistle, a sound or a light system. In case of a sound or light system, the start must be triggered by the president of the commissaires panel himself, no technical intermediate is allowed.

The last seconds before the start are not accompanied with any progressive sound or respectively any progressive light sequence. For example:

- in case of a sound system, the sound turns from silent to the start sound, there is no beep or no other sound indicating that the start is coming in few seconds;
- in case of a light system, the light turns from red to green, or from off to on but without any progression indicating that the start is coming in few seconds.

(article modified on 1.10.02; 1.09.08; 10.06.21).

Start order

5.1.043 (...) *no change in the text, only the subtitle*

False start

5.1.047 ~~Riders who cause a false start shall be pulled out of the race.~~

In case of a false start, a new call up procedure and gridding will be done.

~~Riders who cause a false start shall be sent back to the last place in the start order of the new call-up.~~

(article modified on 1.09.06; 10.06.21).

Duration of events

5.1.048 The duration of events must be as close as possible to:

- 40 minutes for men junior races,
- 40 minutes for women junior races,
- 45 minutes for the races where women elite and women junior race together, ~~(40 min, 50 max formerly)~~
- 45 ~~40~~ minutes for the women under 23 races,
- 50 minutes for men under 23 races,
- 50 minutes for women elite races without women junior, ~~(same as formerly but with a different wording)~~
- 60 minutes for the men elite races.

The number of laps will be calculated and announced at the end of the second lap.

(article modified on 1.09.01; 1.09.06; 16.06.14; 1.07.15; 7.06.16; 28.06.17; 21.06.19; 12.06.20; 10.06.21).

Chapter III UCI CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CUP

Participation

5.3.006 In UCI cyclo-cross world cup events for men elite and women elite, riders ranked in the top 50 of the last UCI cyclo-cross ranking published when the registration process starts are pre-qualified. Federations entering less than 8 pre-qualified riders can expand their selection to a total of 8 entries.

Pre-qualified riders are eligible for selection at the discretion of the federation of their nationality, with a maximum of 12 riders per nation and in respect of the 6 following cases:

A federation having 6 prequalified riders will select its 6 best ranked riders and 2 riders of its choice,
A federation having 7 prequalified riders will select its 7 best ranked riders and 1 riders of its choice,
A federation having 8 prequalified riders will select its 8 best ranked riders and 1 rider of its choice,
A federation having 9 prequalified riders will select its 8 best ranked riders and 2 riders of its choice,
A federation having 10 prequalified riders will select its 8 best ranked riders and 3 riders of its choice,
A federation having 11 or more prequalified riders will select its 8 best ranked riders and 4 riders of its choice.

For the women elite race, each national federation entering 8 or more riders, may in addition enter 2 women under 23 riders.

For the men elite race and when a separate men under 23 race counting for the UCI cyclo-cross world cup overall standings is not organised, each national federation entering 8 or more riders, may in addition enter 2 men under 23 riders.

No points for the UCI cyclo-cross world cup for men under 23 are awarded for results in men elite events.
~~No points for the UCI cyclo-cross world cup for women junior are awarded for results in women elite events.~~

In UCI cyclo-cross world cup events for men under 23, women junior and men junior, each federation may enter 6 riders. The federations concerned may additionally enter the reigning world champions and (except for the first UCI cyclo-cross world cup event of the season) the leaders of the last UCI cyclo-cross world cup ranking published before the closing date for entries.

For all categories of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup, the national federation of the organising country may register additionally a team of 4 riders, with a maximum of 12 riders in case of nations presenting more than 6 prequalified riders.

A table listing the opening and closing dates for entries will be published on the UCI website.

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Chapter V UCI CYCLO-CROSS TEAMS

5.5.017 UCI cyclo-cross teams and UCI cyclo-cross professional teams registered with the UCI receive a series of benefits which include, but are not limited to:

- a. advertising on leader's jersey of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup as per article 5.3.023;
- b. name of the team on the entry / start lists and results / rankings edited during a UCI cyclo-cross world cup;

- c. 2 accreditations for the team managers zone in the pit area and 2 parking passes per UCI cyclo-cross team during UCI cyclo-cross world championships and UCI cyclo-cross world cup; **UCI cyclo-cross professional teams are entitled to 2 additional accreditations during UCI cyclo-cross world championships and UCI cyclo-cross world cup events;**
- d. mailing list providing a direct information from UCI;
- e. publication of the team's name, composition, geographical and digital addresses on the UCI website;
- f. publication of the UCI cyclo-cross team ranking based on the weekly UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking as per article 5.2.014.

(article modified on 12.06.20; 10.06.21).

Chapter VI RACE INCIDENTS

(chapter introduced on 10.06.21)

- 5.6.001.** The infringement related to race incidents concerning riders, teams and other licence holders observed in the context of cyclo-cross events are sanctioned as set out in the table of race incidents defined in article 5.6.005, in accordance with article 12.4.001.
- 5.6.002.** The provisions of Part 12 of the UCI Regulations apply to infringements committed in the context of cyclo-cross events.
- 5.6.003.** Should a licence-holder behaves in such a way as to constitute a specific infringement within the meaning of article 12.4.002 and following, he or she may be referred to the Disciplinary Commission, whether or not the act in question has already been sanctioned by the Commissaires' Panel in accordance with the table of race incidents.
- 5.6.004. Table of race incidents in accordance with article 12.4.001**

Cyclo-cross	Elite world championships, world cup, class 1, continental championships	Other events
1. Bicycle		
1.1. Appearance at the start of a race with a bicycle that does not comply with the regulations	Start refused	Start refused
1.2. Use of a bicycle that does not comply with the regulations in a race	Disqualification (DSQ)	Disqualification (DSQ)
1.3. Use or presence of a bicycle that does not comply with article 1.3.010 (cf. art. 12.4.003)	Disqualification (DSQ)	Disqualification (DSQ)
2. Clothing, helmet and accessories		
2.1 Presentation at the start with non-compliant clothing (art. 1.3.033)	Start refused	Start refused

2.2 Use of non-compliant clothing during an event (art. 1.3.033)	Disqualification (DSQ)	Disqualification (DSQ)
2.3 Rider at the start without mandatory helmet	Start refused	Start refused
2.4 Rider taking off mandatory helmet during the race	Disqualification (DSQ)	Disqualification (DSQ)
2.5 Use of forbidden onboard technology device	Rider: disqualification (DSQ) Other team member: exclusion	Rider: disqualification (DSQ) Other team member: exclusion
3. Body number, shoulder number, bicycle number or frame number modified or not positioned in accordance with the regulations	Rider: 50 fine	Rider: 30 fine
4. Rider failing to respect the starting order established in article 5.1.043	100	100
5. Irregular change of equipment	Disqualification (DSQ)	Disqualification (DSQ)
6. Passing through the pit area without changing equipment	Disqualification (DSQ)	Disqualification (DSQ)
7. Rider continuing in the race after having been lapped, in contravention of article 5.1.051	100	100
8. Unauthorised feeding	Disqualification (DSQ)	Disqualification (DSQ)
9. Deliberate deviation from the race route, attempting to be placed without having covered the entire race route by bicycle	Rider: 200 fine and elimination	Rider: 100 fine and elimination
10. Unintentional detour from the race route constituting an advantage	Disqualification (DSQ)	Disqualification (DSQ)
11. Failure to respect the instructions of the race organisation or commissaires	Rider: 30 to 100 fine Other licence holder: 100 to 200 fine	Rider: 20 to 100 fine Other licence holder: 50 to 200 fine
12. Irregular sprint	Relegation (REL) to the last place in the rider's group or Disqualification	Relegation (REL) to the last place in the rider's group or Disqualification
13. Training outside training time during the event and when course stated as "closed" on the event schedule	1st offence: 50 fine 2nd offence: Start refused	1st offence: 50 fine 2nd offence: Start refused
14. Failure to wear the race leader's jersey	1st offence 250 fine 2nd offence start refused and 500 fine	1st offence 100 fine 2nd offence start refused and 100 fine
15. Failing to attend official ceremonies	500 fine	100 fine
16. Non-compliant clothing during podium ceremony	500 fine	100 fine

17. Insult, threats, inappropriate behaviour	Any licence holder 50 to 200 fine	Any licence holder 50 to 200 fine
18. Act of violence		
18.1 Among riders	200 fine	100 fine
18.2 Towards any other person	Rider Disqualification (DSQ) + 200 fine	Rider Disqualification (DSQ) + 100 fine