

PART XVI – PARA-CYCLING

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16.1.002 Should no mention of a regulation exist in the UCI Para-Cycling Regulations then decision should be made based on interpretation from the relevant UCI Regulation (i.e. General Organisation of cycling as a sport, Road Races, Track Races, etc.)

(article introduced on 01.01.2022)

16.1.005 In case of factored event (gender and/or sport class), standard performance factors in the table **below** must be applied to ensure equity between the combined sport classes. The most recent update of the Table of standard performance factors for road and track events can be found on the Para-cycling section of the UCI website.

~~Table of standard performance factors for road events~~

~~Division C~~

C5 Men	100.00									
C4 Men	97.63%	100.00								
C3 Men	93.19%	95.45%	100.00							
C2 Men	89.60%	91.78%	96.15%	100.00						
C5 Wome	87.73%	89.86%	94.14%	97.91%	100.00					
C4 Wome	85.65%	87.73%	91.91%	95.59%	97.63%	100.00				
C1 Men	86.15%	88.24%	92.45%	96.15%	98.20%	100.58	100.00			
C3 Wome	81.76%	83.74%	87.73%	91.25%	93.19%	95.45%	94.90%	100.00		
C2 Wome	78.61%	80.51%	84.35%	87.73%	89.60%	91.78%	91.24%	96.15%	100.00	
C1 Wome	75.58%	77.41%	81.10%	84.35%	86.15%	88.24%	87.73%	92.45%	96.15%	100.00

Division H

H5 Men	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H4 Men	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H3 Men	97.23%	97.23%	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H5 Wome	87.73%	87.73%	90.23%	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H4 Wome	87.73%	87.73%	90.23%	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
H3 Wome	85.30%	85.30%	87.73%	97.23%	97.23%	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
H2 Men	82.71%	82.71%	85.07%	94.28%	94.28%	96.96%	100.00	-	-	-	-
H2 Wome	72.56%	72.56%	74.63%	82.71%	82.71%	85.07%	87.73%	100.00	-	-	-
H1 Men	58.79%	58.79%	60.46%	67.01%	67.01%	68.92%	71.08%	81.02%	100.00	-	-
H1 Wome	51.58%	51.58%	53.05%	58.79%	58.79%	60.46%	62.36%	71.08%	87.73%	100.00	-

Division T

T2 Men	100.00	-	-	-	-
T2 Wome	87.73%	100.00	-	-	-
T1 Men	82.35%	93.87%	100.00	-	-
T1 Wome	72.25%	82.35%	87.73%	100.00	-

Division B

B Men	100.00	-	-
B Wome	87.73%	100.00	-

Table of standard performance factors for track events

Division C

C5 Men	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C4 Men	99.12%	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C3 Men	93.73%	94.56%	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C5 Wome	90.13%	90.93%	96.16%	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
C4 Wome	89.34%	90.13%	95.32%	99.12%	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
C2 Men	87.82%	88.60%	93.69%	98.30%	99.17%	100.00	-	-	-	-
C1 Men	87.52%	88.30%	93.37%	97.10%	97.96%	98.78%	100.00	-	-	-
C3 Wome	84.48%	85.23%	90.13%	93.73%	94.56%	96.53%	97.71%	100.00	-	-
C2 Wome	79.15%	79.85%	84.44%	87.82%	88.59%	89.34%	90.44%	92.55%	100.00	-
C1 Wome	78.88%	79.58%	84.16%	87.52%	88.29%	89.03%	90.13%	92.24%	99.66%	100.00

Division B

B Men	100.00	-	-
B Wome	90.13%	100.00	-

- 16. 1.006** For races with fewer than four competitors the «minus one» rule will apply where medals are to be awarded: one medal for two competitors, two medals for three competitors, and three medals for four or more competitors.

~~The gold medal will be awarded even if there is only one competitor. The "minus one" rule does not apply to the World Championships.~~

~~However, the abovementioned rule does not apply if the following conditions are fulfilled:~~

~~Road Races:~~

~~The last athlete meets the minimum performance standard according to the percentages below.~~

~~Road Race 96 % of the time of the penultimate place~~

~~Time Trial 97 % of the time of the penultimate place~~

~~Track Races:~~

~~The last athlete meets the minimum performance standard according to the percentages below. The minimum performance standard will be calculated based on world records in the sport class concerned.~~

~~Individual pursuit 96 % of the world record~~

~~Kilo and 500m 97 % of the world record~~

[Abrogated on 01.01.2022]

- 16.2.001** In para-cycling competitions, except the Paralympic Games, UCI age categories described at article 1.1.034 and the following of the UCI regulations rules shall apply for both men and women. Different age categories may compete together. In para-cycling combined age competitions, age category awards are not mandatory:
- In para-cycling track and road competitions, the minimum age shall be the year of the rider's 14th birthday.
 - All road circuits for riders under 16 years old must be completely closed to other traffic.
 - Riders under 16 years old shall only compete amongst themselves in scratch and road race events, but can compete in all other individual events.
 - International competitions are opened to riders under 16 years old, junior and elite UCI age categories.

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- 16.3.005** 5 Men and women cyclists over 18 years of age, may race as tandem pilots, provided they have not been selected by their national federation in one of the following events (all disciplines):
- UCI World Championships (except Masters, **Esports**, Para-cycling and Junior) and Olympic Games – at least 12 months preceding the para-cycling event;
 - UCI World Cup, regional games and continental championships (i.e. Commonwealth Games, Pan-American Games, Asian Games, Mediterranean Games, European Championships, ...) – the same year of the para-cycling event (except Junior).

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16.4.015 Evaluation Sessions

A Classification Panel may require that an Athlete undertake Observation in Competition Assessment before it allocates a final Sport Class and designates a Sport Class Status to that Athlete.

Observation in Competition Assessment is undertaken so that the Classification Panel can complete its determination as to the extent to which an Eligible Impairment affects that Athlete's ability to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to paracycling.

If a Classification Panel requires an Athlete to complete Observation in Competition, the Athlete Appearance will be entered in the Competition with the Sport Class allocated by the Classification Panel after the conclusion of the initial components of the Evaluation Session.

An Athlete who is required to complete Observation in Competition Assessment will be designated with Tracking Code: Observation Assessment (OA). This replaces the Athlete's Sport Class Status for the duration of Observation in Competition Assessment.

Observation in Competition

Assessment must take place during First Appearance. In this regard:

- First Appearance is the first time an Athlete competes in an Event during a Competition in a particular Sport Class.
- First Appearance within a Sport Class applies to participation in all Events within the same Sport Class.
- For athletes with a Physical Impairment, First Appearance for athletes with Sport Class Status New (N) must take place at a timed event, e.g. individual Time Trials, Individual Pursuit, etc.

If an Athlete is:

- a) subject to a Protest following Observation in Competition; and
- b) the second Evaluation Session is conducted at that same Competition; and
- c) pursuant to the second Evaluation Session the Athlete is required to undergo Observation in Competition

Observation in Competition must take place at the next opportunity within the Sport Class allocated to the Athlete by the Protest Panel with Tracking Code Observation Assessment (OA).

If an Athlete is not competing or misses out on competing in a second event in the Competition where the Protest was lodged, and Observation in Competition is required by the Classification Panel, the Classification Panel must act in accordance with article 16.4.011 and the Athlete may be allocated CNC or allocated a Sport Class with a Review Sport Class Status.

The Classification Panel may consult the Chief Classifier and/or the Head of Classification in making the final decision. The Classification Panel must allocate a final Sport Class and replace the Athlete's Tracking Code Observation Assessment (OA) by designating a Sport Class Status upon completion of First Appearance (or completion of any Observation in Competition conducted as part of a Protest). If

changes to the Sport Class or Sport Class Status of an Athlete are made following Observation in Competition, the changes are effective immediately.

The impact of an Athlete changing Sport Class after First Appearance on medals, records and results is detailed in articles 16.18.009 and 16.9.002.

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16.4.016 Sport Class Status

If a Classification Panel allocates a Sport Class to an Athlete, it must also designate a Sport Class Status. The Sport Class Status indicates whether or not an Athlete will be required to undertake Athlete Evaluation in the future; and if the Athlete's Sport Class may be subject to Protest. The Sport Class Status designated to an Athlete by a Classification Panel at the conclusion of an Evaluation Session will be one of the following:

- Sport Class Confirmed (C);
- Sport Class Review (R); or
- Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD).

Sport Class Status New (N)

An Athlete is allocated Sport Class Status New (N) by the UCI prior to attending the Athlete's first Evaluation Session. An Athlete with Sport Class Status New (N) must attend an Evaluation Session prior to competing at any **UCI Para-cycling World Championships or World Cups International Competition**, unless the UCI specifies otherwise.

Sport Class Status Confirmed (C)

An Athlete will be designated with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) if the Classification Panel is satisfied that both the Athlete's Eligible Impairment and the Athlete's ability to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to the sport are and will remain stable (with the exception of Athletes with a Vision Impairment as referred to in article 16.4.007).

An Athlete with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) is not required to undergo any further Athlete Evaluation (save pursuant to the provisions in these Classification Rules concerning Protests, Medical Review, and changes to Sport Class criteria).

A Classification Panel that consists of one Classifier may not designate an Athlete with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) but must designate the Athlete with Sport Class Status Review (R).

Sport Class Status Review (R)

An Athlete will be designated Sport Class Status Review (R) if the Classification Panel believes that further Athlete Evaluation will be required.

- A Classification Panel may base its decision that further Evaluation Sessions will be required based on a number of factors, including but not limited to situations where the Athlete, has only recently entered competitions sanctioned by the UCI, has a fluctuating and/or progressive Impairment/Impairments that is/are permanent but not stable; and/or, has not reached full muscular skeletal or sports maturity.

- An Athlete with Sport Class Status Review (R) must complete Athlete Evaluation prior to competing at any subsequent International Competition, unless the UCI specifies otherwise.

Sport Class Status Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD)

An Athlete will be designated Sport Class Status Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD) if the Classification Panel believes that further Athlete Evaluation will be required but will not be necessary before a set date, being the Fixed Review Date.

- An Athlete with Sport Class Status with Fixed Review Date (FRD) will be required to attend an Evaluation Session at the first opportunity after the relevant Fixed Review Date.
- An Athlete who has been designated Sport Class Status Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD) may not attend an Evaluation Session prior to the relevant
- A Classification Panel that consists of only one Classifier may not designate an Athlete with Sport Class Status Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD) but must designate the Athlete with Sport Class Status Review (R).

Changes to Sport Class Criteria

If the UCI changes any Sport Class criteria and/ or assessment methods defined in Chapter V, then:

- The UCI may re-assign any Athlete who holds Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) with Sport Class Status Review (R) and require that the Athlete attend an Evaluation Session at the earliest available opportunity; or
- The UCI may remove the Fixed Review Date for any Athlete and require that the Athlete attend an Evaluation Session at the earliest available opportunity; and
- in both instances the relevant National Body or National Paralympic Committee shall be informed as soon as is practicable.

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16.20.005 For road events, the maximum number of participants per nation shall be six for road races and six (6) for time trials for each sport class.

One (1) additional slot for the individual time trial event will be awarded to nations who have reached the maximum number of participants and wish to register an athlete under 16 years of age in that event.

One (1) additional slot at UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup events will be awarded to nations wishing to enter an athlete with the Sport Class Status New (N).

For track events, the maximum number of participants per nation shall be three for each specialty for each sport class.

In all para-cycling world cup events, the nation of the winner of the previous year's world cup shall have the right to an additional place to be taken up by that winner of the previous year's world cup.

If this individual cannot take part, this place is not added to that nation's quota.

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- 16.22.003** To take part in the Paralympics, every athlete, including tandem pilots shall:
- hold a UCI licence issued by a national cycling federation;
 - be at least ~~18~~14 years old for both track and road events, or reach this age in the year of the Paralympics;
 - hold a para-cycling international functional classification designated C or R (Confirmed or Review Status) – not applicable to tandem pilots;
 - have participated in at least one international UCI Para-cycling during a period that spans two years before the Paralympics Game to July 15th the year of the Paralympics Games;
 - enter a minimum of two events (individual or team) in the Games Program.

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