

CYCLO-CROSS EVENTS

Special provisions for the 2020-2021 season

Approved by the Executive Committee on 20 November 2020.

All the measures set out in this document aim to ensure the continuity of the activities of the National Federations, the organisers, the teams and the riders in the best possible conditions of fairness and respect for the UCI Regulations while offering the necessary flexibility for everyone to get through the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

Depending on the evolution of this situation, in particular the decisions of countries' government and in the event of the cancellation of some or a large number of events for the 2020-2021 season, the rules and procedures presented below will be subject to amendments, which will be communicated in due course.

Any question may be communicated to offroad@uci.ch.

1- UCI Cyclo-cross COVID-19 protocol

The protocol for the organisation of Cyclo-cross events in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic is available on the following internet page: www.uci.ch

2- UCI Cyclo-cross international calendar

Following the many changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the UCI international Cyclo-cross calendar is regularly updated and published on the UCI website: [link to the 2020-2021 UCI Cyclo-cross international calendar](#).

You can also follow postponed or canceled events on [the dedicated page of the UCI website](#).

3- UCI Rules amendments

The special provisions **appear in green** in the original article's text. All other articles of the UCI Cyclo-cross rules remain unchanged, [the complete original text is available following this link](#).

Optional men junior race

5.1.004

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A separate men junior race **can ~~must~~** be organised during all UCI events,

Forbidden: showers and cloakrooms for events

5.1.011

The organiser must **not** provide riders with a heated room, showers with hot and cold water and a water supply for cleaning of equipment. ~~These installations must be no more than 2 km from the finish line.~~

Allocation of boxes of the pit area

5.1.036

At UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships and UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup events the pit boxes are allocated ~~at the team managers meeting,~~ as follows:

- ~~At the 2020-2021 UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup, if the event was also part of the 2019-2020 UCI World Cup then pit boxes will be allocated based on that event.~~
~~Otherwise a drawing by lots is made. Nations with less than 3 riders may be grouped, under the control of the president of commissaires panel.~~
- ~~At UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships, the pit boxes are allocated as indicated in the competition guide.~~

Teams and riders' assistants and mechanics

5.1.041

Each rider may be accompanied by a paramedical assistant and two mechanics.

The paramedical assistant and the mechanics must be provided by the organiser with a free accreditation, which gives them access to the area reserved for them by virtue of their office.

The accreditations must be distributed outside the circuit, in a clearly indicated place.

For the UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup and UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships, accreditations for rider's paramedical assistant and ~~two~~ mechanics ~~are limited, as indicated in the UCI cyclo-cross COVID-19 protocol.~~ They will be distributed by commissaires exclusively, after the license's check of each paramedical assistant and the mechanics has been completed.

Start 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.

~~At UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup and UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships, a specific procedure is used in order to call-up the riders of the 8 first positions.~~

5.1.043

The start order of events is determined as follows:

A. UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships

1 The first 8 riders of the most recently published UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup standings of the current season. For the women under 23 race of the UCI World Championships, the first 8 riders aged 19-22 years from the women elite UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup standings.

2 As per the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking of the current season for the men and women elite and under 23 categories.

For the women and men junior categories:

- during rider's confirmation, each federation must notify the start order of its riders,
- the countries are ranked on the basis of the classification by nation after the 2020 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships (**)
- taking each country in turn, a place is allocated to the next rider in sequence,
- federations which do not appear in the classification by nations specified above shall, on the basis of the same rotation system, take the last places, in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the commissaires' panel.

3 Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

B. UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup

1 The first 8 riders of the most recently published UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup standings of the current season. This point 1 is not applicable for the first UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup event of the season,

2 As per the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross individual rankings of the current season for the men and women elite and under 23 categories.

For the women and men junior categories:

- during rider's confirmation, each federation must notify the start order of its riders,
- the countries are ranked on the basis of the classification by nation after the 2020 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships (**)
- taking each country in turn, a place is allocated to the next rider in sequence,
- federations which do not appear in the classification by nations specified above shall, on the basis of the same rotation system, take the last places, in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the commissaires' panel.

3 For men elite and women elite races, the place 25th to 32nd of the start order will be allocated to riders ranked in the top 50 of the following rankings, unless they are listed on the start order between the place 1st to 24th according to point 1 and 2 above:

- UCI mountain bike cross-country ranking
- UCI road world ranking

The place 25th to 32nd will be allocated following the rank of each rider, whatever the ranking: UCI mountain bike cross country or UCI road world ranking. If two riders have the same ranking, they will be placed by drawing lots.

4 Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

C. Other events, men and women elite, women and men under 23

1 As per the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking of the current season,

2 Unclassified riders: by drawing lots.

D. Other events, men and women junior
by drawing lots.

(*) For unclassified riders, the start order within the team must be confirmed by the National Federations during riders' confirmation.

The start order among the teams is determined as follows:

- first, national teams whose order is determined by the nations' ranking of the concerned category from the most recent UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships.
- second, unclassified national teams whose order is determined by drawing lots.

The teams (in the order as mentioned above) are taken in turn with the teams' first riders starting in sequence, then the teams' second riders etc.

(**) The classification by nation after the 2020 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships is:

Men junior		Women junior	
Rank	Nation	Rank	Nation
1	Belgium	1	Netherlands
2	Great Britain	2	Great Britain
3	France	3	USA
4	Netherlands	4	Belgium
5	Germany	5	Italy
6	Czech Republic	6	Switzerland
7	Switzerland	7	Czech Republic
8	Italy	8	Spain
9	USA	9	France
10	Luxembourg	10	Canada
11	Spain	11	Ireland
12	Poland	12	Japan
13	Japan	13	Luxembourg
14	Sweden	14	Germany
15	Canada	15	Austria
16	Denmark	16	Denmark
17	Ireland	17	Romania
18	Slovakia		
19	Australia		

UCI Cyclo-cross rankings

5.2.001

The UCI shall draw up an annual individual ranking of riders who take part in international cyclo-cross events:

- a joint ranking for men elite and men under 23. The points of that ranking will be all set to zero at the beginning of the 2021-2022 season, with the exception of the UCI points awarded at the 2021 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships.
- a joint ranking for women elite, women under 23 and women junior. The points of that ranking will be all set to zero at the beginning of the 2021-2022 season, with the exception of the UCI points awarded at the 2021 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships.
- a ranking for men junior. The men junior ranking is cancelled; all points set to zero from 17 November 2020 and will restart at the beginning of the 2021-2022 season, with the exception of the UCI points awarded at the 2021 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships.

The ranking shall be called the UCI cyclo-cross ranking.

5.2.003

The UCI cyclo-cross ranking is drawn up as follows:

A. Men under 23 and men elite / women junior, women under 23 and women elite

The UCI cyclo-cross ranking is drawn up over a period of one year by adding the points won since the preceding ranking was drawn up. At the same time the remaining points obtained up to the same day of the previous year by each rider in international cyclo-cross events are deducted.

The UCI Cyclo-cross ranking published as from 17 November 2020 will include the UCI points from events of the 2019-2020 season if the same event is cancelled from the 2020-2021 UCI calendar due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Such points will thus remain and not be deducted until the end of the 2020-2021 season. (***)

The new ranking comes into force on the day of publication and stands until the publication of the subsequent ranking.

B. Men junior

The UCI cyclo-cross ranking for men junior is cancelled from 17 November 2020.

In case of riders placed equal in the ranking, their place in the most recent result of the season, considering only places being rewarded with UCI points will decide between them in the following order:

- 1 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships
- 2 UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup events
- 3 continental championships
- 4 national championships
- 5 class 1 events
- 6 class 2 events
- 7 races in the men under 23 and men junior race of the class 1 or class 2 events.

(***) *An example of that rule is given here; on 07 and 08 November 2020 the cyclo-cross continental championships were initially registered to the UCI calendar:*

- *the Panamerican cyclo-cross continental championships on 07-08 November 2020 were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The points of the Panamerican cyclo-cross continental championships held on 09-10 November 2019 remain in the list of points for each concerned rider until the end of the 2020-2021 season.*
- *the European cyclo-cross continental championships on 07-08 November 2020 were actually organised. The points of the European cyclo-cross continental championships held on 09-10 November 2019 are deducted from the list of points for each concerned rider as normal. The points of the European cyclo-cross continental championships held on 08-09 November 2020 are added in the list of points for each concerned rider.*

The rules above are transitional in nature and destined to apply only to address the exceptional circumstances caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. These rules may also have to be amended to adapt to the evolution of the situation, including in particular the issuance of rules and restrictions by competent authorities and the actual extent of events held during the 2020-2021 season. Relevant communications shall be issued in due course. Given the uncertainty regarding the organisation of competitions as planned, all stakeholders are invited to consider the different assumptions that could materialise.