

ROAD EVENTS

Special provisions for the restart of the 2020 season

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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 crisis.

However, these measures are conditioned on a resumption of the international cycling season, at least partially, on 1 July 2020, which remains the preferred hypothesis to date. These measures apply for the remainder of the 2020 season only. Any decision for the 2021 season will be taken by the UCI Management Committee and the Professional Cycling Council.

Depending on the evolution of this situation, in particular the decisions of countries' government and in the event of a change in the date of restart of the season, the cancellation of a large number of events or even the entire end of the 2020 season, the rules and procedures presented below will be subject to amendments, which will be communicated in due course. Given the uncertainty regarding the resumption of competitions as planned, we invite all stakeholders to consider the different assumptions that could materialise.

Reorganisation of the end of season 2020 calendar

The revised UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour calendar has been announced on 5 May 2020. The reorganisation of all the other events for the end of the season, will be achieved before 20 May 2020. The 2020 Road cycling season will end on 8 November 2020.

The UCI Sports Department will communicate the administrative procedure to be followed by National Federations and Professional Leagues, regarding the creation of the calendar.

2020 National Championships (art. 1.2.028, 1.2.029)

The date reserved for the organisation of the 2020 Road National Championships for Elite Road Races is on the weekend of 22 and 23 August 2020. These dates shall be favoured by the National Federations

National Federations which cannot organise their National Championships on this date must inform the UCI via the usual pdf event registration form.

Registration fee on the UCI International Calendar

UCI International Calendar registration fees will not be required by the UCI for events which are cancelled in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

All the issued invoices will be the subject of a credit note and the payments already collected by the UCI will be credited to the organisers' account for the 2021 season.

The organisers who wish to be reimbursed should send their request to accounting@uci.ch.

The UCI will not apply an additional tax when a change of event date is requested by an organiser as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

UCI Points and UCI Road Rankings

The UCI Road rankings are suspended until the date of restart of competition on the UCI International Calendar. The points already allocated remain acquired in the various rankings. The points acquired on events from the 2019 season are kept in the rankings until the organisation of the event in 2020 season. The 2019 points of the events, which are definitively cancelled in 2020, are withdrawn after 52 weeks has elapsed.

The provisions relating to the obligatory invitations of articles 2.1.007bis (for the UCI WorldTour and the continental circuits) and 2.13.006 (for the UCI Women's WorldTour) are maintained and will be applied in the usual way for the 2021 season.

The UCI will analyse, as soon as possible, and in any case at the end of the 2020 season the consequences of the situation linked to COVID-19 on the various rankings.

Special provisions for the UCI Under 23 Nations' Cup events (2.14.021)

Organisers of UCI Under 23 Nations' Cup events taking place from July 2020 must invite the 15 first nations of the final ranking of the UCI Under 23 Nations' Cup for the 2019 season, as published on the UCI website.

2020 UCI Road World Championships qualification system

Qualifications will be based on the UCI World Ranking and the UCI Continental Rankings calculated on Tuesday 17 March 2020 (instead of Sunday, 16 August 2020) for the Women Elite, Men Elite and Under 23 categories.

To not penalise the continents which could not organise their Continental Championships in 2020, the provisions of the qualification system for all categories (ME, WE, MU, MJ and WJ) aiming at authorizing the participation of the defending Continental Champions, in addition to the quota allocated to their nations, are removed.

As no representative ranking is available to calculate the participation quotas for Junior categories, the participation quotas for the year 2020 will be identical to the participation quotas for the year 2019.

For the Under 23 and Junior categories, the UCI may study exceptional requests from the National Federations and may allocate additional participation quotas, depending on availability and the criteria that the UCI will establish while respecting the relevant provisions of the UCI Regulations.

Adjustment of participation rules in events

Participation in Men Elite UCI ProSeries events (2.1.005)

The number of UCI Continental Teams authorised to participate in a Men Elite UCI ProSeries event will not be limited for the 2020 season (instead of a maximum of two in the article). The organisers must ensure priority to the participation of UCI ProTeams.

Participation in the Men Elite Class 2 events of the UCI Europe Tour (2.1.005)

Until the end of the 2020 season, a maximum of three foreign UCI ProTeams may take part in a Men Elite Class 2 event of the UCI Europe Tour (instead of a maximum of two in the article).

(text added on 16.07.20).

Participation in the Women Elite Class 1 and Class 2 events (2.1.005)

Until the end of the 2020 season, all eight UCI Women's WorldTeams will be allowed to participate in a Class 1 event (instead of maximum five UCI Women's WorldTeams in the article).

Regarding Class 2 a maximum of five UCI Women's WorldTeams may take part in a Women Elite Class 2 event until the end of the 2020 season.

In addition, Women Junior riders (second year) may participate in the Women Elite Class 2 events in national teams, regional teams, club teams or a mixed team.

Flexibility of the number of riders per team on the events (2.2.003, 2.13.005)

For UCI WorldTour events, the number of riders per team will remain eight for Grand Tours and seven for other stages races. Provisions of Article 2.2.003 applies if a team starts the race with fewer riders than established without valid justification.

Organisers of one-day races of the UCI WorldTour may reduce the number of riders per team to six (instead of seven riders normally). However, the organiser must receive the agreement of the Professional Cycling Council to reduce the number of riders per team from seven to six.

For one-day races of the UCI WorldTour, if the organiser sets the number of riders at seven, the teams may start with six or seven riders, without being penalised. If the organiser sets the number of riders at six, the teams must start with six riders.

Regarding the one day or stage races of the UCI Women's WorldTour and Women Elite UCI ProSeries, the organiser may reduce the number of riders per team to five (instead of six or seven riders). In this case, the organiser may invite a maximum of 26 teams (instead of 24 teams).

In all cases, the number of riders per team must be clearly indicated in the technical guide for the event and communicated to the teams sufficiently in advance. The maximum number of 176 riders taking part in a race must be respected.

Flexibility in the number of riders per team on events, in the case of riders confirmed during the confirmation of starters but finally not starting the race, following a positive covid-19 PCR test or if one or several riders are considered as a "high-risk exposure - contact case" of a confirmed covid-19 case (2.2.003 bis)

In the event that one or more riders confirmed during the confirmation of starters but ultimately not starting the race following a positive covid-19 PCR test or being considered as a "high risk exposure - contact

case" of a confirmed covid-19 case, then the provisions of article 2.2.003 bis of the UCI Regulations will not be applied for the team concerned.

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Provisions for the replacement of a rider on UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour events in case of a positive covid-19 PCR test or being considered as a "high risk exposure - contact case" of a confirmed COVID-19 case

The provisions of the second paragraph of article 2.2.005 applicable to Grand Tours are provisionally extended to all UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour events until the end of the 2020 season.

As a consequence, teams may substitute a maximum of two riders with two other riders whose names will have been previously communicated to the UCI Commissaires at the time of the confirmation of starters. The substitution may be agreed until the start of the race, subject to the agreement of the organiser, the president of the commissaires' panel of the event and the UCI Medical Director. The various agreements must be sent to the UCI Medical Director (medical@uci.ch).

The results of the PCR tests of the substitute rider(s) must be included in the document uploaded on the dedicated UCI platform the day before the event as per the [Emergency rules to be followed for the resumption of the road cycling season](#).

However, unlike Grand Tours, for the other UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour events, the only valid medical reason for replacement shall be either a positive test or an assessment as a "high risk exposure - contact case".

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Participation in national calendar events (2.8.004, 2.1.009)

Riders belonging to a UCI team (including riders from UCI WorldTeams and UCI Women's WorldTeams) may participate in individual events in the country of their residence (country which issued their license) or the country of their nationality, without limitation in number and including the events entered on the national calendar. These provisions will apply for the months of July and August only and the National Federations must give their agreement in addition to the prior agreement usually required from the teams. National Federation must also regulate the application of this provision for races in their country. Also, the legal provisions adopted by the countries, regarding travel restrictions or other health provisions linked to COVID-19, must be respected.

UCI Continental Teams, as well as UCI Women's Continental Teams, registered in a country outside Europe, may always take part in the events of their country's national calendar. Also, with the agreement of the National Federations concerned, these teams may participate in the events of the national calendar of a border country, without limitation, until the end of the 2020 season.

Adjustment of the minimum requirements for events on the UCI International Calendar

Number of foreign teams at the start of the events (art. 2.1.003)

Class 2 and Class 1 events that fail to ensure the participation of at least five foreign teams at the start of their event will not be penalised and will not be excluded from the International Calendar for this reason.

Minimum number of teams at the start for the Men Elite UCI ProSeries events (2.2.003, 2.18.007)

The provisions relating to the minimum number of teams at the start of a Men Elite UCI ProSeries events are suspended.

Minimum number of teams at the start for the Women Elite events (Appendix A of the UCI Regulations)

The provisions relating to the minimum number of teams at the start of Women Elite events for all the events on the UCI Women International Calendar are suspended.

Adjustment of the operational regulation relating to the organisation of events

Feeding zones on events

The official feeding zones indicated by the organiser along the race route can attract spectators and may pose a challenge to secure the area in the context of the health measures imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The following adjustments to the UCI Regulations are therefore adopted until the end of the 2020 season:

- The application of the article 2.3.025 of the UCI Regulations is made optional. Therefore, organisers are not obliged to provide designated areas for the riders' feed zone(s). However, if the organiser provides such an area, it will ensure that it is secure and access is prohibited for spectators;
- In the event that the organiser does not provide designated areas, feeding may be made as follows:
 - Feeding of riders from team cars as provided in article 2.3.025 bis;
 - Riders' feeding according to the provisions of article 2.3.026, by allowing feeding not only by a bottle, but also by musettes;
 - In all cases, the provisions of article 2.3.027 shall apply (prohibition of feeding in the first 30 and the last 20 kilometres, on descents, when approaching a sprint, etc).

In all cases, the organiser must provide waste zones; at least one waste zone must be provided around the halfway point, as well as, one zone within the last 20 to 10 kilometres of the race or the stage.

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