

UCI CYCLING REGULATIONS

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PART 4 MOUNTAIN BIKE RACES

INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKE REGULATIONS

(N.B: These regulations are for all intents and purposes fully representative of the mountain bike technical rules. The UCI Management Committee reserves the right to amend these regulations without prior notice).

Chapter GENERAL REGULATIONS

§ 1 Licences and the Classification of Riders

- 1.1.1** International Mountain Bike licenses conforming to the general regulations of the UCI will be issued by the National Federations affiliated with the UCI to all Mountain Bike competitors.
- 1.1.2** The only valid licenses will be those conforming exactly to the UCI regulations. Any other non-official licence will be refused.
- 1.1.3** Licences are valid for each calendar year and must be presented by all riders before they may be allowed to compete in an event.
- 1.1.4** A rider's age category is determined by the year of birth of the rider on the 31st of December of the given year.
- 1.1.5** The minimum age permitted for an international mountain bike race organised under UCI regulations is 17 years. However, events promoted especially for younger riders under 17 years of age will be permitted.
- (text modified on 1.01.04).*
- 1.1.6** Age categories for men and women are:
1.1.6.1. 17-18 years: Junior.
1.1.6.2. 19 years and over: Elite.
1.1.6.3. 30 years and over: Masters.
- (text modified on 1.01.04).*
- 1.1.7** Should there be less than 15 entrants in the categories junior and/or masters, the entrants may compete in the elite event.

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- 1.1.8** A masters rider or junior rider may ride in the elite category on the recommendation of his/her National Federation. Masters who compete in a World Cup as Elite, cannot enter the World Masters Championships of the same year.
- 1.1.9** A National Federation may have other classifications for domestic races based on the age and/or technical ability of its riders. (Example - Novice, Sport, Expert).
- 1.1.10** A rider who holds a licence issued by a member Federation of the UCI may only compete in events approved by the UCI or by a member Federation of the UCI.
- 1.1.11** Any rider holding a licence issued by a member Federation of the UCI may be penalised if he/she competes in a non-approved event.

§ 2 Clothing

- 1.2.1** Advertising on a competitor's clothing (including advertising pertaining to official teams during World and Continental Championships) shall be allowed with the exception of the World Champion's jersey when it is presented on the podium.
- 1.2.2** Replicas of the World Champion's jersey may be made in conformity with the relevant UCI regulations. The advertising area sizes and limits allowed on the World Champion's jersey in all categories are as follows:
- 1.2.2.1. On the front and back of the jersey, a 10 cm high rectangle above the rainbow colours.
 - 1.2.2.2. On the sleeves, a single line of advertising a maximum of 5 cm high.
 - 1.2.2.3. The clothing manufacturer's logo may appear once only on each jersey and must be of a maximum size of 25 cm² (5 x 5).
- 1.2.3** Wearing the World Champion's Jersey.
- 1.2.3.1. The jersey must be worn at all international events. The only exception will be if the World Champion wins the leader's jersey of a particular competition or series.
 - 1.2.3.2. The World Champion's jersey may only be worn in the category and in the discipline of competition in which it was won.
 - 1.2.3.3. Former World Champions may wear the rainbow colours on cuffs and collars of jerseys irrespective of the category and the discipline.
- 1.2.4** Each National Federation shall, no later than 1 December each year, lodge a sample of its national jersey and shorts (colours and layout) with the UCI, and this shall remain unchanged throughout the following calendar year.
- 1.2.5** This national jersey shall be worn during competition at the World Championships in all categories, and in all disciplines.
- 1.2.6** Only the following advertising is allowed on the national jersey design lodged with UCI:
- 1.2.6.1. Two logos of 64 cm² maximum on the front of the jersey.
 - 1.2.6.2. On the sleeves - a single name or logo with a maximum height of 5 cm in a single line.

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- 1.2.6.3. On the sides of the jersey - a lateral strip with a maximum width of 9 cm.
- 1.2.6.4. On the sides of the shorts - a lateral strip with a maximum width of 9 cm.
- 1.2.6.5. The maker's logo may appear once only on each jersey and must be of a maximum size of 25 cm² (5 x 5).

§ 3 The Venue

- 1.3.1 The course for a mountain bike race should include, where possible, forest roads and tracks, fields, earth or gravel paths. Paved or tarred/asphalt roads should not exceed 15% of the total course.

1.3.2 Start and Finish

- 1.3.2.1. The start and/or finish banners must be placed immediately above the start and finish lines (minimum clearance 3 m) and cover the whole width of the riding surface.
- 1.3.2.2. The riding area at the start for events where riders start in groups:
 - Must be at least 8 meters wide for a minimum distance of 30 m before the line.
 - Must be at least 6 m wide for a minimum of 100 m after the line, after which the riding area may narrow.
 - Should be either on the flat or climbing for a minimum of 750 m, or 3 minutes.
(text modified on 1.01.04).
- 1.3.2.3. The riding area at the finish for events where riders may finish in groups must be:
 - At least 4 meters wide for a minimum distance of 50 meters before the finish line.
 - At least 4 meters wide for a minimum distance of 20 meters after the finish line.
 - Either on the flat or climbing.
- 1.3.2.4. Barriers must be erected for a minimum of 50 meters before and 50 meters after the start line and finish line(s) if not the same on both sides of the course. There must not be any obstacles which might cause a crash or any chance of collision between the riders in the start and finish areas.
- 1.3.2.5. For Downhill events the start area must be at least 2 meters wide and the finish area must be at least 6 meters wide. The start area must be covered.
- 1.3.2.6. There must be an additional braking area of a minimum 50 m after the finish line. This area must be free of obstacles.
- 1.3.2.7. Cross Country and Downhill courses must be apart and should not have common trail. If, however, they do share common trail, exclusive training periods must be allocated on each course.

1.3.3 Facilities

- 1.3.3.1. The race organiser must set aside a warm up area near the bike marking and staging area where riders may prepare themselves for the event.
- 1.3.3.2. The Commissaires must be provided with suitable facilities for their work, and a covered area at the start and finish line(s).
- 1.3.3.3. The race organisation must provide radios for the College of Commissaires. At least 5 radios are necessary to facilitate communication among the Commissaires. These radios must have one channel available for the exclusive use of the College of Commissaires. The Commissaires must be able to reach the Race Director using a different channel on the same radio.

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1.3.3.4. The race organisation and the registration area will be situated in a closed and covered office.

1.3.4 Security

- 1.3.4.1. A safety system will be installed in order to give assistance to all riders at all points of the course with the least possible delay.
- 1.3.4.2. Only essential vehicles of the organisation, security, safety and the media are permitted access to the course.
- 1.3.4.3. Spectators, including those on bikes, must be kept off the course at all official training and racing times.

§ 4 Description of Official Duties

1.4.1 The Technical Delegate

1.4.1.1. For Category O, A, B, C, DHc and D1 events, this person is appointed by the UCI Mountain Bike Commission and approved by the UCI Management Committee. For Category D2 and all E events this person may be appointed by the host National Federation.

(text modified on 1.01.03).

- 1.4.1.1.1. He/she is responsible for the technical aspects of the event and is the liaison between the UCI Headquarters, the UCI Mountain Bike Commission. For Category D2 and all E events, he/she is the liaison with the National Federation and the organisers.
- 1.4.1.1.2. Must make an advance inspection of the site, meet with the organisers, and immediately make a site inspection report to the UCI Mountain Bike Commission (for Category D2 and all E events the report is to go to the host National Federation), and provide a copy of this report to the organiser.
- 1.4.1.1.3. Oversee and follow up with the organiser in the lead up to the event to ensure the recommendations from the site inspection report have been implemented as appropriate.
- 1.4.1.1.4. Be on site prior to the first official training session and carry out an inspection of the venue and courses in conjunction with the Chief Commissaire and the organiser. The final determination for the course and any changes will be the responsibility of the Technical Delegate.
- 1.4.1.1.5. Oversee the work of the College of Commissaires and make a confidential report back to the UCI Mountain Bike Commission (for Category D2 and all E events report back to the host National Federation). This report is submitted in conjunction with a general event report which may also be copied to the event organiser.
- 1.4.1.1.6. Once the first official training session has commenced, allocate the responsibility for the conduct of the competition to the College of Commissaires.
- 1.4.1.1.7. Co-ordinate the team/rider meetings.

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1.4.2 The College of Commissaires

1.4.2.1. Chief Commissaire:

1.4.2.1.1. For Category A, B, C, DHc, D1, D2, EHc, E1, E2, and Masters Championships events, this person is appointed by the UCI Mountain Bike Commission and must be an International A Grade Mountain Bike Commissaire. For Category D2 and E events this person may be appointed by the host National Federation.

(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.04).

1.4.2.1.2. He/she is responsible for the overall competition. Supervises the start arrangements, the officials, the Commissaires and the results service. Ensures the application and respect of the regulations in all circumstances and collaborates with the Race Director in the completion of his/her duties. Will discuss any penalties with the appropriate officials.

1.4.2.2. Assistant Chief Commissaire:

1.4.2.2.1. For Category A and B events this person is appointed by the UCI Mountain Bike Commission and must be an International Mountain Bike Commissaire. For Category C events this person is appointed by the respective Continental Confederation and for Category D, E and Masters Championships events this person may be appointed by the host National Federation.

1.4.2.2.2. He/she is directly responsible to the Chief Commissaire and will act as the Chief Commissaire's representative when he/she is not available. Will assist the Chief Commissaire in the completion of his/her duties.

1.4.2.3. Secretary Commissaire:

1.4.2.3.1. For Category A events, this person is appointed by the UCI Mountain Bike Commission. For Category C events this person is appointed by the respective Continental Confederation and for Category B, D, E and Masters Championships events this person may be appointed by the host National Federation. This person must be at least a National Mountain Bike Commissaire and will note the name, age, category, country, validity of the licence, licence number, UCI Code, and race number of competitors who have entered the race.

1.4.2.3.2. After signing-on formalities are completed, the start order will be announced in the riders' quarters and one copy supplied to the Race Announcer and one copy to the Results Secretaries as well as a copy supplied for the purpose of the call to the start line.

1.4.2.3.3. The Secretary Commissaire collaborates with the Race Director or his/her representative in the completion of his/her duties.

1.4.2.4. Finish Commissaire:

1.4.2.4.1. For Category A events this person is appointed by the UCI Mountain Bike Commission. For Category C events this person is appointed by the respective Continental Confederation and for Category B, D, E and Masters Championships events this person may be appointed by the host National Federation. This person must be at least a National Mountain Bike Commissaire and will decide the order of finish of the riders at the end of the race. The results will be final 15 minutes after the end of the race.

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- 1.4.2.4.2. Will be assisted by a minimum of 3 Commissaires. They should be placed on each side of the finish line.
- 1.4.2.4.3. The finish will be judged by a perpendicular line drawn from the front of the tyre of the front wheel to the finish line.
- 1.4.2.5. Start Commissaire:
 - 1.4.2.5.1. For Category A events this person is appointed by the UCI Mountain Bike Commission. For Category C events this person is appointed by the respective Continental Confederation and for Category B, D, E and Masters Championships events this person may be appointed by the host National Federation. This person will check that the competitors are present, and give the full start instructions and carry out the start procedure. The Start Commissaire must be at least a National Mountain Bike Commissaire.

1.4.3 Race Officials

- 1.4.3.1. It is recommended that each Race Official be at least a National Commissaire. Race Officials will be placed at strategic points around the course to ensure compliance with the regulations.
- 1.4.3.2. Race Officials will collaborate with the Chief Commissaire in the completion of their duties and report any accidents or infringement of regulations to the Chief Commissaire.
- 1.4.3.3. They will avoid discussing alleged incidents with riders, team officials or spectators.
- 1.4.3.4. Race Officials will comprise the following posts:
 - 1.4.3.4.1. Assistant Commissaires:
 - 1.4.3.4.1.1. Will collaborate with the appointed Commissaires in the completion of their duties.
 - 1.4.3.4.1.2. Will not take part in the deliberations of the Commissaires but be available for consultation.

1.4.4 Marshals

- 1.4.4.1. The race organisation must provide enough marshals to ensure the safety of the riders and spectators.
- 1.4.4.2. Marshals must be properly briefed and issued with course maps which provide simple reference points for locating accidents. Furthermore, the Race Director must ensure that the marshals are fully conversant with all relevant UCI Regulations.
- 1.4.4.3. The minimum age for a marshal is 16 years of age.
- 1.4.4.4. Marshals must be positioned to provide sufficient radio control points along the course.
- 1.4.4.5. They should each have food, drink, appropriate clothing, a whistle, a radio.
- 1.4.4.6. They should be easily identifiable with a distinct mark or uniform.
- 1.4.4.7. All spectator crossings must have at least two marshals - one on each side of the course - to ensure that spectators can safely cross the course.

1.4.5 Timekeepers

- 1.4.5.1. Will time each competitor and collaborate with the Commissaires at the start and the finish in the completion of their duties.

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1.4.6 Race Director

- 1.4.6.1. The Race Director will co-ordinate the organisation of the race and ensure that adequate personnel for each duty are available.
- 1.4.6.2. Will ensure that training and competition can be safely held.
- 1.4.6.3. Will arrange provision of all necessary equipment and facilities for the timing of the event.

§ 5 [abrogated on 1.01.04].

§ 6 International Calendar Procedures and Requirements

1.6.1 The classification of International Mountain Bike competition is as follows:

- 1.6.1.1. Category A: World Championships.
 - 1.6.1.1.1. For the World Championships, the Mountain Bike Commission will make recommendations to the UCI Management Committee, who will then confirm the allocation of this event three years in advance.
 - 1.6.1.1.2. The World Championships Mountain Bike Specific Procedures must be adhered to.
- 1.6.1.2. Category B: World Cup Events.
 - 1.6.1.2.1. All National Federations will be invited to apply for these events based on the "UCI Mountain Bike World Cup Bidding Document and Organisation Guide" 16 months in advance of the season concerned.
 - 1.6.1.2.2. The applications received will be studied and assimilated by the Mountain Bike Commission. The Mountain Bike Commission will make recommendations to the UCI Management Committee, who will then confirm the allocation of the events.
 - 1.6.1.2.3. The UCI "Mountain Bike World Cup Contract of Responsibilities" must be agreed between the UCI and the Host Federation before the event may be confirmed by the Management Committee.
 - 1.6.1.2.4. The "UCI Mountain Bike World Cup Organisation Guide" must be fully respected.
- 1.6.1.3. Category C: Continental Championships.
 - 1.6.1.3.1. The dates for the Mountain Bike Continental Competitions will be proposed by the respective Continental Confederations, and then confirmed by the UCI Management Committee.
 - 1.6.1.3.2. A "Cahier des Charges" produced by the respective Continental Confederation will be applied. Where no "Cahier des Charges" exists, the documents of the UCI may be used as a reference.
 - 1.6.1.3.3. The top 40 men and 20 women who are qualified for their respective Continental Championships will be seeded according to any position they may hold in the respective continent's ranking system. If there is no continental ranking system in place the UCI World Rankings, as calculated using results from UCI International Calendar events, at the time of the competition will be used.

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- 1.6.1.4. Category CN: National Championships
- 1.6.1.4.1. The protected dates for the organisation of National Championships will be proposed to the national federations by the UCI Management Committee after confirmation of the UCI MTB Commission.
(text modified on 1.01.02).
- 1.6.1.4.2. These events must adhere to the Stage Race rules as defined herein under Chapter 6 of these rules.
- 1.6.1.4.3. Each Category D1 and D2 event must carry a minimum prize purse in accordance with regulation 1.10.10.
- 1.6.1.5. Category D: Major and minor stage races.
- 1.6.1.5.1. The major stage races will be selected by the UCI Management Committee on the basis of recommendations from the UCI Mountain Bike commission.
- 1.6.1.5.2. These events must comply with the stage race rules as defined in section 6 of the present document.
- 1.6.1.5.3. Each event in categories D must have a minimum prize list as per article 1.10.10 of the regulations.
(text modified on 1.01.03).
- 1.6.1.6. Category E: All other mountain bike events admitted to the international calendar by the UCI Management Committee on the recommendation of the UCI Mountain Bike commission.
- 1.6.1.6.1. Application for Category E events shall be made to the UCI using the official application forms which must be submitted within the time limits set.
- 1.6.1.6.2. All events in Category E shall be authorised and confirmed by the UCI Management Committee.
- 1.6.1.6.3. Category E events shall include all other events of varying format which shall however comply with the regulations applicable to each of the disciplines.
- 1.6.1.6.4. Category Ehc and E1 status may be granted to events for which application has been made to the UCI for inclusion on the UCI calendar. Major one-day events must offer a minimum prize list as specified in the UCI Financial Obligations as per article 1.10.10. Category E2 status may be granted to minor one-day events. Category E3 status may be granted to supporting events for the junior and/or under 23 categories. The granting of Ehc, E1, E2 or E3 status shall be at the discretion of the UCI.
(text modified on 1.01.03).

1.6.2 Date clashes between events in categories A, B, C, CN, D and Ehc must be avoided.

(text modified on 1.01.03).

1.6.3 Where possible, the UCI Mountain Bike Commission will recommend no more than three Category A, B or C events of the same discipline on consecutive weekends.

1.6.4 All International Mountain Bike events must apply the UCI International Mountain Bike Regulations.

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- 1.6.5** All Commissaires appointed by the UCI to officiate at any UCI Calendar event shall receive from the UCI or the Organiser/Promoter, as determined, the relevant benefits as set annually by the UCI Management Committee.
- 1.6.6** For all events the inscription fee will be fixed annually by the UCI and will be payable to the UCI upon request¹⁾.
- 1.6.6.1. The fee will be paid per day of competition.
- 1.6.6.2. Cancellation of an event on the UCI International Calendar will result in an additional fee.
- 1.6.7** The organisers of an international event will ensure that the event complies with the civil and legal responsibilities of the competitors towards third parties.

§ 7 Mountain Bike Competition Types²⁾

1.7.1 Cross Country Racing:

- 1.7.1.1. Cross Country Circuit racing or "XC".
A course should be a minimum of 6 kilometers around. The duration of the race varies from category to category.
- 1.7.1.2. Cross-country point to point racing or "PP"
The course for a point to point event should be at least 25 km and no longer than 100 km and should involve appreciable amounts of climbing and descending. Massed start or individual start (time trial) formats are permissible. The course shall normally start in one location and finish in another, although a large loop starting and finishing at the same point is permissible.
(text modified on 1.01.02).
- 1.7.1.3. Cross Country Short Course racing or "SC".
An SC course should be a maximum of 6 kilometers per lap. The start and finish should be in the same area. Natural and/or artificial obstacles will only be allowed if they are safe.
- 1.7.1.4. [abrogated on 1.01.04].

1.7.2 Downhill or "DH"

A downhill course should be all downhill. The course should be a mixture of single track, jeep road, field tracks, forest tracks, and rocky tracks. There should be a mixture of rapid and technical sections. There should be little emphasis on pedalling, but rather the technical skills of the riders should be tested. Ideally the minimum course length should be 1.5 km and the maximum course length should be 3.5 km.

1.7.3 Hill Climb or "HC"

A point to point course containing at least 80% of uphill riding. Group or single (time trial) starts are possible. The course starts in one location and finishes in another at a higher elevation.

1.7.4 [abrogated on 1.01.04].

¹⁾ Fees are set annually in the UCI Financial Obligations documents, which is sent to all National Federations.

²⁾ The "initials" refer to calendar listing.

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1.7.5 4-Cross or "4X"

4-Cross is a competition that consists on qualifying round stage race series where four qualifying riders compete on a shared short downhill-type course. The winner and the second placed rider in each match qualify automatically for the subsequent round. The third placed rider may qualify via a repechage while the fourth is immediately eliminated. Times are not taken into account except at the qualification stage.

(text modified on 1.01.02).

1.7.6 Dual Slalom or "DS"

An event where a series of elimination races are held between pairings of riders racing head to head down two parallel slalom courses.

1.7.7 Stage Race or "SR"

An event judged on total time/points resulting from several races of the same or differing disciplines of racing over three or more days.

1.7.7.1. Major Stage Races will be a minimum of 5 days and a maximum of 8 days duration including one rest day (and including any prologue). These will be listed as Category DHC and D1 events.
(text modified on 1.01.03).

1.7.7.2. Minor Stage Races will be a minimum of 3 days and a maximum of 4 days (including any prologue). These will be listed as Category D2 events.

§ 8 Running the Competition

1.8.1 Preliminaries

1.8.1.1. The Technical Delegate will check that the course is correctly marked and safe prior to the commencement of official training. A report of this check will be made to the Chief Commissaire and the Race Director. In the absence of a Technical Delegate the course check and report will be made by the Chief Commissaire.

1.8.1.2. The checking and control of licenses and the signing on will take place in an office at the race venue.

1.8.1.3. The list of competitors must be finalised before the race starts and will ensure the nation, team, UCI code number, category, type of race, distance, start time and, if appropriate, the start order.

1.8.1.4. The race course is fixed before the start and each rider will receive a map of the course when signing on. Riders or bonafide Team Managers must also attend a pre-race briefing which will contain any specific regulation changes.

1.8.1.5. Any last minute changes to race procedures must be made known to the riders at the start line before the start of their race.

1.8.2 The Start Procedure

1.8.2.1. In mass start events, staging of the riders must commence no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled start of the race. At 5 minutes prior to staging an announcement over the public address system must be made to advise when staging will begin, and again at 3 minutes prior to staging.

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- 1.8.2.2. The start briefing will be given in at least one of the official languages of the UCI - French or English.
- 1.8.2.3. Prior to the start of a mass start race a tape or ribbon will be held across the start line, behind which the riders will line up as they are called.
- 1.8.2.4. Ideally for mass start events, start announcements will be made at 3, 2 minutes before the start, 1 minute, 30 seconds and 15 seconds. The Start Commissaire will then start the race somewhere between 15 seconds and 0 seconds. No countdown announcement can be given when there is less than 15 seconds remaining.
- 1.8.2.5. In mass start events, the tape or ribbon used at the start must be removed at the 30 seconds start announcement.
- 1.8.2.6. Mass start competitions should be started by a starter's pistol or gun which will be fired by the Start Commissaire.
- 1.8.2.7. The Start Commissaire is in control of the public address system from two minutes prior to the start, until the start has been completed.

1.8.3 The Race

- 1.8.3.1. Riders must complete the entire distance of the race and the responsibility for following the official course lies with the rider.
- 1.8.3.2. A rider is not permitted to take any shortcuts or to omit a circuit or take other advantage of a similar nature against opponents.
- 1.8.3.3. If a rider exits the course for any reason, he/she must return to the course at the exact same point from which he/she exited.
- 1.8.3.4. **Except for authorised technical assistance in cross-country events, riders may not seek or receive any technical assistance along the course from anybody including other competitors.**
- 1.8.3.5. **Except for authorised technical assistance in cross-country events, riders may only change their bikes or receive any technical assistance between races.**
- 1.8.3.6. A rider must not use offensive or abusive language, act in an anti-sporting manner, be disrespectful to the officials or ignore the race regulations.
- 1.8.3.7. A rider must act in a polite manner at all times and permit any faster rider to overtake without obstructing.
- 1.8.3.8. Riders must respect the countryside and ride only on the official course. The rider must avoid polluting the area and must not leave any waste or litter.
- 1.8.3.9. No glass containers of any kind are permitted on or near the race course.

1.8.3.10. The use of radio links or other remote means of communication with riders is forbidden.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

§ 9 Equipment

- 1.9.1 All bicycles used in all forms of mountain bike competition must be powered by human power alone.
- 1.9.2 It is forbidden to use metal screws or spikes in the tyres of the bicycle.

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1.9.3 Bikes must use a wheel on both front and back that is no bigger than 29 inches.

(text modified on 1.01.04).

§ 10 Infractions and penalties

1.10.1 The penalties applicable to anti-doping infractions are dealt with in the UCI Anti-Doping Regulations.

1.10.2 Repairs or adjustments to the bike, feeding or any unauthorised assistance received from any external source will result in disqualification.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

1.10.3 Any manoeuvre with the intention of pulling a rider's jersey, or pulling or pushing a rider (by either the giver or the recipient of assistance), leaning on another competitor or offering irregular assistance to a rider from another team are all actions likely to give rise to declassification. Repeated offences shall render the riders involved liable to disqualification.

1.10.4 Obstruction of any rider in the final sprint, unsporting conduct towards another rider with the intention of restricting movement, taking a shortcut, substitution for another rider, taking both hands off the handlebars in the final sprint, that involves more than one rider, may result in relegation or disqualification.

1.10.5 Indecent conduct or foul language, disrespect to officials and/or to the public will be penalised. Repeated occurrences may lead to disqualification and a severe offence may justify a recommendation for suspension.

1.10.6 Fighting between competitors or with an official or member of the organisation or public will be penalised by disqualification and exclusion from the result. A severe offence can justify a recommendation for suspension.

1.10.7 Affiliated Federations are obliged to respect suspensions imposed on riders by other affiliated Federations.

1.10.8 Penalties

1.10.8.1. Penalties can be imposed according to the nature of the offence and one or more of the following can be used:

1.10.8.1.1. Verbal warning.

1.10.8.1.2. Fine. (Minimum 50 Swiss Francs).

1.10.8.1.3. Relegation of position (by one or more positions).

1.10.8.1.4. Time or points penalty.

1.10.8.1.5. Disqualification.

1.10.8.1.6. Suspension.

1.10.8.2. The UCI penalty form will be used by Commissaires for all penalties.

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1.10.8.3. When an offence is committed, the Chief Commissaire will inform the rider of the penalty. If he cannot inform the rider he will inform an official representative of his/her country or team.

1.10.9 Ignorance of the regulations is not admitted as an excuse.

1.10.10 All relevant prize money tables for UCI Calendar events will be listed in Swiss Francs in the UCI Financial Obligations document distributed annually to all National Federations.

Chapter II GENERAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

§ 1 Course Design Parameters

2.1.1 The course must be 100% rideable regardless of the terrain and weather conditions. **Without prejudice to provisions regarding authorised technical assistance in the cross-country events**, brief and unavoidable dismounts may be approved by the Technical Delegate or in the absence of a Technical Delegate, the Chief Commissaire.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

2.1.2 The duration of **Olympic format** cross-country races shall lie within the following ranges (in hours and minutes).

	minimum	maximum
2.1.2.1. Junior men	1.30	1.45
2.1.2.2. Junior women	1.15	1.30
2.1.2.3. Men under 23	1.45	2.00
2.1.2.4. Elite men	2.00	2.15
2.1.2.5. Elite women	1.45	2.00
2.1.2.6. Masters men	1.45	2.00
2.1.2.7. Masters women	1.30	1.45

The duration and distance of Marathon format cross-country races shall respect the following minima (time in hours and minutes, distance in kilometres).

	minimum time	minimum distance
2.1.2.8. Marathon	3.00	60
2.1.2.9. World Series Marathon	4.00	80
2.1.2.10. World and Continental Championship	4.00	80

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In the event of very severe weather conditions, the president of the commissaires panel may select a race time as close as possible to the minimum time.

(text modified on 01.01.03; 1.05.04).

2.1.3 The Course

- 2.1.3.1. The course must be free of all significant obstacles which have not been planned and/or notified to the riders.
- 2.1.3.2. The course must be marked every kilometer by a sign indicating the distance yet to be raced. Furthermore, the last kilometer must be marked with a sign clearly indicating that only one kilometer of the course remains.
- 2.1.3.3. Extended single track sections must also have periodic passing sections.

2.1.3.4 The marathon format cross-country course cannot include any point where riders will pass twice.

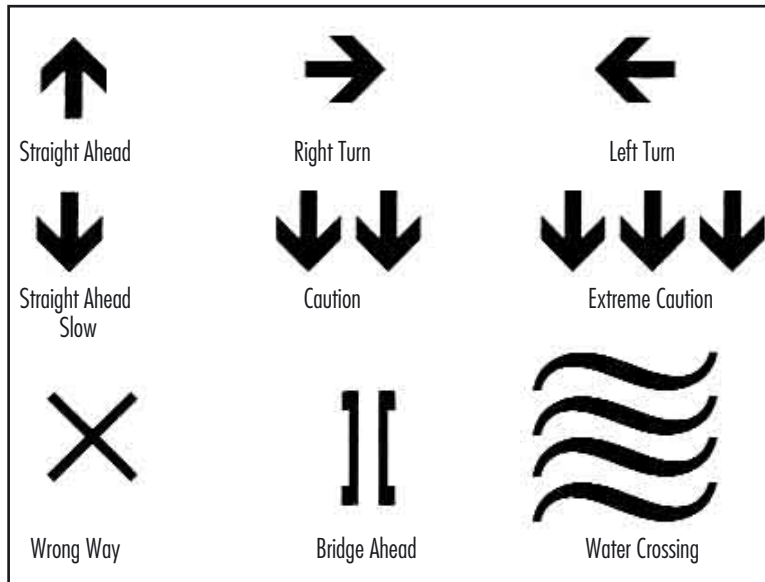
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2.1.4 Course marking

The course must be marked and indicated according to the following system:

- 2.1.4.1. The course direction arrows will be printed in a contrasting colour (black, blue, red) on a white background
- 2.1.4.2. They will have a minimum height of 20 cm and a minimum length of 40 cm.
- 2.1.4.3. They will indicate the route to be followed showing changes of course, intersections, and all potentially dangerous situations.
- 2.1.4.4. They will be placed at frequent intervals along the course to confirm to the rider that he/she is following the correct course.
- 2.1.4.5. Arrows should be placed on the riders' right hand side of the course except for right turns where arrows will be placed on the riders' left hand side prior to the turn and during the turn. They must be placed no higher than 1.5 m off the ground.
- 2.1.4.6. Each intersection will be marked by an arrow placed 10 m to 20 m before the intersection.
- 2.1.4.7. Another arrow will be placed at the intersection.
- 2.1.4.8. Another arrow will be placed 10 m after the intersection to confirm the correct route.
- 2.1.4.9. A sign "X" will be positioned within easy eyesight to mark the wrong direction.
- 2.1.4.10. In all potentially dangerous situations, 1 or more arrows will be placed upside down 10 m to 20 m before the obstacle, and also at the obstacle.
- 2.1.4.11. Two upside down arrows mean a more dangerous situation.
- 2.1.4.12. Three upside down arrows means a most dangerous situation, proceed with caution.
- 2.1.4.13. Replicas of the following signs must be used:

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- 2.1.5** In downhill sections cross country courses must be additionally marked as follows:
- 2.1.5.1. With bamboo or ski slalom gates (PVC piping) with a height between 1.5 m and 2 m
 - 2.1.5.2. In high speed sections of the course, as deemed appropriate by the Technical Delegate and the Chief Commissaire, the course should be taped off as below. (The tape should be positioned on the ski gates/piping at a height which does not interfere with television shots - usually at 50 cm from the ground.) Zone A sections must be a minimum 2 m in width.



- 2.1.5.3. In appropriate areas, such as walls, on course tree stumps, on course tree trunks, there must be hay bales or adequate padding used to protect the riders. Such protective measures must not restrict the rideability of the course.

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- 2.1.5.4. In appropriate areas, such as along the edge of steep drops, catch nets which comply with ski federation norms must be used.
- 2.1.5.5. Any wooden bridges or ramps must be covered with non-slip surface (carpet, chicken wire, or special anti-slip paint).

2.1.6 Visual course reference

- 2.1.6.1. Where possible, roots, stumps, protruding rocks, etc. should be sprayed with fluorescent paint³⁾ to give increased rider reference at speed.

§ 2 Feed Zones

- 2.2.1 Feeding is only allowed in designated feeding areas or zones. Eyewear exchange will only be permitted in feed zones and in a designated **and accredited** eyewear zone **and under the responsibility of** eyewear company representatives.

- 2.2.1.1. The Technical Delegate and/or Chief Commissaire will determine with the collaboration of the Race Director the final layout and set-up of the feed zone(s) and eyewear zone(s) **and, for cross-country events, the zone for authorised technical assistance.**
- 2.2.1.2. Each feed zone must be located on flat or uphill sections which are slow and open enough to facilitate feeding. They should also accommodate the following two areas:
 - 2.2.1.2.1. Team and Individual - team sponsored riders and feeders of riders without team support. Team personnel must wear team identifiable clothing.
 - 2.2.1.2.2. Neutral - organiser provided, volunteer support.
- 2.2.1.3. The feed zone must be wide enough and long enough to allow passing of riders without interfering with those taking a feed.
- 2.2.1.4. No one is allowed access to the feed zone area without credentials which will be given out by the College of Commissaires at the Team Managers' Meeting before the event, with one pass for every three riders (or part thereof) in any given race.
- 2.2.1.5. Feed Zones must be clearly marked, fenced off from the public and strictly controlled by Commissaires and/or marshals.
- 2.2.1.6. During feeding no physical contact between feeders and riders is allowed, **on pain of disqualification.**
- 2.2.1.7. It is not permitted for a feeder to place water bottles on to the bike or place food and water bottles in the rider's pockets. All food and bottles must be handed to the rider.
- 2.2.1.8. Water may be poured onto the rider only if permission has been given by the Chief Commissaire before the event. At no time is it possible to pour water onto any part of the competitor's bike.
- 2.2.1.9. It is forbidden for feeders to run beside their rider in the feed zone.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

³⁾ Biodegradable paint is usually available and should be used. If it is not available, no paint should be used.

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§ 3 **Authorised technical assistance**

(paragraph replaced on 1.01.05).

- 2.3.1** Technical assistance during a race is permitted, subject to the conditions below, in cross-country events.
- 2.3.2** Authorised technical assistance during a race consists of repairs to or the replacement of any part of the bicycle other than the frame. Bike changes are not permitted and the rider must cross the finishing line with the same handlebar number plate that he had at the start.
- 2.3.2.1** Technical assistance shall only be given in the feed zones; these zones must be located in areas that are wide enough, long enough and judiciously distributed on the course.
For the Olympic format (OX) 3 zones will be set up.
For the marathon format (MX) at least 3 zones shall be set up; the exact number shall be determined between the organiser and the technical delegate.
- 2.3.2.2** Spare equipment and tools for repairs must be kept in the zones. Each rider must carry out repairs or replace equipment himself or with the help of a team-mate and no other person.
- 2.3.3** In addition to technical assistance in feed zones, technical assistance is permitted outside these zones only between riders who are members of the same UCI team or of the same national team during World Cup events and between riders of the same national team during Olympic Games, world championships and continental championships.
In other events, assistance between riders outside feed zones is forbidden.
Riders may carry tools and spare parts provided that these do not involve any danger to the rider himself or the other competitors.

§ 4 **Security**

2.4.1 Communication:

- 2.4.1.1. A radio communications system must be installed which is capable of covering the entire course without dead spots from start to finish.

2.4.2 Marshals:

- 2.4.2.1. A flag system must be applied as follows:
- 2.4.2.1.1. All marshals working in potentially hazardous sections must carry a yellow flag which will be used during training and racing sessions.
- 2.4.2.1.2. If this flag is held out stretched, riders must slow down since an accident ahead is being indicated.
- 2.4.2.2. All marshals must ideally have line of sight with each other and carry whistles which will be blown with a short sharp blast as the next rider approaches.

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2.4.3 First aid minimum requirements

- 2.4.3.1. At least one ambulance and an additional base unit is required at all races.
- 2.4.3.2. All rescue personnel must be easily identifiable with an appropriate mark or uniform. This should be unique.
- 2.4.3.3. The first aid area must be centrally located and identified to all participants.
- 2.4.3.4. First aid personnel must be placed in key locations on the courses that will be in use for each day of competition. There should also be a first aid crew in place for official training days.
- 2.4.3.5. First Aid services must be in radio contact with each other, with Race Organisers, and with the Chief Commissaire in case of an emergency.
- 2.4.3.6. All rescue personnel must have access to radios and be positioned so that they may react within a reasonable time frame to an incident ideally without having to travel too far. Rescue must be situated so they ideally need to travel less than 3 minutes to an incident.
- 2.4.3.7. A report must be submitted by the organiser and/or the Host Federation to the UCI Offices within seven working days of the end of the event listing all injuries and treatments rendered with the riders name, number, and country.
- 2.4.3.8. For all events, at least 6 fully qualified paramedics should be in attendance.
- 2.4.3.9. For all events at least 1 doctor must be on full standby.
- 2.4.3.10. Ideally motor bikes or quad bikes must be used to quickly access awkward areas. Where possible, paramedics should be ready to ride as a pillion passenger and drivers must be skilled and experienced.
- 2.4.3.11. Potential hazard areas must be clearly identified and should be accessible by ambulance (four wheel drive if necessary). Maps must be distributed to the medical crew.

§ 5 Minimum Training Periods

- 2.5.1 The organisation must make courses available and fully marked for training at least 48 hours before the first race (qualification or other).
- 2.5.2 Elite riders must have exclusive 2 hour minimum training periods allocated to them. These periods should ideally be between 10am and 3pm on the day prior, and two days prior to the race.
- 2.5.3 The course must be suitably marked for orientation at least 5 days before the first race (qualification or other).
- 2.5.4 It is compulsory to wear a protective helmet when racing or training on the course and such helmet must comply with the required safety standards of the organising Federation.
- 2.5.5 Riders must wear their front number plate while training. No training is permitted whilst a race is in progress.

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§ 6 Competition

- 2.6.1** Riders that withdraw from their event prior to being verified by the Commissaires as a lapped rider or an official finisher, are classed as "Did Not Finish", and will lose all benefits, such as a placing, competition points and ranking points.
- 2.6.2** Lapped riders can be pulled out of the competition by the lead motorcycle and reported to the Chief Commissaire. Lapped riders should complete the lap on which they were lapped and then exit the competition in a designated finish lane set prior to the start of the finish straight. They will be listed in the results in order of finish plus number of laps down.

Chapter III GENERAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO DOWNHILL COMPETITION

§ 1 Format for racing

- 3.1.1** A single run format must be used. This may involve either:
- 3.1.1.1. A system in which a qualification and a semi-final lead to a final in which the fastest time wins - such as the World Cup system.
- 3.1.1.2. Or, a seeding run, followed by a single run by all competitors based on the seeding run, with the fastest time winning - such as the World Championships system.
- 3.1.2** A two run system (with the fastest single time from either run counting to the result) may be acceptable under certain circumstances.
- 3.1.3** Two runs with a combined time is not an acceptable system.

§ 2 Course Design Parameters

- 3.2.1** The following course design parameters must be followed:

	Minimum	Maximum
Course Length	1,500 m	3,500 m
Race Time	3 minutes	5 minutes

A race on a course with a lower time may only be held if it is the subject of an exemption issued by the UCI MTB Commission.

(text modified on 1.05.04).

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3.2.2 Courses must be marked with a minimum of the following:

- 3.2.2.1. With bamboo or ski slalom gates (PVC piping) with a height between 1.5 m and 2 m.
- 3.2.2.2. With the UCI approved arrow system.
- 3.2.2.3. In high speed sections of the course, as deemed appropriate by the Technical Delegate or Chief Commissaire, the course should be taped off as below. (The tape should be positioned on the ski gates/piping at a height which does not interfere with television shots - usually at 50 cm from the ground.) Zone A sections must be a minimum 2 m in width.



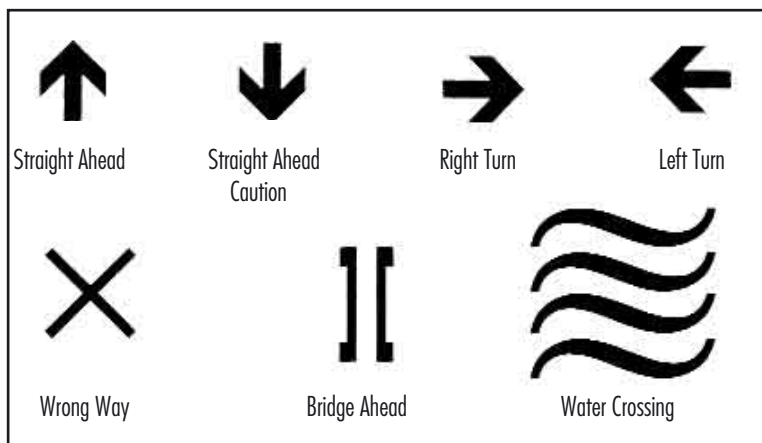
- 3.2.2.4. In appropriate areas, such as walls, on course tree stumps, on course tree trunks, there must be hay bales or adequate padding used to protect the riders. Such protective measures must not restrict the rideability of the course.
- 3.2.2.5. In appropriate areas, such as along the edge of steep drops, catch fences of a smooth flat surface must be used. Nets or mesh fencing with a gauge (hole) greater than 5 mm x 5 mm cannot be used.
- 3.2.2.6. Any wooden bridges or ramps must be covered with non-slip surface (carpet or special anti-slip paint).

3.2.3 Course marking

The course must be marked and indicated according to the following system:

- 3.2.3.1. The course direction arrows will be printed in a contrasting colour (black, blue, red) on a white background.
- 3.2.3.2. They will have a minimum height of 20 cm and a minimum length of 40 cm.
- 3.2.3.3. They will indicate the route to be followed showing changes of course and all areas of potential risk.
- 3.2.3.4. Arrows must be placed on the riders' right hand side of the course except for right turns where arrows will be placed on the riders' left hand side prior to the turn and during the turn. They must be placed no higher than 1.5 m off the ground.
- 3.2.3.5. In all areas of potential risk, 1 or more arrows will be placed upside down 30 m before the obstacle, or dangerous situation, and also at the obstacle.
- 3.2.3.6. Two or more upside down arrows mean a more risky situation.
- 3.2.3.7. Three or more upside down arrows proceed with caution.
- 3.2.3.8. Replicas of the following signs must be used:

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3.2.4 Visual course reference

3.2.4.1. Where possible, roots, stumps, protruding rocks, etc. should be sprayed with fluorescent paint⁴⁾ to give increased rider reference at speed.

§ 3 Security

3.3.1 Clothing/Protection

- 3.3.1.1. The UCI cannot authorise downhill protection standards obligatory for all countries since different standards apply in different countries.
- 3.3.1.2. In addition, the youth of the sport of downhill racing means that certain protection items are not yet governed by formal standards.
- 3.3.1.3. However, based on current experience, the UCI strongly recommends that riders wear the following protection:
- 3.3.1.3.1. Full face helmets
 - 3.3.1.3.2. Back, Elbow, Knee and Shoulder protection with a rigid surface
 - 3.3.1.3.3. Thigh padding
 - 3.3.1.3.4. Shin padding
 - 3.3.1.3.5. Long pants
 - 3.3.1.3.6. Long sleeved shirts
 - 3.3.1.3.7. Full finger gloves
- 3.3.1.4. It is compulsory to wear a protective helmet when racing or training on the course and such helmet must comply with the required safety standards of the organising Federation.

3.3.2 Communication:

- 3.3.2.1. A radio communications system must be installed which is capable of covering the entire course without dead spots from start to finish.

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3.3.3 Marshals:

3.3.3.1. A flag system must be applied as follows:

- 3.3.3.1.1. All marshals must carry a yellow flag which will be used during training sessions only.
- 3.3.3.1.2. If this flag is held out stretched, riders must slow down since an accident ahead is being indicated.
- 3.3.3.1.3. Designated marshals will hold red flags. These red flag positions must be at suitable places on the course and each red flag holder will have radio contact with left and right neighbouring red flag holders.
- 3.3.3.1.4. The red flags will be used in training and racing.
- 3.3.3.1.5. Race halt procedure:
 - 3.3.3.1.5.1. All red flag holders must have radios tuned to the same frequency as the Chief Commissaire, Race Director, and Medical staff.
 - 3.3.3.1.5.2. Red flag holders observing a serious accident must immediately report the accident on the radio to the Chief Commissaire and Race Director.
 - 3.3.3.1.5.3. Red flag holders must immediately assess the situation of the crashed rider and continue reporting to the Chief Commissaire and Race Director.
 - 3.3.3.1.5.4. The Chief Commissaire may order that the red flag is waved vigorously.
 - 3.3.3.1.5.5. Other red flag holders should be aware of any radio traffic concerning an accident and when observing a neighbour waving his/her flag must do the same.
 - 3.3.3.1.5.6. Riders observing a waving red flag during the race must STOP immediately since a serious accident ahead is being reported.
 - 3.3.3.1.5.7. A stopped rider should proceed calmly but promptly to the finish and request a re-start from the Finish Commissaire and wait for further instruction.

3.3.4 All marshals must have line of sight with each other and whistles which will be blown with a short blast as the next rider approaches.

3.3.5 First aid minimum requirements

- 3.3.5.1. At least one ambulance and an additional base unit is required at all races.
- 3.3.5.2. All rescue personnel must be easily identifiable with an appropriate mark or uniform. This should be unique.
- 3.3.5.3. The first aid area must be centrally located and identified to all participants.
- 3.3.5.4. First aid personnel must be placed in key locations on the courses that will be in use for each day of competition. There must also be a first aid crew in place for official training days.
- 3.3.5.5. First Aid services must be in radio contact with each other, with Race Organisers, and with the Chief Commissaire in case the race has to be stopped. All rescue personnel must have access to radios and be positioned so that they may react within a reasonable time frame to

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- an incident without having to travel too far. Ideally, rescue must be situated so they need to travel less than 3 minutes to an incident. Medical staff will monitor all red flag radio traffic.
- 3.3.5.6. A report must be submitted by the Organiser and/or the Host Federation to the UCI Offices within seven working days of the end of the race listing all injuries and treatments rendered with the riders name and number.
 - 3.3.5.7. For all events, at least 8 fully qualified paramedics should be in attendance.
 - 3.3.5.8. For all events at least 1 doctor must be on full standby.
 - 3.3.5.9. Ideally, motor bikes or quad bikes must be used to quickly access awkward areas. Where possible, paramedics should be ready to ride as a pillion passenger and drivers must be skilled and experienced.
 - 3.3.5.10. Potential hazard areas must be identified and should be accessible by ambulance (four wheel drive if necessary). Maps must be distributed to the medical crew.

§ 4 Minimum Training Periods

- 3.4.1 Two days prior to competition, on foot inspection must be provided.
- 3.4.2 One day prior to competition, a morning session with stops must be provided.
- 3.4.3 One day prior to competition a non-stop training session must be provided.
- 3.4.4 On the morning of the race, an optional training period must be provided.
- 3.4.5 A bike sticker system must be used to confirm that riders have completed a minimum two training runs.
- 3.4.6 Riders must commence all training runs at the beginning of the course at the official start gate. Commencing a training run below the official start line may result in disqualification from the competition.
- 3.4.7 Riders must wear their front number plate while training. No training is permitted whilst a race is in progress.

§ 5 Transportation to top of course

- 3.5.1 Transport must be provided which is capable of moving 150 riders per hour with their bikes to the top of the course.
- 3.5.2 A suitable alternative access system must be planned should the primary access system fail.

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Chapter GENERAL RULES FOR 4-CROSS

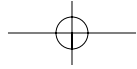
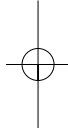
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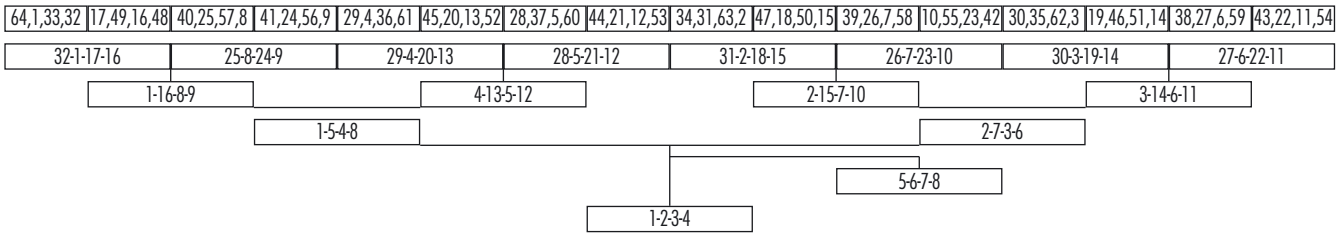
- 4.1.1** 4-Cross is an event where four riders compete side by side on the same downhill course. The nature of this competitions is such that some unintentional contact between riders may occur; this will be tolerated by the commissaire in charge, as long as he judges it to be within the spirit of the race, fair play and sportsmanship towards the other competitors.

§ 2 Event procedure

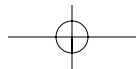
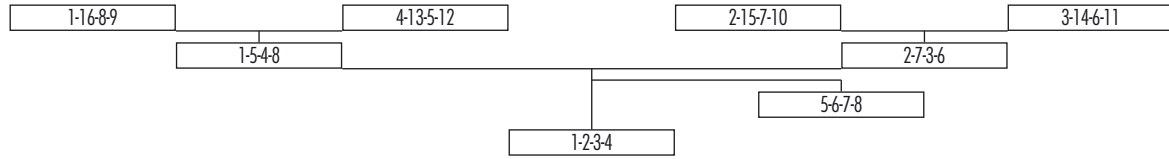
- 4.2.1** Practice runs must take place on the same day as the finals.
- 4.2.2** The qualifying round may take place the same day as the finals.
- 4.2.3** The qualifying round shall take the form of a timed run over the course by each rider. A list of starters will be drawn up, with which all riders must comply. Riders entered who fail to start as prescribed shall be deemed not to have qualified. The riders shall start when the order is given by the start commissaire. After the qualifying round, the fastest 64 male riders and the fastest 16 female riders shall qualify for the main race.
- (text modified on 1.01.04).*
- 4.2.4** The groups of riders will be drawn as indicated in the table below, in order to ensure that the fastest qualifying rider will only meet the second qualifying rider in the final.



Men



Women



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- 4.2.5** The riders in each group of four may choose their starting position in order of their qualifying times. The fastest rider shall get first choice.
- 4.2.6** In addition to the final, a minor final shall be held for the four losers from the penultimate round, in order to determine the 5th to 8th placings.
- 4.2.7** The formula used will be the automatic elimination of the rider placed last in each group of four. The third may go through a repechage. The first and second placed riders shall qualify for the next round. Each group of four riders shall ride only once.
- 4.2.8** The riders shall start from a standstill. A forward movement of the bicycle resulting in contact with the starting gate shall result in a disqualification for this round. Contact will be deemed to have occurred if the rider causes a malfunction of the gate or other starting mechanism by touching it or by forcing it open before the start signal. Breaking the starting gate shall be grounds for disqualification.
- 4.2.9** If a part of the front wheel passes the start line before the official starting signal the rider shall be disqualified.
- 4.2.10** The riders are required to pass through each gate without straddling it: i.e. the wheels of the bicycle must follow a path outside each gate. The gate judges located along the course will check that the correct route is followed. A missed or straddled gate will result in the rider's disqualification unless the rider goes to the trouble of returning to pass it correctly.
- 4.2.11** If the four riders fall or fail to cross the finish line in a preliminary round, the winner will be the rider who covered the largest part of the course.
- 4.2.12** The riders finishing below 12th place are ranked on the basis of the round which they reached followed by their qualifying time.

§ 3 The course

- 4.3.1** The course must be open enough to allow riders to pass each other. It must also be wide enough to allow the four riders to line up side by side. Ideally, the course should be set up on moderate slopes with regular gradients. It must also include a mixture of jumps, humps, berms, dips, natural tables and other special features; it may include banked turns. There should be no climbing requiring the riders to pedal.
- 4.3.2** The time taken to cover the course should be between 30 and 40 seconds.
- 4.3.3** The 10 first metres of the race must be free of any obstacle, and may be marked with white lines (using tape, biodegradable paint, or flour) to split the course into four lanes. Any rider crossing or riding on these white lines will be disqualified.

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- 4.3.4** At least the following markings must be provided:
- 4.3.4.1 Gate markers in bamboo or as used for alpine skiing (in PVC) of 1.5 to 2 metres in height.
- 4.3.5** The last gate on the course must be located at least 10 metres from the finish line.
- 4.3.6** The organiser must provide a raised platform from which the 4-Cross judge has an unobstructed view of the entire course. The platform will be located in a zone to which spectators do not have access.

§ 4 Transport to the race start

- 4.4.1** It is recommended that means should be provided to transport riders rapidly up to the start area. A course running alongside a useable ski lift or cable car run is to be preferred, so that riders can have rapid and independent access.

V **GENERAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO DUAL SLALOM** Chapter **COMPETITION**

§ 1 General

- 5.1.1** Unless authorised, training on the course is not permitted. The courses should only be inspected by foot prior to the commencement of the competition. Riders training on the course with a bike without authorisation may be disqualified.

§ 2 Format for racing

- 5.2.1** The two courses should be as close to identical as possible, marked with gates around which the riders ride with an average time difference of less than 5%.
- 5.2.2** Each rider must qualify. For an event, there is a choice of qualifying systems.
- 5.2.2.1. Each rider does one run on the same course.
 - 5.2.2.2. Each rider rides each course once and the times for the two runs are added together.
 - 5.2.2.3. A multiple number of runs on either course in a given period of time, with the rider's best run on either course counted as the qualifying time.
- 5.2.3** The seeding list will be announced after the qualification. The fastest qualifier will be seeded against the slowest qualifier, the 2nd fastest against the 2nd slowest and so on.
- 5.2.4** Riders will race head to head on each course with the rider holding the faster combined time moving to the next round of the competition.

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- 5.2.5** Riders will start from a stationary position. Forward movement of the bicycle resulting in a barge of the starting gate will result in the maximum time penalty being awarded for that run. It is considered a barge when a rider causes a gate or other starting mechanism to malfunction by hitting it or by forcing it to open by leaving before the command to start. Breaking the gate will result in disqualification.
- 5.2.6** Any part of the front wheel that crosses the start line before the official signal to start will result in the maximum time penalty for that run.
- 5.2.7** Any rider that misses the start time by more than 2 minutes after the final call will be disqualified from the competition.
- 5.2.8** Alternating left and right, riders must ride around, not over, each gate, with both tyre tracks passing on the outside of each gate. This will be determined by gate judges located along the course. A missed gate (that is not returned to and passed correctly), or a run over gate, will result in the maximum time penalty.
- 5.2.9** Gate judges must have flags which are raised when a gate is missed or run over.
- 5.2.10** The most a rider can lose by is the maximum time penalty which is determined for that particular course. The maximum time penalty is calculated by taking 10% of the fastest time recorded in the qualification runs. The time may be rounded out to the nearest 1/10th of a second.
- 5.2.11** If there is a tie in the combined times after the two runs have been completed by both riders in a heat, the winner of the 2nd run advances to the next round.
- 5.2.12** If both riders fall or fail to finish in the same heat, the winner will be the rider that travelled further down the course.

§ 3 Maximum Time Penalties

- 5.3.1** Riders will receive maximum time penalties for the following:
- 5.3.1.1. Changing from one course to another.
 - 5.3.1.2. Interfering with the opposing rider's progress.
 - 5.3.1.3. Not finishing in possession of the bike.
 - 5.3.1.4. Not passing both wheels around the gate.
 - 5.3.1.5. Missing a gate and going beyond the next gate.
 - 5.3.1.6. Running over a gate.
 - 5.3.1.7. Missing the last gate and going through the finish line.
 - 5.3.1.8. Making a false start, or barging the start.

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§ 4 Course Design Parameters

- 5.4.1** Course must ideally be held on land with gradual moderate slope, and may include berms, jumps, dips and table tops.
- 5.4.2** The duration of the courses should be between 20 secs and 45 secs, with the optimum at 30 secs.
- 5.4.3** Courses must be marked with a minimum of the following:
5.4.3.1. With bamboo or ski slalom gates (PVC piping) with a height between 1.5 m and 2 m.
- 5.4.4** The last gate on each course must be set at least 10 meters before the finish line.
- 5.4.5** Traffic cones (witches hats) should be used to delineate the outside border of each course. The ground should be marked where the cones are placed so that they can be replaced in the same position should they be knocked from position.

§ 5 Transportation to top of course

- 5.5.1** Transport should be provided which is capable of bringing the riders back to the start of the course promptly.

VI

Chapter GENERAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO STAGE RACES

§ 1 Preliminaries

- 6.1.1** A mountain bike stage race is a series of races, or events, in which there are normally individual and team competitions. Individuals must complete each stage according to the specific procedures for the event in order to be eligible for the next stage. A mountain bike stage race is held under the General International Mountain Bike Regulations of the UCI with the exception of these specific regulations that apply to mountain bike stage racing.
- 6.1.2** The organiser, under the supervision of the Chief Commissaire shall prepare a complete set of race regulations that specify how each stage will be conducted.
- 6.1.3** For all Stage Races, the following classifications are to be used:
Minor Stage Races Men's Individual General Classification.
 Women's Individual General Classification.
 Men's Team General Classification (Optional).
 Women's Team General Class. (Optional).

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Major Stage Races Men's Individual General Classification.
 Women's Individual General Classification.
 Men's Team General Classification.
 Women's Team General Classification.

(Note: Individual riders may compete outside of a team structure, as individual entrants).

- 6.1.4** There shall be three Major Stage windows available each year.
- 6.1.5** Major Stage races can take place in more than one country as long as the National Federations of the countries that the Stage Race passes through are in agreement with the route of the tour, and the organisation of same.

§ 2 Duration

- 6.2.1** Stage races on the international calendar shall be a minimum of 3 days and a maximum duration of 8 days.
- 6.2.2** Minor stage races are a minimum of 3 days and a maximum of 4 days. Major stage races are a minimum of 5 days and a maximum of 8 days.
- 6.2.3** A Prologue Individual Time Trial may be conducted and is included in the count of competition days. Prologue results are included in Individual General Classification and Team General Classification.
- 6.2.4** There shall be at most two stages on any day.
- 6.2.5** Minor stage races can only have one double stage day.
- 6.2.6** Major stage races may include no more than two days with double stages and there must be at least one day between double stage days. The total race time accumulated for the two stages on a double stage day cannot exceed 3.5 hours.
- 6.2.7** All stages shall not start before 9:00 am.
- 6.2.8** There shall be no more than 2 transfers by vehicle per total event.
- 6.2.9** The maximum distance of any one transfer shall not exceed three hours total travel time. Travel time under one hour will not be considered a transfer.

§ 3 Team General Classification (Team GC)

- 6.3.1** For stage races where there is a Team GC, there are three types of teams:
- 6.3.1.1. Team: Must wear identical registered trade team clothing.
- 6.3.1.2. National: Must be licensees of same National Federation and must wear identical registered National Federation clothing.
- 6.3.1.3. Composite: May be made up of eligible individuals and must wear identical jerseys.

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- 6.3.2** At the start of a stage race teams must have a minimum number of riders. For men this is a minimum of 3 and for women this is a minimum of 2.
- 6.3.3** Team GC, is based on the combined lowest cumulative time of:
- 6.3.3.1. Top 3 finishers in each stage for men.
6.3.3.2. Top 2 finishers in each stage for women.
- 6.3.4** Team bonuses and/or penalties shall be applied to Team GC
- 6.3.5** The team with the lowest cumulative time at the end of the stage race is the winner.
- 6.3.6** Monetary fines may be levied against the team as per UCI Regulations and shall be paid before the distribution of prize monies.

§ 4 Individual General Classification (Individual GC)

- 6.4.1** Based on an individual competitors cumulative time for each stage including a prologue if included.
- 6.4.2** Bonuses or penalties shall be applied to Individual GC.
- 6.4.3** The individual with the lowest cumulative time at the end of all stages including the prologue is the winner.
- 6.4.4** Individual monetary fines may be levied as per UCI Regulations and shall be paid before the distribution of prize monies.

§ 5 Technical

- 6.5.1** For stage races where there is a Team GC, technical assistance shall be allowed between riders of the same registered team only, at any time throughout the event.
- 6.5.2** Technical assistance may also be received inside established neutral pit areas supplied by the event organiser.
- 6.5.3** Competitors must display UCI regulation front number plate, body and shoulder number at all times while registered for the event. The body number shall be the primary reference number to check in the instance of a bike exchange within the same registered team.
- 6.5.4** Individual stage distance/duration
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| Event | Distance/Duration |
| Prologue | 2 to 5 km |
| Team Time Trial | 5 to 20 km. The teams time (3rd man/2nd woman) is applied to Team GC. |
| Individual Time Trial | 5 to 20 km (15 to 60 minutes). |

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criterium	15 to 30 km (30 to 60 minutes).
Circuit Race	50 to 90 minutes - Max of 30% pavement
Cross Country	At least 6 km each lap - multiple laps, (total race duration is 1.5 to 2.5 hours).
Point to Point	1.5 to 3 hrs (may start and finish in same location)
Hillclimb	Mass start or Time Trial
Downhill	Time Trial

- 6.5.5** For downhill stages the bike used by a rider must be the same bike used for cross country stages. The bike frame will be marked by the Commissaires prior to the first stage.
- 6.5.6** There shall be a lead and follow motor bike for all stages excluding a downhill, individual time trial, and prologue.
- 6.5.7** If there is to be an evening criterium, adequate lighting must be provided.
- 6.5.8** There shall be no Trials - Enduro - Indoor - Dual Slalom - Dual events as part of a stage race. These events may be a peripheral event with separate prize money.
- 6.5.9** Liaisons (neutral starts) may be included in a maximum of 75% of the stages. No liaison stage may exceed 35 km in length. These liaisons must have a pace vehicle controlling the speed of the field until the official start line is reached. Once the start line has been reached, a rolling start or a staged start may be used. If a staged start is used it must be carried out either within 30 minutes or no sooner than 3 hours after the arrival of the pace vehicle.
- 6.5.10** Race Leader jerseys shall be provided in a variety of sizes. It is the current GC leaders obligation to wear this jersey as long as he is the leader. The Race Leader may affix a decal with his sponsors logo on the front, but may not block the organisers logos.
- 6.5.11** If possible, the organiser shall provide a skinsuit for the Individual GC leader.
- 6.5.12** For the Individual GC there shall be cash prize money for at least the top 20 men and top 10 women. (See rule 1.10.10).

VII SPECIFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE MOUNTAIN BIKE WORLD CUP

Chapter

§ 1 Cross Country

- 7.1.1** The UCI Mountain Bike Cross Country World Cup will consist of a series of events, the total number of which to be determined by the UCI Management Committee.
- 7.1.2** Events may take place worldwide.

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- 7.1.3** The schedule and season guide for each forthcoming season will be published as soon as possible but no later than January 1st.
- 7.1.4** New venues must be homologated by the Technical Delegate and an athlete recommended by the UCI Mountain Bike Commission.
- 7.1.5** The organisation must make courses available and fully marked for training at least 72 hours before the first race (qualification or other).
- 7.1.6 Eligibility and event entry**
- 7.1.6.1. The Cross-country World Cup is an individual competition open to all riders in the elite category (men and women).
(text modified on 1.05.04).
- 7.1.6.2. Only athletes entered on official World Cup entry forms endorsed by their National Federation or UCI **Team** provided by the UCI will normally be accepted to compete in each event. Entries may be submitted directly by UCI registered **Teams**. Under exceptional circumstances where National Federations are unable to complete entry forms, the UCI may submit forms directly.
- 7.1.6.3. National Federations and **Teams** may be liable for the full entry fee of riders who fail to register for an event for which the National Federation or **Team** has entered them.
- 7.1.6.4. These entry forms will be sent to each UCI affiliated National Federation wishing to enter athletes in the competitions at least two months in advance of each competition. **Teams**, once they have completed their UCI registration process as outlined in Chapter 11 of these regulations, will receive the relevant entry forms as soon as possible from UCI.
- 7.1.6.5. The entry deadline, 13 days before the event, and address on the forms must strictly be adhered to. Late entries will not be accepted unless permitted by the Technical Delegate in exceptional circumstances together with a fine of no less than 150 Swiss Francs.
- 7.1.6.6. Entered riders will check in at registration, show their licence and pay the entry fee in local currency.
- 7.1.6.7. Riders are to register at least 24 hours before their event.
- 7.1.6.8. Cross Country entry fees must not exceed 70 Swiss Francs or equivalent, including all tax and/or insurance charges. The top 20 men and 10 women on the World Cup standings prior to an event will be exempt from paying entry fees for that event.
- 7.1.6.9. Junior riders may only participate with the elite age class if they are entered directly by their National Federation and not a **Team** or the UCI.
- 7.1.7** For circuit races, any rider that is more than 80% slower than the leader's lap time (calculated from the leader's first full lap of the course and maintained throughout the event), will be pulled out of the race at the designated finish lane set prior to the start of the finish straight end of the lap (except on the leader's last lap). Lapped riders should complete the lap on which they were lapped and then exit the competition in a designated finish lane set prior to the start of the finish straight. All lapped and pulled riders will be listed in the results in order of finish plus number of laps down.

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7.1.8 Depending on the nature of the course, the Technical Delegate will determine and advise which qualification procedure will be used, if necessary.

7.1.9 [abrogated on 1st January 2002].

7.1.10 **Race numbers are allocated on the basis of the World Cup final general classification of the preceding year for the first 50 men and first 25 women of that classification, as well as for the current men's and women's world Olympic format cross-country champions and for the current men's and women's Olympic champions. If those champions are not classified in the World Cup final general classification of the preceding year the next article applies.**

For other riders, race numbers are allocated on the basis of the current general classification of the World Cup (for the first event, on the basis of the World Cup final general classification of the preceding year), then on the basis of the UCI individual classification for riders who are not classified in the current World Cup general classification and in order of their date of entry for unranked riders.

(text modified on 1.05.04).

7.1.11 For the awards ceremony, the first 5 place getters will be required for the podium presentation.

7.1.12 Prize money not collected at the end of the awards ceremony and not sought from the UCI office within 30 days of the relevant event will be automatically forfeited.

7.1.13 Points system and overall results.

7.1.13.1. The overall results will be worked out according to each competitor's best results from all races. It is not mandatory to compete in or start the final race to gain an overall result. In the case of a tie in the overall result, the most recent race will be used to break the tie.

§ 2 Downhill

7.2.1 The UCI Mountain Bike Downhill World Cup will consist of a series of events, the total number of which to be determined by the UCI Management Committee.

7.2.2 Events may take place worldwide. All World Cup venues must have a transport capable of taking at least 150 riders per hour to the start of the course. All loading and unloading of bikes must be handled by staff supplied by the event organiser.

7.2.3 The schedule and season guide for each forthcoming season will be published as soon as possible but no later than January 1st.

7.2.4 New venues must be homologated by the Technical Delegate and an athlete recommended by the UCI Mountain Bike Commission.

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7.2.5 Course Marking Materials

- 7.2.5.1. The organiser may use gates to define the course in place of pickets and tape as outlined in chapter 3 of these regulations. Such gates must only be used in open sections of the course (wider than 2 m).
- 7.2.5.2. The exact placement of the gates will be confirmed by the Technical Delegate during the course inspection.

7.2.6 Eligibility and event entry

- 7.2.6.1. The Downhill World Cup is an individual competition open to all riders in the elite category (men, women), **provided that they have minimum 1 UCI point.**
(text modified on 1.05.04; 1.02.05).
- 7.2.6.2. Only athletes entered on the official World Cup entry form endorsed by their National Federation or UCI **Team** provided by the UCI will normally be accepted to compete in each event. Entries may be submitted directly by UCI registered **Teams**. Under exceptional circumstances where National Federations are unable to complete entry forms, the UCI may submit forms directly.
- 7.2.6.3. National Federations and **Teams** may be liable for the full entry fee of riders who fail to register for an event for which the National Federation or **Team** has entered them.
- 7.2.6.4. These entry forms will be sent to each UCI affiliated National Federation wishing to enter athletes in the competitions at least two months in advance of each competition. **Teams**, once they have completed their UCI registration process as outlined in Chapter 11 of these regulations, will receive the relevant entry forms as soon as possible from UCI.
- 7.2.6.5. The entry deadline, 13 days before the event, and address on the forms must strictly be adhered to. Late entries will not be accepted unless permitted by the Technical Delegate in exceptional circumstances together with a fine of no less than 150 Swiss Francs.
- 7.2.6.6. Entered riders will check in at registration, show their licence and pay the entry fee in local currency.
- 7.2.6.7. Riders are to register at least 36 hours prior to the start of the final training session.
- 7.2.6.8. Downhill entry fees must not exceed 70 Swiss Francs or equivalent, including all tax and/or insurance charges. The top 20 men and 10 women on the World Cup standings prior to an event will be exempt from paying entry fees for that event.
- 7.2.6.9. Junior riders may only participate with the elite age class if they are entered directly by their national federation and not a **team** or the UCI **and if they have minimum 1 UCI point.**
(text modified on 1.02.05).
- 7.2.6.10. Race numbers are allocated on the basis of the World Cup final general classification of the preceding year for the first 30 men and first 15 women of that classification, as well as for the current men's and women's world champions. If those champions are not classified in the World Cup final general classification of the preceding year the next article applies. For other riders, race numbers are allocated on the basis of the current general classification of the World Cup (for the first event, on the basis of the World Cup final general classification of the preceding year), then on the basis of the UCI individual classification for riders who are not classified in the current World Cup general classification and in order of their date of entry for unranked riders.**
(article introduced on 1.05.04).

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7.2.7 Race Format

7.2.7.1. The following Training Schedule must be fully adhered to as a minimum by the organisers of a World Cup Downhill:

- 7.2.7.1.1. Three days before the final an on foot inspection period must be provided for the riders between 13h00 and 16h00. The course must be completely marked and taped from top to bottom during this period.
- 7.2.7.1.2. Two days before the final a training period of 5 hours must be provided plus an extra hour exclusively for men ranked in the Top 80 of the World Cup and women ranked in the top 30 of the World Cup.
- 7.2.7.1.3. One day before the final a training period of 3 hours must be provided plus an extra hour exclusively for men ranked in the Top 80 of the World Cup and women ranked in the top 30 of the World Cup.
- 7.2.7.1.4. A training period must be provided on the day of the final. This must be for at least 90 minutes, and will be held prior to the semi final.
- 7.2.7.1.5. In the lead up to the final, riders must have completed a minimum of two training runs before the day prior the final. (For example, if final is Sunday, riders must have completed the two minimum runs by the end of training on Friday).
- 7.2.7.1.6. Riders who train outside of the specified training periods for an event, will be disqualified from competing further in that event. Riders will be permitted on the course up to 15 minutes after the scheduled training period. After this period, the course will be declared closed by the Technical Delegate. Riders on the course after this period may be disqualified.
- 7.2.7.1.7. Two forerunners must be selected by the organiser and must be ready to run the course as indicated by the Chief Commissaire before the semi finals and finals. Forerunners must be issued Front Number Plates bearing a letter such as A, B, C etc.

7.2.7.2. Women:

- 7.2.7.2.1. The Main Event will comprise a Semi Final and a Final.
- 7.2.7.2.2. Semi Final.

- 7.2.7.2.2.1. All riders in the Semi Final race must take the start as per the start list posted at registration. The start list will be established according to the World Cup rankings with the highest ranked rider going first. Riders with no World Cup points will be started in order of number plate, lowest plate number going earlier in the list.
- 7.2.7.2.2.2. All riders in the Semi Final will receive at least 30 second start interval.
- 7.2.7.2.2.3. The top 10 women in the semi final results will receive World Cup points as shown at table 7.6.1.2.

7.2.7.2.4. The first 10 women on the current general classification of the World Cup, or the final general classification for the preceding year in the case of the first event, shall qualify automatically in case of fall or of an equipment problem: if they are not qualified in the first 30 they may take

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part in the final in addition to the 30 already qualified.

(article introduced on 1.05.04).

7.2.7.2.3. Final.

7.2.7.2.3.1. Will comprise a maximum of 30 riders. The 30 fastest finishers from the Semi Final will advance to the Final.

7.2.7.2.3.2. The start order for the Final will be in reverse - the fastest go last.

7.2.7.2.3.3. All riders in the Final will receive at least a 1 minute start interval. The last 10 riders will receive at least a 2 minute interval.

7.2.7.2.3.4. The winner will be decided according to each competitors time in the Final.

7.2.7.3. Men.

7.2.7.3.1. The main event will comprise a Semi Final and a Final.

7.2.7.3.2. Semi Final.

7.2.7.3.2.1. All riders in the Semi Final race must take the start as per the start list posted at registration. The start list will be established according to the World Cup rankings with the highest ranked rider going first. Riders with no World Cup points will be started in order of number plate, lowest plate number going earlier in the list.

7.2.7.3.2.2. All riders in the Semi Final will receive at least a 30 second start interval.

7.2.7.3.2.3. The top 20 men in the semi final results will receive World Cup points as shown at table 7.6.1.2.

7.2.7.3.2.4. The first 20 men on the current general World Cup classification, or the final general classification for the preceding year in the case of the first event, shall qualify automatically in case of fall or of an equipment problem: if they are not qualified in the first 80 they may take part in the final in addition to the 80 already qualified.

(article introduced on 1.05.04).

7.2.7.3.3. Final.

7.2.7.3.3.1. Will comprise a maximum of 80 riders. The 80 fastest finishers from the Semi Final will advance to the Final.

7.2.7.3.3.2. The start order for the Final will be in reverse - the fastest go last.

7.2.7.3.3.3. All riders in the Final will receive at least a 1 minute start interval. The last 10 riders will receive at least a 2 minute interval.

7.2.7.3.3.4. The winner will be decided according to each competitors time in the Final.

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7.2.8 For the awards ceremony, the first 5 place getters from the final will be required for the podium presentation.

7.2.9 Prize money not collected at the end of the awards ceremony and not sought from the UCI office within 30 days of the relevant event will be automatically forfeited.

7.2.10 Overall results

7.2.10.1. The overall points classification will be worked out according to each competitor's results for all races. It is not mandatory to compete in or start the final race to gain an overall result. In the case of a tie in the overall result, the most recent race will be used to break the tie.

§ 3 4-Cross

7.3.1 The UCI 4-Cross World Cup shall consist of a series of events, with the total number of events to be determined by the UCI Management Committee.

(text modified on 1.01.02).

7.3.2 The events may be held anywhere in the world.

7.3.3 The guide and the season's program for the World Cup events will be published at the earliest opportunity, and in any case no later than 1 January.

7.3.4 New courses must be approved by the technical delegate and by a rider recommended by the Mountain Bike commission.

7.3.5 Participation and entries

7.3.5.1. The 4-Cross World Cup is an individual competition open to all riders of the Elite category (men and women).

(text modified on 1.01.02).

7.3.5.2. In principle only those riders duly entered by their National Federation or UCI **Team** will be allowed to compete. They shall be entered using the World Cup entry form supplied by the UCI. **Teams** may submit entries directly to the UCI. In exceptional circumstances where a National Federation is unable to complete the form, the UCI may submit this entry form directly.

7.3.5.3. The national federations and **Teams** may be called on to pay the full entry fee for riders who fail to present themselves to sign on at an event for which that federation or **team** has entered them.

7.3.5.4. These national entry forms shall be sent at least two (2) months prior to each race to all National Federations affiliated to the UCI that wishes to enter riders for World Cup events. **Teams** which have registered with the UCI under section 11 of these regulations shall be provided with the appropriate entry forms by the UCI at the earliest opportunity.

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- 7.3.5.5. The closing date for entries of 13 days prior to the race and the address shown on the national entry forms must be strictly adhered to. Entries received late may not be considered except where authorised by the technical delegate in exceptional circumstances with a fine of no less than 150 Swiss francs.
- 7.3.5.6. The riders entered in advance shall attend to sign on, show their licences and pay their entry fees in local currency.
- 7.3.5.7. The riders must sign on at least 24 hours before each event in which they compete.
- 7.3.5.8. The entry fees for a 4-Cross event may not exceed the equivalent of 50.00 Swiss francs (including all taxes and/or insurance premiums).
- 7.3.5.9. Junior riders may be permitted to take part in elite events on condition that they are entered directly by their National Federation; an entry by a **Team** or by the UCI is not acceptable.

7.3.6 For the prize-giving ceremony, the first three placed riders in the final must appear on the podium.

7.3.7 Prizes which are not collected at the end of the official ceremony or from UCI headquarters within 30 days of the event shall automatically be forfeited by the riders.

7.3.8 Warnings

- 7.3.8.1. A system of coloured cards will be used by the finish judge under the guidance of the commissaire in charge.
 - 7.3.8.1.1. A yellow card, confirmed by the commissaire in charge, will be shown by the commissaire to a rider who has ridden without due attention or has intentionally endangered his opponents. This card shall be the first and only warning.
 - 7.3.8.1.2. A red card, confirmed by the commissaire in charge, will be shown by a commissaire at the finish line to a rider who has been disqualified. This may be for a rider who has repeated the same action which led to an earlier yellow card warning, or if the rider is in breach of articles 1.10.3 to 1.10.6, or for any other reason which violates the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship.
 - 7.3.8.1.3. Any participant who receives two red cards in the same season shall automatically be suspended for one event. If the second red card is given in the final event of that season, the rider shall be suspended for the first round of the following season.

7.3.9 Points scores and general classification

- 7.3.9.1. The general classification will be drawn up on the basis of the results obtained by each competitor in all the races. Riders are not obliged to participate in this final event to appear in the general classification. In the case of a tie in the general classification drawn up during the season, the result of the most recent event may be used to separate the riders affected.

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§ 4 Leader's jersey

- 7.4.1** The riders (men and women) leading the general classifications of the World Cup shall be required to wear the leader's jersey. For the cross-country competition, an additional jersey shall be awarded in the Under 23 Men's category.
- 7.4.2** The leader's jerseys for the cross-country shall be in a standard blue colour and must be available in various sizes. For the under 23 men's category the leaders' jerseys shall be red and shall also be available in various sizes.
- 7.4.3** The leaders' jerseys for the downhill shall be sleeveless jerseys in black with a full length zip fastener on the front. They shall be made of stretch fabric and shall be worn over the riders' protective clothing. They shall be available in various sizes.
- 7.4.4** The leader's jerseys for the 4-Cross events shall be white and available in various sizes.
- 7.4.5** The jersey awarded on the podium must be worn at the next event.
- 7.4.6** The jersey may not be cut or mutilated in any way (including sleeves).
- 7.4.7** Riders' intrinsic advertising panels are permitted on the jerseys as follows:
- 7.4.7.1. No more than 3 advertiser's logos may appear.
 - 7.4.7.2. Front panel - maximum 200 cm² size on the front of the jersey.
 - 7.4.7.3. Back panel - maximum 200 cm² size on the back of the jersey.
 - 7.4.7.4. Sleeves - single line maximum 5 cm wide. (For Cross Country and Dual only).
 - 7.4.7.5. Side panels - single line maximum 9 cm wide.

§ 5 Press Conferences:

- 7.5.1** A press conference may be held at each race either one or two days before the final. If such a press conference is held, the top three riders in the overall classification must attend this conference if requested to do so by the Technical Delegate.
- 7.5.2** Failure to attend once requested will result in a penalty to be imposed by the Technical Delegate.

§ 6 Points scales for the UCI World Cups (cross-country, downhill, and 4-Cross)

- 7.6.1** Each World Cup event (cross-country, downhill and 4-Cross) shall result in the riders being awarded the following points:

(text modified on 1.01.02).

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7.6.1.1. Cross Country

Place	Men	Women	Place	Men	Women
1	250	250	39	37	37
2	200	200	40	36	36
3	170	170	41	35	35
4	150	150	42	34	34
5	130	130	43	33	33
6	95	95	44	32	32
7	90	90	45	31	31
8	85	85	46	30	30
9	80	80	47	29	29
10	75	75	48	28	28
11	71	71	49	27	27
12	67	67	50	26	26
13	63	63	51	25	-
14	62	62	52	24	-
15	61	61	53	23	-
16	60	60	54	22	-
17	59	59	55	21	-
18	58	58	56	20	-
19	57	57	57	19	-
20	56	56	58	18	-
21	55	55	59	17	-
22	54	54	60	16	-
23	53	53	61	15	-
24	52	52	62	14	-
25	51	51	63	13	-
26	50	50	64	12	-
27	49	49	65	11	-
28	48	48	66	10	-
29	47	47	67	9	-
30	46	46	68	8	-
31	45	45	69	7	-
32	44	44	70	6	-
33	43	43	71	5	-
34	42	42	72	4	-
35	41	41	73	3	-
36	40	40	74	2	-
37	39	39	75	1	-
38	38	38			

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7.6.1.2. Downhill (Semi Final Points in brackets)

Place	Men	Women	Place	Men	Women
1	200 (50)	200 (50)	26	25	-
2	160 (40)	160 (40)	27	24	-
3	140 (30)	140 (30)	28	23	-
4	125 (25)	125 (25)	29	22	-
5	110 (20)	110 (20)	30	21	-
6	95 (17)	95 (17)	31	20	-
7	90 (15)	90 (15)	32	19	-
8	85 (13)	85 (13)	33	18	-
9	80 (12)	80 (12)	34	17	-
10	75 (11)	75 (11)	35	16	-
11	71 (10)	71	36	15	-
12	67 (9)	67	37	14	-
13	63 (8)	63	38	13	-
14	59 (7)	59	39	12	-
15	55 (6)	55	40	11	-
16	52 (5)	52	41	10	-
17	49 (4)	49	42	9	-
18	46 (3)	46	43	8	-
19	43 (2)	43	44	7	-
20	40 (1)	40	45	6	-
21	37	37	46	5	-
22	34	34	47	4	-
23	32	32	48	3	-
24	30	30	49	2	-
25	28	28	50	1	-

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7.6.1.3. 4-Cross (text modified on 1.01.02).

Placing	Men	Women
1	50	50
2	40	40
3	30	30
4	25	20
5	21	15
6	18	10
7	15	7
8	13	5
9	11	4
10	10	3
11	9	2
12	8	1
13	7	-
14	6	-
15	5	-
16	5	-
17	5	-
18	5	-
19	4	-
20	3	-
21	2	-
22	2	-
23	1	-
24	1	-

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7.6.1.4. Team classification (each event counting for the placing).

CROSS-COUNTRY			DOWNHILL			4-CROSS		
Placing	Men	Women	Placing	Men	Women	Placing	Men	Women
1	40	40	1	40	40	1	40	40
2	36	36	2	36	36	2	36	36
3	33	33	3	33	33	3	33	33
4	30	28	4	30	28	4	30	28
5	27	23	5	27	23	5	27	23
6	25	18	6	25	18	6	25	18
7	23	13	7	23	13	7	23	13
8	21	8	8	21	8	8	21	8
9	19	5	9	19	5	9	19	-
10	17	2	10	17	2	10	17	-
11	15	-	11	15	-	11	15	-
12	13	-	12	13	-	12	13	-
13	11	-	13	11	-	13	11	-
14	9	-	14	9	-	14	9	-
15	7	-	15	7	-	15	7	-
16	5	-	16	5	-	16	5	-
17	4	-	17	4	-	-	-	-
18	3	-	18	3	-	-	-	-
19	2	-	19	2	-	-	-	-
20	1	-	20	1	-	-	-	-

(text modified on 1.01.02).

§ 7 College of Commissaires and Technical Delegate

- 7.7.1** The Technical Delegate for each race will be appointed by the UCI Mountain Bike Commission, and will be required to be in attendance 24 hours prior to registration opening.
- 7.7.2** For each World Cup event, the UCI Mountain Bike Commission will appoint a Chief Commissaire and an Assistant Chief Commissaire (2 people) from the list of International Commissaires held by the UCI. The Chief Commissaire is to come from another country, but from the same continent (where possible).
- 7.7.3** These appointments will be confirmed in writing by the UCI.
- 7.7.4** The Host Federation of a World Cup must appoint a Start Commissaire, Finish Commissaire and Secretary Commissaire, as well as a minimum of 2 assistant National Commissaires. These appointments must be confirmed in writing to the UCI at least 3 months before the event.
- 7.7.5** [abrogated on 1.01.04].

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Chapter [abrogated on 1.01.04].

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Chapter GENERAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE OLYMPIC GAMES

§ 1**General**

9.1.1 The Olympic Games competitions follow the UCI International Regulations for World Championships, unless otherwise stated in this chapter, or in the explanatory hand book, agreed to be the UCI, and prepared for distribution by the Olympic Games Organising Committee.

§ 2**Qualification and Competition**

9.2.1 Qualification criteria will be determined by the UCI, in agreement with the International Olympic Committee and the the Olympic Games Organising Committee, and will be published at least 2 years in advance of the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games.

9.2.2 For the Cross Country competitions, riders will be called to the line in the order of their UCI world ranking, as determined no less than two weeks before the relevant competition, and no more than four weeks before the relevant competition.

9.2.3 The regulation concerning lapped riders found at article 7.1.9. will not be applied for the Olympic Games. The regulation found at article 2.6.2 will be applied.

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Chapter SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION

10.1 The UCI has drawn up an individual classification for the riders taking part in the events noted in article 10.2. This classification shall be known as the UCI Individual Mountain Bike Classification. The UCI shall be its exclusive owner.

10.2 The classification of races shall be as follows:

Olympic Games:	category 0
UCI World Championships:	category A
UCI World Cups:	category B
Continental Championships:	category C
National Championships:	Category CN

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Major stage races Hors Class:	category DHc
Major stage races:	category D1
Minor stage races:	category D2
Major one-day events Hors Class:	Category EHc
Major one-day events:	Category E1
Ordinary one-day events:	Category E2
Minor one-day events:	Category E3
Promotion events:	Category E4

(text modified on 1.01.02 ; 1.01.03).

10.3 The classification shall be established according to the points obtained by riders participating in mountain bike races on the UCI International Calendar, divided into categories as shown in article 10.2. The allocation of classes shall be effected annually by the UCI Management Committee in accordance with such criteria as it may determine.

10.4 The number of points to be won in each race is indicated at article 10.10. Points earned by riders in all Categories remain valid for one year, except for Categories A and O which remain valid for 2 years, and expire on their respective anniversary.

10.5 There are six individual classifications: men's cross-country, women's cross-country, men's downhill, women's downhill, men's 4-Cross, women's 4-Cross.

(text modified on 1.01.02).

10.6 For the individual downhill classification, only the events meeting the criteria defined in article 1.7.2. shall be eligible. For the individual 4-Cross classification, only events meeting the criteria defined in articles 1.7.5., 1.7.6. and 10.6.1. shall be eligible. For the individual Cross-country classification, only events meeting the criteria defined in articles 1.7.1.1., 1.7.1.2., 1.7.1.3., 1.7.1.4., and 1.7.7.1. shall be eligible. For the events described in article 1.7.7.2. only the final general classification shall be considered.

10.6.1. For a transitional period the individual 4-Cross classifications shall take account of 4-Cross, dual and dual slalom events.

(text modified on 1.01.02).

10.7 [article abrogated since 1.1.03].

10.8 All points earned count towards a rider's ranking except for the following categories where there are a maximum number of events considered in the period: Category E3, best 3 races. Category E2, best 4 races. Category E1, best 6 races. Category D2, best 3 races.

(text modified on 1.1.03).



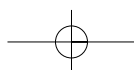
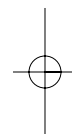
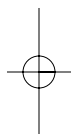
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10.9 The UCI individual world classification must be updated and made available after each event in category O, A, B, C, CN, DHc, D1 and EHc.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03).

10.10 Points table:

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03).



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	O.G.	World Champ.			World Cup			Continental Champ.			National Champ.			Stage Race					One Day Race							
	O	A			B			C			CN			Dhc High Class		D1 Major		D2 Ordinary	Ehc High Class			E1 Major		E2 Ordinary	E3 Minor	E4 Promo.
Rank	Elite	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	U/23	Elite	Elite	Elite
1	250	200	150	40	150	125	10	125	70	20	90	75	50	125	10	80	10	60	70	40	10	40	20	20	10	0
2	210	170	130	35	130	115	7	115	65	17	80	65	45	115	7	75	7	55	65	35	7	35	17	17	7	-
3	180	150	120	30	120	110	5	110	60	15	75	60	40	110	5	70	5	50	60	30	5	30	15	15	5	
4	160	140	115	26	115	105	3	105	56	13	70	55	35	105	3	65	3	45	56	26	3	26	13	13	3	
5	150	135	110	22	110	100	1	100	52	11	65	50	30	100	1	60	1	40	52	22	1	22	11	11	1	
6	145	131	106	20	106	95	-	95	48	9	60	45	25	95	-	55	-	35	48	20	-	20	9	9	-	
7	140	127	102	18	102	90		90	44	7	55	40	20	90		50		30	44	18		18	7	7		
8	135	123	98	16	98	85		85	40	5	50	35	15	85		47		25	40	16		16	5	5		
9	130	119	94	14	94	80		80	36	3	45	30	10	80		44		20	36	14		14	3	3		
10	125	115	90	12	90	75		75	32	1	40	25	5	75		41		18	32	12		12	1	1		
11	120	111	87	10	87	70		70	30	-	36	21	-	70		38		16	30	10		10	-	-		
12	115	107	84	9	84	65		65	28		32	17		65		35		14	28	9		9				
13	110	103	81	8	81	60		60	26		28	13		60		32		12	26	8		8				
14	105	99	78	7	78	55		55	24		24	9		55		30		10	24	7		7				
15	100	95	75	6	75	50		50	22		20	5		50		28		8	22	6		6				
16	96	91	72	5	72	45		45	20		17	-		45		26		7	20	5		5				
17	92	88	69	4	69	40		40	18		14			40		24		6	18	4		4				
18	88	86	66	3	66	37		37	16		11			35		22		5	16	3		3				
19	84	84	63	2	63	34		34	14		8			30		20		4	14	2		2				
20	80	82	60	1	60	31		31	12		5			25		18		3	12	1		1				
21	76	80	58	-	58	30		30	10		-			20		16		-	10	-		-				
22	72	79	56		56	29		29	9					19		14			9							
23	68	78	54		54	28		28	8					18		12			8							
24	64	77	52		52	27		27	7					17		10			7							
25	60	76	51		51	26		26	6					16		9			6							

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	O.G.	World Champ.			World Cup			Continental Champ.			National Champ.			Stage Race					One Day Race							
	O	A			B			C			CN			Dhc High Class		D1 Major		D2 Ordinary	Ehc High Class		E1 Major		E2 Ordinary	E3 Minor	E4 Promo.	
Rank	Elite	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	U/23	Elite	Elite	Elite
26	56	75	50		50	25		25	5					15		8			5							
27	52	74	49		49	24		24	4					14		7			4							
28	48	73	48		48	23		23	3					13		6			3							
29	44	72	47		47	22		22	2					12		5			2							
30	40	71	46		46	21		21	1					11		4			1							
31	37	70	45		45	20		20	-					10		-			-							
32	34	69	44		44	19		19						9												
33	31	68	43		43	18		18						8												
34	28	67	42		42	17		17						7												
35	25	66	41		41	16		16						6												
36	23	65	40		40	15		15						5												
37	21	64	39		39	14		14						4												
38	19	63	38		38	13		13						3												
39	17	62	37		37	12		12						2												
40	15	61	36		36	11		11						1												
41	-	60	35		35	10		10						-												
42		59	34		34	9		9																		
43		58	33		33	8		8																		
44		57	32		32	7		7																		
45		56	31		31	6		6																		
46		55	30		30	5		5																		
47		54	29		29	4		4																		
48		53	28		28	3		3																		
49		52	27		27	2		2																		
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Rank	O.G.		World Champ.			World Cup			Continental Champ.			National Champ.			Stage Race					One Day Race						
	O	A		B			C			CN			Dhc <small>High Class</small>		D1 <small>Major</small>		D2 <small>Ordinary</small>	Ehc <small>High Class</small>		E1 <small>Major</small>		E2 <small>Ordinary</small>	E3 <small>Minor</small>	E4 <small>Promo.</small>		
		Elite	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	U/23	Elite	Elite	Elite
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52		49	24		24																					
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54		47	22		22																					
55		46	21		21																					
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57		44	19		19																					
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59		42	17		17																					
60		41	16		16																					
61		40	15		15																					
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64		37	12		12																					
65		36	11		11																					
66		35	10		10																					
67		34	9		9																					
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73		28	3		3																					
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	O.G.	World Champ.			World Cup			Continental Champ.			National Champ.			Stage Race					One Day Race															
	O	A			B			C			CN			Dhc <small>High Class</small>		D1 <small>Major</small>		D2 <small>Ordinary</small>	Ehc <small>High Class</small>			E1 <small>Major</small>		E2 <small>Ordinary</small>	E3 <small>Minor</small>	E4 <small>Promo.</small>								
											<small>Nation 1st to 5th</small>	<small>Nation 6th to 10th</small>	<small>Nation 11th and more</small>	<small>Standing</small>	<small>Stage</small>	<small>Standing</small>	<small>Stage</small>	<small>Standing</small>																
Rank	Elite	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	U/23	Jun.	Elite	U/23	Elite	Elite	Elite								
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- 10.11** National Federations and organisers are required, immediately following any race, to transmit to the UCI offices by fax, the complete results on result sheets supplied in advance by UCI. These must be signed by the UCI Chief Commissaire in attendance at the event. Should such information not be transmitted as indicated, the UCI Management Committee may exclude it from the UCI International Calendar, notwithstanding any other penalties provided for in the regulations.

XI SPECIFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO TEAM Chapter REGISTRATION

§ 1 Identity

- 11.1.1** A **Team** is an entity consisting of at least two people, of which at least one must be a rider, that are employed and/or sponsored by the same entity, for the purpose of participating in international mountain bike racing.
- 11.1.2** A **Team** shall comprise all the riders employed by the same employer, the employer itself, the sponsors and all the other persons contracted by the employer and/or the sponsors for the functioning of the team (Team Manager, Coach, Soigneur, Mechanic etc.). It shall be designated by a special name and be registered with the UCI as provided in these regulations.
- 11.1.3** Sponsors shall be persons, companies or bodies which contribute to the funding of the **Team**. Of these sponsors, no more than two may be designated as the principal partners of the **Team**. Should neither of the two principal partners be the employer of the team then the employer may be only a person or body corporate, whose sole commercial income is derived from advertising.
- 11.1.4** The principal partner(s) and the employer shall commit themselves to the **Team** for a whole number of calendar years.
- 11.1.5** The name of the **Team** shall be that of the company or brand name of the principal partner or that of one of both of the two principal partners.
- 11.1.6** No two **Teams**, their principal partners or employers, may bear the same name. Should application for a new and identical name be simultaneously made by two or more Teams, priority shall be given to the Team which has used the name for the longer or longest time.
- 11.1.7** The nationality of the **Team** shall be that of the country where the head office or the domicile of the employer is located. The **Team** shall include in its registration application to the UCI, a letter of endorsement from the UCI member National Federation of the country of its nationality. Such a letter will recognise the Team as being of that Federation's nationality and support its registration with the UCI under the terms of these regulations.

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§ 2 Legal and Financial Status

- 11.2.1** The employer of riders forming a **Team** shall be a person(s)/corporation(s) legally entitled to engage personnel.
- 11.2.2** The principal Partner(s) of the **Team**, other than the employer, shall be held jointly and knowingly severally liable for the payment of 3 months salary in case of default by the employer.

§ 3 Registration with UCI

- 11.3.1** [abrogated on 1.01.04].
- 11.3.2** Each year, **Teams** may register with the Union Cycliste Internationale for the following year.
- 11.3.3** **Teams** shall, at the same time, register their riders.
- 11.3.4** **Teams** shall communicate their list of staff and riders by 31 January of the current year, at latest, for verification and registration. On the list for each **Team** the following must be indicated:
1. the exact name of the **Team**.
 2. the address (including telephone and fax numbers) to which all communications for the **Team** can be sent.
 3. the names and addresses of the principal partners, the employer, the Team Manager and the Assistant Team Manager
 4. the surnames, first names, addresses, nationalities and dates of birth of the riders, the dates and numbers of their licences and the authority that issued them.
 5. the surnames, first names, nationalities, and functions of all staff members requiring season long passes. This must also be accompanied by a colour passport photo for each staff member. For the Team Manager only, a licence number is required.
 6. Copies of contracts in accordance with article 11.5.3.
- 11.3.5** Article 11.3.4. shall also apply to any amendment to the list of **Teams**. Such amendments shall immediately be submitted by the **Teams** to the UCI.
- 11.3.6** Only **Teams** on the registered list approved by the UCI may receive benefits such as those listed in article 11.3.10.
- 11.3.7** By their annual registration with the UCI, **Teams** and especially the employers and sponsors shall undertake to respect the Constitution and Regulations of the UCI and their respective National Federation and to participate in cycling events in a loyal and sporting manner. The employer and principal partners shall be held jointly and severally liable for all the financial commitments of the **Team** to the UCI and the National Federations, including any relevant fines.

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- 11.3.8** The registration of the **Team** with the UCI shall involve a registration fee that the **Team** shall pay by 31 January of the current year. The amount shall be set annually by the UCI Management Committee.
- 11.3.9** When submitting their registration, each team must submit a colour graphic design of their **Team** jersey, complete with sponsor logos.
- 11.3.10** Those **Teams** registered with the UCI will receive a series of benefits which include, but are not limited to:
1. Access to the UCI Disciplinary Commission for their riders, the riders' employer(s) and the **Team's** principal partner(s).
 2. Inclusion on the UCI **Team** Ranking which includes obvious benefits through promotion, publicity and recognition throughout the season.
 3. Access to season long passes for World Cups.
 4. Information services and publications in addition to the regular distributions.
 5. Direct entry services for major UCI events.
 6. On site services and benefits at major UCI events (including World Championships).
 7. Preferred pricing, where negotiated, for technical space at World Cup events.

§ 4 Teams and Riders

- 11.4.1** The team shall be the totality of riders engaged by the same employer.
- 11.4.2** The nationality of each rider shall be that of his/her civil status.

§ 5 Contract of Employment

- 11.5.1** A rider's membership of a **Team** shall be subject to a contract. The UCI model contract is provided as a base contract, and is given as a guide at article 11.9. It does not include bonus/incentive programs, race schedules, equipment provisions and other details. These are subject to negotiations between the employer and the rider(s).
- 11.5.2** Any clause concluded between the rider and the employer that clearly impinges on the basic rights of the rider as provided for in the UCI regulations shall be considered null and void.
- 11.5.3** Any contract between a **Team** and a rider shall be drawn up in triplicate at least. One original copy shall be forwarded to the UCI with exact financial amounts for salary and bonus payments not included.
- 11.5.4** All documents transmitted to the UCI are strictly confidential.
- 11.5.5** The contract must include provisions to cover the financial responsibilities with respect to salary and benefits to the rider(s) in the event of unforeseen illness and/or injury.

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§ 6 End of Contract

- 11.6.1** On the expiration of the foreseen term of the contract, the rider shall be free to enter the service of some other employer. No system of transfer fees shall be permitted.

§ 7 Dissolution of a Team

- 11.7.1** A **Team** shall announce its dissolution or the end of its activity or its inability to respect its obligations, as soon as possible. Once this announcement has been made, riders shall be fully entitled to contract with another **Team** for the following season or for the period starting at the moment announced for the dissolution, the end of activities or the inability to perform.

§ 8 Penalties

- 11.8.1** Should a **Team**, as a whole, fail or cease to meet all the conditions of the relevant UCI regulations, it may no longer participate in cycling events.

§ 9 UCI Model Contract Between a Rider and a Team

- 11.9.1** The UCI Model Contract between a rider and a **Team** is found at Annexe 1 to these regulations.

ANNEXE 1

UCI Model Contract Between a Rider and a **Team**

Between the undersigned,

(name and address of employer)

being financially empowered to represent the (name of the **Team**), endorsed by the (name of the National Federation) and whose principal partners are:

1. (name and address) (if appropriate, the employer)
2. (name and address)

hereafter called "the Employer",

ON ONE PART

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And: (name and address of the rider)

born in on

nationality

holder of a licence issued by

hereafter called "the Rider"

ON THE OTHER PART

Do hereby recall that:

- The Employer employs a team of cyclists who, forming the (name of **Team**) and under the direction of Mr. (name of the Team Manager), participate in mountain bike races governed by the Regulations of the International Cycling Union;
- The Rider wishes to join the (name of the **Team**)
- Both parties are acquainted with and declare that they will abide wholly by the UCI Constitution and Regulations, and those of its affiliated National Federation.

This having been established, it is hereby agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - Engagement

The Employer shall engage the Rider, and the Rider shall agree to be engaged as a Mountain Bike rider.

The participation of the Rider in events in other disciplines (such as BMX, Track etc) shall be agreed upon by the Parties case by case.

ARTICLE 2 - Duration

The present contract shall be concluded for a fixed period commencing on.... and expiring on....

ARTICLE 3 - Remuneration

The Rider shall be entitled to an annual gross salary of.... This remuneration may not be lower than the legal minimum wage or, where there is no legal minimum, than the usual salary that is paid or should be paid to full-time workers employed in the country whose National Federation issued the Rider's licence or in the country where the **Team** has its head office, whichever the higher.

If the duration of that contract is to be less than one year, the Rider shall, over that period, earn at least the full annual salary provided for in the preceding paragraph, less the contractual salary that he would have been able to earn, as a rider with professional status, with some other employer in the course of the year preceding the final date of the present contract.

This provision shall not apply if the present contract is extended.

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ARTICLE 4 - Payment of remuneration

1. The Employer shall pay the salary referred to in article 3 above in at least four instalments, at the latest on the last working day of each three-month period.
2. Should the Rider be suspended under the terms of the UCI Regulations or those of one of its affiliate Federations, he/she shall not be entitled to the said remuneration referred to in article 3 for the part of the suspension exceeding one month.
3. Should the Employer fail to pay to the net the remuneration referred to in article 3, the Rider shall, without summoning the Employer to make payment, be fully entitled to the following extra benefits:
 - (a) 5% interest for each of the five working days in arrears starting with the fourth day,
 - (b) and thereafter, an 1% interest for each weekday.The total increase may not exceed 50% the amount due.

ARTICLE 5 - Insurance

The employer shall provide the rider with an appropriate insurance to ensure salary benefits of an acceptable level are paid in the event of an unforeseen injury or illness which affects the rider's ability to fulfil the competition aspects of his/her contractual obligations.

ARTICLE 6 - Premiums and prizes

The Rider shall be entitled to premiums and prizes won during cycling competitions in which he/she participated for the **Team**, in accordance with the Regulations of the UCI and its Affiliated Federations.

Premiums and prizes shall be paid as promptly as possible, but at latest on the last working day of the month following that in which said premiums and prizes were won.

ARTICLE 7 - Miscellaneous Obligations

1. The Rider may not, for the duration of the present contract, work for any other **Team** or advertise for any other sponsors than those belonging to the (name of **Team**), except in such cases as are provided for in the Regulations of the UCI and of its affiliated Federation.
2. The Employer hereby undertakes to allow the Rider properly to perform his occupation by providing him with the necessary equipment and apparel and by permitting him/her to participate in a sufficient number of cycling events, either as a member of the team or individually.
3. The Rider may not participate individually in a race without the express agreement of the Employer. The Employer shall be deemed to have given its agreement if it has not replied within a period of ten days from the date of the request. In no case may the Rider take part in a race within any other structure or a mixed team if the (name of the **Team**) has already entered for that race.

In case of a national selection, the Employer shall be required to permit the Rider to participate in preparatory races and programmes decided upon by the National Federation. The Employer shall authorise the National Federation to give the Rider any instructions it deems necessary in connection with and for the duration of the selection provided that it does so solely in connection with sporting matters, in its own name and on its own behalf.

In none of the aforementioned cases shall the Contract be suspended.

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ARTICLE 8 - Transfers

On the expiry of the present contract, the Rider shall be entirely free to sign a new contract some other employer, subject to the provisions of the UCI Regulations.

ARTICLE 9 - End of contract

Notwithstanding the legislation governing the present contract, it may terminate before expiration, in the following cases and on the following conditions:

1. The Rider may terminate the present contract, without notice nor liability for damages:
 - (a) if the employer be declared bankrupt, insolvent or goes into liquidation.
 - (b) if the employer or a principal partner withdraw from the **Team** and the continuity of the **Team** is not guaranteed or else if the **Team** announces its dissolution, the winding up of its activities or its inability to meet its commitments; if the announcement be made for a given date, the Rider shall perform the contract until that date.
2. The Employer may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for damages, in the case of serious defaulter on the part of the Rider and of the suspension of the Rider under the terms of the UCI Regulations for the duration of the present contract remaining to run. Serious defaulter is considered, in particular, refusal to participate in cycling races, despite being constantly summoned to do so by the Employer. If need be, the Rider shall have to prove that he was in no state to participate in a race.
3. Either party shall be entitled to terminate the present contract, without notice or liability, should the Rider be rendered permanently unable to exercise the occupation of professional cyclist.

ARTICLE 10 - Defeasance

Any clause agreed upon between the parties that runs counter to the terms of the UCI Model Contract between a rider and a **Team** and/or to the provisions of the UCI Constitution or Regulations and which would in any way restrict the rights of the Rider shall be null and void.

ARTICLE 11 - Arbitration

Any dispute between the Parties arising from the present Contract shall be submitted to arbitration and shall not be brought before any court. It shall be settled in accordance with the Regulations of the UCI through the UCI Disciplinary Commission or, failing this, according to the regulations of the National Federation to which the Rider belongs or, failing this, the legislation governing this Contract.

Made in _____ on _____

in as many copies as required by the legislation applicable to the present contract, that is to say,..... plus one copy to be sent to the UCI.

The Rider _____ The Employer _____

Approved for joint and several liability for all commitments entered into by the Employer

Principal Partner _____ Principal Partner
of the **Team** _____ of the **Team**