

PART 1 – GENERAL ORGANISATION OF CYCLING AS A SPORT

Rules amendments applying on **08.02.2021**

Chapter I LICENCE-HOLDERS

§ 4 Commissaires

- 1.1.064** The active career of an international commissaire shall end on 31 December of the year in which he reaches the age of 70. ~~However, for indoor cycling, the career of an international commissaire ends on 31 December of the year in which he reaches the age of 65.~~

(text modified on 01.01.07; 01.02.11; 01.10.11; 08.02.21)

§ 7 Miscellaneous

- 1.1.090** 1. Sponsorship by betting companies (including national lotteries) is forbidden if the betting company holds any shares or any contractual arrangements which grant it a right to take part directly or indirectly in the management or decision-making of the organiser, team or licence-holder concerned, unless the betting operator abstains from organising bets in relation to events of the organiser concerned or in relation to the events in which the team or the licence-holder concerned takes part **and, with regard to any other cycling event, complies with the list of authorised bets drawn up by the UCI Management Committee.**
2. In all other cases, sponsorship by betting companies is authorised provided the sponsor complies with the list of authorised bets drawn up by the UCI Management Committee. It is consequently forbidden to be sponsored by a betting company which organises bets on events which do not appear on the said list and/or types of bets which do not appear on the list.
3. In addition, any organiser, team or licence-holder wishing to be sponsored by a betting company shall:
- ensure that the betting operator is affiliated to one or several competent national monitoring authorities for the regulation and supervision of sports betting and holds an authorisation to organise bets in accordance with the definitions of the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions. In the event of absence of a monitoring authority for the supervision of sports betting in the country or countries where the betting operator is affiliated, the UCI may authorise such sponsorship provided that the betting operator is contractually affiliated to a

monitoring agency approved by the UCI and which agrees to provide reports concerning atypical or suspicious betting to the UCI.

- ensure that any such sponsorship contract explicitly prohibits the betting company from
 - i. collecting insider information and/or any other information that could be used to manipulate a cycling event
 - ii. participating in any decision of a sporting nature.

4. The organiser, team or licence-holder wishing to be sponsored by a betting company shall provide documentation establishing compliance with the conditions above along with its request for registration before the UCI or the national federation, if applicable, and as determined by the applicable provisions. In the event the organiser, team or licence-holder is already registered at the time it wishes to obtain sponsorship by a betting operator, the documentation shall be submitted without delay for approval to the UCI or the national federation and in any case no later than two months prior to the event during which the organiser, team or licence-holder wishes to grant visibility to the betting operator.

(text modified on 11.02.20; 08.02.21)

Chapter II RACES

Section 1: administrative provisions

§ 1 Calendar

1.2.006 Each year, organisers shall apply to their respective national federations to have their races included on the world or continental calendar.

By filing its application, the organiser commits to respecting the UCI constitution and regulations.

The organiser of, cyclo-cross, mountain bike or BMX event registered on a national calendar in which riders of three or more foreign federations participated, two foreign federations for a track, trials or an indoor cycling event, must request the inclusion of the next edition of his event on the international calendar. The event shall not be included in the national calendar, except if its inclusion in the international calendar is rejected.

The organiser of paracycling event registered on a national calendar in which riders of many foreign federations participated, as per Article 16.18.003, must request the inclusion of the next edition of his event on the international calendar.

Regarding road, National federations shall pass on applications for inclusion to the UCI with a copy to their continental confederation no later than July 1st of the year preceding that for which inclusion is required. **For Track, the deadline shall be set at May 1st.** For indoor cycling, para-cycling road and cycling for all, the deadline shall be set at July 1st.

For MTB, BMX, BMX Freestyle and trials, this date is the last Friday of July as for ~~track~~, para-cycling track and cyclo-cross, the deadline shall be set at December 15th.

The application of the national federations must be filed according to the instructions given by the UCI administration and confirms in any case the organiser's commitment to submit to the UCI constitution and regulations.

If a race is run over the territory of several countries, the race shall be included on the calendar only with the agreement of the federation of each country concerned.

If a federation does not transmit a request for inclusion on a calendar, the organiser of the race may approach the UCI directly.

(text modified on 01.06.98; 01.01.03; 01.01.04; 01.01.05; 01.07.09; 01.07.12; 25.02.13; 01.07.13; 01.01.16; 01.01.17; 08.02.18; 01.07.18; 08.02.21)

Section 2: organisation of races

§ 5 Invitation – Enrolment

1.2.048 General principle

(N) Unless otherwise specified, the organiser is free to select any teams and riders for an event, without any requirement to take account of any national protection.

Without prejudice to the provision concerning mountain bike, BMX, indoor cycling, paracycling, cycling for all, track, trials, cyclo-cross and the masters category, organisers of events registered on the international calendar are not allowed to demand from riders and/or teams any participation fee whatsoever (contribution to costs, entry fee, etc.).

(text modified on 01.01.02; 01.01.04; 01.01.05; 23.09.05; 01.02.07; 01.07.11; 01.07.13; 05.03.18; 01.07.18; 08.02.21)

- 1.2.052** National, regional and club teams and their respective riders may not start in competitions abroad unless they hold authorisation in writing issued by their federation (except teams and riders from the same federation as the event organiser). This authorisation must carry the dates of validity and the name(s) of the rider(s) concerned.

The provisions in this article shall not apply to riders covered by the provisions of article 2.1.011.

The provisions in this article shall not apply to riders participating in cyclo-cross Mountain Bike, BMX, ~~and~~ BMX Freestyle ~~or~~ Trials events.

(text modified on 01.01.01; 01.01.04; 01.01.05; 01.07.18; 01.01.21; 08.02.21)

§ 9 Prizes

- 1.2.071** ~~No more than 30 days before the race, the organiser shall pay over to his national federation a sum covering the total value of the prizes. The national federation shall ensure that they be distributed.~~

~~The payment may be replaced by a bank guarantee; in this case the prizes shall be paid out by the organiser.~~

The event organiser is responsible for paying the prizes to the riders/teams. However, national federations may provide that prizes be paid to them by the organisers prior to the event, in order to proceed themselves with the payment of prizes or require that the organiser sets up a bank guarantee for the total amount of prizes. National Federations may impose such requirements on any event taking place on its territory.

As an exception to the first paragraph, the UCI may provide that prizes shall be paid by the organiser into a specific bank account as part of a centralised platform for the distribution of prizes and managed by the UCI or a third-party designated by the UCI.

In such a case:

- Where applicable, the organiser shall be responsible for withholding taxes in accordance with the tax laws in the country of the event. Where taxes are withheld, the organiser shall be responsible for providing all relevant tax certificates (via electronic upload onto the platform);
- The payment made by the organiser onto the centralised bank account shall include the entire prize money due for the event less deduction of any withholding taxes;
- Such payment shall be made upon the obligations related to withholding taxes being fulfilled and no later than 45 days after the event;
- In the event of a distinct entity (such as the country's national federation or riders' association) being borne with a statutory obligation to deal with withholding taxes on behalf of organisers, the UCI shall instruct such entity of the modalities to be complied with in relation to the withholding of taxes and remittance of prize money.

(text modified on 01.02.19; 23.10.19; 08.02.21)

1.2.072 Prizes shall be paid to the beneficiaries or their representatives no later than 90 days after the finish of the race.

However, ~~national federations or~~ in the case of a centralised platform, - the UCI may withhold payments until such time that they are satisfied that the riders entitled to prizes are not susceptible of being ~~disqualified further to an anti-doping rule violation committed in connection with the event provisionally suspended due to an Adverse Analytical Finding~~ or subsequently being disqualified by ~~a competent decision-making body the UCI Disciplinary Commission~~. In relation to anti-doping, the UCI shall seek verification with the ~~Cycling Anti-Doping Foundation International Testing Agency~~ solely regarding events for which the latter initiated and directed sample collection.

~~For events which are not included in the centralised platform, the event organiser shall be responsible for seeking verification with the relevant decision-making body susceptible of disqualifying a rider before proceeding with the payment of the prizes.~~

~~In particular, where in-competition testing has been conducted, the event organiser shall seek verification with the anti-doping organisation which initiated and directed sample collection.~~

(text modified on 01.02.19; 01.02.21)

Chapter III EQUIPMENT

Section 3: Riders' clothing

§ 4 Leaders' clothing

1.3.053 (N) Advertising on a leader's jersey shall be reserved for the organiser of the race.

However, spaces are reserved for use by the riders/teams, as described in the "UCI jerseys visual guidelines" brochure published on the UCI Website ~~on the upper front and back of the jersey, in a rectangle 32 cm high and 30 cm wide, the lower 22 cm shall be reserved for use by the teams on a white background. The horizontal upper segment of the rectangle will match the lower point of the collar.~~ The principal partner(s) of a team shall stand out there from all other advertisements.

This provision shall also apply to the skinsuit worn by the leader ~~on which spaces are also reserved for use by riders/teams on the lower part (shorts), as described in the "UCI jerseys visual guidelines" brochure published on the UCI Website of the skinsuit shall be reserved for team advertising within a 9 cm wide horizontal band on each leg.~~

(text modified on 01.01.00; 01.01.05; 01.01.16; 08.02.21)

UCI cups, series and classifications

1.3.055 bis 1. The designs of the leader's jerseys for UCI cups, series and classifications are determined by the UCI and are their exclusive property. They may not be reproduced without UCI authorisation.

They may not be altered, except as regards the advertising space reserved for the wearer's team.

2. Advertising on the leader's jerseys of UCI cups, series and classifications is reserved for the UCI.

However, spaces are reserved for use by the riders/teams, as described in the "UCI jerseys visual guidelines" brochure published on the UCI Website ~~on the upper front and back of the jersey, in a rectangle 32 cm high and 30 cm wide, the lower 22 cm shall be reserved for use by the teams on a white background.~~ The principal partner(s) of a team shall stand out there from all other advertisements.

This provision shall also apply to the skinsuit worn by the leader ~~on which spaces are also reserved for use by riders/teams on the lower part (shorts) of the skinsuit shall be reserved for team advertising, as described in the "UCI jerseys visual guidelines" brochure published on the UCI Website within a 9 cm wide horizontal band on each leg.~~

3. The wearer of the leader's jersey shall be entitled to match the colour of his shorts to that of the jersey.

4. In time trial stages, leaders may wear the aerodynamic jersey or skinsuit of their teams if the UCI does not provide an aerodynamic leader's jersey or skinsuit.

(text modified on 01.01.05; 01.09.05; 01.01.06; 01.01.09; 01.07.17; 08.02.21)

§ 5 National team clothing

1.3.057 ~~The following advertising shall be authorised:~~

- ~~— front of the jersey: 2 rectangular zones of 80 cm² maximum;~~
- ~~— rear of the jersey: rectangular strip maximum 20cm high;~~
- ~~— area comprising shoulders and sleeves: strip of maximum 9 cm high;~~
- ~~— on the sides of the jersey: a 9 cm wide strip;~~
- ~~— sides of the shorts: a 9 cm wide strip;~~
- ~~— rear of the shorts: rectangular strip of 10cm high;~~
- ~~— the manufacturer's label (30 cm²) may appear once only on the jersey and once on each leg of the shorts.~~

Advertising matter, as detailed in the “UCI jerseys visual guidelines” brochure published on the UCI Website ~~above~~, shall be used at the national federation’s discretion.

Advertising matter on jersey and shorts may vary from one rider to another.

The design of the jersey and shorts may vary from one category of rider to another.

Advertising on protective leggings worn for downhill mountain bike, trials and BMX events is not subject to the advertising restrictions on shorts.

Additionally, the rider's name may appear on the back of the jersey.

The above measures also apply to other items of clothing worn during competition (rain jackets, etc.).

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1.3.058 The advertising spaces shall be reserved for the use of the national federation except in the following cases:

A. track world cup
[abrogated on 04.03.19]

A. cyclo-cross world cup
[text transferred to the article 5.3.010]

B. BMX world and continental championships and challenges

~~If the rider has one or more sponsors, a rectangle of height 10 cm on the front of the jersey shall be reserved for their use. In this case these rectangles comprise the only advertising spaces available on these parts of the jersey. If and only if there is no advertising for a rider's sponsors, the national federation may make use of two rectangular zones of 64 cm² on the front of the jersey. The other advertising spaces on the jersey (shoulder and sleeve strip, sides) are reserved in the first instance for the national federation.~~

~~Each rider having received a UCI permanent number (as outlined in § 10, Title 6 of the UCI regulations), must print his number on the jersey according to the following principles:~~

- ~~a) The colour of the number must be in strong contrast with the colour of the background.~~
- ~~b) The distance between the digits must be 1.5 cm~~
- ~~c) The minimum height of the number must be 20 centimeters~~
- ~~d) The width of the numbers shall be:
 - ~~— minimum 10 cm for one digit numbers~~
 - ~~— minimum 20 cm for two digit numbers~~
 - ~~— minimum 25 cm for three digit numbers~~~~
- ~~e) There should be a minimum of 5 cm of free space without publicity around the number.~~
- ~~f) As an option, he must display his last name across the shoulders, above the number.~~

All details regarding the advertising, logos and UCI permanent number are described in the "UCI jerseys visual guidelines" brochure published on the UCI Website.

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§ 6 World champion's jersey

1.3.063 World champions must wear their jersey in all events in the discipline, speciality and category in which they won their title, and no other event, until the evening of the day before the commencement of the next edition of the world championships of said discipline, speciality and category.

The world champion in the individual time trial is not authorised to wear the world champion's jersey during team time trial events.

In track races, in Madison, if one of the teammates is not World Champion, then both riders shall wear the same team jersey or one World Champion jersey with one plain white jersey. In six-day races, only madison world champions may wear the jersey, even if they are not paired together.

In para-cycling, for Tandem (B), Team Relay (TR) and Team Sprint (TS), only world champion athletes must wear the rainbow jerseys even if the pair or the team subsequently dissolve.

In non-individual events in Indoor Cycling, if one of the teammates is not World Champion, then no rider shall wear the World Champion jersey.

In Cycling Esports the UCI defines the World Champion jersey as having two states; 1) physical and 2) virtual. As such, the rainbow jersey must be worn in Cycling Esports events (physical state), both In-real life and remote races, and In-game by means of a digital avatar (virtual state). The obligation to wear the World Champion jersey in virtual state remains subject to the creation of such a digital avatar by the respective Cycling Esports platforms.

The world champion jersey must be worn at every opportunity with public exposure, in particular during competitions, awards ceremonies, press conferences, television interviews, autograph sessions, photo sessions and other occasions.

(text modified on 01.01.05; 01.01.06; 01.10.10; 01.07.12; 01.10.13; 04.03.19; 11.02.20; 08.02.21)

- 1.3.064** Without prejudice to paragraph 2 below, only the current world champion rider may wear rainbow piping on his equipment (such as bike, helmet, shoes) as per the technical specifications in the “[UCI jerseys visual guidelines](#)” brochure published on the [UCI Website](#) ~~which will be sent to him by the UCI~~. However, he may use the equipment bearing the rainbow piping only in events of the discipline, speciality and category in which he won the title and in no other event.
The current individual time trial world champion is authorised to use rainbow stripes on their time trial bicycle for individual time trial and team time trial events.

When he no longer holds the title of world champion, a rider may wear rainbow piping on the collar and cuffs of his jersey, to the exclusion of any other equipment, as per the technical specifications in the “[UCI jerseys visual guidelines](#)” brochure published on the [UCI Website](#) ~~which will be sent to him by the UCI~~. However, he may wear such a jersey only in events of the discipline, speciality and category in which he won the title and in no other event. In compliance with the provisions 1.3.056 and 1.3.059, he is not authorized to add the rainbow piping on his national team clothing.
Any equipment bearing the rainbow piping shall be submitted to UCI for approval before production.

(text modified on 01.01.05; 01.09.05; 24.09.07; 01.10.10; 01.01.15; 08.02.21)

- 1.3.067** The world champion shall be entitled to have advertising matter placed on his jersey from the day following the official ceremony.

The exact location of advertising space is defined in the “[UCI jerseys visual guidelines](#)” brochure provided by the UCI to each national federation of which a rider becomes world champion, [respectively published on the UCI website](#).

The wearer of the world champion's jersey shall be entitled to match the colour of his shorts to that of the jersey.

(text modified on 01.01.01; 01.10.10; 12.06.20; 08.02.21)

§ 7 National champion's jersey

- 1.3.069** The specificities concerning the design of the national champion jersey are described in the “[UCI jerseys visual guidelines](#)” brochure available on the UCI website. ~~These specificities are applicable for all the disciplines.~~

Before production, the national champion jersey design (colours, flag, drawing) reproduced by the titled rider must be approved by the concerned national federation and must respect the latter's dispositions.

Each national federation must have its national champion jersey design registered by the UCI, for each discipline, at least 21 days before the national championships of the discipline in question.

The wearer of a national champion's jersey shall be entitled to match the colour of his shorts to that of the jersey.

However, under the prior approval of the concerned National Federation and instead of wearing a traditional national champions jersey in the sense of the provision 1.3.068, the national champions in MTB DHI, MTB 4X, MTB Enduro and BMX have the possibility to wear a distinct national champion jersey with the left arm sleeve representing the flag of the rider's country. No advertising is authorized on that left arm sleeve of the national champion jersey. Apart from the left arm sleeve and without prejudice to the provisions 1.3.026 to 1.3.044, the remaining spaces (e.g. front, back and right arm sleeve) are let at the disposal of the riders for their usual sponsors. The specificities are described in the **"UCI jerseys visual guidelines"** brochure available on the UCI website.

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§ 8 Continental champion's jersey

1.3.070 If a jersey is awarded at a continental championship, riders may wear it in all races in the discipline, speciality and category in which they won the title and no other event, until the evening of the day before the commencement of the next edition of the continental championships of said discipline, speciality and category.

Continental confederations may impose the mandatory wearing of their continental champion's jersey in the discipline, specialty and category of their choosing.

In Madison track races, if one of the teammates is not Continental Champion, then both riders shall wear the same team jersey.

The authorised advertising spaces **are described in the "UCI jerseys visual guidelines" brochure published on the UCI Website** ~~shall be identical to those on the world champion's jersey.~~

Before production, the continental champion jersey design (colours, flag, drawing) reproduced by the titled rider must be approved by the concerned continental confederation and must respect the latter's dispositions.

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