

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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PART IX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chapter ORGANISATION OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

9.1.001 Each year a World Championship shall be held according to the results of which the title of World Champion is conferred on the winners of races included in a programme determined by the Management Committee.

9.1.002 World Championships in all cycling specialities are the exclusive property of the UCI.

All rights relating thereto shall belong exclusively to the UCI, notably those concerning:

- the right to create and to organise World Cycling Championships
- the right to the denomination “World Championship” in cycling
- radio and TV broadcasting, advertising and marketing rights
- the right to the “rainbow” colours.

Furthermore, the UCI may enter into a contract with a sponsor for the supply of vehicles or other equipment for the World Championships. In that case, the National Federations shall be obliged to use these suppliers exclusively.

9.1.003 Races for the allocation of the World Champion title may be distributed over several separately organised events. The Management Committee shall set the number and the programme of such events. Each of those events shall be called “World Championships” qualified by a particular indication determined by the Management Committee depending on the particular speciality (“Road”, “Mountain-Bike”, etc.)

Allocation of organisation

9.1.004 The UCI shall entrust the organisation of World Championships to one UCI member National Federation or, with the agreement of the National Federation of the country where the Championship will take place, to some other organiser.

9.1.005 An organisational guide has been prepared by the Management Committee for each World Championship. It will be sent to any National Federation that actually requests it.

9.1.006 Application to organise a World Championship implies that the applicant will, if selected, accept all the terms of the organisational guide and the commitment to organise the World Championships in accordance with all the provisions applicable thereto and under the exclusive responsibility of the applicant National Federation.

- 9.1.007 A National Federation applying to organise a World Championship shall submit its application by registered letter addressed to the UCI. With that letter, the National Federation shall provide the UCI with the documents required by the organisational guide.
- 9.1.008 The application shall reach UCI Headquarters at least three years before 1 January of the year on which the Championships at issue are to be held.
- 9.1.009 The Management Committee shall have discretionary powers to allocate the organisation of the World Championships as it deems fit.
- 9.1.010 If after allocating the right to organise the Championships, the Management Committee should consider that the conditions set in the organisational guide have not been met or that the state of preparation for the Championships be such as to offer no guarantee that the event will be properly organised or of sufficient quality, it may, at any time, entrust any other organiser of its choice with the organisation of the Championships and may take any other measures it deems necessary without being liable to the organisers from whom the right to organise has been withdrawn for any compensation whatsoever.

Championship Programme

- 9.1.011 The date, the duration and programme of each World Championships shall be determined by the UCI Management Committee.
- 9.1.012 The organiser shall ensure that there be no non-sporting events which could prevent a postponement of or alteration to the sporting programme should the need arise (breakdowns, rain, etc.). Decisions on that subject shall be taken by the Commissaires Panel in consultation with the organiser and the **UCI**.

The National Federation shall be organised in such a way as to be able immediately to inform all parties concerned of any change in the programme.

(modification came into force on 6th October 1997).

- 9.1.013 Any postponement of the World Championships shall be decided upon by the Management Committee after consulting with the organiser.
- 9.1.014 In the case of a postponement of the Championships, riders committed shall still be required to participate, whatever the new dates and places set. Riders shall be fully entitled to cancel any prior engagements that might have been concluded by or for them without their being liable for any form of damages or compensation.
- 9.1.015 In the case of a brief postponement, riders, commissaires and all other persons involved in the event, shall remain at the venue, unless otherwise decided by the Management Committee.

Protection

- 9.1.016 Riders engaged and not replaced 48 hours before the start of competitions in the speciality in question as well as, where applicable, any substitutes may not participate in any cycling race during the two days preceding the start of the competition for which they were entered.
Any breach of this rule will incur a fine of 500 to 10,000 SFR.

- 9.1.017 During the period between 11th day before the first race of World Championships and the third day after the last race, no cycling race in any speciality whatsoever offering prizes or premiums or any other type of benefit in return for participation may be held within a radius of 50 km around each venue in which a Championship cycling race is being held, unless expressly authorised by the UCI.

Any organiser contravening that provision shall be liable to a fine of 10,000 SFR. Riders participating in such an event shall be liable to a fine of 500 to 10,000 SFR.

Participating National Federations

- 9.1.018 Each National Federation shall participate in World Championships in a spirit of friendship and fair play and contribute to the utmost to the success of the Championships.
- 9.1.019 Each National Federation participating in the World Championships shall, register with the UCI, within the deadlines specified by the latter, all riders and other persons that will be on or will accompany its delegation (officials, attendants, guests, etc.).
- 9.1.020 Each National Federation shall provide the organiser with any information relevant especially to accreditation, transport and accommodation.
- 9.1.021 Each National Federation shall designate a Technical Manager for each team with which it participates in the Championships. The Technical Manager shall represent the team and the National Federation. Any contacts with National Federation teams shall be made through the Technical Manager.
- 9.1.022 In general each National Federation shall co-operate with the organiser and, to the extent possible, facilitate his work.

Meetings

- 9.1.023 Before the beginning of races in each speciality, the organiser shall convene an information and co-ordination meeting attended by his representatives as well as by **the UCI representatives** all Technical Managers, commissaires, the official UCI doctor and representatives of the security services. That meeting shall be chaired by a representative of the organiser.

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- 9.1.024 The organiser shall, moreover, make available to the above-mentioned persons adequate facilities for the holding of any other meetings that they might wish to hold to ensure the smooth running of the Championships.

Commissaires Panels

- 9.1.025 The Commissaires Panel, preferably comprising grade "A" UCI international commissaires designated by the UCI Management Committee.

The National Federation of the country selected to host the Championships shall designate such additional international commissaires as may be necessary for the successful operation of the competitions in such numbers be set by the UCI.

- 9.1.026 The duties of the Commissaires shall be:
1. To take possession of all equipment for identifying riders and to issue it only after checking enrolments
 2. To check enrolments and licences before each race
 3. To check the equipment (riders and machines) of each competitor
 4. To make up, where necessary, the qualifying or eliminatory heats and to set the starting order of teams and riders immediately after the checking deadline has elapsed
 5. To determine the results

- 9.1.027 During Track races, access to the commissaires' quarters shall be protected and no-one shall be admitted without preliminary authorisation.

- 9.1.028 During Road races, three commissaires at least shall supervise the riders' pits. They shall be responsible for order and shall also check the bicycles used and ensure that riders receive no unauthorised supplies.

- 9.1.029 The Commissaires Panel shall have full powers to take any decisions required by circumstances, in keeping with the Regulations.

Complaints

- 9.1.030 Complaints shall be decided upon by the Commissaires Panel and two or four other commissaires whom he shall designate. Decisions shall be taken by a majority vote after having given the parties concerned the possibility to put their case.

- 9.1.031 Complaints addressed to the Commissaires Panel shall be set down in writing and lodged with the Chief Commissaire.

- 9.1.032 Complaints may be lodged solely by a Technical Manager.

- 9.1.033 Complaints shall be lodged at latest 10 minutes after the finish of the last competitor in the race or after the announcement of the contested decision.

Nevertheless, complaints concerning the composition of heats, the qualification of competitors and the compliance of machines with the Regulations may also be lodged orally before the start and without payment of a caution.

Complaints concerning the classification shall be lodged within ten minutes of the announcer's announcing the result drawn up by the Commissaires Panel.

9.1.034 **(abrogated on 1st January 1998)**

9.1.035 The Commissaires Panel may have a race rerun.

9.1.036 **(abrogated on 1st January 1998)**

9.1.037 **(abrogated on 1st January 1998)**

9.1.038 **(abrogated on 1st January 1998)**

9.1.039 **(abrogated on 1st January 1998)**

9.1.040 **(abrogated on 1st January 1998)**

Classification

9.1.041 The official classification shall be drawn up by the Commissaires Panel and recorded in a set of minutes by the secretary of the Commissaires Panel. Those minutes are signed by the secretary and by the Chief Commissaire or some other commissaire designated by him.

9.1.042 After the end of Championships, the secretary shall prepare a set of minutes with all the results and classifications. These minutes shall be countersigned by the Chief Commissaire and appended to his report as referred to in article 9.1.054.

Official ceremony

9.1.043 An official ceremony shall be held for each World Champion title.

9.1.044 Within 10 minutes following the end of each speciality (unless otherwise provided and duly recorded in an official communiqué), the World Champion, the second and the third placed riders shall be ready for the official ceremony that shall be conducted under the responsibility of the Chief Commissaire.

9.1.045 For team races, medals and jerseys shall be awarded to each rider of the team.

For the Team Pursuit and Olympic Sprint, only riders who participated in the final will appear at the official ceremony. An additional medal or jersey shall be awarded to just one other rider of each team that participated in at least two races.

9.1.046 Riders shall appear in racing attire, wearing their national jerseys but bare-headed and without headband or glasses, until they leave the official ceremony enclosure.

9.1.047 That ceremony shall be attended exclusively by:

The UCI President or a member of the Management Committee designated by him who will hand the winner(s) the World Champion jersey(s) and will distribute the of gold, silver and bronze medals.

The President of the Organising Federation or a personality designated by him to present bouquets of flowers.

Six maids-of-honour who will carry on the World Champion jersey(s), medals and bouquets of flowers.

9.1.048 The riders' national flags shall be hoisted on the mast of honour.

9.1.049 The national anthem of the winner shall be played.

9.1.050 A World Champion may not wear the jersey identifying his title and bearing the regulation advertisement of his main sponsor(s) until, at earliest, the day following that on which he received it.

9.1.051 Any infringement of the provisions of articles 9.1.044 to 9.1.050 above shall be punished by a fine of SFR 2,000.- to 10,000.- minimum. A higher fine may be imposed depending on the advantage derived from the offence.

Prizes

9.1.052 The Management Committee shall fix the scale of prizes to be awarded riders.

Drug test

9.1.053 The UCI official doctor and the drug-test inspector shall ensure that the drug test be conducted according to the UCI Drug-Test Regulations.

Reports

9.1.054 Within 21 days after the end of the Championships, the Chief Commissaire **and** the official UCI doctor shall provide the UCI Management Committee with a detailed report on how the Championships proceeded and containing, in particular, an account of any irregularities that were observed, points that could be improved and other observations and useful suggestions.

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Chapter PARTICIPATION IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

§ 1 General comments

9.2.001 National Federations shall select riders to participate in World Championships.

9.2.002 A National Federation may select only riders of its own nationality

A stateless rider may be selected by the National Federation of the country where he has resided for 5 consecutive years.

[Third paragraph deleted with effect from 1 January 1999].

9.2.003 National Federations shall enter with the **UCI** by returning the enrolment forms with which the Organising Committee shall have provided them on first request.

9.2.004 The enrolment forms shall reach the UCI at the latest within the following deadlines:

- Road: Men's Elite Races: 8 days before the first race of the championship
Other races: 15 days before the first race of the championship
- Cyclo-Cross: 8 days before the first race of the championship
- Track: 10 days before the first race of the championship.

9.2.005 Save in the case of an act of God, a National Federation that has enrolled by returning the enrolment form for a World Championship and that does not participate shall be liable to a fine of 500 to 2,000 SFR.

9.2.006 National Federations may substitute up to a maximum of two riders entered for each of the World Champion title competitions provided that it communicate the name of the two substitutes in writing to the **UCI** at the latest the third day before the beginning of the competition in question or, in the case of Track Races, 48 hours before the first Track Race.

Moreover, riders entered for a competition may be declared as those to ride in another competition of the same speciality provided that the deadline for announcing the names of those to ride be respected.

9.2.007 Federations shall announce the names of the riders who are to take the start to the Commissaires Panel by noon at the latest on the eve of the first race of the competition. For each road event, the Federations may communicate amendments up to noon on the eve of each race, at the latest; for the Elite Men's in line race, the deadline shall be noon two days before the competition.

9.2.008 Unless prevented by an act of God, a rider once announced as taking the start and who fails to present, shall be liable to a fine of 500 SFR. to 5,000 SFR.

An injury or sickness shall be recognised as an act of God only if the rider is declared incapable of taking the start by the UCI official doctor.

§ 2 Selection of participants by specialty

General provision

9.2.009 In all individual specialties, the outgoing World Champion and, for the first World Championship following Olympic Games, the Olympic Champion may be engaged in addition to the number of participants that the National Federation of such Champions may enter under the qualification regulations, except for Points Races.

In all road and track events recognised for the World Championships, the outgoing Continental Champion may be engaged in addition to the number of participants that the National Federation of such Champions may enter under the qualification regulations.

Individual Road Races

9.2.010 Elite men

On **15 August** each year, a classification of nations shall be drawn up on the basis of the points obtained in the individual classification by the 10 best riders of each nationality. No account shall be taken of nations that have less 3 riders in the UCI classification. Each of the first 10 nations of this classification by nation shall be entitled to register 18 riders of whom 12 to ride and each of the 5 following nations shall be entitled to register 14 riders of whom 8 to ride.

The balance to make up 200 riders (including those referred to in article 9.2.009) shall be drawn from individual riders in the order of the UCI classification and whose nations are not entitled to a national selection according to the classification by nations. A nation in that group may enter no more than its first 5 riders classified.

9.2.011 A National Federation may enter riders of 19 years of age or more in the individual Elite Men's Road race. In that case, such riders may not participate in the individual Under 23s Road race in that same year.

9.2.012 Under 23s

The first 25 riders of different nationalities from the World Under 23s Championships of the preceding year shall qualify their respective nation for a selection of 10 riders entered of whom 5 to ride. The next 10 riders of different nationalities shall qualify their respective nations for a selection of 8 riders entered of whom 4 to ride. Other nations shall be entitled to enter 6 riders of whom 3 to ride.

9.2.013 Under 23 riders belonging to a TT may not participate in the Under 23 Individual Road race.

Junior Men

- 9.2.014 The first 25 riders of different nationalities from the World Junior Men's Championships of the preceding year shall qualify their respective nation for a selection of 10 riders entered of whom 5 to ride. The next 10 riders of different nationalities shall qualify their respective nations for a selection of 8 riders entered of whom 4 to ride. Other nations shall be entitled to enter 6 riders of whom 3 to ride.

Elite Women

- 9.2.015 Each National Federation shall be entitled to enter 12 competitors of whom 6 to ride.

Junior Women

- 9.2.016 Each National Federation shall be entitled to enter 8 competitors of whom 4 to ride.

Individual Time-Trial Road Races

- 9.2.017 Each National Federation may enter 4 riders of whom 2 to ride.
- 9.2.018 A National Federation shall be entitled to enter riders of 19 years or more in the individual Elite Men's Time-Trial Road race.
- 9.2.019 Riders referred to on article 9.2.018 and who participate in the Individual Elite Men's Time Trial Road Race may not participate in the Individual Under-23 Time Trial Road Race in the same year.
- 9.2.020 Under 23 riders belonging to a TT may not participate in the Under 23s Time-Trial Road race.

Track

- 9.2.022 The maximum participation shall be the following:

Speciality	Elite M		Elite W		Juniors M		Juniors W	
	By nation		By nation		By nation		By nation	
	E	R	E	R	E	R	E	R
1. Sprint	6	3	6	3	6	3	6	3
2. Individual Pursuit	5	2	4	2	4	2	4	2
3. Team Pursuit	6	4			6	4		
4. Km TT	3	2			2	1		
5. 500 m TT			3	2			2	1
6. Points race	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1
7. Keirin	5	2						
8. Olympics Sprint	6	3			6	3		
9. Madison								
Track under 333.33 m	4	2						
Track of 333.33 and up	4	2						

M = Men, W = Women, E = Entered, R = Riding

(amendment came into force on 1 January 1999).

- 9.2.023 The maximum number of riders qualified through the World Cups for the World Elite Championship is shown in the following table:

Speciality	Elite H	Elite F
1- Sprint	24	18
2- Individual Pursuit	20	16
3- Team Pursuit	16 *	
4- Km TT	20	
5- 500 m TT	20	16
6- Points race	24	20
7- Keirin	24	
8- Olympics Sprint	16 *	
9- Madison		
Track less than 333,33 m	18 *	
333,33 m track or more	20 *	
	(* teams)	

(amendment came into force on 1 January 1999).

- 9.2.024 Participation in Elite track competitions shall be open to riders of 18 and over. It shall be regulated by the qualification system mentioned in article 9.2.025 to 9.2.028 hereafter and drawn up **notably** on the basis of the results of the World Track Cup competition held during the period between two World Championships

(amendment came into force on 1 January 1999).

- 9.2.025 In each heat, points shall be awarded according to the following scale:

1st place	12 points	6th place	5 points
2nd place	10 points	7th place	4 points
3rd place	8 points	8th place	3 points
4th place	7 points	9th place	2 points
5th place	6 points	10th place	1 point

Nevertheless, account shall be taken only of:
the 3 best results if 5 or 6 heats are run
the 4 best results if 7 or 8 heats are run
the 5 best results if 9 or more heats are run.

The total of the points acquired by each rider, or by each team as the case may be, shall be taken into account to qualify the nation.

In case of a points draw, the number of first places shall be taken into account, and then, the number of second place, etc.

- 9.2.026** In their order of classification in the World Cups, individual riders shall qualify their nations for one place for a rider to ride up to the permitted number of riders per nation set in the table of article 9.2.022 and until the maximum number of qualified riders by speciality set in the table in article 9.2.023.

For team specialties, teams, in the order of their classification, shall qualify their nations for a place up to the maximum number of teams by speciality set in the table in article 9.2.023.

(amendment came into force on 1 January 1999).

- 9.2.027** In addition to the riders qualified through the World Cups, according to the quotas indicated in the articles 9.2.022 and 9.2.023, the following persons will also be qualified for Elite World Championships:
- the Continental Champions (Men and Women) in individual events who won their title after the last Elite World Championship (including for Points Race if the riders do not belong to an already qualified nation)
 - the winners of the individual events in the «B» Track Championships of the current year (if this Championship took place after the date of the last World Elite Championship).

(amendment came into force on 1 January 1999).

- 9.2.028** The National Federation of the organiser shall be entitled to enter a team for each team race and a rider for each individual race if it cannot enter riders on the basis of the results of the World Cup.
Each Continental Confederation will be given a «wild card» for each individual event (Men and Women), including for Points Race if riders do not belong to an already qualified nation in this event).

(amendment came into force on 1 January 1999).

Cyclo-Cross

- 9.2.029** A World Championship shall be held in the Elites Men's, Under 23 and Junior Men's categories. Each Federation may enter 8 riders per category, of whom 5 shall ride.



Chapter WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS B

- 9.3.001 Each odd year, World Track and Road Championships B shall be organised. Those Championships shall be reserved for National Federations that have not qualified for the Olympic Games or the World Championships during the two preceding years.
- 9.3.002 The UCI shall, two years in advance, allocate the organisation to a National Federation on the recommendation of its Continental Confederation.
- 9.3.003 The organisational details shall be set down in a specific organisational guide that shall be signed by the organising National Federation.
- 9.3.004 The number of National Federations participating shall be set by the Management Committee. **However, for the road events, participation is subject to the following conditions:**
Men: all national federations falling below 30th place in the UCI nations classification on 1 January of the current year. However, neither riders in the top 500 places of the UCI individual classification as on 1 January of the current year nor any other rider belonging to a trade team may take part.
Women: all national federations falling below 20th place in the UCI nations classification on 1 January of the current year. However, riders who are listed in the UCI individual classification on 1 January of the current year may not take part.
(amendment came into force on 1 January 1999).
- 9.3.005 Each selected National Federation shall be entitled to delegate two teams of six riders and two attendants, one for Road races and one for Track races.
- 9.3.006 The participation in Track races shall be as follows:
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| Sprint: | 2 riders per nation |
| Km TT.: | 1 rider per nation |
| Individual pursuit: | 1 rider per nation |
| Elimination: | 2 riders per nation |
| Points Race: | 2 riders per nation |
- 9.3.007 The Commissaires Panel shall comprise five UCI international commissaires designated by the UCI.
 The Organising Federation shall also designate five national commissaires and three timekeepers.