

## PART V CYCLO-CROSS RACES

### I

#### Chapter CYCLO-CROSS RACE REGULATIONS

##### **Participation**

- 5.1.001** A rider's category for the entire season will be the same as his category on of the 1st of January that is included in that season.

(N) Except at World Championships and, depending on the decision of the National Federation, National Championships, Elite Men and Under 23s shall compete in the same races.

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

##### **Race Programme - technical guide**

- 5.1.002** (N) An organiser shall establish a programme - technical guide each time he holds a race.

- 5.1.003** (N) The programme - technical guide shall include at least the following details of the organisation:

- mention that the race will be run under UCI Regulations
- the specific regulations of the race if necessary
- the categories of participants
- a description of the course indicating natural and artificial obstacles around the course, the location of equipment pits, first aid stations, and water points for the washing of bicycles.
- the exact starting and finishing points, Race Headquarters, the drug-test room, the shower facilities, and the Press room
- the place and time of the meeting of Team Managers
- the place and time of registration and the distribution of riders' numbers
- the starting time
- the program for the awards ceremonies and riders who must attend
- the prizes
- the composition of the Commissaires Panel
- the name, address and telephone number of the director of the organisation
- specification that only the UCI Scale of Penalties shall apply
- the drug-test regulations that will apply.

##### **Race Headquarters - Secretariat**

- 5.1.004** (N) The Organiser shall, for the full duration of the race and in the immediate vicinity of the circuit, provide a permanent, equipped secretariat. A representative of the organiser shall be on hand there at all times.

- 5.1.005** (N) The Race Headquarters shall be maintained until the results have been transmitted to the UCI and the commissaires have finished their work.

- 5.1.006** (N) The Secretariat shall be equipped with at least a phone and a fax machine.

##### **Security**

- 5.1.007** Above and beyond any legal or administrative issues that apply, and each person's responsibility for their own protection, the organiser shall ensure that the course does not constitute a danger to the safety of the riders or the public.

- 5.1.008** A zone of at least 100 meters before and 50 meters after the finishing line shall be protected by barriers. It shall be accessible exclusively to the organisers, to riders, attendants, Team Managers and accredited Press.

- 5.1.009** In no case will the UCI be held responsible for any defects in the course or accidents that may occur.

##### **Installations**

- 5.1.010** The finishing judge's stand shall be covered and placed preferably on the left.

**The organiser shall provide the Commissaires Panel with at least 3 radios. One channel shall be allocated exclusively for Commissaires while a second channel shall be available for Commissaires wishing to contact the organiser.**

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

- 5.1.011** The organiser shall make heated premises available to riders, with hot and cold showers, as well as a supply of water for the cleaning of their equipment. These installations shall be located no more than 2 km from the finishing line.

**Course and obstacles**

- 5.1.012** A Cyclo-Cross course shall include roads, country and forest paths and meadowland alternating in such a way as to ensure changes in the pace of the race and allowing riders to recuperate after difficult sections.

The course should preferably include changes in direction, small obstacles, as well as zones to be covered on foot while carrying the bicycle (a maximum of 80 metres per zone).

- 5.1.013** The course shall be rideable in all circumstances, whatever the climatic conditions.

clay or easily flooded areas, such as fields, should be avoided.

- 5.1.014** The course shall form a closed circuit of a minimum length of 2.5 km and **maximum 3.5 km**, of which **at least 90%** shall be rideable.

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- 5.1.015** Over its full length, the course shall be a minimum of 3 metres wide and be well marked and protected. The use of harmful elements, such as wires (barbed or not), **and metal poles** shall be forbidden. Moreover, the course shall not approach any object that could constitute a danger for riders.

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

- 5.1.016** **For World Championships and World Cup races, a parallel course shall be mandatory on parts of the ground that deteriorate easily.**

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

- 5.1.017** An assembly point for starters (roll-call zone) shall be provided **and marked off behind** the starting line.

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

- 5.1.018** **Perpendicular to the start line, eight lanes with a width of 75 cm and a length of 10 m shall be marked out in order to facilitate the riders' starting order.**

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

- 5.1.019** The starting stretch shall be at least 500 metres long and at least 6 metres wide. It shall be as straight as possible and not run downhill. The first narrowing or obstacle after the starting stretch may not be abrupt but shall allow all the riders to pass easily. The first bend shall be less than a full right-angle turn.

- 5.1.020** The finishing stretch shall be a straight line. It shall have a minimum length of 200 metres and a minimum width of 6 metres. It shall be flat or uphill.

- 5.1.021** The starting and finishing stretches shall be free of obstacles.
- 5.1.022** The course shall comprise **a maximum of 4** obstacles that oblige riders to dismount their bike.
- Artificial obstacles **shall be 4 m** apart. They shall be filled in for their full height and may not be metallic. **They must be 40 cm high** and shall stretch the full width of the course.
- (modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*
- 5.1.023** Steps may not be placed on downhill stretches.
- 5.1.024** The course may cross bridges or footbridges provided that they are a minimum of 4 metres wide and that there is a protective barrier on both sides. **A non-slip surface (carpet, wire mesh, or special anti-slip paint) shall be use on bridges and footbridges.**  
A separate footbridge shall be provided for spectators.
- (modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*
- 5.1.025** No acrobatics on the part of the riders shall be required to overcome obstacles.
- 5.1.026** **Having consulted the Organiser, the President of the Commissaire's Panel may decide that artificial obstacles shall be partially or totally removed in the case of rain or heavy snow or thaw.**
- (modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*
- 5.1.027** Up to **4** races may be run per day over the same course.
- (modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*
- 5.1.028** The organiser shall take measures to prevent the public from damaging the circuit. From the start of the race, the circuit may be used only by the riders involved in the race.
- Equipment pits**
- 5.1.029** The equipment pit is the part of the circuit where riders can change wheels or bicycles. **The race lane and the pit lane shall be separated and distinctly market out, by tape at the very least. A rider may use the pit lane only in the event of a change of bicycle or wheel. Any rider using the pit lane without changing his bicycle or wheel shall be immediately disqualified.**
- (modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*
- 5.1.030** Two equipment pits shall be provided, or a double equipment pit, judiciously placed around the course, in places where speeds are not high but not on stony or downhill stretches. They shall be free of artificial obstacles.
- 5.1.031** If, during each lap, riders pass two points sufficiently close to each other, just one pit - known as a double pit - may be set up at that point, provided that it meets the conditions set forth in article 5.1.030.
- 5.1.032** *During World Championships, the location of equipment pits shall be determined by the UCI Cyclo-Cross Commission.*
- 5.1.033** Equipment pits shall be straight. They shall be sign-posted and precisely marked by means a yellow flag at each of the four corners.
- 5.1.034** To the left and right of the equipment pits shall be a zone of a minimum depth of 2 metres reserved for mechanics.

- 5.1.035** A supply of water for cleaning equipment shall be available in the immediate vicinity of the equipment pits.
- The water supply and connections for high-pressure cleaning equipment shall be made freely available.
- (modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1998)*
- 5.1.036** During World Championships and World Cup races, the equipment pits shall be at least 60 metres long. Each nation shall have a box of 4 metres wide delimited by barriers.
- Only one accredited person per rider shall be allowed in each box at any one time.
- 5.1.037** *During World Championships, the boxess shall be allocated at the meeting of the Commissaires Panel with the Technical Managers, in accordance with the classification by nation at the previous World Cup.*
- The allocation of boxess to teams not featuring in said classification shall be carried out by drawing lots. Each Team Manager selects his box according to the order in which lots are drawn.**
- (modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*
- 5.1.038** For World Cup races, the allocation of boxes shall be as follows:
- first race: according to the classification by nation at the preceding World Cup
  - other races: according to the progressive classification by nation on the basis World Cup ranking.
- The allocation of boxes to teams not appearing in the classification shall be made by drawing lots.
- In that order, the Team Managers may choose their boxes as they wish.
- 5.1.039** Wheel or bicycle changing shall be effected within the equipment pits and at the same point.
- The exchanging of wheels or bicycles between riders shall be forbidden.
- 5.1.040** Each rider shall have the right of accreditation for one or two attendants, in accordance with the number of equipment pits.
- The attendant must hold a licence as a mechanic, assistant, or paramedical assistant issued by his National Federation.
- (modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1998)*
- Commissaires Panel**
- 5.1.041** The Commissaires Panel shall be composed as follows:
- (a) for World Cup races:
- the President of the Commissaires Panel being a UCI-appointed International Commissaire
  - 2 International Commissaires appointed by the National Federation of the organiser;
- (b) for 1st category races:
- the President of the Commissaires Panel being a UCI-appointed International Commissaire
  - 2 National Commissaires appointed by the National Federation of the organiser;
- (c) for 2nd and 3rd category races:
- the President of the Commissaires Panel being an International Commissaire from the host country, and 2 National Commissaires appointed by the National Federation of the organiser.
- In each case, the National Federation of the organiser shall complete the Panel with a sufficient number of commissaires to ensure the smooth running of the race.
- Starting order**
- 5.1.042** The riders shall assemble in the roll-call zone a maximum of 10' before the start.

- 5.1.043** For World Cup and 1st, 2nd and 3rd category races the starting order shall be determined as follows:
- (a) from the 1st race of the season until the 1st race of the World Cup inclusive: according to the UCI classification of the preceding year.
  - (b) in all the other races of the season: the first 16 riders of the updated World Cup classification, then according to the **UCI progressive classification**.

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

- 5.1.044** *During World Championships the starting order shall be the following:*

*A. Elite Category*

*The first sixteen riders of the final classification at the last World Cup shall make up the two front rows in the order they are called. Should any of them be absent, the vacant place(s) shall be taken by the rider(s) classified from the 17th place on.*

*From the third row, riders shall line up in single file, by federation. Teams shall take their places in the order of the final general classification by nation of the World Cup of the current season.*

*Federations that do not appear in the final general classification by nation shall take the last places, in the order determined by drawing lots, conducted by the Commissaires Panel.*

- 5.1.045** *B. "Junior" and "Under 23" categories:*

*Riders shall line up by national team, in single file, in such a way that the front row is made up of the first man of each team.*

*Federations shall line up according to the order of the classification by nation at the preceding World Championship.*

*Federations that do not appear in this classification shall take the last places in an order determined by drawing lots, conducted by the Commissaires Panel.*

- 5.1.046** The appointment of startnumbers for the 3 categories: Elite, U23 and Juniors will be determined as follows:

**World Championships:**

- Numbers 1 - 6 will awarded to the country of the last world champion;
- The other numbers will be awarded to the nation, according to their ranking of last year's World Championship;
- for those countries who do not figure on last year's ranking or did not participate in last year's World Championships the numbers will awarded after drawing lots conducted by the Commissaires Panel.

**World Cup:**

- Numbers 1 - 6 will be awarded to the nation of last year's World Cup winner;
- The other numbers will be awarded to the nations, according their ranking after last year's World Cup
- For those countries who did not appear on the last year's ranking or did not participate in the World Cup, the numbers will be awarded after drawing lots conducted by the Commissaires Panel.

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

**False start**

- 5.1.047** Riders causing a false start shall be disqualified.

**Duration of races**

- 5.1.048** Races shall last as close as possible to:

- **40' for Women**
- 40' for Junior Men
- 50' for Under 23s
- 60' for Elite Men and for races in which the Elites and Under 23s race together.

The number of laps to be ridden shall be determined on the basis of the time of the first rider to complete 2 full laps. From the 3<sup>rd</sup> lap on, the laps to go will be displayed on a board at the finish line.

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

**5.1.049** The last lap to be covered shall be indicated by a bell.

**Riders dropping out**

**5.1.050** A rider dropping out of the race shall immediately remove his body number and armband.

He shall immediately leave the course and may not cross the finishing line.

**Classification**

**5.1.051** Any rider lapped before the last lap shall leave the race.

The rider who is lapped during the final lap of the race shall be stopped at the beginning of the finishing straight line and shall be classified in accordance with his placing.

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1998)*

**5.1.052** Any rider crossing the finishing line after the winner shall be deemed to have ended the race and shall be classified according to his position.

**5.1.053** *During World Championships, a classification by nation shall be drawn up on the basis of the placing of the first three riders of each team. Teams finishing with only two riders shall be classified after those ending with three. Teams finishing with only one rider shall not be classified.*

*Classification by nation shall not carry a world champion title.*

**Official ceremony**

**5.1.054** The official ceremony shall take place immediately after the last rider finishes and shall not exceed 10 minutes.

**5.1.055** Participants in the official ceremony shall be authorised to wear their warm ups.

**Results**

**5.1.056** (N) As soon as results of the race are known, the organiser shall immediately transmit them to the UCI and to its own National Federation by fax, together with the list of riders that started.

**5.1.057** (N) The National Federation of the organiser shall without delay communicate to the UCI any changes made to the results communicated by the organiser.

**5.1.058** **Having consulted the Team Managers/riders and the organiser/race doctor, the President of the Commissaires'Panel may decide to cancel a race in the event of extreme atmospheric conditions (i.e. strong winds, heavy snowfalls, temperatures of –15° and below).**

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

**II**

**Chapter UCI CYCLO-CROSS CLASSIFICATION**

**5.2.001** The UCI has created a progressive individual classification of riders participating in international Cyclo-Cross races.

**5.2.002** The UCI classification is the exclusive property of the UCI.

- 5.2.003** The UCI classification shall be drawn up according to points obtained by riders participating in Cyclo-Cross races on Continental and World Calendars.
- 5.2.004** These races shall be divided into 7 categories depending on the number of points to be awarded:
- a. World Elite Championships,
  - b. World U-23 Championships
  - c. National Championships,
  - d. World Cup races (one per country),
  - e. First category races,
  - f. Second category races,
  - g. Third category races.
- (modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*
- 5.2.005** The UCI Management Committee will annually classify races in categories d (World Cup), e (First category), f (Second category) and g (Third category).
- 5.2.006** The number of points to be earned in each race shall be set as follows:
- (a) World Elite Championship:  
300-200-150-125-100-80-70-65-60-55-50-45-40-35-30-28-26-24-22 and 20 points to each rider finishing in the same lap as the winner.
- (b) World Under-23 Championship  
150-75-60-50-45-40-35-30-25-20-16-14-12-10-9-8-7-6 and 5 points to each rider finishing in the same lap as the winner.
- (c) National Championship:  
100-50-40-35-30-25-20-15-10-5 points to the first 10 provided that there are more than 20 riders at the start.  
If Elite Men and Under 23s race in the same championship, points shall be awarded to the first 10 in each category of riders.
- (d) World Cup races:  
200-150-100-70-60-50-45-40-35-30-25-19-18-17-16-15-14-13 and 10 points to each rider finishing in the same lap as the winner.
- (e) First category races:  
80-40-32-25-20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7-6-5 points to the first 15.
- (f) Second category races:  
50-25-20-10-8-7-6-5-4-3 points to the first 10.
- (g) Third category races:  
25-15-10-5-3 points to the first 5.
- 5.2.007** At the end of each race, the number of points earned by each rider at that same race the year before shall be deducted from his current total.
- If, in a given year, a race is not held or no longer counts towards the classification, the appropriate number of points shall be deducted on the anniversary of the last time the race in question was run.
- 5.2.008** Organisers, or, where appropriate, National Federations, must immediately send complete results by fax to UCI headquarters. All National Federations shall immediately inform the UCI of any facts or decisions entailing an amendment to the points obtained by a rider.
- Should they fail to do this, the UCI Management Committee may downgrade the race in question to a lower category or ban it from the Continental or World Calendars, and impose the penalties provided for in the Regulations.

**5.2.009** A classification shall be established twice a month during the season. It shall determine the starting order of participants in international races from the 1st day of the following month.

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1998)*

**5.2.010** A classification by nation shall be published twice a month by adding the points obtained by the first 5 classified riders of each nation.

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1998)*

### III

#### Chapter WORLD CYCLO-CROSS CUP

**5.3.001** The World Cyclo-Cross Cup is the exclusive property of the UCI.

**5.3.002** The World Cup shall comprise 5 to 8 races to be held in different countries. Those races shall be designated annually by the UCI Management Committee **according to procedures which are explained in the bidding procedure manual and the World Cup organisation guide.**

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

**5.3.003** Designation as a World Cup Race shall be subject to the conclusion of a contract between the organiser and the UCI in which shall be stipulated, in particular, audio-visual broadcasting rights, marketing rights and the material organisation of the race.

**5.3.004** No first category Cyclo-Cross race may be held on the eve or the day of a World Cup race.

#### **Participation**

**5.3.005** **Participation in World Cup races is set as follows:**

- **The first 10 nations of the final World Cup classification by nation of the previous season : min. 3 and max. 5 riders designated by their National Federations.**
- **All other nations : min. 2 and max. 5 riders designated by their National Federations.**

**If the winner of the previous World Cup is participating in a race, the nation to which he belongs is entitled to enter an additional rider in said race.**

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

**5.3.006** **(abrogated as of the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999).**

**5.3.007** Each National Federation may delegate a team composed of its own licence-holders. The National Federation of the country in which the race is run shall be entitled to enter a second team.

**5.3.008** Thirty days before the race, National Federations shall inform the UCI and the organiser by fax of their selection of **9** riders, **except the nation of the outgoing World Cup winner which is allow to enter an additional rider according to the article 5.3.005.** Priority shall be given to those riders among the first 25 in the UCI classification.

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

**5.3.009** Three days before the race, National Federations shall, by faxes to the UCI and the organiser, confirm the names of the titular riders (minimum **2** and maximum **5**) and the reserves (maximum **4**).

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*



- 5.3.010** Should a rider refuse his selection for a World Cup race, he shall not participate in any Cyclo-Cross race of any category whatsoever on the eve or the day of race in question.

**Official ceremony**

- 5.3.011** The official ceremony shall take place within 5 minutes of the finish of the winner.

The leader of the general individual World Cup classification as well as the first 3 placed riders in each race shall appear on the podium for the official ceremony.

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1998)*

- 5.3.012** After the official ceremonies, the leader of the general individual World Cup classification and first 3 riders placed in the race shall put in an appearance in the Press room accompanied by the organiser.

**Classifications**

- 5.3.013 Individual classification**

Points shall be awarded to the first **30** riders in each race in accordance with the following scale:

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	60	16	15
2	50	17	14
3	45	18	13
4	40	19	12
5	35	20	11
6	30	21	10
7	28	22	9
8	26	23	8
9	24	24	7
10	22	25	6
11	20	26	5
12	19	27	4
13	18	28	3
14	17	29	2
15	16	30	1

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

- 5.3.014** Should there be a draw in the individual general classification, riders shall be placed according to the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc. If they still draw, the best classification in the last race shall decide.

- 5.3.015 Classification by nation**

To determine the classification by nation for each race, points shall be awarded to the first 3 riders of each federation in accordance with the following scale: 1st in the race: 1 point; 2nd: 2 points; etc.

- 5.3.016** Only federations with at least 3 riders in the race classification will be considered for the classification by nation.

- 5.3.017** The first ten nations in ascending order of points shall be awarded the following points:

Place	Points
1	12
2	9
3	8
4	7
5	6

6	5
7	4
8	3
9	2
10	1

#### **Scale of prizes**

**5.3.018** The individual classification by race and the final general individual classification will be established annually by the UCI Management Committee in the financial obligations.

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999)*

**5.3.019** Prizes for individual rankings must be paid by the organiser after the race.

If this rule is not respected by the organiser, his race will not be enrolled on the World Cup the following season.

At least three months before the race, the organiser shall furnish the National Federation with a bank guarantee equal to the total amount of the prizes.

*(modification came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1998)*

**5.3.020** **(abrogated as of the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999).**

**5.3.021** The general individual classification prizes shall be paid by the UCI.

To be entitled to such prizes, riders shall have participated in at least 3/5 of all races.

#### **Trophies**

**5.3.022** The UCI shall allocate a trophy:

- to the winner of the general individual World Cup Classification
- to the 2nd and 3rd of the general individual World Cup Classification
- to the winner of the World Cup Classification by nation.

These trophies shall bear the name and/or the logo of the sponsor of the World Cup and of the UCI.

#### **Leader's skinsuit**

**5.3.023** The UCI shall award the World Cup leader's skinsuit to the leader of the individual Classification. That jersey shall bear the name and/or logo of the World Cup sponsor. The wearing of that jersey in World Cup races shall be mandatory.

*(modification came into force on 1 September 1998)*

**5.3.024** The following advertising shall be authorised on the World Cup leader's skinsuit :

- sides of the shorts : a lateral strip 9 cm wide reserved for the rider's sponsor.
- on the jersey : a rectangle of height 20 cm on the front and rear of the jersey reserved for the rider's sponsor.

*(modification came into force on 1 September 1998)*