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PART 11 OLYMPIC GAMES

Chapter **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

11.1.001 Participation in cycling competitions at the Olympic Games shall be governed by the rules of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and of the UCI.

Participation in the Olympics shall imply acceptance and respect of the IOC and UCI rules by the rider and any other licence holder.

Entries - Confirmation of starters

11.1.002 The National Olympic Committees (NOC) shall enter their athletes in accordance with the participation limits, qualifying and reserve system approved by the IOC and the UCI (see pp. I-XV).

According to IOC rules, each NOC shall inform the Organising Committee of the names of its athletes within the deadline fixed by the IOC.

The time limits for confirmation of starters are as follows:

- for Road, Mountain Bike and Track: midday, previous day
- for BMX: midday two days before.
- **for the Youth Olympic Games, the confirmation of starters for all disciplines will be made the day before the first competition.**

(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.02.07; 1.07.09).

Participation

11.1.003 To take part in the Olympics, each rider shall:

- hold a licence issued by a National Federation
- be at least 18 years old for track events, 19 years old for road, mountain bike and BMX events or reach this age in the year of the Olympics.
- **be in the Junior category for competitions in the Youth Olympic Games.**

(text modified on 1.02.07; 1.07.09).

11.1.003 bis A rider against whom an investigation was opened in relation to a fact which may cause a breach of the UCI Anti-Doping Rules, will not be eligible for the Olympic Games and is not authorised to participate to the Olympic Games until the end of the suspension or until his definitive acquittal. In the event of a positive A Sample, this clause applies starting from the notification of the abnormal analysis result to the rider.

Unless otherwise decided by the anti-doping commission, the above paragraph is also applicable in the event of an investigation or a procedure regarding such a fact, opened in pursuance of a law or other regulation.

Specific cases are examined by the anti-doping commission or its president. Their decision is without appeal.

In case of violation, the licensee and his national federation will be respectively sanctioned by a fine of CHF 2000 to CHF 10000.

The present condition for participation, aims to protect the integrity, serenity and reputation of the cycling competitions during the Olympic Games. Its application does not prejudge the decision whether an anti-doping violation has occurred and shall not give rise to any claim in the events of acquittal.

(text introduced on 13.8.04).

Programme

11.1.004 The Olympic disciplines and events are as follows:

| | Men | Women |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Road | Road race | Road race |
| | Individual time trial | Individual time trial |
| Track | Team sprint | Sprint |
| | Sprint | Individual pursuit |
| | Keirin | Points race |
| | Team pursuit | |
| | Individual pursuit | |
| | Madison | |
| | Points race | |
| Mountain bike | Cross-country | Cross-country |
| BMX | Race | Race |

Races shall be ridden under the UCI regulations for elite world championship races, taking into consideration any specific clauses for races at the Olympics.

(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.06).

Commissaires

11.1.005 The UCI shall appoint the 20 UCI international commissaires to officiate during the Olympic Games **and five for the Youth Olympic Games.**

Furthermore, the National Federation of the organising country shall name, in consultation with the UCI, a minimum of 15 national **commissaires for the Olympic Games and five for the Youth Olympic Games.**

(text modified on 1.02.07; 1.07.09).

Appeals Jury

- 11.1.006** The Appeals Jury for the Olympic Games shall comprise 10 members appointed by the UCI President. It shall meet in camera when requested by the President or the Executive Board.

It may be called upon to give its verdict on any dispute or problem of a general or ethical nature which is internal for cycling and may arise during the Olympics.

Antidoping Examinations

- 11.1.007** During the Olympics antidoping examinations shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the IOC.

A representative of the UCI Antidoping Commission will be appointed by the UCI Executive Board to attend the examination process and to liaise with the IOC Medical Commission.

- 11.1.008** Offences against IOC doping rules and doping facts which are found in accordance with the IOC rules shall be considered as offences against the UCI antidoping examination regulations. Over and above any sanctions which may be imposed by the IOC, disciplinary proceedings shall be implemented and sanctions shall be imposed in accordance to the antidoping examination regulations of UCI.

Equipment

- 11.1.009** The measures stipulated in the Olympic Charter, including any eventual dispensations granted for cycling events, will be applied.



Chapter YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

(chapter introduced on 1.07.09)

General provisions

11.2.001 The Youth Olympic Games are a team competition.

It is contested by mixed teams (three men junior and one woman junior) and comprises the following events:

- Road - Road race (men)
- Road - Time trial (men and women)
- Mountain Bike - Olympic Cross-country XCO (men and women)
- BMX (men and women)

32 NOCs will be selected, one team per NOC. Each team shall consist of three junior men and a junior woman. In total, ninety-six (96) junior men and thirty-two (32) junior women representing (32) NOCs will take part in the competitions. Each of three junior men must ride in one of the three following events: mountain bike cross-country, road time trial or BMX (only one rider per team in each discipline). Lastly, the three junior men shall all ride the road race. Each junior woman must ride each of the three disciplines.

11.2.002 Number of participants

| Number | Qualified via UCI | Universality places | Host country places | Total |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Men | 78 | 15 | 3 | 96 |
| Women | 26 | 5 | 1 | 32 |
| Total | 104 (26 teams) | 20 (5 teams) | 4 (1 team) | 128 (32 teams) |

The maximum number of participants per NOC is of one team consisting of three men and a woman.

11.2.003 Qualification system

PERFORMANCE AND CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATION

Two sporting criteria - the endurance criterion and the performance criterion - will be used to allow riders to qualify their NOC for the Youth Olympic Games:

Europe: 17 NOCs

Americas: 4 NOCs

Oceania: 2 NOCs

Asia: 2 NOCs

Africa: 1 NOC (total: 26 NOCs)

a) Endurance criterion (15 NOCs to qualify):

The endurance criterion is determined by the final classification of the 2009 Nations Cup as at 20/09/2009

The 15 first nations of the final classification of the 2009 Junior Nations Cup will qualify their NOC directly. The following quotas may however not be exceeded:

Europe: 15 NOCs

Americas: 3 NOCs

Oceania: 1 NOC

Asia: 1 NOC

Africa: 1 NOC

If a continent's quota is exceeded, the NOC for the nation ranked in the following place shall qualify instead.

b) Performance criterion (11 NOCs to qualify):

The performance criterion is determined by the overall classification by nations of the 2009 Junior Men's World Championships for BMX and Olympic Cross-country mountain bike (XCO), as at 10/09/2009

The overall classification by nations of the Junior Men's World Championships for BMX and Olympic Cross-country mountain bike (XCO) is obtained by adding the classifications by nation for each of the two disciplines. Only the top 30 nations are taken into account for each discipline. The first nation in each classification shall be awarded 30 points, the second 29 points, and so on. An overall classification is obtained by adding the points for each nation from the two classifications.

The classifications by nation are obtained as follows:

- **MTB Olympic Cross-country:** total points of the nation's three best riders at the 2009 Junior Men's XCO World Championships.
The points system is based on the total number of riders starting in each category. If 100 riders start, the first rider will be awarded 100 points, the second 99 points, etc. Should any riders starting fail to finish, the last rider to finish shall be awarded points for his position, without taking account of riders not classified. (Article 9.2.036 UCI Rules)
- **BMX:** total points of the nation's three best riders at the 2009 Junior Men's BMX World Championships.
The points system is based on the total number of riders starting in each category. If 100 riders start, the first rider will be awarded 100 points, the second 99 points, etc. Should any riders starting fail to finish, the last rider to finish shall be awarded points for his position, without taking account of riders not classified.

The overall classification shall be an additional qualification method under sporting criteria.

Where a nation has already qualified its NOC under the endurance criterion, the following nation under the performance criterion shall qualify its own NOC in its place.

If a continent's quota has been reached, the NOC for the nation ranked in the following place shall qualify instead.

In the event of a tie, the following criteria shall determine the qualifying NOC:

1. Participation in the Junior World Championships for Men and Women 2009: the country which took part in the greater number of World Championships will qualify (maximum six).
2. Overall classification by nations for BMX and XCO for junior women based on the same principle as the overall classification for junior men. The higher ranked country will qualify.
3. Classification in the Junior Nations Cup.
4. Classification of the nation's best-placed rider at the World Road Championships for junior men.

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

The host nation shall be permitted to enter a team (three junior men and one junior woman), as long as it meets the admission criteria.

11.2.004 Reallocation of places not taken up

PLACES NOT TAKEN UP FROM THE UCI QUOTA

Places not taken up by NOCs will be reallocated as follows:

1. Reallocation by continent to the universality places on the basis of the requests for invitation received and the validity of those requests (using the criteria for the admissibility of requests for universality places).
2. In the event that there are no candidate NOCs for the universality places for the continents concerned, the vacant place(s) are allocated to an NOC of the continent ranked:
 - a. In the Nations Cup in classification order
 - b. In the overall MTB-BMX classification by nation in classification order.
3. Places which cannot be reallocated under criteria 1 or 2 will be reallocated as follows:
 - a. To the universality places on the basis of the requests for invitation and the validity of those requests (using the criteria for the admissibility of requests for universality places) without distinction of continent.
 - b. NOCs ranked in the Nations Cup which have still not qualified, in classification order.

- c. NOCs ranked in the overall MTB-BMX classification by nation which have still not qualified, in classification order.

PLACES NOT TAKEN UP FROM THE HOST COUNTRY QUOTA

Any place not taken up by the host country will be reallocated in accordance with the same criteria as the reallocation of places not taken up from the UCI quota above.

UNIVERSALITY PLACES NOT TAKEN UP

Should the number of requests by NOCs not be sufficient to fill the quotas reserved for the universality criterion, these quotas will be reallocated in accordance with the procedure for places not taken up from the IF quota.

Should an NOC be allocated a universality place but then qualify under a sporting criterion, the universality place shall be reallocated in accordance with the procedure for places not taken up from the UCI quota.

11.2.005 Classification

The final team classification shall be on the basis of a points system. There shall be no individual general classification. Points are awarded to the first 16 riders in each discipline. The team with the largest number of points at the end of competitions will be the winner. Points will be awarded on the basis of the following table:

| Rank | Junior men | | | | Junior women | | |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Cycling BMX | Cycling Mountain Bike - Cross Country | Cycling Road - Time Trial | Cycling Road - Road Race | Cycling BMX | Cycling Mountain Bike - Cross Country | Cycling Road - Time Trial |
| 1 | 100 | 100 | 40 | 100 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| 2 | 80 | 80 | 32 | 80 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 3 | 65 | 65 | 26 | 65 | 32 | 32 | 32 |
| 4 | 50 | 50 | 21 | 50 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 5 | 40 | 45 | 18 | 45 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 6 | 35 | 35 | 15 | 35 | 17 | 18 | 18 |
| 7 | 30 | 30 | 12 | 30 | 14 | 15 | 15 |
| 8 | 25 | 25 | 10 | 25 | 12 | 13 | 13 |
| 9 | 20* | 20 | 8 | 20 | 10* | 11 | 11 |
| 10 9*) | 20* | 17 | 7 | 17 | 10* | 9 | 9 |
| 11 | 15* | 15 | 6 | 15 | 8* | 7 | 7 |
| 12 (11*) | 15* | 12 | 5 | 12 | 8* | 6 | 6 |
| 13 | 10* | 10 | 4 | 10 | 5* | 5 | 5 |
| 14 (13*) | 10* | 8 | 3 | 8 | 5* | 4 | 4 |
| 15 | 5* | 7 | 2 | 7 | 2* | 3 | 3 |
| 16 (15*) | 5* | 6 | 1 | 6 | 2* | 2 | 2 |

- (n*) the losers in the semifinals will be ranked as tied for the places 9-15
- In the Road Race only the best rider from each NOC is awarded points
- Teams with all three riders finishing top 16 in the Road Race will receive a ten points bonus
- Teams with all three riders finishing the Road Race (but not all inside top 16) will receive a five points bonus
- In case of an unbreakable tie in a discipline, all points which are supposed to be awarded for the affected rankings will be added. The calculated sum will then be divided with the number of riders involved in the tie. The results of the division will be the number of points awarded to each rider. Example: three riders are tied for rank two of the Junior Men's Cross Country. Points to be awarded for the three places involved are: 80+65+50=195. Since there are three riders involved in the tie, each rider will get 195/3=65.00 points
- In case of a DNS (Did Not Start), the rider cannot start in the remaining event(s) without a medical certificate issued by the UCI doctor (to avoid tactical DNS)
- In case of a DSQ (Disqualification), the rider cannot start in the remaining event(s). The UCI Commissaires will make the final decision

- In case of a DNF (Did Not Finish), the rider can start in the remaining event(s). However, if the UCI Commissaires decide that the DNF is a tactical disposition from the team, the rider can be disqualified

Tie-Break Rules

In case in a tie in points in the final team classification, the ranking of each team's second rider in the Road Race will decide the team ranking.

Ties in each discipline remain as such, if they cannot be resolved by electronic means.

Penalties / Disqualification Rules

A rider may be disqualified among others when during the event, he/she

- pushes or interferes (jersey pulling) with another rider, by hand or by other means
- obtains non-regulation assistance
- displays indecent conduct or foul language
- exercises acts of violence
- goes outside the race course boundaries
- uses radio links or other means of remote communication
- uses a gear ratio which gives a distance covered per pedal revolution of more than 7.93 metres (only for the Road race and Time trial).

Protests / Appeals

Decisions of the Commissaires Panel are considered final, and there are no protests.