

# PART 5 CYCLO-CROSS

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# PART 5 CYCLO-CROSS

## Chapter I CYCLO-CROSS EVENTS

### § 1 General Rules

#### Participation

- 5.1.001** Except where provided otherwise for the masters category, the category which will be applied for entries to races for the entire season is the category to which the rider will belong on 1 January of the following calendar year.

#### Men under 23 years

Except in the UCI world championships, UCI world cup events, when those include a separate men under 23 race and, at the discretion of national federations, national championships, men under 23 can ride in the race for men elite, even if a separate race is being run for Under 23 riders.

If men under 23 and men elite compete in the same race, meaning same start time and same race distance:

- no separate results are made up
- UCI points are awarded according the elite points scale
- in case of championships, only one title is awarded (for example, if an under 23 rider would win the race, he will be awarded the elite title).

#### Women

The category women under 23 shall comprise riders aged 17 to 22.

The category women elite shall comprise riders of 23 years and above.

Except in the UCI world championships, continental championships and, at the discretion of national federations, national championships, women under 23 and women elite shall ride in the same race.

If women under 23 and women elite compete in the same race, meaning same start time and same race distance:

- no separate results are made up
- UCI points are awarded according the elite points scale
- in case of championships, only one title is awarded (for example, if an under 23 rider would win the race, she will be awarded the elite title).

#### Masters

All riders who hold a Masters licence may ride in the masters world championships.

However the following riders are not eligible:

- 1 Any rider who has ridden in the UCI world championships, continental championships or UCI world cup during the current season.
- 2 Any rider, who has been a member, during the current season, of a team registered with the UCI.
- 3 During the current season, any rider classified in the UCI individual cyclo-cross classification published following the national championships in Europe.

In races other than the masters world championships, riders may participate with a temporary or daily licence, issued by their national federation.

The licence must clearly state the starting and finishing dates of its period of validity.

The national federation shall make sure that the holder of a temporary licence will, for

the duration of his licence, benefit from the same insurance cover and other benefits as those attached to an annual licence.

UCI recognised teams

Riders, men and women, belonging to the following teams are allowed to race cyclo-cross events under the name and the clothing of their respective team, at the exception of races where the national outfit is mandatory as per the article 1.3.059:

- UCI Road teams, as per Chapters XV, XVI and XVII, Part II Road races of the UCI regulations;
- UCI MTB teams, as per Chapters IX and X, Part IV Mountain Bike of the UCI regulations.

(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.04; 1.09.06; 1.09.08; 16.06.14; 1.07.15; 7.06.16).

- 5.1.002** A rider ranked in the top 50 of the UCI cyclo-cross classification may not take part in national events in a country other than the federation of his nationality according to the UCI regulations.

(article introduced on 1.09.04; text modified on 16.06.14).

Race Programme - technical guide

- 5.1.003** The programme - technical guide must be written in French or English and in the official local language(s) and include at least the following information:

- the special regulations for the race;
- schedule and times of races;
- the prize list;
- description and detailed map of the circuit, showing the circuit length and profile, the start and finish, the pit area and the obstacles;
- the location of the secretariat, accreditation issue point, the press room, and antidoping control location;
- timing and where applicable photo-finish installations;
- policing, security and emergency medical arrangements.

(text modified on 1.09.04; 1.09.08).

Calendar

- 5.1.004** International cyclo-cross races are registered on the international calendar in accordance with the following classification:

- UCI world championships (CM)
- UCI cyclo-cross world cup (WC)
- masters world championships (WMC)
- continental championships (CC)
- class 1 events (C1)
- class 2 events (C2)
- class 1 women events (C1W)
- class 2 women events (C2W)
- events in the class men under 23 (CMU)
- events in the class men junior (CMJ)

The allocation of classes shall be carried out annually by the UCI management committee.

However, an event will only be given class 1 status if the previous season's race had at least 10 foreign starters, representing at least 5 different nationalities.

For all cyclo-cross events registered on the international calendar, the organizer must also organize a women race. It is not possible to mix classes of events.

A continental championship may be organized over two days. In this case, the men elite and women races shall both be organized on the second day of the race.

A new event may only be added to the international calendar in class 2.

(article introduced on 1.09.06, text modified on 1.09.08; 1.07.11; 07.06.16).

Protection of the dates

- 5.1.005** 1 UCI world championships  
No other international cyclo-cross event may be organised on the days of the UCI world championships.
- 2 UCI world cup  
No class 1 event may be held on the same day as a UCI world cup event.  
No class 1 event may be held on the day before or the day after a UCI world cup event without UCI's previous approval.  
No class 2 event may be held on the same day as a UCI world cup event in the same country.
- 3 Class 1  
No class 2 event may be held on the same day as a class 1 event in the same country (for Europe) or in the same cycling-defined region (for USA).  
(article introduced on 1.09.06; text modified on 1.09.08; 1.07.11).

Technical delegate

- 5.1.006** At the UCI world championships, UCI world cup events and continental championships a technical delegate is appointed by the UCI.

Without prejudice to the responsibility of the organiser, the technical delegate shall supervise the preparation of the technical aspects of the event and shall serve as a link with UCI headquarters in this respect.

(article introduced on 1.09.06; text modified on 1.07.10; 1.07.11).

- 5.1.007** If an event is promoted at a new venue, the technical delegate must carry out an inspection well in advance to take the necessary measurements. The inspection will include the course, the distance, determine the double pit area, installations and the security. He will meet the organiser and prepare an inspection report without delay for submission to the UCI cyclo-cross sports coordinator.

He must be on site prior to the first official training session and must carry out an inspection of the venue and course in conjunction with the organiser and the president of the commissaires' panel. He shall coordinate the technical preparations for the event and shall ensure that the recommendations made in the inspection report are implemented. The definitive version of the course and any changes, if this is the case, shall be the responsibility of the technical delegate. Where a technical delegate does not have to be appointed under article 5.1.006, this task shall fall to the president of the commissaires' panel.

The technical delegate shall attend the team managers' meetings.

(article introduced on 1.09.06; text modified on 1.09.08).

Security

**5.1.008** A zone of at least 100 metres before and 50 metres after the finish line will be protected with barriers. It will be accessible only to organisational staff, the riders, paramedics, team managers and accredited press. The organiser must strictly control access to this zone.

Adjacent parts of the course where riders pass in both directions must be separated by a safety net. The safety nets used must have no openings greater than 1 cm x 1 cm.



For events where large crowds are expected, on technical parts of the course, a safety area must be provided between the spectators and the course, as shown below:

The Zone A sections must be minimum 75 cm wide.

The use of dangerous items along the course, such as fencing wire (barbed or otherwise) and metal stakes (including those used for advertising banners) is forbidden. The course must also be routed away from any item which presents danger to the riders.

From 5 minutes before the start of the race, the course may not be ridden by anyone other than the riders in the race.

The organiser must provide at least 4 crossing points for spectators on the course. Each crossing point must have 2 one-way lanes. The crossings must be marshalled on each side.

The race organiser must provide enough marshals to ensure the safety of the riders and spectators during competition and official training sessions. (text modified on 1.09.04; 1.09.08; 1.07.11).

First aid

**5.1.008 bis** At least one ambulance and one basic first aid post are required at all races. For each event, at least one (1) doctor and at least four (4) people qualified to perform first aid under the laws of the country shall be present at the event. Basic medical coverage is mandatory during all official training sessions, also if those are planned on the days prior to the race (world championships, world cup events and continental championships). (text modified on 1.09.04; 1.09.08. 16.06.14).

Inflatable arches

**5.1.009** The use of inflatable arches which cross the course is forbidden. (article introduced on 1.02.07; text modified on 1.09.08).

Installations

**5.1.010** The judge's stand at the finish must be covered and preferably located on the left of the course.

The organiser shall provide at least four radio sets to the commissaires' panel. These radio sets must have one channel reserved for the sole use of the commissaires' panel and another with which it is possible to contact the organiser.  
(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.04).

**5.1.011** The organiser must provide riders with a heated room, showers with hot and cold water and a water supply for cleaning of equipment. These installations must be no more than 2 km from the finish line.

Course

**5.1.012** A cyclo-cross course shall include road, 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.  
(text modified on 1.08.00).

**5.1.013** The course shall be usable in all circumstances, whatever the weather conditions.  
Clay or easily flooded areas and agricultural land should be avoided.

**5.1.014** A maximum of 5 events may be run on one course on the same day.  
(text modified on 1.09.04).

**5.1.015** The organiser must take steps to avoid damage to the course by spectators.  
Before the start of each race, the organiser must check the condition of the course and carry out any repairs required.  
*For the UCI world championships, the UCI world cup events, continental championships and the national championships, a parallel course is required for sections of the course which deteriorate easily.*  
(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.03 ; 1.09.04; 1.07.09; 1.07.10).

**5.1.016** (article transferred to art. 5.1.008 on 1.09.08).

**5.1.017** The course must 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.  
(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.04).

**5.1.018** The course must be at least 3 metres wide throughout and clearly marked and protected on both sides.  
(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.04; 1.09.08).

U-turns

**5.1.018 bis** U-turns on the course shall be installed and protected such as riders may not hold on the pole or on the barrier in the centre of the U-turns.  
(article introduced on 7.06.16).

Call-up zone

**5.1.019** An assembly area for starters (call-up zone) shall be provided and marked off with barriers behind the start line (see Appendix 1).

Eight lanes with a width of 75 cm and a length of 10 m shall be marked out on the ground at right angles to the start line in order to facilitate organising the riders into starting order (see Appendix 1).  
(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.04; 1.09.06; 1.07.10).

Start section

- 5.1.020** The start section must be on firm ground, and preferably on surfaced road. It must have a length of at least 150 metres and a width of at least 6 metres. It must be as straight as possible and not include any descent. The first narrowing or obstacle after the start section may not be abrupt, it must be such as to allow all the riders to pass easily. The angle of the first corner must be greater than 90 degrees. U-turns are not allowed.  
(text modified on 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.09.06; 1.09.08; 16.06.14; 7.06.16).

Finish section

- 5.1.021** The finish section must run straight for at least 100 metres. The width must be at least 6 metres for UCI world championships, UCI world cup events, continental championships and events in class 1, and at least 4 metres for other events. The section must be flat or uphill. The finish banner shall be erected at least 2.5 m above the ground over the finish line and shall cover the whole width of the finish section.  
(text modified on 1.09.04; 1.09.06; 1.09.08; 1.07.10).

Obstacles

- 5.1.022** The start and finish sections must be free of obstacles.  
(text modified on 1.09.04).
- 5.1.023** The course may include no more than six man made obstacles. Obstacle shall mean any part of the course where riders are likely (but not required) to dismount.  
A section of planks as described in art. 5.1.024, must be considered as one of these obstacles.  
The length of an obstacle may not exceed 80 metres and the height may not exceed 40 cm. The total length of obstacles may not exceed 10% of the course.  
Non-natural sand pits should be minimum 40 metres, maximum 80 metres long and minimum 6 metres wide. The sand pit should be located on a straight section and requests a level entrance and exit.  
Descents of flights of steps may not be used.  
(text modified on 1.08.00; 1.09.04; 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.07.11).

- 5.1.024** The course may include a single section of planks. This obstacle must consist of two planks placed minimum 4 metres and maximum 6 metres apart. The planks must be solid for their entire height, without sharp edges and not made of metal. They must have a maximum height of 40 cm and extend the entire width of the course.  
In the event that the course is abnormally slippery, the plank section must be removed on the decision of the president of the commissaires' panel in consultation with the organiser and, should he be present, the UCI technical delegate or the cyclo-cross sport coordinator.

Either or both of the planks referenced above may be replaced by one or two tree logs which ever the case may be. If a tree log is used, its maximum thickness shall be below 40cm. Otherwise, all rules applicable to the specifications of planks shall apply to tree logs as well.  
(text modified on 1.08.00; 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.09.08; 1.07.10; 1.07.11; 7.06.16).

**5.1.025** The course may pass over bridges or footbridges as long as they are at least 3 metres wide and have protective barriers on both sides. Bridges or footbridges shall be covered with an anti-slip surface (matting, mesh or anti-slip paint).

In addition a separate footbridge for spectators must be provided.  
(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.04).

Pit areas

**5.1.026** The pit area is the part of the course where riders can change wheels or bicycles.  
(text modified on 1.09.04).

**5.1.027** The pit areas must be straight and may not include an obstacle. They must be located on a part of the course where the speed is not high, excluding gravelled sections and descents.  
(text modified on 1.09.04).

**5.1.028** The double pit area (see Appendix 2) is compulsory for UCI world championships, UCI world cup events, continental championships, national championships and events in class 1.

If it is not possible to design a course such that a double pit area as per article 5.1.029 can be set up, the event may only be organised with the prior consent of the cyclo-cross commission to set up two single pits (see Appendix 3).  
(text modified on 1.09.04; 1.07.10).

**5.1.029** The double pit area must be set up in an area where two sections of the course are close enough together and the distance along the course between the successive pits is more or less equal each way.  
(text modified on 1.09.04).

**5.1.030** *For UCI world championships, the location for the double pit area shall be set by the UCI technical delegate.*  
(article introduced on 1.09.04).

**5.1.031** In events other than those covered by article 5.1.028, the organiser must make provision for a double pit area or two single pit areas located at suitable distances around the course.  
(text modified on 1.09.04).

**5.1.032** For the whole length of the pits the racing lane and the pit lane must be separated, using barriers and marker tape.

The pit area must be signalled and marked precisely with a yellow flag at the beginning and the end of the separation between the two lanes.  
(text modified on 1.08.00; 1.09.04).

**5.1.033** At the side of the pit lane a zone at least 2 metres deep shall be set aside for riders' mechanics and their equipment.  
(text modified on 1.08.00; 1.02.07; 26.06.07).

**5.1.034** In double pit areas provision must be made for a water supply for cleaning of equipment. For single pit areas the water supply must be in the immediate proximity such that mechanics do not have to cross the course to access it.

If a water tank or connections for high pressure cleaning apparatus are provided, they must be made freely available.



*At UCI world championships and UCI world cup events the organiser must provide eight high-pressure cleaners in the pit area.*

(text modified on 1.09.98; 1.09.04).

Boxes

- 5.1.035** *At UCI world championships, UCI world cup events and continental championships the pit areas must be at least 70 metres long.*

Along the pit lane provision must be made for 15 boxes marked off by barriers with a width of 4 metres (see Appendix 2).

For class 1 events the pits must be at least 60 metres long and at least 12 boxes must be provided.

Only two accredited assistants per rider shall be allowed in the box of this rider.

(text modified on 1.08.00; 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.02.07; 1.07.10).

Allocation of boxes

- 5.1.036** *At UCI world championships, UCI world cup events and continental championships the pit boxes are allocated at the team managers meeting, as follows:*

- 1 Separately for each category on the basis of the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross classification by nation of the current season for the category concerned (or the final classification of the previous season if no classification has yet been published for the current season);
- 2 The allocation of boxes to teams that do not feature in the relevant classification shall be by drawing lots;
- 3 The team leaders shall select their preferred box in the order thus determined.

(text modified on 1.09.9; 1.09.05; 1.09.08; 1.07.09; 1.07.10).

- 5.1.037** [article abrogated on 1.09.08].

Equipment changes

- 5.1.038** A rider may only take the pit lane to change his bicycle, wheel(s) or for other mechanical assistance.

**Should a rider take the pit lane for any other reason, the commissaires shall decide and the decision shall be final.**

(text modified on 1.09.04; 1.07.10; 16.06.14; 1.07.15; **7.06.16**).

- 5.1.039** Equipment changes must be carried out within the confines of the pit lane and at the same point.

A rider who has passed the end of the pit area must continue to the following pit area for any bicycle or wheel change. A rider who is still in the racing lane may enter the pit lane as long as he retraces his route in the racing lane and enters the other lane at its start without obstructing other competitors.

(text modified on 1.08.00; 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.09.05).

- 5.1.040** Changes of wheel or bicycle between riders are forbidden.

Attendants

- 5.1.041** Each rider may be accompanied by a paramedical assistant and two mechanics.

The paramedical assistant and the mechanics must be provided by the organiser with a free accreditation, which gives them access to the area reserved for them by virtue of their office.

The accreditations must be distributed outside the circuit, in a clearly indicated place.

For the UCI cyclo-cross world cup and world championships, accreditations for rider's paramedical assistant and two mechanics will be distributed by commissaires exclusively, after that the license's check of each paramedical assistant and the mechanics has been completed.

(article introduced on 26.06.07; text modified on 7.06.16).

## § 2 Event procedure

### Starting order

**5.1.042** The riders shall assemble in the call-up zone defined in article 5.1.019 at least 10 minutes before the start.

Riders must wait for the start with at least one foot on the ground, or be penalised by being sent back to the last place in their start lane.

(text modified on 1.10.02; 1.09.08).

**5.1.043** The start order of events is determined as follows:

A. *UCI world championships*, UCI world cup and continental championships:

- 1 As per the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross individual classification of the current season (or the final classification of the previous season if no classification has yet been published for the current season).
- 2 Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (\*).
- 3 At UCI men under 23 world cup events and UCI men junior world cup events, the riders of the B team of the national federation of the organiser, permitted under article 5.3.006 paragraph 3, shall take the last positions in the order confirmed by the national federation during riders confirmation.

B. Other events:

- 1 As per the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross individual classification of the current season (or the final classification of the previous season if no classification has yet been published for the current season).
- 2 Unclassified riders: by drawing lots.

(\*)For unclassified riders, the start order within the team must be confirmed by the national federations during riders confirmation.

The start order among the teams is determined as follows:

- First, national teams whose order is determined by the nations' classification of the concerned category from the most recent world championships.
- Second, unclassified national teams whose order is determined by drawing lots.

The teams (in the order as mentioned above) are taken in turn with the teams' first riders starting in sequence, then the teams' second riders etc.

(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.10.02; 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.02.07; 26.06.07; 1.09.08; 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 16.06.14; 1.07.15).

**5.1.044** [article abrogated on 1.09.08].

**5.1.045** [article abrogated on 1.09.08].

Allocation of race numbers

**5.1.046** *The allocation of race numbers at UCI world championships and UCI world cup events shall be as follows:*

- *Race numbers in sequence from 1 upwards to the country of the world champion of the preceding season;*
- *Race number 1 shall only be allocated to the reigning world champion of the category concerned;*
- *The other race numbers are issued to nations on the basis of their classification in the UCI world championships of the preceding season;*
- *For nations not ranked or not having taken part in the UCI world championship the preceding season, the allocation shall be done by drawing lots by the commissaires' panel.*

(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.09.06; 1.09.08).

False start

**5.1.047** Riders who cause a false start shall be pulled out of the race.

In case of a false start, a new call up procedure and gridding will be done.  
(text modified on 1.09.06).

Duration of events

**5.1.048** The duration of events must be as close as possible to:

- 40 minutes for the under 23 women's events
- 40 minutes for junior men's events
- 50 minutes for under 23 men's events
- 60 minutes for the elite men's events and for events in which elite and men under 23 ride together.

During elite women's events and for events in which women elite and women under 23 ride together, **the duration must be between 40 and 50 minutes.**

During UCI world championships and UCI world cup events the elite men events must be between 60 and 70 minutes.

(text modified on 1.09.01; 1.09.06; 16.06.14; 1.07.15; **7.06.16**).

Order of events

**5.1.048 bis** For all events scheduled on one day, the order of events must be as follows:

- 1 Men junior
- 2 Men under 23
- 3 Women
- 4 Men elite

(article introduced on 16.06.14)

Last lap

**5.1.049** The last lap of the race shall be announced by the bell.

(text modified on 1.09.06).

Classification

**5.1.050** All riders who cross the finish line after the winner shall have finished the race and will be given a placing on the basis of their position.

A rider who retires must leave the course immediately and does not have the right to cross the finish line. He shall be listed in the results as «DNF» («did not finish») and shall not be awarded any points for this event.

(text modified on 1.09.04; 1.09.08; 1.07.10).

**5.1.051** Lapped riders must complete the lap during which they were lapped and leave the event via an exit located before the finishing straight or in the "80%" zone as described in article 5.1.052, if that rule applies. They will be listed in the results in the order in which they are pulled out of the race plus number of laps which have not been completed.  
(text modified on 1.09.98; 1.09.04; 1.09.08; 1.07.10).

**5.1.052** The decision as to whether the 80% rule is to be applied will be made by the president of the commissaires' panel after discussion with the organiser. Any rider whose time being 80% slower of that of the race leader's first lap will be pulled out of the race. He shall leave the race at the end of his lap in the zone provided for the purpose (the "80% zone") except when the rider is on his final lap. At UCI world championships and UCI world cup events the 80% rule must be applied.  
(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.07.11).

**5.1.053** *At the UCI world championships, a classification by nation shall be drawn up by summing the places of the first three riders from each nation. Nations with two riders finishing shall be ranked after those with three. Nations with one rider finishing shall be ranked after those with two. In case of equal points in this classification, the place of the best ranked rider will break the tie.*

*The classification by nation shall not be used for a world champion's title.*  
(text modified on 1.09.03; 1.07.10).

Official ceremony

**5.1.054** The official ceremony shall take place immediately after the last rider has finished and shall take no longer than 10 minutes.

**5.1.055** Those involved in the official ceremony are permitted to wear additional clothing.

Results

**5.1.056** The president of the commissaires' panel is required to send the full results immediately to UCI headquarters by e-mail or, if it is not available, by fax. All National Federations must immediately notify the UCI of any fact or decision which would result in a change to the points awarded to a rider.

In the event of a failure to fulfil these obligates, the UCI Management Committee may relegate the event in question to a lower class or exclude it from the world or continental calendar, without prejudice to the penalties applicable under the Regulations.

(text modified on 1.09.04; 1.09.05; 1.09.06; 1.09.08).

**5.1.057** (N) The organiser's national federation shall notify the UCI as fast as possible of any change to the result reported by the organiser.

Cancellation

**5.1.058** In the event of difficult weather conditions (e.g. strong winds, heavy snowfall, temperatures below -15°) the president of the commissaires' panel may decide to cancel the event, after consulting the UCI technical delegate in case of need and the organizer.  
(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.04).

In-race communications

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

For the UCI cyclo-cross world cup and world championships, men elite and women races only, the use of radio-communication from the rider to his/her mechanics is allowed. The use of radio-communication from staff to the rider is forbidden.

The use of such a system is subject to any relevant legal provisions.

(article introduced on 1.09.04, text modified on 7.06.16).

Riders' clothing - Order of priority

**5.1.060** Should various provisions requiring the wearing of different cyclo-cross jerseys apply to the same rider, the order of priority shall be as follows:

- 1 the world champion's jersey
- 2 the leader's jersey of the world cup, a UCI recognized cyclo-cross series
- 3 the continental champion's jersey (as per 1.3.070)
- 4 the national champion's jersey
- 5 the national jersey

In any case, during world championships and continental championships every rider has to wear the jersey of the national team.

(article introduced on 16.06.14).

## Chapter II UCI CYCLO-CROSS CLASSIFICATION

- 5.2.001** The UCI shall draw up an annual individual classification of riders who take part in international cyclo-cross events:
- a joint classification for men elite and men under 23;
  - a joint classification for women elite and women under 23;
  - a classification for men junior.

The classification shall be called the UCI cyclo-cross classification.  
(text modified on 1.09.04; 1.09.08; 1.07.15).

- 5.2.002** The UCI cyclo-cross classification is the exclusive property of the UCI.  
(text modified on 1.09.04).

- 5.2.003** The UCI cyclo-cross classification is drawn up as follows:

**A. Men elite / U23 and Women elite / U23**

The UCI cyclo-cross classification is drawn up over a period of one year by adding the points won since the preceding ranking was drawn up. At the same time the remaining points obtained up to the same day of the previous year by each rider in international cyclo-cross events are deducted. The new ranking comes into force on the day of publication and stands until the publication of the subsequent ranking.

**B. Men Junior**

The UCI cyclo-cross classification for men junior is drawn up by summing the points won by each rider in international cyclo-cross events in the period from 1 September to 28 or 29 February.

In case of riders placed equal in the ranking, their place in the most recent ranking of the season, considering only places being rewarded with UCI points will decide between them in the following order:

- 1 *UCI world championships*
- 2 UCI world cup events
- 3 continental championships
- 4 national championships
- 5 class 1 events
- 6 class 2 events
- 7 events in the class men under 23 and men junior.

(text modified on 1.09.04; 1.09.05; 1.09.06; 1.09.08; 1.07.11; 1.07.15).

- 5.2.004** The events are classified into 16 categories on the basis of the number of points to be awarded:

- 1 *UCI world championships men elite and women elite*
- 2 *UCI world championships men under 23 and women under 23*
- 3 *UCI world championships men junior*
- 4 UCI world cup events men elite and women
- 5 UCI world cup events men under 23
- 6 UCI world cup events men junior
- 7 continental championships men elite and women elite
- 8 continental championships men under 23 and women under 23
- 9 continental championships men junior
- 10 national championships men elite and women elite
- 11 national championships men under 23 and women under 23

12 national championships men junior  
13 events in class 1 men elite and women  
14 events in class 2 men elite and women  
15 events in the class men under 23 (where there is a separate event for men elite)  
16 events in the class men junior  
(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.09.06; 1.09.08; 1.07.11; 1.07.15).

**5.2.005** The classification of events in the categories specified in points 4 to 9 and from 13 to 16 of article 5.2.004 is carried out annually by the UCI management committee.  
(text modified on 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.09.06; 1.09.08; 1.07.11).

**5.2.006** The number of points to be awarded in each event is mentioned in the attachment at this chapter.  
For events in the categories below, only the best results of each rider shall be taken into account:

- class 1 events: the best 6 results of each rider;
- class 2 events: the best 8 results of each rider;
- events in the class men under 23: the best 8 results of each rider;
- events in the class men junior: the best 6 results of each rider;
- Men under 23 and men junior world cup events: the best 4 results of each rider

(text modified on 1.08.00; 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.09.05; 1.09.06; 1.09.08; 1.07.09; 1.07.11; 1.07.15)

**5.2.007** [article abrogated on 1.09.08].

**5.2.008** (article transferred to art. 5.1.056 on 1.09.08).

**5.2.009** A UCI cyclo-cross individual classification is published every Tuesday. It is used for the start order of riders in the international events given in article 5.1.043. The date of the first publication for a new season is decided by the cyclo-cross commission.  
(text modified on 1.09.98; 1.09.04; 1.09.05; 1.09.08; 1.07.10; 01.07.15).

**5.2.010** At the same time a UCI cyclo-cross classification by nation for men elite, a UCI cyclo-cross classification by nation for women elite, a UCI cyclo-cross classification by nation for men under 23, a UCI cyclo-cross classification by nation for women under 23 and a UCI cyclo-cross classification by nation for men junior are drawn up by totaling the points of the three first classified riders of each nation.

In case of nations placed equal in the ranking, the place of its best rider in the individual ranking will break the tie.  
(text modified on 1.09.98; 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.09.05; 1.09.08; 1.07.09; 01.07.15).

**5.2.011** [article abrogated on 1.09.08].

**5.2.012** [article abrogated on 1.09.08].

**5.2.013** (article transferred to art. 1.3.058 b).

## Chapter III UCI CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CUP

- 5.3.001** The UCI cyclo-cross world cup is the exclusive property of the UCI.  
(text modified on 1.09.04).
- 5.3.002** The UCI cyclo-cross world cup is contested over a number of events in at least 6 different countries. These events shall be selected annually by the UCI Management Committee as per the procedure set out in the bidding procedure manual and the cyclo-cross world cup organisation guide.  
(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.04).
- 5.3.003** The designation of an event as a UCI cyclo-cross world cup event shall be subject to the signing of a contract by the organiser with the UCI governing inter alia the audio-visual broadcasting rights, marketing rights and the practical organisation of the race.
- 5.3.004** (article transferred to art. 5.1.005); (text modified on 1.09.06).

### Participation

- 5.3.005** UCI cyclo-cross world cup events shall be organised for elite men, women, men under 23, and men junior.

The rounds of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup for men elite, women, men under 23 and men junior will be specified on the UCI web site.

Entries for riders shall be submitted to the UCI by the federation of their nationality.  
(text modified on 1.10.02; 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.09.08).

- 5.3.006** In UCI cyclo-cross world cup events for men elite and women riders ranked in the top 50 of the last UCI cyclo-cross classification published before the next event are pre-qualified. Pre-qualified riders are eligible for selection at the discretion of the federation of their nationality. Federations entering less than 8 pre-qualified riders can expand their selection to a total of 8 entries.

No points for the UCI cyclo-cross world cup for men under 23 are awarded for results in men elite events.

In UCI cyclo-cross world cup events for men under 23 and men junior, each federation may enter 6 riders. The federations concerned may additionally enter the reigning world champions and (except for the first world cup round of the season) the leaders of the last UCI cyclo-cross world cup classification published before the closing date for entries. The national federation of the organising country may register additionally a team of 6 riders (B team) for the men under 23 category as well as for the men junior category.

In accordance with article. 1.3.059, all riders in the men under 23 and men junior categories must wear national team clothing.

A table listing the opening and closing dates for entries will be published on the UCI website.

(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.10.02; 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 26.06.07; 1.09.08; 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 16.06.14; 1.07.15).

- 5.3.007** [article abrogated on 1.09.08].
- 5.3.008** The national federations must submit entries to the UCI for their riders no later than six days before each event of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup, including the riders for the B team of the national federation of the country of the organiser.



Without prejudice to article 13.1.070, the entry will not be accepted if the hotel where the riders will be staying is not specified at the time of registration.

In the event of a late entry, the national federation shall be liable to pay a fine of CHF 150 per rider.

(text modified on 1.09.04; 1.09.05; 1.09.08; 1.07.09; 1.07.10).

- 5.3.009** A rider for whom an entry has been submitted to the UCI under article 5.3.008 for a UCI cyclo-cross world cup event may not ride any other cyclo-cross event in any category whatsoever on the same day. Should he do so, he shall be subject to disqualification and a fine of between CHF 500 and CHF 3,000.  
(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.10.02; 1.09.04; 1.09.08).

Clothing

- 5.3.010** (Article transferred to art. 1.3.058 b).

Official ceremony

- 5.3.011** The official ceremony shall be held within 5 minutes after the winner of each category finishes.

The first 3 riders in the race and the leader of the general classification of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup must attend the podium.

(text modified on 1.09.98; 1.09.08).

- 5.3.012** After the official ceremony the first 3 riders in the event and the world cup leader shall be required to attend the press room in the company of the organiser.

(text modified on 1.09.04; 1.07.09; 1.07.10).

Classifications

- 5.3.013** 1 Men elite, **women**

A UCI individual cyclo-cross world cup classification will be drawn up for the category men elite **and women**, for which points will be awarded to the first 50 riders in each race in accordance with the following scale:

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1	80	18	33	35	16
2	70	19	32	36	15
3	65	20	31	37	14
4	60	21	30	38	13
5	55	22	29	39	12
6	50	23	28	40	11
7	48	24	27	41	10
8	46	25	26	42	9
9	44	26	25	43	8
10	42	27	24	44	7
11	40	28	23	45	6
12	39	29	22	46	5
13	38	30	21	47	4
14	37	31	20	48	3
15	36	32	19	49	2
16	35	33	18	50	1
17	34	34	17		

2 Men under 23, men junior

Separate UCI individual cyclo-cross world cup classifications will be drawn up for the categories men under 23 and men junior, for which points will 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

For the men under 23 and men junior events, only the best 4 results of each rider will be considered to calculate the world cup classification.

Riders tying on points will be ranked by the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc. taking account only of places for which points are awarded for the UCI cyclo-cross world cup. If they are still tied, the points scored in most recent event shall be used to separate them.

(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.02; 1.09.04; 1.09.05; 1.09.08; 1.07.15; 7.06.16).

**5.3.014** [article abrogated on 1.09.04].

**5.3.015** [article abrogated on 1.09.03].

**5.3.016** [article abrogated on 1.09.04].

**5.3.017** [article abrogated on 1.09.04].

Prizes

**5.3.018** The scale of prizes for the individual classification for each event will be determined by the UCI management committee.

At least three months before the event, the organiser shall provide a bank guarantee to the organiser's national federation equal to the total prize fund.

In the event that a prize or prizes are unpaid, the event shall not be considered as a UCI cyclo-cross world cup event the following season.

(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.04).

**5.3.019** The UCI shall award prizes to the first 25 men elite and the first 10 women of the final individual classification of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup, with values which will be set out in the financial obligations of the UCI.

For each race and each category of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup, the UCI shall award a prize money to the rider who will have recorded the fastest lap time, as delivered by the timekeeping company. The prize is fixed by the UCI financial obligations. (article introduced on 1.09.08; text modified on 7.06.16).

**5.3.020** [article abrogated on 1.09.99].

**5.3.021** [article abrogated on 1.09.04].

Trophies

**5.3.022** The UCI shall award a trophy to the first three of the final classification of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup in each category. (text modified on 1.09.02; 1.09.03; 1.09.04;1.09.06; 1.09.08).

Leader's skinsuit

**5.3.023** For each category, the UCI shall award a leader's skinsuit to the leader in the individual classification of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup.

A leader's skinsuit shall also be awarded to the best women U23 rider as defined per article 5.1.001, in the women individual classification of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup.

In all rounds other than the first the leader shall be required to wear the leader's skinsuit in all the UCI cyclo-cross world cup events.  
The leader's skinsuit may only be worn at rounds of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup, and in no other event.

For men elite and women races of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup, the leaders of the overall world cup ranking are allowed to add the advertising of their team on the leader's equipment as per the article 1.3.055bis.  
Adding any team advertising on the leader's jersey is not allowed for the men junior, men U23 and women U23 categories. (text modified on 1.09.98; 1.09.04; 1.09.05; 1.09.08; 7.06.16).

**5.3.024** (article transferred to art. 1.3.058 b).

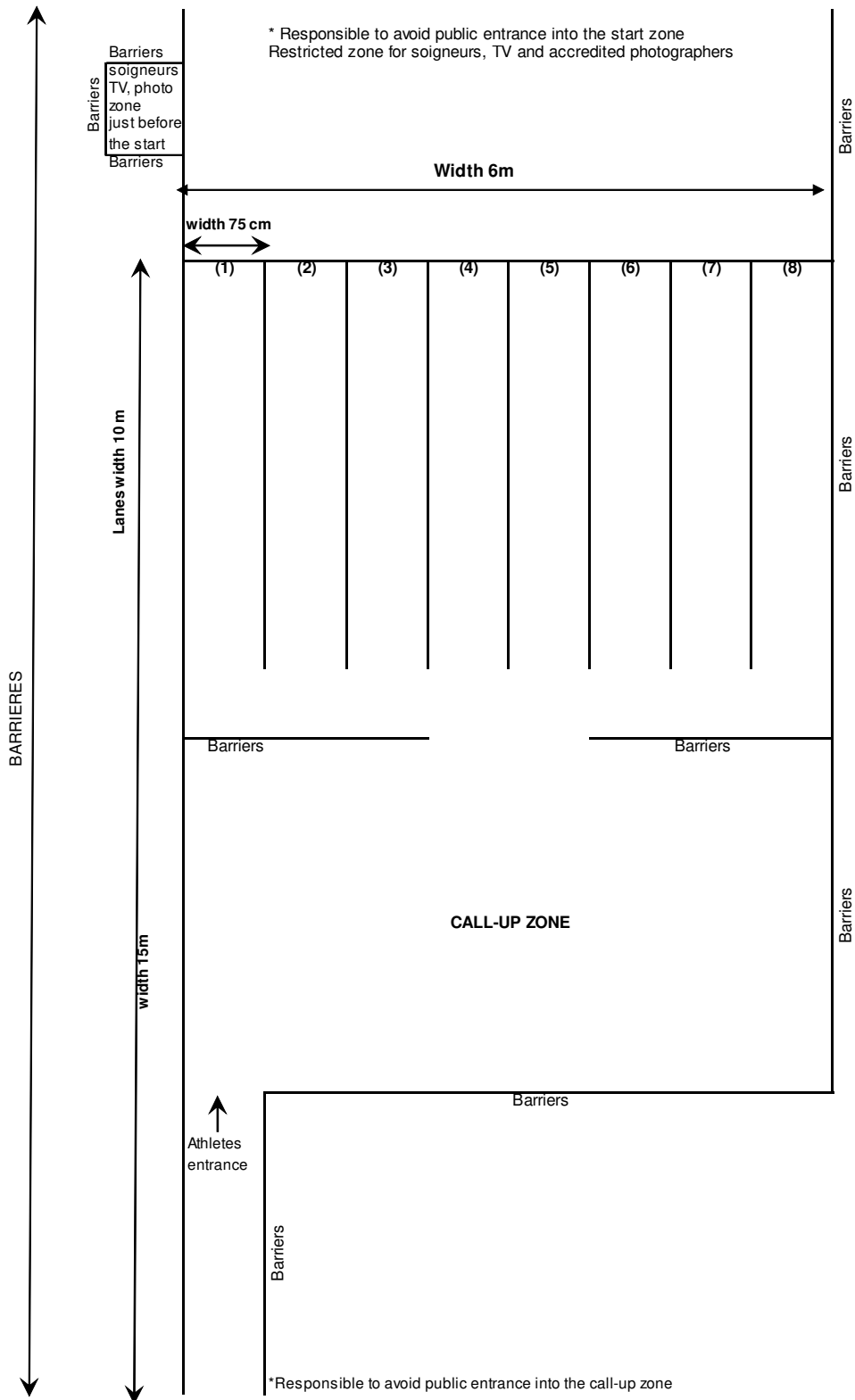
## Chapter IV MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

(chapter introduced on 16.06.14)

- 5.4.001** Only licence holders under articles 1.1.001 to 1.1.028 and 5.1.001 may take part in the masters world championships. A race number is only issued on presentation of the licence.
- 5.4.002** The riders taking part in the masters world championships represent their country, but are permitted to use the equipment of their choice.
- 5.4.003** All details specifically relating to the masters world championship must be obtained from the organiser or from the UCI website.
- 5.4.004** The championships are usually organized in 5 year age groups: 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, etc. Age groups will be combined when less than 6 riders enter an age group. In case of combined age groups titles for the respective 5 years age groups will be awarded (even when only 1 rider is entered).

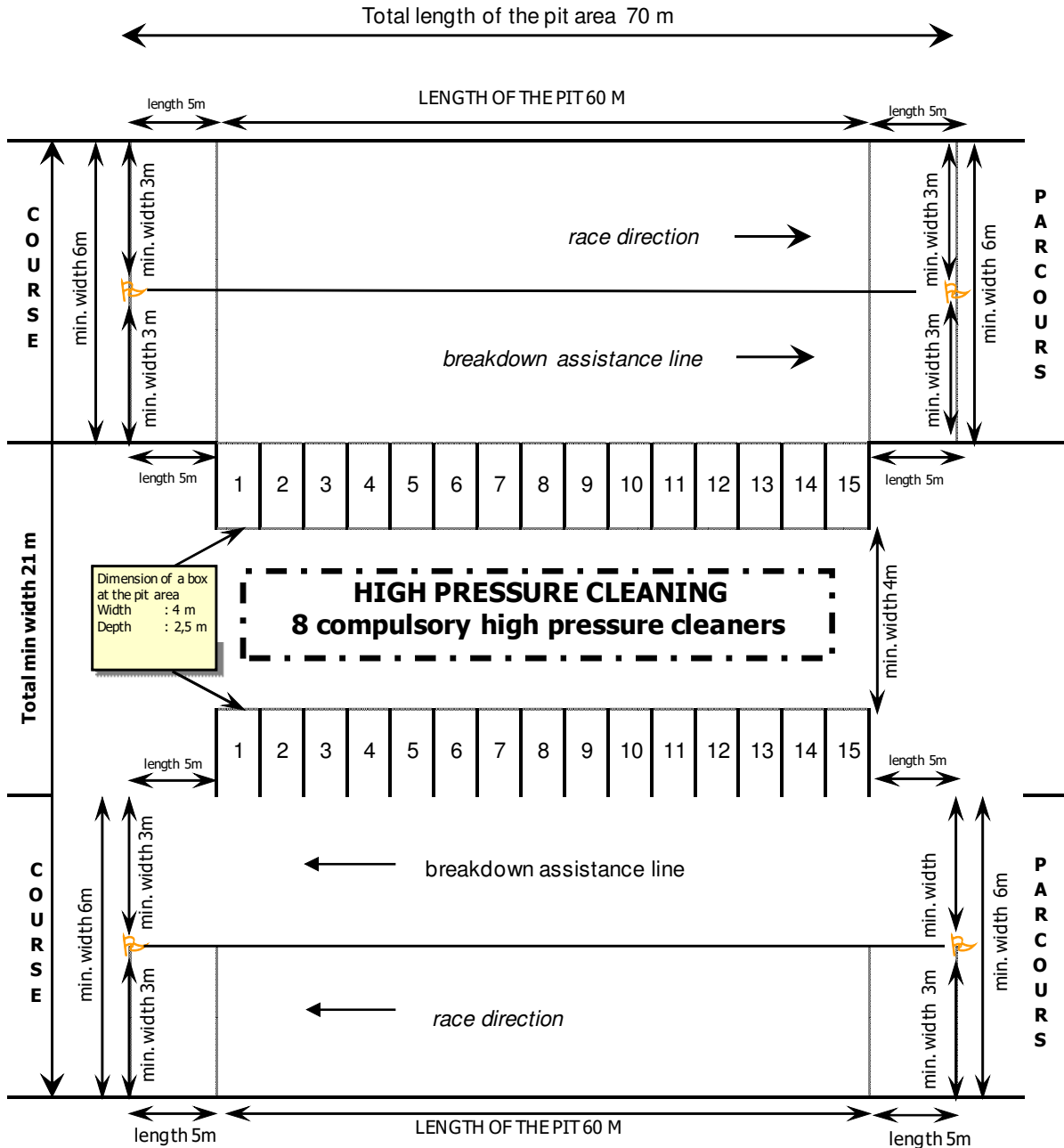
ANNEX 1 - Call-up zone

**STANDARD CONFIGURATION OF A START ZONE**



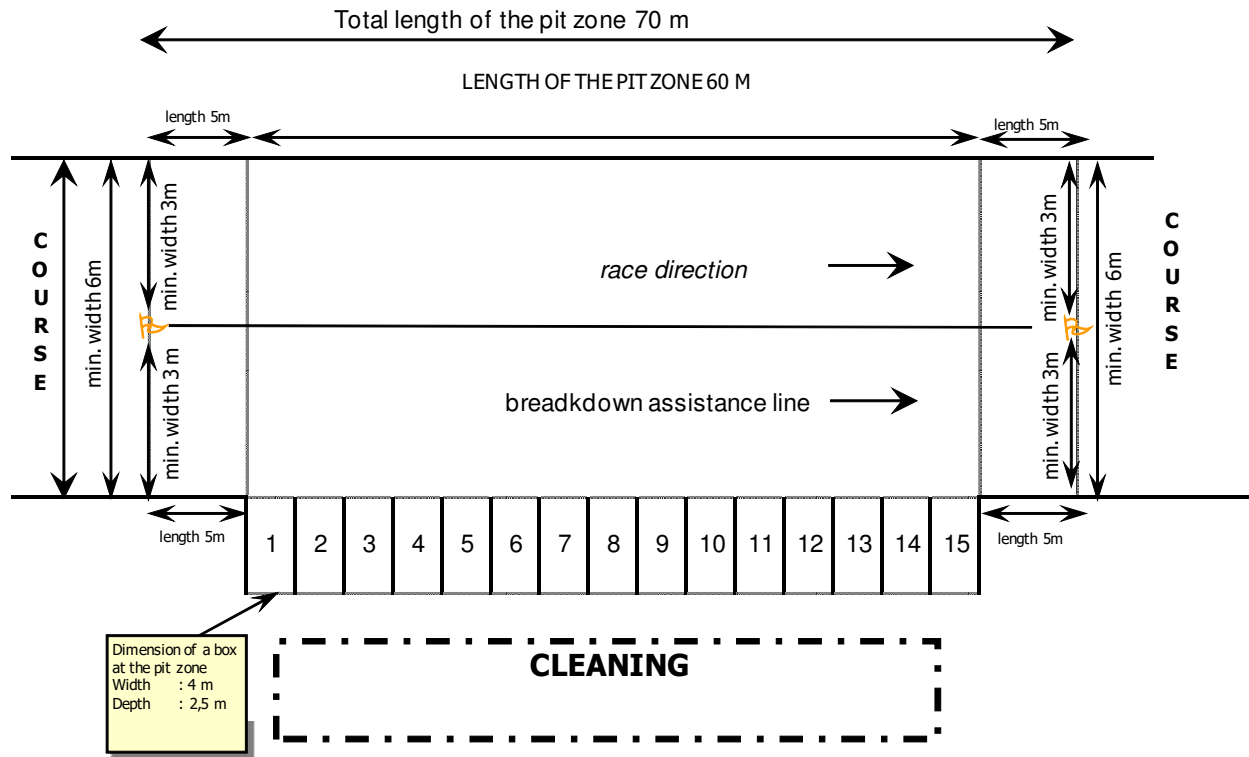
ANNEX 2 - Double pit area

STANDARD CONFIGURATION OF A DOUBLE PIT AREA



ANNEX 3 - Single pit area

**STANDARD CONFIGURATION OF A PIT ZONE**



**UCI CYCLING REGULATIONS**

**ANNEX 4 - UCI points table**

Rang	UCI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS			UCI WORLD CUP			CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS			NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS			Class 1	Class 2	Class MU	Class MJ
	Men/ Women elite	Men/ Women U23	Men junior	Men/ Women elite	Men U23*	Men junior	Men/ Women elite	Men/ Women U23 *	Men junior*	Men/ Women elite	Men/ Women U23 *	Men junior*	Men/ Women elite	Men/ Women elite	Men U23	Men junior
1	400	200	60	200	100	30	100	60	30	100	60	30	80	40	30	10
2	360	150	40	160	60	20	60	40	20	60	40	20	60	30	20	6
3	320	120	30	140	40	15	40	30	15	40	30	15	40	20	15	4
4	280	100	25	120	30	12	30	25	12	30	25	12	30	15	12	2
5	240	90	20	110	25	10	25	20	10	25	20	10	25	10	10	1
6	200	80	18	100	20	8	20	17	8	20	15	8	20	8	8	x
7	190	70	16	90	17	6	17	15	6	15	10	6	17	6	6	
8	180	60	14	80	15	4	15	12	4	10	5	4	15	4	4	
9	170	55	12	70	12	2	12	10	2	5	3	2	12	2	2	
10	160	50	10	60	10	1	10	8	1	3	x	1	10	1	1	
11	150	45	8	58	8	x	8	6	x	x		x	8	x	x	
12	140	40	6	56	6		6	4					6			
13	130	35	4	54	4		4	2					4			
14	120	30	2	52	2		2	1					2			
15	110	25	1	50	1		1	x					1			
16	100	20	x	48	x		x						x			
17	90	18		46												
18	80	16		44												
19	70	14		42												
20	60	12		40												
21	57	10		39												
22	54	9		38												
23	51	8		37												
24	48	7		36												
25	45	6		35												
26	42	5		34												



**UCI CYCLING REGULATIONS**

Rang	UCI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS			UCI WORLD CUP			CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS			NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS			Class 1	Class 2	Class MU	Class MJ
	Men/ Women elite	Men/ Women U23	Men junior	Men/ Women elite	Men U23*	Men junior	Men/ Women elite	Men/ Women U23 *	Men junior*	Men/ Women elite	Men/ Women U23 *	Men junior*	Men/ Women elite	Men/ Women elite	Men U23	Men junior
27	39	4		33												
28	36	3		32												
29	33	2		31												
30	30	1		30												
31	28	x		29												
32	26			28												
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50				10												
51				5**												

\* in case of split event

\*\* amount of points for each ranked rider

(text modified on 1.07.11; 16.06.14; 1.07.15; 7.06.16)