

PART 6bis BMX Freestyle Competitions

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Chapter I PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

BMX Freestyle Competitions

6bis.1.001 BMX Freestyle competitions are judged events, in which riders are scored based upon their skill at executing a routine, including one or more of a variety of different manoeuvres, that are known as “tricks”.

Within the context of these regulations, BMX Freestyle competitions shall refer to BMX Freestyle Park.

6bis.1.002 As BMX Freestyle competitions are not races, only those elements of Part I of the UCI Regulations, “General Organisation of Cycling as a Sport” that are specifically mentioned in Part VI bis “BMX Freestyle Competitions” shall apply to BMX Freestyle Competitions.

In case the words “race” or “races” are used in any other parts of the UCI Regulations that also apply to BMX Freestyle Competitions, these words shall be taken to mean a BMX Freestyle competition or competitions. Likewise, the words competition and event can be used interchangeably.

6bis.1.003 The season for BMX Freestyle shall begin on 1st January and end on 31st December.

Chapter II CATEGORIES AND LICENSES

Age of Participants

6bis.2.001 For participation in events on the international calendar, riders categories are determined by the age of those competing. A rider’s age is defined by the difference between the year of the event and the year of birth of the rider, as defined in article 1.1.034.

A rider must be at least 7 years of age to compete in a BMX Freestyle event. The minimum age of 7 refers to the real calendar age on the day of event commencement.

Competition Categories

6bis.2.002 Two levels of categories are defined for BMX Freestyle competitions.

- a. UCI Categories: These categories shall be held at all events registered on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar.
- b. National Categories: These categories shall be held at all events registered on a BMX Freestyle national calendar.

The competition categories recognized by the UCI for BMX Freestyle Competitions are as follows:

- a. UCI Categories for BMX Freestyle Competitions:
 - a. Categories for Men: Men Elite, aged 15 and over
 - b. Categories for Women: Women Elite, aged 15 and over

- b. National Categories for BMX Freestyle Park Competitions:
 - a. Categories for Men:
 - i. Amateur Men
 - ii. Youth Men, aged 7 - 14
 - b. Categories for Women:
 - i. Amateur Women
 - ii. Youth Women, aged 7 - 14

For the National Categories listed above, National Federations may decide to change the age limits or add additional categories.

6bis.2.003 A rider cannot participate in both the Amateur and Elite categories during the same season. Riders may only change their category on the occasion of renewing their license at the start of the next season.

Combination of Categories

6bis.2.004 A BMX Freestyle competition can only be held for categories in which 5 or more riders have completed the registration and riders' confirmation process. In case a category has less than 5 riders registered and confirmed, that category may be combined with a different category at the discretion of the competition organiser.

If adequate numbers of five riders are registered and confirmed during the riders confirmation, the category will be run even if less riders show up at the start, for whatever reason.

Licences

6bis.2.005 Everyone participating in BMX Freestyle events, in whatever capacity, must have a license. In this regard, articles 1.1.001 – 1.1.034 and 1.1.040 – 1.1.087 shall apply.

The licence must indicate the category of the rider.

Chapter III CALENDAR AND THE ORGANISATION OF BMX FREESTYLE EVENTS

Calendar

6bis.3.001 The UCI Management Committee shall approve the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar. In this respect, articles 1.2.001 – 1.2.030 of the UCI Regulations shall apply.

In the interest of promoting growth in the discipline, article 1.2.019 (Forbidden Races) shall not apply until further notice. However, license-holders who participate in competitions not sanctioned by the UCI or one of its member National Federations shall do so entirely at their own risk; neither the UCI, nor its National Federations shall be liable for any consequences of such participation.

6bis.3.002 The UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar shall consist of, at least, the events in the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup series.

Obligations of the Organiser and other License Holders

6bis.3.003 Organisers of BMX Freestyle Competitions and other license holders have the responsibilities and obligations outlined in articles 1.2.031 – 1.2.047 of the UCI Regulations.

6bis.3.004 The organisation of a BMX Freestyle Competition may decide to limit the number of entries in any category, but only if this limit is announced in the Technical Guide for the event. Otherwise, the organiser can not refuse the entry of any license-holder, without prejudice to the provisions set down in article 1.2.022. Likewise, the organiser can not refuse to allow a rider who has completed the registration process to start, without prejudice to any other provisions of these regulations that may apply.

The organiser is not allowed to accept any entries after the riders' confirmation deadline found in the Technical Guide. The Commissaire appointed to supervise the competition shall rule in the event of a dispute.

Ignorance of the provisions of the Technical Guide or of the event schedule shall not be admitted as an excuse by any rider or other license holder.

Course and Safety

6bis.3.005 The organiser must provide an adequate security service and organise efficient cooperation with public authorities.

Without prejudice to the relevant legal and administrative provisions and the general duty of care, the organiser shall ensure that the race course or the competition grounds include no places or situations that could constitute a particular safety risk to anyone (riders, attendants, officials, spectators, etc.).

6bis.3.006 In no case can the UCI or its National Federations be held responsible for defects in the course or installations or for any accidents that may occur. This responsibility lies with the organiser.

6bis.3.007 Riders shall study the course / competition facilities in advance as defined in Chapter VI of these regulations.

6bis.3.008 The organiser shall set up an adequate medical service.

6bis.3.009 The organiser shall appoint one or more doctors to provide riders with medical care.

6bis.3.010 Facilities for rapid transfer to hospital must be available. At least one ambulance shall follow the competition or be available at the competition venue.

Prior to the start of the event, the organiser must make available to starting riders a list of the hospitals contacted to handle any injuries.

Prizes

6bis.3.011 All information on prizes (number, nature, amount, conditions of awarding) shall be clearly stated in the programme or Technical Guide of the race.

The UCI Management Committee may set minimum prize levels for events on the international calendar, as set out in the UCI Financial Obligations.

Prizes shall be paid to the beneficiaries or their representatives no later than 90 days after the finish of the event. Unless otherwise stated in the UCI Financial Obligations, the event organiser is responsible for providing the prizes.

6bis.3.012 If there is any dispute that might influence placing and hence entitlement to a prize, the prize shall be withheld by the organiser until a decision has been reached.

Should a rider lose the place that entitled him to a prize, the prize must be returned within one month to the organiser who shall proceed to its redistribution. In case of non-compliance, the total amount repayable shall be increased automatically by 20% (twenty percent) and the organiser may refer the matter to the UCI. The rider shall be suspended automatically if the prize, increased by 20% (twenty percent), has not been repaid in the hands of the UCI within one month of notice being given by the UCI until such time as the total amount due has been repaid.

The paragraph above applies also to any intermediary or beneficiary in possession of the prize as from the moment that the request for repayment is made.

Unless specially provided otherwise, the following riders in the classification shall each advance by one place and shall be entitled to the prizes corresponding to their new places in case one or more riders normally entitled to prizes are disqualified.

Riders Meeting

6bis.3.013 If they decide that it is necessary, the organiser and the Commissaire acting jointly may decide to call a riders' meeting. If it is not mentioned in the Technical Guide, a notice announcing the time and place of the meeting shall be announced at the competition venue (example: posted in the riders area at the competition, or an announcement is made).

Registration and Riders' Confirmation

6bis.3.014 The registration process is controlled by the organiser and is described in the Technical Guide.

Riders shall enter BMX Freestyle Competitions by completing the entry process required by the organiser. This may be done in person at the event (at the time and place specified in the Technical Guide) or on-line. The organiser may

decide to only accept on-line entries; if so, this will also be announced in the Technical Guide.

In the event that a field limit is in place as defined in the Technical Guide for the event, priority will be given to online registrations. In this way, on-site registration will be allowed only within the limits of the available places (if any).

The organiser may decide to charge an entry fee; if so, this fee must be paid at the time of registration at the latest.

Entry in the competition implies agreement with the event schedule and all provisions of the Technical Guide.

Participants under the age of majority in the country in which the competition is held must provide parental consent when they register using the form provided by the organisation.

As a consequence of registration, the rider (or their parent or guardian) attests that they are medically fit to participate in the event. Neither the organiser nor the UCI shall have any duty of care in this regard – determination of fitness to compete is the sole responsibility of the rider (or their parent or guardian).

Riders Confirmation

6bis.3.015 Riders confirmation is the process done under the responsibility of a Commissaire, by which entered riders complete the registration process. The Commissaire shall have the exclusive authority to decide whether a rider's entry is valid or not.

Riders confirmation is done at the times and place described in the Technical Guide.

During riders' confirmation, each rider or their representative must attend to verify their intention to start in the event.

In 2016, every rider will sign a declaration that they accept the UCI Regulations.

From 1st January 2017, a valid cycling license as defined in Part I of the UCI Regulations shall be required, and must be shown at riders' confirmation to verify their identity. A national identity card or passport may also be required.

Only after paying the entry fee (if any), signing any waiver required by the organisation, and completing riders' confirmation is a rider considered to be fully registered for the competition. At this point, the rider is then given their accreditation allowing them to participate.

Riders must be completely registered before beginning their first practice; they are not allowed in the competition venue until they are completely registered.

6bis.3.016 The organiser shall provide the Commissaire and panel of Judges with a final list of riders in each category who have completed the registration and confirmation process.

6bis.3.017 No further entries shall be accepted following the end of riders' confirmation. Likewise, any riders who entered but did not attend riders' confirmation, shall be removed from the list of entries and not allowed to start.

A rider whose licence could not be verified and whose status as a non-suspended licence holder cannot be established in any other manner may not start and may not figure in the classification of the event.

6bis.3.018 Following the end of riders' confirmation, the Commissaire and the organisation shall draw up the start lists and practice groups (if any) for the competition.

Classification and Results

6bis.3.019 Following the end of a BMX Freestyle Competition, the results (final classification) for each category will be posted in the riders area at the competition venue before the awards ceremony is held.

In case any categories were combined following riders' confirmation, the results for the combined category shall be split back into the original categories for the purpose of awarding prizes and points.

6bis.3.020 Without prejudice to any changes resulting from the application of the regulations by the competent bodies, in the event of material errors in the recording of the riders' results, the classification of the competition may be corrected by the UCI in the case of an event registered on the UCI international calendar, or by the organiser's national federation in the case of an event on a national calendar. This can only be done within 30 days of the end of the competition.

The UCI or respectively, the organiser's national federation, shall notify the organiser and all riders involved of any such correction.

Awards Ceremony

6bis.3.021 All riders concerned shall, in accordance with their placing, classifications and performances, participate in official ceremonies as described in the Technical Guide.

6bis.3.022 Unless otherwise stated, riders shall appear at official ceremonies wearing competition clothing.

Supervision of BMX Freestyle Competitions

6bis.3.023 The proceedings at BMX Freestyle competitions shall be supervised by a Commissaire and panel of Judges.

The organiser shall take particular care to ensure that these officials may work in optimum conditions.

6bis.3.024 Articles 1.2.115 – 1.2.132 concerning Commissaires shall apply.

The Commissaire shall be appointed by the national federation of the organiser for events on a national calendar or by the UCI for events on the international calendar, as appropriate.

The Commissaire shall act as competition director and is appointed to supervise the sporting aspects of the event according to the UCI regulations

The Panel of Judges is responsible for evaluating the performance of the riders during the competition and for delivering their scores.

6bis.3.025 The Commissaire, Panel of Judges and representatives of the organisation shall meet before the start of the event. They shall also attend any riders' meeting.

6bis.3.026 The Commissaire shall draw up a detailed report on the event using the form provided for this purpose by the UCI. The report must be accompanied by the following documents:

- The start lists (following riders' confirmation)
- The final results for each of the UCI Categories
- A copy of the Technical Guide
- Any communiques describing decisions taken to manage the event (for example, changes to the schedule)

For events on the UCI International BMX Freestyle Calendar, the Commissaire shall also ensure that the final results are sent to the UCI by e-mail at latest no more than 2 hours following the end of the competition.

Powers of the Commissaire and Panel of Judges

6bis.3.027 Articles 1.2.126 – 1.2.132 of the UCI Regulations shall apply to the Commissaire and judges panel appointed to supervise BMX Freestyle competitions.

UCI Classifications

6bis.3.028 Articles 1.2.133 and 1.2.134 shall apply to BMX Freestyle competitions.

Chapter IV CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

The Bicycle

6bis.4.001 Bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions shall comply with the spirit and principle of cycling as a sport. The spirit presupposes that cyclists will compete in competitions on an equal footing. The principle asserts the primacy of man over machine.

Bicycles and their accessories used in BMX Freestyle Competitions shall be of a type that is sold for use by anyone practising BMX Freestyle as a sport.

It is up to each license holder to check the conformity of their equipment.

6bis.4.002 Articles 1.3.001 – 1.3.003 shall apply to BMX Freestyle Competitions.

The Commissaire has the authority to refuse any equipment that he considers will place the safety of the rider or any other person at risk.

6bis.4.003 Bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions are vehicles with two wheels of equal diameter. The front wheel shall be steerable; the rear wheel shall be driven through a system comprising pedals and a chain, without electric or other assistance.

However, for various reasons, riders in BMX Freestyle Competitions may decide to remove the chain from their bicycle.

6bis.4.004 Bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions shall be of a type that is generally taken to be a BMX bicycle. This position requires that the only points of support can be the following: the feet on the pedals and the hands on the handlebars. A saddle is not needed as long as the seat tube is covered so as to prevent injury.

The bicycle should have handlebars which allow it to be ridden and manoeuvred in any circumstances and in complete safety.

6bis.4.005 With the exception of riders entered in Youth categories, all bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions must be equipped with matching wheels that are nominally 20" in diameter. The total diameter of the wheels, inflated tires included shall not exceed 22 ½" (57 cm).

The bicycles of riders in Youth categories may be equipped with wheels smaller than 20" nominal diameter; however, such wheels shall not be smaller than 16" nominal diameter.

Bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions may be equipped with one or more hub axle extenders, also known as "pegs", provided that these are securely attached.

Safety Equipment

6bis.4.006 Wearing a helmet certified for cycling is an obligation attached to all categories, as specified in article 1.3.031. This helmet must be worn at all times while riding. Only accessories approved by the helmet manufacturer may be attached to helmets.

The helmet strap must be securely fastened at all times when riding, whether during competition, warm-up or practice.

It is strongly recommended that riders wear:

- a. back, elbow, knee and shoulder protectors
- b. protection of the cervical vertebrae

For riders in any Youth category, knee protection is mandatory.

Clothing

6bis.4.007 Riders in BMX Freestyle Competitions shall wear clothing that is traditionally associated with BMX Freestyle. Such clothing in its design or construction must not constitute a danger to the safety of the rider (example: exceptionally loose clothing which could become caught in the rider's bicycle).

Likewise, the design or advertising printed on such clothing must not contain any offensive statement or image which could damage the public image of the organiser, the UCI, nor of BMX Freestyle as a sport.

6bis.4.008 Articles 1.3.060 – 1.3.067 and article 1.3.072 (the section concerning World Champions' Equipment) shall apply to BMX Freestyle Competitions.

Identification of Riders

6bis.4.009 Riders must at all times wear the visual identification provided by the organisation (sticker, wristband, bib or strap, whatever the case may be). Riders not doing so may be refused access to the competition venue or may be refused their start.

Chapter V CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS, PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

Conduct of Participants

6bis.5.001 Each participant is engaged on their own behalf and those of their employees and agents, and must observe all the provisions of the UCI Regulations and the Technical Guide for the event. Every participant shall follow the directions of the organisation and appointed officials, and any penalties that may be applied.

Anyone signing the registration form declares that they have acquainted themselves with and accept the UCI Regulations and Technical Guide.

6bis.5.002 Fair play and respect are two indispensable values at all UCI BMX Freestyle events.

Penalties

6bis.5.003 Without prejudice to any specific provisions of these regulations, the Commissaire appointed to manage a BMX Freestyle competition has the right to disqualify or refuse the start of a rider who violates the following standards of safety or good conduct:

- a. Failure to respect the equipment regulations
- b. Failure to respect the published event schedule
- c. Failure to respect restricted areas or the time limits of the competition.
- d. Failure to respect the start order for the competition
- e. Deliberately causing damage to equipment, the venue, or the environment

- f. Participating in the event (regardless of the stage) under the influence of alcohol or other illegal substances
- g. Behaving in an inappropriate manner (for example: use of obscenities, insults, inappropriate language, obscene gestures)
- h. Any other behaviour that is against the interests of the fair conduct of the competition, or which damages the reputation of the sport, the organisation, or the UCI.

Without prejudice to any other disciplinary measures that may apply, in relation to this point neither verbal nor physical aggression will be tolerated; exclusion from the competition or event area will be immediate.

In addition, the rules of conduct outline in article 1.2.079 to 1.2.082 of the UCI Regulations shall also apply.

The decision of the Commissaire in disqualifying or refusing the start of a rider can not be protested.

Protests

6bis.5.004 A protest is a formal complaint made by a rider or national team manager about the results for any of the phases of a BMX Freestyle Park Competition. Decisions of the Commissaire or organisation can not be protested.

Protests by riders regarding judgment decisions made by the Commissaire or Panel of Judges during a competition are not allowed.

6bis.5.005 Notwithstanding article 6bis.5.004, should a rider wish to file a protest, they must do so in writing using a protest form supplied by the organiser. Any completed protest forms should be supplied to the Commissaire within 15 minutes of the posting of the results that have given rise to the protest.

The organiser may decide to charge a monetary fee for each protest form (the amount of which should not exceed 80 euros, or the equivalent in the local currency of the country in question and which will be published in the Technical Guide).

The Commissaire and the organiser acting jointly will conduct an investigation; if the Commissaire decides that the protest should be accepted, the fee shall be returned to the rider. If the protest is rejected, the fee shall not be returned.

Chapter VI BMX FREESTYLE PARK COMPETITIONS

6bis.6.001 BMX Freestyle Park Competitions take place within a course that consists of various types of obstacles such as ramps, walls and railings. Riders perform timed routines within the park, and are scored based upon various factors, including the difficulty and quality of execution of their run.

Competition Format

6bis.6.002 Riders registered to compete in an event will be classified and entered into every BMX Freestyle Park event according to their age, gender, and competition level as described above in article 6bis.2.002.

6bis.6.003 A BMX Freestyle Park competition for each category may be composed of the phases (Qualification, Semi-final or Final) described below, and within each phase, a number of heats.

A heat is a group which comprises 2 to 5 riders.

The combination of phases and heats for a category depends on the number of entries, and is found in the following table.

Number of entries	Competition phases	Qualification rule	Number of heats
5 - 8 entries	2 phases: Qualification x 1 Final x 1	Top 4 in Qualification advance to Final	Qualification: as below 1 heat of 4 in Final
9 – 15 entries	2 phases: Qualification x 1 Final x 1	Top 8 in Qualification advance to Final	Qualification: as below 2 heats of 4 in Final
16 - 30 entries	2 phases: Qualification x 1 Final x 1	Top 12 in Qualification advance to Final	Qualification: as below 3 heats of 4 in Final
More than 31 entries	3 phases: Qualification x 1 Semi-final x 1 Final x 1	Top 24 in Qualification advance to Semi-final Top 12 in Semi-final advance to Final	Qualification: as below 6 heats of 4 in Semi-final 3 heats of 4 in Final

Number of heats: The number of heats in each round is found in the table above. For the Qualification phase, the number of heats should be chosen such that as many heats as possible have 4 riders.

Whenever it is not possible for all heats to have 4 riders, there will be either 1 or 2 heats of three, or 1 heat of 5, whichever must be done to maximize the number of heats with 4 riders. Any heats of 3 or 5 will be at the end of the heat order.

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6bis.6.004 A run is the individual unit of competition in a BMX Freestyle Park Event, during which a rider performs a routine consisting of various tricks, which is evaluated by the judges.

At all phases of the competition, within each heat, each rider shall do 2 runs.

In the start order defined in article 6bis.6.005, each rider shall do a single run. Once the final rider in the order within each heat has taken their first run, the riders will do their second run in the same order.

Start Order

6bis.6.005 Within the Qualification phase, riders are randomly assigned to each heat.

However, in case an event that is part of a series, the Qualification phase shall instead be done in reverse order of the current series ranking; that is, riders are assigned to their heats in order, starting with the unranked or lowest ranked riders, and ending with the highest ranked riders in the last heat.

In such a case, within each heat, the start order continues to be in reverse order of ranking, so that the highest ranked rider within each heat goes last in that heat. Any unranked riders are seeded randomly in the first heats in the order.

In case of the first event in a series, the final ranking of the previous season of the series will be used.

6bis.6.006 Within the Semi-final phase (if done), the start order is in reverse order of the results of the Qualification phase.

6bis.6.007 Within the Final phase, the start order is in reverse order of the results of the preceding phase.

6bis.6.008 Within each phase of the competition, the riders in each heat are entitled to a minimum 40 second warm-up before their heat begins.

6bis.6.009 In the Semi-final (if held) and the Final, any rider who is not present within the park or the riders area as described in the Technical Guide at latest by the start of the 15 minute warm-up period preceding that phase, shall not be allowed to start. They will be scored as DNS ("Did Not Start") for the phase in question.

6bis.6.010 In case one or more riders do not start in a Semi-final or the Final for the reason of missing the deadline described in article 6bis.6.009, the heats shall be redrawn as described in article 6bis.6.003.

In case one or more riders withdraw (or are disqualified or refused their start) once the deadline described in article 6bis.6.009 has passed, the heats will not be changed.

Scoring and Results

6bis.6.011 Each judge shall give each rider a score of between 0.00 and 99.99, taking into account the rider's entire performance, including both runs. Individual scores are not given for each run.

The scores given by all judges for each rider are then averaged; this average score is the official score of the rider's performance over 2 runs for the heat in

question. Each average score is reported accurate to 2 decimal places; any fractions of points beyond this are dropped (no rounding of scores is done).

In case 5 or more judges are appointed to preside over the competition, the highest and lowest scores may be dropped before the average score is calculated.

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Best Trick Competition

6bis.6.012 Within the Final for Men Elite or Women Elite categories, the organiser of the competition may decide to offer a prize for the best trick. If this is the case, this fact will be announced in the Technical Guide for the event.

If a Best Trick Competition is held as described above, the best trick for each rider is scored separately from their two runs. In doing so, each rider will be allowed between 2 and 5 attempts at their best trick as specified in the Technical Guide. The Best Trick Competition is done in the start order at the end of each heat.

Non-starters and Withdrawing from Competition

6bis.6.013 Within each phase it is possible that one or more riders may not start, or withdraw from competition.

In case a rider is refused his start for any reason or withdraws or simply does not show up before beginning their first run, he shall be scored as "Did Not Start" for the phase in question. Such a rider is not eligible to transfer to the next phase of the competition.

Should a rider withdraw after completing part of his first or second run, he shall be considered as having started in that phase of the competition and will be scored on the portion of the run(s) that they were able to complete before withdrawing.

In case a rider registered for the competition does not show up at the competition venue for a Semi-final or Final within the time-lines identified in article 6bis.6.009, their DNS shall be converted to a disqualification unless the rider withdraws for an acceptable reason such as injury or an act of god beyond their control. It is the responsibility of the rider or their representative to contact the organisation and provide acceptable proof of this.

Results for Each Phase

6bis.6.014 Within each phase, a result shall be established in order of the highest score to the lowest. Ties shall be broken according to article 6bis.6.015.

In the Qualification phase, results shall be reported at most 60 minutes after the Qualification phase is finished.

In the Semi-final, results shall be reported at most 30 minutes after the Semi-final is finished.

In the Final, results shall be reported at most 15 minutes after the Final is finished.

6bis.6.015 In case of a tie, the judges shall discuss the performance of each rider concerned, and will use the following process to resolve the tie.

In their discussion the judges will first ensure that the scores are correct. If no decision can be made and a tie remains:

- a. If there are more than 3 judges:
 1. Drop the high and low scores and average the remaining scores; then
 2. Drop the low score and average the remaining scores; then
 3. Drop the two lowest scores and average the remaining scores.
- b. Otherwise, the Head Judge shall decide which rider had the better performance.

6bis.6.016 Within the results established for each phase, riders who are scored as DNS ("Did Not Start") are put in last place for the phase in question.

In case of multiple DNS riders, they will be placed after the riders who started, in the order of their results in the previous phase.

In case one or more riders do not start in the Qualification phase, they shall automatically be considered as Disqualified (DSQ) and will not be ranked in the final results of the competition.

Competition Classification

6bis.6.017 After the Final of a BMX Freestyle Park Competition is completed, a competition classification accounting for the results of all phases of the event is produced as follows:

1. All riders not Disqualified (DSQ) who qualified for the Final, in order of their scores in the Final (from highest score to lowest). DNS riders in the Final as described in article 6bis.6.016
2. If it was held, all riders not Disqualified (DSQ) who qualified for the Semi-final but did not qualify for the Final, in order of their scores in the Semi-final (from highest score to lowest). DNS riders in the Semi-final as described in article 6bis.6.016
3. All riders not Disqualified who started in the Qualification phase, in order of their scores in the Qualification phase, but who did not qualify for the next phase of the competition.

Judging System

- 6bis.6.018** A panel consisting of 3 to 6 judges (including a head judge) shall be appointed to each BMX Freestyle Park Competition. They shall independently evaluate the performance of each rider based upon the judging criteria.
- 6bis.6.019** No scores shall be released as official until verified and approved by the Head Judge.
- 6bis.6.020** No riders nor their family members, team representatives, members of the press, nor spectators should approach the judges stand or speak with the judges during the competition or when calculating scores.
- 6bis.6.021** The judges shall operate from a position where they can witness the entire performance of each rider.
- 6bis.6.022** Each judge must ensure of the discretion of their scoring. Judges must not communicate with any riders during competition.
- 6bis.6.023** The judges shall deliberate with each other before any score is published.
- 6bis.6.024** After the Final, the judges shall remain at the competition venue until the award ceremonies are concluded. Likewise, the judges shall remain at the competition venue until 15 minutes after the list of results from each previous phase is published.
- 6bis.6.025** The judges must act in a professional and impartial manner, and in doing so must put aside all preconceptions such as style preferences, or past performances. The performance of each rider during each run shall be judged entirely on its own merits.
- 6bis.6.026** Judges may not independently change their scores either on the computer terminal or on the manual judging sheets. In case a mistake has been made, only the Head Judge can authorize a correction.

Judging Criteria

- 6bis.6.027** The performance of each rider is judged on overall impression including, but not limited to:
- a. Difficulty (refers to not only the tricks performed but also the placement of the tricks within the course and the combinations used)
 - b. Height (amplitude of the tricks performed)
 - c. Flow
 - d. Originality (tricks and lines) and versatility
 - e. Style
 - f. Consistency (refers the stability, fluidity and control of manoeuvres performed)
 - g. Variety of tricks (refers to a good mix of standard airs, rotations, grinds, ...)
 - h. Control of the tricks
 - i. Bike control
 - j. Landings

- k. Use of the course
- l. Execution

The overall composition of the runs is most important as the judge evaluates the sequences of tricks, the amount of risk in the routine, and how the rider uses the course. The judges take errors such as falls and stops into consideration as described in article 6bis.6.028.

6bis.6.028 Errors are defined as interruptions in a run or losses of control such as those listed below.

- a. Minor errors can include flat landings, deck landings, sliding, light foot touches and other instabilities.
- b. Medium errors can include stopping in full or heavy foot touches,
- c. Major errors can include actions such as “throwing away” the bicycle or crashing

Each judge may deduct a maximum of 25% of the points from a rider’s score in case that rider commits one or more errors. The number of points deducted depends on the quantity and severity of the errors, and their overall impact on the rider’s performance.

Procedure for Managing the Competition

6bis.6.029 Within each heat, each rider shall do 2 runs. Each run will have a duration of one (1) minute.

The Commissaire appointed to manage the competition is responsible for time-keeping.

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Starting a Run

6bis.6.030 Riders may begin their run from any position, and must be ready in their chosen starting position prior to beginning their run.

The **time** for each run will be started when in the opinion of the Commissaire, **the rider begins moving in case he starts on a flat surface, or drops in from an obstacle or higher level of the park.** In this regard, the decision of the Commissaire responsible for time-keeping shall be final and may not be protested.

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Finishing a Run

6bis.6.031 A run ends when the time for the run has elapsed.

If a rider is stationary when the time runs out, nothing else will be scored.

If a rider is in motion when the time runs out, any remaining trick that is fully completed within 3 seconds after the time elapses shall be counted. A

completed trick is one in which both wheels are in contact with a flat (horizontal) part of the park surface.

Time-out for Mechanical Problems, including Flat Tires

6bis.6.032 During a run, if a rider's bicycle suffers any kind of a breakage or mechanical problem, including a flat tire, the rider has until the time elapses for his run to either fix the problem or to get another bicycle and continue riding. If the time for his run elapses before he continues riding, then his run shall be declared finished, and he shall not be allowed to start riding again. Whether or not the rider is able to restart his run before the time elapses, the judges shall only consider any riding that was done within the time limit. For avoidance of doubt, the score awarded to a rider for a heat is determined based upon his performance in both runs, whether completed or not, within the heat in question-

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Delays

6bis.6.040 The Commissaire, together with the organiser, may decide based on their assessment of the riding conditions whether or not a weather time-out is necessary.

If the competition is stopped at any point during a heat, then the entire heat shall be re-run once the competition is started again. However, the results of any heats that have been fully run before the competition was stopped shall stand; no such heats will be re-run.

If the competition can't be later restarted, article 6bis.6.041 applies.

Cancellation

6bis.6.041 The Commissaire, together with the organiser, may decide based on their assessment of the riding conditions whether or not a competition can be finished.

For whatever reason, in case a competition can't be finished after it has started, the results of the last phase completed shall form the final result.

If the competition is stopped before the Qualification phase is completed, there shall be no result; in this case, no prizes will be awarded.

Chapter VII COMPETITION FACILITIES AND FIELD OF PLAY

BMX Freestyle Park Competition Facilities

6bis.7.001 The field of play, or “park” in which BMX Freestyle Park competitions take place, must be a minimum of 15 metres wide and 25 metres long. Also, neither the width nor the length of the park can be greater than 60 metres.

A safety zone of at least 2 metres must surround all sides of the park where a rider or bicycle could be ejected from within it. No person other than accredited staff and riders entered in the competition are permitted to stay in the safety zone.

The park can be all at the same level (ground level), or spread across several different levels raised above the others. However, the base or ground area of each such level where the obstacles sit shall be flat and must be built of a material that is hard enough to allow the riders to preserve their momentum.

A safety barrier or equivalent fall protection is needed at any edge of a raised level which is also an outside edge of the park. This must be built in a way so as to not impair the full use of the park by the riders, nor put their safety at risk.

6bis.7.002 The field of play must contain a minimum of 3 obstacles. An obstacle is any feature within the park which is raised above the level where it sits. This can include the walls of the park, if any.

Obstacles that have their base above ground level must be at least 2 metres wide; again, the 2 metres safety zone must be maintained. Such obstacles may also be connected as described above.

A distance of at least 5 metres (which includes the 2 metre safety zones of both obstacles) should separate obstacles that are not connected to each other.

Distances shall always be measured along the shortest path from the point at which obstacles begin to rise from or fall back to ground level, following the intended path of the riders in using the obstacle.

6bis.7.003 Ramps, as well as the ground surface between them, must be built from a sufficiently hard and even surface which provides good traction for bicycle tires, such as wood or concrete; regardless of the materials used, such surfaces must not have any significant defects such as gaps, bumps, or holes.
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- 6bis.7.004** A riders area which can only be accessed by people with the necessary accreditation or riders who are registered in the competition shall be provided next to the park.
- 6bis.7.005** In general, the park and its surrounding infrastructure must be built in a way so that the safety of the riders is protected. In doing so, the park and safety zone, including the edges of all obstacles, must be free of sharp edges. Likewise, no object that could present an impalement risk is allowed within these areas.
- 6bis.7.006** The standards in articles 6bis.6.001 to 6bis.6.004 are required for BMX Freestyle Park events on the international calendar. For other events, they should be considered as guidelines.

Chapter VIII COMPETITION OFFICIALS

- 6bis.8.001** BMX Freestyle Park competitions shall be controlled by the following officials:
- a. 1 Commissaire, referred to as the Commissaire or President of the Commissaires' Panel.
 - b. A panel of between 3 and 6 judges, including a Head Judge

The Commissaire

- 6bis.8.002** The Commissaire is the official who is charged with controlling the sporting aspects of the competition. He has the same responsibilities and powers that are described for Commissaires in Part I of the UCI Regulations.

Without prejudice to any other duties described in the UCI Regulations, during BMX Freestyle Park events, the Commissaire alone is specifically responsible for managing the clock, deciding on time-outs for mechanical problems, and assessing penalties.

Also, any riders' meeting (if held), riders' confirmation and the awards ceremony are conducted under the responsibility of the Commissaire.

The Commissaire shall also serve as the Technical Delegate in case one is not appointed.

The Panel of Judges

- 6bis.8.003** The Panel of Judges is charged with assessing and scoring the performance of each rider in accordance with the UCI Regulations. One of these Judges shall be designated as the Head Judge by the UCI for international events, or by the competent national federation for national events.

6bis.8.004 The Head Judge is responsible for the work of the Panel of Judges, and shall ensure that riders are scored, that those scores are delivered, and that ties are broken in a way that respects the procedures and limits set by these regulations.

The Announcer

6bis.8.005 The Announcer is an official who is responsible for informing the riders and the spectators about the progress of the competition. In doing so, he shall work with and be bound by the instructions of the Commissaire.

In no way can the words of the announcer be considered as an official result, decision or obligation of the organiser, the Commissaire or the Panel of Judges.

The Technical Delegate

6bis.8.006 The UCI, or the responsible national federation in case of a national event, may decide to appoint a Technical Delegate. The Technical Delegate is the official responsible to ensure that the field of play and technical installations are in accordance with the UCI Regulations. He shall arrive the day before the first practice and will attend any riders' meetings. He shall have the organiser correct any irregularities that are discovered before the first practice begins. He shall also serve as the link between the organisation and the UCI headquarters.

The Technical Delegate shall make a report to the UCI following the event.

Appointment

6bis.8.007 The Commissaire and Panel of Judges for events on the international BMX Freestyle Park calendar shall be chosen by the UCI. The announcers shall be selected by the organiser.

For other events, these officials will be chosen by the responsible national federation.

Position within the Field of Play

6bis.8.008 All competition officials shall operate from a position that allows them to see as much of the park as possible. They may adjust their position if need be.

Chapter IX RULES FOR THE UCI BMX FREESTYLE PARK WORLD CUP

General Terms Applicable to the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup

6bis.9.001 The **UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup** is a competition contested over a number of events in different countries. The events shall be organized for men and women. The UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup is the exclusive property of the UCI.

The organiser of the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup may set special regulations for each World Cup event, so long as those regulations do not conflict with the UCI BMX Freestyle Park regulations. Such special regulations will be defined in the Technical Guide.

Registration Conditions

6bis.9.002 At registration, the presentation of a valid ID such as a passport or national identity card is an obligation. From 1st January 2017, a valid cycling license as defined in Part I of the UCI Regulations **is** required.

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6bis.9.003 The registration deadlines are published in the Technical Guide and must be respected. Any entry received after the registration deadline is a late entry; the organisation may decide to charge a higher entry fee for such late entries. In any case, the last possibility to enter the event is the final deadline for riders' confirmation. No entry received after this will be accepted.

6bis.9.004 The organisation reserves the right to determine the maximum number of participants. The maximum number of participants in each category will be defined in the Technical Guide. No further entries will be accepted once any such limit has been reached.

6bis.9.005 Participants and / or riders must register in the category for which they have been issued a license.

6bis.9.006 Registration fees may vary from one event to another. However, in no case shall the entry fee exceed the maximum specified in the UCI Financial Obligations.

Invited Riders

6bis.9.007 The top 5 Men Elite riders from the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup held immediately prior to the event in question, and the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Champion of the year prior are invited to the next UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Event and in doing so, are automatically qualified into the Semi-final phase, if present. In doing so, these riders do not compete in the Qualification phase.

For the first event of the year in the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup series, only the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Champion of the year prior is invited. However, the remaining 4 riders in the top 5 of the final UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup series ranking of the year prior also are automatically qualified into the Semi-final phase, if present. In doing so, these riders do not compete in the Qualification phase.

Invited riders are entitled to have their travel and hotel costs paid by the organiser. However, in doing so, the organiser has the right to define the conditions and limits under which this benefit is provided. These conditions and limits will be communicated to the invited riders for each event in due course.

6bis.9.008 Each invited rider must confirm his arrival for the event in question at least 3 weeks (21 days) before the event. This confirmation shall be received by 12h00 noon CET on the day in question.

Should any invited rider not confirm his participation within this period of time, the invitation will be null and void. Should such a rider later register in the event, he will have none of the benefits received by invited riders and must start in the Qualification phase.

Competition Categories and Format

6bis.9.009 The UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup is contested by two categories – Men Elite 15+ and Women Elite 15 +.

6bis.9.010 For Men Elite, the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup events are organized as follows:

1. A Qualification phase, which must be completed by all riders except those invited as in article 6bis.9.008. The riders with the best score from the Qualification phase will advance to the Semi-final. The number of riders who advance from the Qualification phase is at most 24, depending upon the number of invited riders who are registered;
2. A Semi-final phase with 24 riders, including the invited riders; the 12 riders with the best score in the Semi-final phase advance to the Final
3. A Final phase, with 12 riders

6bis.9.011 For Women Elite, the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup events are organized as follows.

1. A Qualification Phase, which all registered riders must complete. The 8 riders with the best score in the Qualification phase will advance to the Final.
2. A Final phase, with 8 riders.

UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Ranking

6bis.9.012 A ranking consisting of all events in the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup series shall be drawn up for Men Elite and for Women Elite. Points will be

awarded based on the final ranking for each event, according to the schedule found in annex 1. The ranking shall be updated following each event.

In case of a tie on points, the rider with the better result in the final classification of the latest round held shall break the tie.

Following the last event in the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Series each season, the highest ranked rider in Men Elite and also Women Elite will be declared the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Champion, respectively, for the year in question.

Competition Schedule

6bis.9.013 The schedule for each event will be published in the Technical Guide. Without prejudice to any other specific provisions of these regulations, the elements described in articles 6bis.9.014 to 6bis.9.016 shall be respected within the schedule. **The competitions and practices for the Men Elite and Women Elite categories shall at all times take priority over those for any other categories that may be held, even if it means that the amount of time available for those other categories must be reduced or eliminated.**

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Practice

6bis.9.014 Each UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup schedule will include (at minimum) the following amount of practice time:

- a. The day before the Qualification phase, **a practice session will be provided for each category. The amount of time allowed must in the opinion of the technical delegate be the minimum needed to allow the riders to become reasonably familiar with the park.**
- b. **On each competition day, a minimum 15 minutes warm-up will be provided before the start of competition for each category.**

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6bis.9.015 In case the schedule must be changed, **an adequate amount of practice time, as decided by the technical delegate shall be provided for each category,** even if it takes place immediately before the competition; in this case, the 15 minutes warm-up need not be provided.

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6bis.9.016 **The Women Elite category during the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup shall be given a separate practice from any Men's category. The amount of time allowed for this practice will be the same as that allowed for each group of the Men Elite category. In case the Women Elite category is large enough to be split into groups, each Women Elite practice group shall receive the same amount of practice time as each Men Elite practice group.**

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6bis.9.017 In case a category has 26 or more riders entered and confirmed following riders' confirmation, the category will be split as evenly as possible into two or more practice groups each consisting of not more than 25 riders. Composition of practice groups shall be done in seeding order; that is, the highest ranked riders will be grouped together, followed by the next highest ranked riders, and so on, until the lowest or unranked riders are reached. The amount of time allowed for each practice group shall be the same, and will be decided by the technical delegate.

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6bis.9.018 Riders must train in the practice group to which they have been assigned. Riders training in a different practice group, or outside of the official schedule, will be disqualified.

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6bis.9.018bis In case the park is completed prior to the start of the event schedule, it shall remain closed to all riders. No one other than registered and confirmed riders shall be allowed to ride on the park; such riding may only take place within the confines of the official schedule for the event.

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Delays

6bis.9.019 If an event is delayed, all athletes and staff must stay at the competition venue until informed otherwise by the organizer. The riders will be notified of the new schedule as soon as it has been decided.

Riders are responsible to read the schedule and for checking to see if it has been amended. Neither the UCI nor the organizer shall not be responsible in case a rider misses the competition due to a change.

Schedule Changes

6bis.9.020 In case the schedule must be altered as described in 6bis.6.040 and 6bis.6.041, the competition format may be altered as follows:

- a. The Qualification phase may not be held, in which case all entered riders will start in the Semi-final round (or Final, in the case of the Women Elite category)
- b. The Semi-final phase may not be held, and only a Final held
- c. If the Final is not held, the results of the Semi-final will be used as results of the event for the prize money and overall series points (or the Qualification phase, in the case of the Women Elite category).

If an entire event and/or discipline is stopped and can't be resumed before the conclusion of the Qualification phase, neither prizes nor points will be awarded. In this case, a meeting will be called with the riders to inform them.

For the Men Elite category, in case the event is stopped and can't be resumed before the Semi-final is finished, then there shall be no result.

- 6bis.9.021** The organizer and the UCI acting jointly may decide to change the schedule before the start of the event.
- 6bis.9.022** During the event, the Commissaire, Technical Delegate (if appointed) and organizer, acting jointly, will decide together if the schedule must be changed.
- 6bis.9.023** If there is a schedule change prior to the first day of practice, the adjusted schedule will be posted on the event web site and at the competition venue. In case of a change during the event, the revised schedule will be posted, at minimum, at the competition venue.

Event Format – Men Elite

Qualification Phase

- 6bis.9.024** The start list order and grouping of riders into heats are done in reverse order of the current UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup ranking. The final ranking of the previous year is used in the case of the first event of the season.

Any riders not ranked will start before the ranked riders, in a randomly determined order.

- 6bis.9.025** Scores for all riders competing in the Qualification phase are published no later than 60 minutes after the Qualification phase is finished.

Semi-final Phase

- 6bis.9.026** At the first event in each season of the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup, the top 5 of the previous UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup ranking automatically qualify for the Semi-final, in addition to the top riders from the Qualification phase.

For all other UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup events, the top 5 riders from the previous UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup and the winner of the previous UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Series shall automatically qualify for the Semi-final, in addition to the top riders from the Qualification phase. The number of riders from the Qualification phase who qualify shall be that number such that the total number of riders in the Semi-final is 24 (in case one or more of the invited riders does not register).

If one or more of the automatically qualified riders as described above do not register for the event by the deadline specified above in article 6bis.9.008, more riders from the Qualification phase will be qualified for Semi-final so that the total number of riders in the Semi-final is 24.

In case one or more automatically qualified riders do not start in the Semi-final or are disqualified, the Semi-final will be run with less than 24 riders.

6bis.9.027 The start order of the Semi-final phase is done in first in reverse order of the results of the Qualification phase, followed by the reverse order of the final ranking of the previous UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup event for the 5 invited riders. Finally, the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Champion of the previous season will go last. For the first event in the season, seeding of the invited riders will be done in reverse order of the final ranking of the previous year.

6bis.9.028 In the Semi-final, the scores will be reported by the judges no later than 30 minutes following the end of the Semi-final.

Final Phase

6bis.9.029 The top 12 riders of the Semi-final phase advance to the Final.

6bis.9.030 The 12 riders who advance to the Final will be seeded in reverse order of the Semi-final results (highest ranked rider from the Semi-final goes last).

6bis.9.031 In case one or more riders do not start or are disqualified in the Final, regardless of the reason, the Final will be run with less than 12 riders.

6bis.9.032 In addition to the 2 runs normally given to each rider, all Finals during the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup will feature a best trick competition, which will be managed according to article 6bis.6.012.

6bis.9.033 In the Final, the scores will be reported by the judges following each heat.

6bis.9.034 The winner of the best trick competition will be announced following the end of the competition, but before the prize giving ceremony.

Event format – Women Elite

Qualification Phase

6bis.9.035 The start list order and heats are done in reverse order of the current UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup ranking (the final ranking of the previous year is used in the case of the first event of the season).

Any riders not ranked will start before the ranked riders, in a randomly determined order.

6bis.9.036 Scores for all riders competing in the Qualification phase are published no later than 60 minutes after the Qualification phase is finished.

Final Phase

6bis.9.037 The top 8 riders of the Qualification phase advance to the Final.

6bis.9.038 The 8 riders who advance to the Final will be seeded in reverse order of the Qualification results (highest ranked rider from the Qualification phase goes last).

- 6bis.9.039** In case one or more riders do not start or are disqualified in the Final, it will be run with less than 8 riders.
- 6bis.9.040** In addition to the 2 runs normally given to each rider, Finals during the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup **may** feature a best trick competition, which will be managed according to article 6bis.6.012.

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- 6bis.9.041** In the Final, the scores will be reported by the judges following each heat.
- 6bis.9.042** The winner of the best trick competition will be announced following the end of the competition, but before the prize giving ceremony.

Annex I: UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Points Table

Rank	Points								
1st	10000	21st	900	41th	170	61st	82	81st	28
2nd	9000	22nd	700	42th	165	62nd	79	82nd	26
3rd	8200	23rd	500	43th	160	63rd	76	83rd	24
4th	7700	24th	400	44th	155	64th	73	84th	22
5th	7200	25th	300	45th	150	65th	70	85th	20
6th	6700	26th	290	46th	145	66th	67	86th	18
7th	6200	27th	280	47th	140	67th	64	87th	16
8th	5900	28th	270	48th	135	68th	61	88th	14
9th	5400	29th	260	49th	130	69th	58	89th	12
10th	4900	30th	250	50th	125	70th	55	90th	10
11th	4400	31th	240	51th	120	71st	52	91st	9
12th	3900	32th	230	52th	115	72nd	49	92nd	8
13th	3500	33th	220	53th	110	73rd	46	93rd	7
14th	3100	34th	210	54th	105	74th	43	94th	6
15th	2700	35th	200	55th	100	75th	40	95th	5
16th	2300	36th	195	56th	97	76th	38	96th	4
17th	2000	37th	190	57th	94	77th	36	97th	3
18th	1700	38th	185	58th	91	78th	34	98th	2
19th	1400	39th	180	59th	88	79th	32	99th	1
20th	1100	40th	175	60th	85	80th	30		

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