

PART 5 CYCLO-CROSS

The following articles will enter into force on 07.06.2016

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).

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. ~~For an event registered in class 1 the organizer must also organize a class 1 women event.~~ 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).

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).

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. ~~The~~

~~start banner shall be erected at least 2.5 m above the ground over the start line and shall cover the whole width of the start section.~~

(text modified on 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.09.06; 1.09.08; 16.06.14; 7.06.16).

- 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).

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).

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).

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 a minimum of 40 minutes but not exceed 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).

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).

Chapter III UCI CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CUP

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 ~~Women~~, Men under 23, men junior

Separate UCI individual cyclo-cross world cup classifications will be drawn up for the categories ~~women~~, 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**).

5.3.019 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**).

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**).

UCI CYCLING REGULATIONS

ANNEX 4 - UCI points table

	UCI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS			UCI WORLD CUP			CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS				NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS			Class 1	Class 2	Class MU	Class MJ
<i>Rang</i>	Men/ Women elite	Men/ Women U23	Men junior	Men/ Women elite	Men U23*	Men junior	Men/ Women elite	Men/ Women U23 *	Men junior*	Women U23	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	30	100	60	30	80	40	30	10
2	360	150	40	160	60	20	60	40	20	20	60	40	20	60	30	20	6
3	320	120	30	140	40	15	40	30	15	15	40	30	15	40	20	15	4
4	280	100	25	120	30	12	30	25	12	12	30	25	12	30	15	12	2
5	240	90	20	110	25	10	25	20	10	10	25	20	10	25	10	10	1
6	200	80	18	100	20	8	20	17	8	8	20	15	8	20	8	8	x
7	190	70	16	90	17	6	17	15	6	6	15	10	6	17	6	6	
8	180	60	14	80	15	4	15	12	4	4	10	5	4	15	4	4	
9	170	55	12	70	12	2	12	10	2	2	5	3	2	12	2	2	
10	160	50	10	60	10	1	10	8	1	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													

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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*	Women U23	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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34	22			26													
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48				12													
49				11													
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)