

PART II – ROAD RACES

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS AS FROM 01.01.2018

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(the modified sections are highlighted in red)

Chapter I CALENDAR AND PARTICIPATION

2.1.005 International races and participation

International Calendar	Category of event	Class	Participation
Olympic games	ME WE	JO	As per part XI
World championships	ME WE MU MJ WJ	CM	National teams, in accordance with the world championships (see part IX)
Continental championships		CO	National teams, in accordance with the continental championships (see part X)
Continental games		JC	National teams, in accordance with the specific regulations of the event
Regional games		JR	National teams, in accordance with the regional games (see part X)
UCI WorldTour	ME	UWT	- UCI WorldTeams (see Art. 2.15.127) - Invited UCI professional continental teams - National team of the organising country in events determined by the PCC
UCI Europe Tour	MU	Ncup 1.2 + 2.2	- National teams - Mixed teams
UCI Europe Tour	ME + MU	1.HC + 2.HC	- UCI WorldTeams (max 70%) - UCI professional continental teams - UCI continental teams of the country - UCI foreign continental teams (max. 2) - National teams of the country of the organiser
		1.1 + 2.1	- UCI WorldTeams (max 50%) - UCI professional continental teams - UCI continental teams - national teams
		1.2 + 2.2	- UCI professional continental teams of the country - UCI foreign professional continental teams (max. 2) - UCI continental teams - National teams - Regional and club teams

		Ncup 1.2 + 2.2	- National teams - Mixed teams
UCI America Tour UCI Asia Tour UCI Oceania Tour UCI Africa Tour	MU	1.2 + 2.2	- UCI professional continental teams of the country - UCI continental teams - National teams - Regional and club teams - Mixed teams
		Ncup 1.2 + 2.2	- National teams - Mixed teams
UCI America Tour UCI Asia Tour UCI Oceania Tour UCI Africa Tour	ME	1.HC + 2.HC	- UCI WorldTeams (max 65%) - UCI professional continental teams - UCI continental teams - National teams
		1.1 + 2.1	- UCI WorldTeams (max 50%) - UCI professional continental teams - UCI continental teams - National teams
		1.2 + 2.2	- UCI professional continental teams - UCI continental teams - National teams - Regional and club teams - African mixed teams ⁽¹⁾
		Ncup 1.2 + 2.2	- National teams - Mixed teams
Women Elite	WE	WWT	- UCI women's teams - National teams from the country of the organiser - Foreign national team (max 1)
		1.1 + 2.1	- UCI women's teams - National teams ⁽²⁾ - Regional and club teams ⁽²⁾
		1.2 + 2.2	- UCI women's teams - National teams ⁽²⁾ - Regional and club teams ⁽²⁾ - Mixed teams
Men Junior	MJ	1.Ncup + 2.Ncup	- National teams - Mixed teams
		1.1 + 2.1	- National teams - Regional and club teams - Mixed teams
Women Junior	WJ	1.Ncup + 2.Ncup	- National teams - Regional and club teams - Mixed teams
		1.1 + 2.1	- National teams - Regional and club teams - Mixed teams WJ 1

⁽¹⁾ only for UCI Africa Tour.

⁽²⁾ Women of the second year of junior may be included in these teams, provided they have authorization from the national federation that issued their license.

In order to compete in a UCI WorldTour race, riders must have submitted accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information to an anti-doping organisation for a minimum period of 6 weeks and have been subject to testing in accordance with the athlete biological passport programme as implemented by the UCI.

(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.05; 1.01.06; 1.10.06; 25.09.07; 1.01.08; 1.1.09; 1.07.09; 1.10.09; 1.10.10; 1.07.11; 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.14; 1.01.15; 1.01.16; 12.01.17; 1.02.17; 1.01.18).

2.1.006 «MU» riders can participate in races classed as «ME». «MU» Races are reserved exclusively for riders of the «MU» category.

“WU” riders can participate in races classed as “WE”.

~~Races classed as «ME Ncup» are reserved for riders from 19 to 22, including riders belonging to a UCI WorldTeam.~~

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.07; 1.01.08; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).

Chapter II GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1 Participation

2.2.002 The number of riders starting a road race shall be limited ~~to 200.~~ according to the following table:

Category	Maximum
Olympic Games	200
World Championships	
Continental Championships	
Continental Games	
Regional Games	
National Championships	
UCI WorldTour	176
UCI Women's WorldTour	
Women Elite	
UCI Europe Tour	
UCI America Tour	
UCI Asia Tour	
UCI Oceania Tour	
UCI Africa Tour	
National Calendars	

Without prejudice to the minimum of starting riders resulting from any other provision of the UCI Regulations, the minimum number of riders starting a road race is established according to the following table:

Category	Class	Minimum
UCI Europe Tour	1.HC	150

	2.HC	120
UCI America Tour UCI Asia Tour UCI Oceania Tour UCI Africa Tour	1.HC, 2.HC	120
Other events	-	No minimum

(text modified on 1.01.18).

- 2.2.003** Without prejudice to specific provisions of the UCI Regulations (e.g. provisions in Part IX and XI regarding respectively the UCI Road World Championships and Olympic Games), the number of starting riders per team shall be set by the organiser, with a minimum of 4 and maximum of ~~7 8, 9 for Grand Tours~~. The organiser shall indicate in the programme or technical guide and on the entry form the number of starting riders per team for the event. This number shall be the same for all teams.

The number of starting riders who are registered on the entry form must be equal to the number set by the organiser. No account shall be taken of any riders entered in excess of that number.

Special provisions for UCI WorldTour

In UCI WorldTour events, the number of starting riders per team is ~~8 9~~ for Grand Tours and ~~7 8~~ for other events. ~~However, subject to prior approval by the Professional Cycling Council, the organiser may fix the number of starting riders per team at 7. The organiser shall request the permission of the Professional Cycling Council on or before 1st January of the year of the event.~~

Without prejudice to articles 1.2.053, ~~and 1.2.055 and 2.2.003 bis~~, if a team, without valid justification, starts a UCI WorldTour event with fewer riders than that established by the previous paragraph, ~~but with at least the minimum number described by the second paragraph of this article~~, the team shall be subject to a fine of CHF 5,000 for each missing rider.

Special provisions for UCI Women's WorldTour WE 1 events

For ~~WE 1~~ one-day races, the number of starting riders per team is set at 6.

For stage races, ~~However, subject to prior approval by the Road Commission~~, the organiser can set the number of starting riders per team to ~~6 or 7 8 for WE 2.1 races~~.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.07; 26.01.08; 1.02.12; 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).

- 2.2.003 bis** For all road races, without prejudice to Article 1.2.053, if the number of starting riders per team is set at 4, 5 or 6, a team may not start with less than 4 riders. If the number of starting riders per team is 7 or 8, a team may not start with less than 5 riders. ~~If the number of starting riders per team is 9, a team may not start with less than 6 riders.~~

A team at the start of an event with fewer riders than the minimum established in the ~~previous second~~ paragraph of this article may not start. In the case of a UCI WorldTeam, the team is considered to be absent for the purposes of the application of Articles 2.15.128 and 2.15.129.

(article introduced on 1.01.18)

Participation allowance

2.2.009 The contribution made by the organiser to the travel and subsistence expenses of the teams or riders in a road race on the international calendar shall be negotiated directly between the parties, except in the following cases:

1. UCI WorldTour races: the organiser must pay a participation allowance of which the amount is determined by the Professional Cycling Council **and published in the financial obligation document**; this amount shall be increased with CHF 1,550 for those one day races where a team cannot return home on the same day because of the time of arrival of the race;
2. UCI Europe Tour HC, class 1 and Ncup races: the organiser must pay a participation allowance for which the minimum amount is determined by the management committee **and published in the financial obligation document**;
3. UCI Women's WorldTour races: the organiser of a race must pay either a participation allowance for which the minimum amount is determined by the Management Committee **and published in the financial obligation document** or the full cost of accommodation and food for the team for two days.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.06; 1.10.06; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.01.18).

2.2.010 In all road stage races on the international calendar, the organisers must cover the subsistence expenses of the teams from the night before the start to the final day; riders must stay in the hotels provided by the organiser throughout the entire duration of the race.

Team support staff will be covered up to a number equal to the number of riders per team determined in the specific regulations for the event, **without prejudice to any special provision provided in the financial obligation document published by the UCI.**

The organisers of the UCI WorldTour, **UCI Women's WorldTour** or UCI Europe Tour HC and class 1 races must cover the expenses for one more night at the hotel where a team cannot return home on the same day because of the time of arrival of the race.

Teams taking part in a UCI WorldTour race must compulsorily stay in a hotel at the start venue the night before the start.

(article introduced on 1.01.05; text modified on 1.01.09; 19.06.15; 1.01.18).

§ 2 Organisation

Security

2.2.015 The organiser shall, by way of signs, give sufficient prior notice of any obstacle that he can reasonably be expected to know or anticipate and that presents an abnormal security risk for riders and attendants.

Hence, the organiser shall in particular take care to ensure the lighting of tunnels so that it is possible, at all points in the tunnel and at its entrance, to make out a car number plate at 10 metres and a dark-coloured car at 50 metres with the naked eye.

(N) The obstacles referred to in the present article shall be indicated in the race programme – technical guide. For one-day races, they shall also be especially mentioned during the meeting of sports directors.

Inflatable structures

(N) From 1st January 2022, inflatable structures on the road or crossing the road are prohibited, except in order to mark the position of the start line.

(N) Between 1st. January 2018 and 1st January 2022, inflatable structures on the road or crossing the road are permitted only to mark the location of the start line, the last kilometre of the race and the finish line, subject to the following requirements:

- The structure must be equipped with two generators as well as two blowers working simultaneously; the structure must be maintained in a stable position even in case one of the two generators fails;
- At least one technician must stay on alert close to the structure in order to intervene if a problem occurs;
- At least one of the two blowers must be supplied with a thermic petrol generator;
- Petrol must be available next to the structure if necessary;
- The structure must be secured to at least 10 anchor points.

(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.18).

Conduct of riders

2.2.025 Riders may not, without due care, jettison food, bonk-bags, feeding bottles, clothes, etc. in any place whatsoever.

Riders may not jettison anything on the roadway itself but shall draw to the side of the road and safely deposit the object there.

If waste zones are established by the organiser, the rider must safely and exclusively deposit their waste on the sides of the road in this area.

It is forbidden to carry and/or use glass objects.

Riders must not hold onto a vehicle or push off against a vehicle in order to gain a significant advantage. In addition to the sanction provided for in article 12.1.040, the disciplinary commission may impose a suspension of up to one month as well as a fine of CHF 200 to 5'000.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.01.18).

Commissaires' panel

- 2.2.028 bis** The race director or his representative able to take decisions takes place next to the president of the commissaires' panel in the car driving immediately behind the peloton.

(article introduit au 1.01.18).

Race incidents

- 2.2.029** In case of an **exceptional** accident or incident that could impinge upon the normal conduct of a race in general or a particular stage thereof, **the** race director may, after obtaining the agreement of the commissaires' panel and having informed the timekeepers, at any moment, decide:

- to modify the course,
- to temporarily neutralise the race or stage,
- ~~to cancel part of to stop a race or a stage as well as the results of any possible intermediate classifications~~ and ~~to restart the race or stage near the place of the incident,~~
- ~~to cancel a race or a stage.~~

The president of the commissaires' panel, after consulting the organiser, may take the following sporting decisions:

- ~~to cancel or let the results stand in case the race is temporarily neutralised or stopped,~~ taking account of the gaps recorded at the moment of the incident
- cancel or let the results stand **of an intermediate sprint, mountain sprint or any possible intermediate** classifications;
- ~~to declare a stage or a race~~ null and void.

If necessary, the commissaires' panel may consult the technical delegate appointed to UCI WorldTour events by the UCI to reach a decision.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.01.18)

Followers

- 2.2.035** **It is of the organiser's responsibility to make sure that** all persons in the race convoy, except for accredited journalists and guests of honour who are not vehicle drivers, ~~have to be~~ **are** licence holders.

Before the start of the race, the organiser must provide the president of the commissaires' panel with a list of followers in the race convoy. This list must include the contact details of the followers as well as their national licence number and UCI ID.

Team cars shall carry a sports director who holds the appropriate licence, who shall be responsible for the vehicle. For vehicles of teams registered with the UCI, this sports director shall also be registered as such with the UCI.

(text modified on 1.01.98; 1.01.05; 1.01.13; 1.01.18).

2.2.056 The organisers shall demand that press vehicles be driven by experienced drivers, familiar with cycle races and knowing how to manoeuvre. It is of the organiser's responsibility to make sure that these drivers ~~must~~ hold the licence of a vehicle driver for a road event.

Before the start of the race, the organiser must provide the president of the commissaires' panel with a list of press vehicles in the race convoy. This list must include the contact details of the drivers as well as their national licence number and UCI ID.

Each press institution shall be responsible for the driving skill of the drivers it appoints. If a driver does not hold the licence required in the previous paragraph, the press institution concerned shall be excluded from the race convoy of all road events, for a period of one to six months.

(text modified on 1.01.13; 4.05.16; 1.01.18).

§ 8 Team managers' meeting

2.2.093 (N) In accordance with article 1.2.087, the organiser must convene a team managers' meeting.

Provisions for Women and Men events of class HC and class 1 as well as for the UCI Nations' Cup events and UCI Womens' WorldTour events

The meeting must take place at the following times:

- event starting before 12:00: the evening before at 17:00;
- event starting after 12:00: at 10:00 on the day of the race.

Provisions for the UCI WorldTour

The meeting must take place the day before the race at 16:00

For Grand Tours, this meeting can take place earlier in the day.

If several races take place on the same day, the organiser will adapt the schedule of the meetings accordingly.

Moreover, for UCI WorldTour events and HC events, the meeting will be held with the presence of the UCI technical advisor as well as the teams' and riders' representatives designated in the extreme weather protocol as per article 2.2.029 bis.

(article introduced on 1.01.18)

Chapter III ONE-DAY RACES

Distances

2.3.002 The maximum distance for one-day road races shall be as follows:

International Calendar	Category	Class	Distance
<i>Olympic games and world championships</i>	<i>ME</i>		<i>From 250 to 280 km</i>
	<i>WE</i>		<i>From 130 to 160 km</i>
	<i>MU</i>		<i>From 160 to 180 km</i>
	<i>MJ</i>		<i>From 120 to 140 km</i>
	<i>WJ</i>		<i>From 60 to 80 km</i>

Continental championships, Continental games, Regional games and National championships	ME MU WE WU MJ WJ		Maximum 240 km Maximum 180 km Maximum 140 km Maximum 120 km Maximum 140 km Maximum 80 km
Regional games	ME MU WE MJ WJ		Maximum 240 km Maximum 180 km Maximum 140 km Maximum 140 km Maximum 80 km
UCI WorldTour	ME	UWT	Distance determined by the Professional Cycling Council
UCI Continental Circuits	ME ME ME MU	1.HC 1.1 1.2 1.2	Maximum 200 km* Maximum 200 km* Maximum 200 km Maximum 180 km
Women Elite	WE WE WE WE	WWT HC 1.1 1.2	Maximum 160 km Maximum 140 km Maximum 140 km Maximum 140 km
Men Junior	MJ MJ	1. Ncup 1.1	Maximum 140 km Maximum 140 km
Women Junior	WJ WJ	1.Ncup 1.1	Maximum 80 km Maximum 80 km

* Except prior permission of the UCI management committee.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.16; 1.01.17;
1.01.18).

Course

- 2.3.006** The organiser shall, before the finish line, provide a detour which all vehicles (including motorbikes) must follow other than those of the event management, the commissaires, ~~and the official doctor and the sports director of the winner, provided that the latter has a clear lead of at least one minute over the rest of the field.~~

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.18).

Following vehicles

- 2.3.018** The order of team cars in the race will be determined as follows:

UCI WorldTour ~~calendar men elite~~ events

1. the cars of the teams represented at the sports directors' meeting referred to in article 1.2.087 in the order of the ~~ranking of starting riders on the last UCI WorldTour individual classification of the current season of the starting riders as drawn up~~;
2. the cars of the other teams (all teams considered, UCI WorldTeams included) represented at the meeting whose starting riders have not yet earned points in the UCI WorldTour individual classification;
3. the cars of teams which failed to confirm their starting riders within the time limits set out in article 1.2.090;
4. the cars of teams not represented at the meeting.

Criterion 1 is not applicable for the first event of the season, the UCI WorldTour individual classification not having been established yet.

In groups 2 to 4 the order is determined by drawing lots.

The car of a team covered by point 1 or 2, but which falls into the categories covered by points 3 or 4, will be placed in group 3 or 4 as appropriate.

Other Elite women's events

1. the cars of UCI ~~women's~~ teams and of national teams represented at the sports directors' meeting and having confirmed their starters within the time limits set out in article 1.2.090;
2. the cars of other teams represented at the sports directors' meeting which confirmed their starters within the time set;
3. the cars of teams represented at the sports directors' meeting which failed to confirm their starters within the time set;
4. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within each group, the order of cars will be determined by drawing lots at the sports directors' meeting.

Other events

- ~~1. the cars of teams represented at the sports directors' meeting having confirmed their starters within the time set in article 1.2.090;~~
- ~~2. the cars of other teams represented at the sports directors' meeting which failed to confirm their starters within the time set;~~
- ~~3. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.~~

~~Within each group, the order of cars will be determined by drawing lots at the sports directors' meeting.~~

In all events, the drawing of lots shall use a slip of paper bearing the name of the teams entered. The first name drawn shall be given the 1st place, the second name drawn the 2nd place, etc.

In all events, when required, the order of cars may be rectified by the president of the commissaires' panel; any change shall be communicated to all followers through "radio-tour".

(text modified on 1.01.01; 1.01.03; 1.01.05; 1.01.09; 1.10.09; 1.10.11; 1.01.15; 3.06.16; 1.01.18).

Level crossings

2.3.034 It shall be strictly forbidden to cross level crossings when the barrier is down or closing, the warning signal ringing or flashing.

Apart from risking the penalty for such an offence as provided by law, offending riders shall be eliminated from the competition by the commissaires; ~~besides, the disciplinary commission may impose a suspension of up to one month as well as a fine of CHF 200 to 5'000.~~

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.16; 1.01.18).

Official award ceremony

2.3.046 Riders must take part in the official award ceremony based on the various classifications established by the organiser. The official ceremony will take place in the following order:

- The three first riders of the race;
- The other winners of the various other optional classifications;
- The leaders of UCI cups or UCI series.

No leader's jersey of the race can be awarded during the official award ceremony.

(article introduced on 1.01.18)

Chapter VI STAGE RACES (N)

2.6.008 Stage distances

Calendar	Max. average daily distance *	Max. distance per stage	Max. distance per ITT stage	Max. distance per TTT stage
Men Elite (UCI WorldTour)	180 km	240 km	60 km	60 km
Men Elite and Under 23 (continental circuits, classes HC, 1 and 2)	180 km	240 km	60 km	60 km
Men Under 23 (continental circuits, class 2)	150 km	180 km	40 km half-stage 15 km	50 km half-stage 35 km
Men Junior	100 km	120 km	30 km half-stage 15 km	40 km half-stage 25 km
Men Junior Nations' Cup	120 km	140 km	30 km half-stage 15 km	40 km half-stage 25 km
Women Elite (UCI Women's WorldTour)	140 km	160 km	40 km	50 km
Women Elite	120 km	140 km	40 km	50 km
Women Junior	60 km	80 km	15 km	20 km

* The distance and the day of the prologue are not taken into consideration for calculating the average daily distance.

The riders must complete the entire distance of each stage to be included in the classification and to be allowed to continue in the event.

(text modified on 1.01.05, 1.01.06; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.07.09; 1.01.16; 1.01.17; 1.01.18).

Classifications

2.6.013 Various classifications may be drawn up; they must be based exclusively on sporting criteria.

The individual general classification on time and the team general classification on time are obligatory in events of the UCI WorldTour and of the continental circuits for the men elite and under 23 in classes HC, 1 and 2.

~~On the basis of the classifications, only 4 leader's jerseys can be issued in events of the UCI WorldTour and of the continental circuits of the classes HC and 1 for the men elite and under 23, and a maximum of 6 jerseys in the other events. Only the leader's jersey for the individual general classification on time is compulsory.~~

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.01.16; 1.01.18).

Leader's jersey of the race and distinctive signs

2.6.018 On the basis of the classifications, only 4 leader's jerseys of the race can be issued in events of the UCI WorldTour and continental circuits of classes HC and 1 for the men elite and under 23, and a maximum of 6 jerseys in other events. Only the leader's jersey for the individual general classification by time is compulsory.

The leader of each classification, except the team classification, shall be required to wear the corresponding distinctive jersey.

If a rider is leading more than one classification, the order of priority of the distinctive jerseys shall be as follows:

1. general classification by time;
2. general classification by points;
3. general climber's classification;
4. others (young rider, combined, etc.); the order of priority among these other jerseys shall be set by the organiser.

In this situation, the organiser may require another rider next on the relevant classification to wear a jersey which is not being worn by the leader of that classification. However, if this rider must wear his world or national champion's jersey, or the leader's jersey of a UCI cup, circuit, series or classification, he shall wear that jersey.

In the situation where the leader of a classification does not take the start of a stage, the virtual leader of the relevant classification is allowed to wear the related distinctive jersey, subject to the consent of both the organiser and the president of the commissaires' panel.

The riders of the team leading the team classification shall be required to wear the corresponding distinctive bib number if required by the organiser.

The presentation of a team leader jersey is prohibited both in the protocol and in the race.

No leaders' jersey of the race or distinctive sign can be worn by a rider during the first day (prologue or stage) of a stage race.

Wearing a leader's jersey or distinctive sign is prohibited in the case referred to in article 1.3.055bis, point 5.

(text modified on 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.09.05; 1.01.16; 3.06.16; 1.01.18).

Award ceremony

2.6.018 bis Riders must take part in the official award ceremony (prizes, jersey and distinctive signs) based on the various classification established by the organiser. The official ceremony will take place in the following order:

After each stage

- The winner of the stage;
- The leader of the general classification by time;
- The leaders of other classifications (except classification by teams);

After the last stage

- The winner of the stage;
- The winners of the other classifications (including classification by teams);
- The three first riders of the general classification by time;
- The leaders of UCI cups or series;
- All riders wearing a leader's jersey.

Subject to prior information of the president of the commissaires' panel, the organiser can modify the order for operational needs.

(article introduced on 1.01.18)

Finish

2.6.027 In the case of a duly noted ~~fall, puncture or mechanical~~ incident in the last three kilometers of a road race stage, the rider or riders ~~affected~~ ~~involved~~ shall be credited with the time of the rider or riders in whose company they were riding at the moment of the ~~incident~~ ~~accident~~. His or their placing shall be determined by the order in which he or they actually cross the finishing line.

Is considered as an incident, any event independent from the physical capacity of the rider (fall, mechanical problem, puncture) and his will of remaining with the riders in whose company he was riding at the moment of the incident.

Riders affected by an incident are asked to make themselves known to a commissaire by rising their hand and report to a commissaire after the finish of the stage.

If, as the result of a duly noted fall in the last three kilometers, a rider cannot cross the finishing line, he shall be placed last in the stage and credited with the time of the rider or riders in whose company he was riding at the time of the ~~fall~~ ~~accident~~.

This article shall not apply where the finish is at the top of a hill-climb, ~~except if the incident occurs before the climb.~~

Decisions related to this article are taken independently by the commissaires' panel.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.10.11; 1.02.12; 1.01.18).

2.6.028 In the case of a duly noted fall, puncture or mechanical incident beyond the red triangle in a team time trial stage, the rider or riders involved shall be credited with the time of the teammate(s) in whose company he was/they were riding at the moment of the **incident accident**.

If, as the result of a duly noted fall beyond the red triangle, a rider cannot cross the finishing line, he shall be credited with the time of the teammate(s) in whose company he was riding at the time of the accident.

~~This article shall not apply where the finish is at the top of a hill-climb, except if the incident occurs before the climb.~~

Decisions related to this article are taken independently by the commissaires' panel

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.18).

2.6.029 ~~[article abrogated on 1.01.18]~~

~~Articles 2.6.027 and 2.6.028 shall not apply where the finish is at the top of a hill-climb, except if the incident occurs before the climb. Every discussion regarding the qualifications «at the top of a hill-climb» and «before the climb» will be decided by the commissaires panel.~~

~~*(text modified on 1.01.05).*~~

Finishing deadline

2.6.032 The finishing deadline shall be set in the specific regulations for each race in accordance with the characteristics of the stage.

In exceptional cases only, unpredictable and of force majeure, the commissaires panel may extend the finishing time limits after consultation with the organiser.

In case riders **actually** out of the time limit are given a second chance by the president of the commissaires panel, ~~they shall have confiscated~~ all points awarded in the general classifications of the various secondary classifications shall be withdrawn. ~~the equivalent points awarded to the winner of this same stage to their individual general classification by points even if their points total in this classification becomes negative.~~

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.09; 1.10.09; 1.07.10; 1.02.12; 1.01.18).

Chapter XIII UCI WOMEN'S WORLDTOUR

§ 1 UCI Women's WorldTour

General observations

2.13.001 In the UCI Women's WorldTour a number of high level women's cycling teams compete in a series of high level road events registered on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar.

(article introduced on 1.01.18)

2.13.001 bis The UCI Women's WorldTour shall be the exclusive property of the UCI.

Participation

2.13.004 The UCI Women's WorldTour events shall be open to national teams and UCI women's teams in accordance with the article 2.1.005 of the UCI Regulations. The maximum number of teams at the start of a UCI Women's WorldTour event is set at 24 teams.

~~For one-day events the organiser must send an invitation:~~

- ~~- to the first 20 UCI women's teams in the first elite women's classification by team published in the year of the event. This ranking is published at the latest on 10th January, based on a sport evaluation made by the UCI administration on the teams registered. This ranking is the only one used during the season for the invitation.~~

~~For stage race events the organiser must send an invitation to~~ The first 15 UCI women's teams in the first elite women's classification by team published in the year of the event ~~must be invited by organisers of UCI Women's WorldTour events. This ranking is calculated published at on the second Sunday of January. latest on 10th January, based on a sport evaluation made by the UCI administration on the teams registered.~~ This ranking is the only one used during the season for the invitation.

The organiser must accept entries from above-mentioned teams who have responded positively to an invitation.

(text modified on 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.1.06; 1.01.07; 1.01.09; 1.07.10; 1.07.11; 1.07.12; 1.01.16, 1.01.18).

Participation

2.13.005 [article abrogated on 1.01.18]

~~One-day UCI Women's WorldTour events shall be ridden by teams of 6 riders. No team may start with fewer than 4 riders.~~

~~For stage race events if the number of starting riders per team is 7 or 8, a team may not start with less than 5 riders. If the number of starting riders per team is 6, a team may not start with less than 4 riders.~~

(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.16).

Chapter XV UCI WORLDTOUR

§ 3 UCI WorldTeams

Bank guarantee

2.15.092 Each UCI WorldTeam must establish a first-demand (abstract) bank guarantee in favour of the UCI in accordance with the model in article 2.15.141.

The bank guarantee **must be** established by the **paying agent and submitted by the issuing bank on behalf of the paying agent. UCI WorldTeam must comply with the model provided in the registration guide for UCI WorldTeams in the event it differs from the model in article 2.15.141.**

(text modified on 1.01.15; 24.03.17 ;1.01.18).

2.15.095 The purpose of the bank guarantee is:

1. to defray the debts, related to the registration year, in accordance with the procedure set out below, incurred by the licence-holder, the paying agent and the sponsors towards **riders and persons under contract for the operation of the UCI World Team or entity applying for this status other licence holding members of the UCI WorldTeam or entity applying for this status (riders, coaches, mechanics, etc.)** in consideration of their services for the operation of the UCI WorldTeam;
2. to defray the payment of fees, expenses, indemnities, fines and sanctions or sentences imposed by or in virtue of the regulations of the UCI or related to their application.

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).

2.15.106 bis Any creditor having called-up the bank guarantee shall keep the UCI informed of all follow-up action and proceedings initiated before the competent decision-making body. If the creditor fails to provide the UCI with information regarding the status of proceedings before the competent decision-making body during a period of three years as from blocking of the funds by the UCI or as from the last notification from the creditor, the UCI shall release the funds in favour of the paying agent after having deducted any amounts due to the UCI in accordance with article 2.15.104 and article 2.15.108, if applicable.

In the event that at the time of release of the funds, the paying agent has undergone dissolution or the UCI is not reasonably capable of returning the funds to paying agent, the UCI may use the funds for projects related to the development of cycling, which must be agreed upon by the professional cycling council.

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

2.15.109 bis Whenever a competent authority pronounces the opening of liquidation or bankruptcy proceedings against a paying agent, the UCI may release the bank guarantee in favour of the liquidation or bankruptcy administration, upon request from the competent authority.

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

2.15.139 Model contract between a rider and a UCI WorldTeam
[...]

ARTICLE 3 - Salary

1. The Rider shall have the right to gross annual pay of

This pay may not be less than the higher of the two following amounts:

- a. The legal minimum wage of the country of the nationality of the UCI WorldTeam as defined under article 2.15.051 of the regulations;
- b. ~~The minimum wage as per the Joint Agreements € 36 300 (€ 29 370 pour un néo-professionnel).~~

[...]

ARTICLE 8 - Termination of the contract

[...]

2. The Employer may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for damages, in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Rider or of the suspension of the Rider under the terms of the UCI regulations for the remaining duration of the present contract.

~~In case the suspension imposed on the rider is subsequently cancelled or rescinded according to a final and binding decision, the Rider will be entitled to compensation corresponding to the remuneration due to him by the Team from the date of termination until the natural expiry date of the contract.~~

Serious misconduct is considered to include refusal to ride cycle races, despite being repeatedly called on to do so by the Employer. If need be, the Rider shall have to prove that he was in no state to compete in a race.

[...]

ARTICLE 10 - Arbitration

Any dispute between the Parties arising from the present contract shall be submitted to arbitration ~~and shall not be brought before any court without prejudice to the compulsory jurisdiction of ordinary courts~~, either in application of a joint agreement concluded between the CPA and the AIGCP for matters covered thereby, or in accordance with the regulations of the national federation which issued the licence to the Rider or, failing this, the legislation governing this contract.

(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.04.11; 1.07.12; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).

Chapter XVI PROFESSIONAL CONTINENTAL TEAMS

Bank guarantee

- 2.16.023** Each professional continental team shall furnish the UCI with a first-demand (abstract) bank guarantee in accordance with the model in article 2.16.054. The guarantee shall be drawn up in English by a banking institution able to issue, either directly or through a correspondent bank, a SWIFT message to the UCI bank [UBSWCHZH12A].

~~The bank guarantee established by the UCI professional continental team must comply with the model provided in the registration guide for UCI professional continental team in the event it differs from the model in article 2.16.054.~~

The bank guarantee must be established by the paying agent and submitted by the issuing bank on behalf of the paying agent.

The purpose of that bank guarantee is intended for:

1. to defray debts related to the registration year, in accordance with the procedure set out below, incurred by the paying agent and the sponsors towards riders and any other person hired for the operation of the UCI professional continental team or the team applying for UCI professional continental team status in consideration of their services for the operation of the professional continental team;
2. to cover the payment of any outstanding fees, expenses, indemnities, fines, penalties and charges imposed by or in virtue of the UCI regulations or related to their application.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.07.10; 1.05.17; 1.01.18).

2.16.027 bis Any creditor having called-up the bank guarantee shall keep the UCI informed of all follow-up action and proceedings initiated before the competent decision-making body. If the creditor fails to provide the UCI with information regarding the status of proceedings before the competent decision-making body during a period of three years as from blocking of the funds by the UCI or as from the last notification from the creditor, the UCI shall release the funds in favour of the paying agent after having deducted any amounts due to the UCI in accordance with article 2.16.027 and article 2.16.029, if applicable.

In the event that at the time of release of the funds, the paying agent has undergone dissolution or the UCI is not reasonably capable of returning the funds to paying agent, the UCI may use the funds for projects related to the development of cycling, after consulting the UCI Road Commission.

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

2.16.030 bis Whenever a competent authority pronounces the opening of liquidation or bankruptcy proceedings against a paying agent, the UCI may release the bank guarantee in favour of the liquidation or bankruptcy administration, upon request from the competent authority.

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

Teams and riders

2.16.033 In the period between 1 August* and 31 December ~~the end of the year~~, each professional continental team may engage three elite or under 23 ~~riders~~ trainees on the following conditions:

1. in the case of an elite rider, he shall not previously have belonged to any professional continental team or UCI WorldTeam;
2. the professional continental team must notify the UCI of these riders' identity before 1 August;
3. the professional continental team shall obtain the authorisation of the national federation of the rider and, as the case may be of the continental team for which the rider has been registered;

4. such riders may be engaged with only one professional continental team during this period;
5. these riders may not participate in UCI WorldTour races;
6. The riders in question may continue to take part in events in their club team or, if appropriate, in their UCI continental team.

** Upon justification of the participation in a stage race starting in July and ending in August, the registration of these riders may occur in July no earlier than the day before the first race day of the aforesaid race.*

In all other respects, the relationship between these riders and the professional continental team may be determined by mutual agreement between the parties.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03; 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.01.06; 1.01.09; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).

2.16.052 Standard contract between a rider and a professional continental team

[...]

ARTICLE 3 - Remuneration

1. The Rider shall have the right to gross annual salary of

This salary may not be less than the higher of the two following amounts:

- a) the legal minimum wage of the country of the nationality of the professional continental team as defined under article 2.16.007;
- b) **The minimum wage as per the Joint Agreements € 30,250 (€ 25,300 for a new professional).**

[...]

ARTICLE 8 - Termination of the contract

[...]

2. The Employer may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability, in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Rider or of the suspension of the Rider under the terms of the UCI regulations for the remaining duration of the present contract.

In case the suspension imposed on the rider is subsequently cancelled or rescinded according to a final and binding decision, the Rider will be entitled to compensation corresponding to the remuneration due to him by the Team from the date of termination until the natural expiry date of the contract.

Refusal to ride cycle races, despite being repeatedly called on to do so by the Employer, is, inter alia, considered as serious misconduct.

If need be, the Rider shall have to prove that he was in no state to compete in a race.

[...]

ARTICLE 10 - Arbitration

Any dispute between the parties arising from the present contract shall be submitted to arbitration ~~and shall not be brought before any court without prejudice to the compulsory jurisdiction of ordinary courts~~, either in application of a joint agreement mentioned in article 2.16.036 for matters covered thereby, or in accordance with the regulations of the national federation which issued the licence to the Rider or, failing this, the legislation governing this contract.

[...]

(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.04.11; 1.07.12; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).

Chapter XVII WOMEN'S AND CONTINENTAL TEAMS

§ 1 General Conditions

Transfer period

2.17.007 During the season, no rider already registered with a UCI road team for the current season may join a UCI continental or women's team outside the period from 1 ~~June~~ to ~~15 July 25 June~~.

However, a rider who is registered with a UCI road team and is considered a cyclo-cross specialist will have the right to transfer to a UCI continental or women's team during the period from 1 to 25 March.

To transfer to a UCI continental team, a rider is considered as specialist if he is ranked in the top 150 of the final cyclo-cross UCI individual classification.

To transfer to a UCI women's team, a rider is considered as a specialist if she is ranked in the top 100 of the final UCI cyclo-cross classification.

(text modified on 1.08.13).

Trainees

2.17.008 In the period between 1 August* and ~~31 December the end of the year~~, each continental or women's team may engage two under-23 ~~riders as~~ trainees on the following conditions:

- The rider may not previously have ridden for a UCI road team;
- The UCI continental or women's team must notify the UCI of the identity of the riders before 1 August;
- Such riders shall obtain the authorisation of their national federations and may be associated with only one UCI team during this period;
- Upon authorisation of his new team, a trainee rider may continue to participate in events of his club team.

** Upon justification of the participation in a stage race starting in July and ending in August, the registration of these riders may occur in July no earlier than the day before the first race day of the aforesaid race.*

(text modified on 1.01.18).

§ 2 Requirements imposed on the team by the national federation

Calling up the bank guarantee

2.17.025 bis Any creditor having called-up the bank guarantee shall keep the national federation informed of all follow-up action and proceedings initiated before the competent decision-making body. If the creditor fails to provide the national federation with information regarding the status of proceedings before the competent decision-making body during a period of three years as from blocking of the funds by the national federation or as from the last notification from the creditor, the UCI shall release the funds in favour of the team representative after having deducted any amounts due to the UCI or the national federation in accordance with article 2.17.023 to 2.17.026.

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

2.17.027 bis Whenever a competent authority pronounces the opening of liquidation or bankruptcy proceedings against the team representative, the national federation may release the bank guarantee in favour of the liquidation or bankruptcy administration, upon request from the competent authority.

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

Model of contracts

2.17.030 bis “Standard” contract for remunerated riders

[...]

ARTICLE 10 - Arbitration

Any dispute between the Parties arising from the present contract shall be submitted to arbitration ~~and shall not be brought before any court~~ without prejudice to the compulsory jurisdiction of ordinary courts, either in application of the rules of the federation that issued the Rider’s licence or, failing this, the legislation governing this contract.

[...]

(text modified on 1.01.18).

2.17.030 ter “Standard” contract for “non-professional” riders

[...]

ARTICLE 10 - Arbitration

Any dispute between the Parties arising from the present contract shall be submitted to arbitration ~~and shall not be brought before any court~~ without prejudice to the compulsory jurisdiction of ordinary courts, either in application of the rules of the

federation that issued the Rider's licence or, failing this, the legislation governing this contract.

[...]

(text modified on 1.01.18).