

# PART 9 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## Chapter I ORGANISATION OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**9.1.001** Each year a World Championship shall be held according to the results of which the title of World Champion is conferred on the winners of races included in a programme determined by the Management Committee.

**9.1.002** World Championships in all cycling specialities are the exclusive property of the UCI.

All rights relating thereto shall belong exclusively to the UCI, notably those concerning:

- the right to create and to organise World Cycling Championships;
- the right to the denomination "World Championship" in cycling;
- radio and TV broadcasting, advertising and marketing rights;
- the right to the "rainbow" colours.

Furthermore, the UCI may enter into a contract with a sponsor for the supply of vehicles or other equipment for the World Championships. In that case, the National Federations shall be obliged to use these suppliers exclusively.

**9.1.003** Races for the allocation of the World Champion title may be distributed over several separately organised events. The Management Committee shall set the number and the programme of such events. Each of those events shall be called "World Championships" qualified by a particular indication determined by the Management Committee depending on the particular speciality ("Road", "Mountain-Bike", etc.)

### **Allocation of organisation**

**9.1.004** The UCI shall entrust the organisation of World Championships to one UCI member National Federation or, with the agreement of the National Federation of the country where the Championship will take place, to some other organiser.

**9.1.005** An organisational guide has been prepared by the Management Committee for each World Championship. It will be sent to any National Federation that actually requests it.

**9.1.006** Application to organise a World Championship implies that the applicant will, if selected, accept all the terms of the organisational guide and the commitment to organise the World Championships in accordance with all the provisions applicable thereto and under the exclusive responsibility of the applicant National Federation.

**9.1.007** A National Federation applying to organise a World Championship shall submit its application by registered letter addressed to the UCI. With that letter, the National Federation shall provide the UCI with the documents required by the organisational guide.

**9.1.008** The application shall reach UCI Headquarters at least three years before 1 January of the year on which the Championships at issue are to be held.

**9.1.009** The UCI shall allocate the organisation of the World Championships at its sole discretion.

The Executive Committee will make a preselection of the candidates that it deems the most appropriate for guaranteeing a high level organisation and will submit these candidates to the Management Committee.

The Management Committee will seek a consensus.

Failing a consensus, a vote will be held. A secret ballot will be held upon request of any member.

In the event of a consensus to reject a candidate, such candidate shall not take part in the vote.

If more than two candidates remain, a further vote will be held among the candidates which have obtained the largest number of votes in the first round. If two candidates are tied for the second place in the first round, a further vote will be held among the candidates placed first and second, until only two candidates remain.

The organisation of the World Championships will be allocated on condition that full agreement exists concerning the organisation contract, or any other condition specified by the Management Committee.

*(text modified on 1.01.04).*

**9.1.010** If the Executive Committee considers:

- that the conditions stated in the contract or the organisational guide have not been met, or
- that the state of preparation for the championships does not guarantee that the event will be properly organised or will be of sufficient quality, or
- that serious or unforeseen circumstances exist and will jeopardize the organisation of the championships,

the Executive Committee may cancel or withdraw the right to organise the championships, without any compensation for the parties concerned. The Executive Committee may take any decision it deems appropriate to allocate the organisation of the championships to another organizer.

*(text modified on 1.01.04).*

#### **Championship programme**

**9.1.011** The date, the duration and programme of each World Championships shall be determined by the UCI Management Committee.

*(text modified on 1.10.13; 1.01.16).*

**9.1.012** The organiser shall ensure that there be no non-sporting events which could prevent a postponement of or alteration to the sporting programme should the need arise (breakdowns, rain, etc.). Decisions on that subject shall be taken by the Commissaires Panel in consultation with the organiser and the UCI.

The National Federation shall be organised in such a way as to be able immediately to inform all parties concerned of any change in the programme.

*(text modified on 6.10.97).*

**9.1.013** Any postponement of the World Championships shall be decided upon by the Management Committee after consulting with the organiser.

**9.1.014** In the case of a postponement of the Championships, riders committed shall still be required to participate, whatever the new dates and places set. Riders shall be fully entitled to cancel any prior engagements that might have been concluded by or for them without their being liable for any form of damages or compensation.

**9.1.015** In the case of a brief postponement, riders, commissaires and all other persons involved in the event, shall remain at the venue, unless otherwise decided by the Management Committee.

**Protection**

**9.1.016** Riders engaged and not replaced 48 hours before the start of competitions in the speciality in question as well as, where applicable, any substitutes may not participate in any cycling race during the two days preceding the start of the competition for which they were entered.

Any breach of this rule will incur a fine of CHF 500 to CHF 10,000.

**9.1.017** During the period between 11th day before the first race of World Championships and the third day after the last race, no cycling race in any speciality whatsoever offering prizes or premiums or any other type of benefit in return for participation may be held within a radius of 50 km around each venue in which a Championship cycling race is being held, unless expressly authorised by the UCI.

Any organiser contravening that provision shall be liable to a fine of CHF 10,000. Riders participating in such an event shall be liable to a fine of CHF 500 to CHF 10,000.

**Participating National Federations**

**9.1.018** Each National Federation shall participate in World Championships in a spirit of friendship and fair play and contribute to the utmost to the success of the Championships.

**9.1.019** Each National Federation participating in the World Championships shall, register with the UCI, within the deadlines specified by the latter, all riders and other persons that will be on or will accompany its delegation (officials, attendants, guests, etc.).

**9.1.020** Each National Federation shall provide the organiser with any information relevant especially to accreditation, transport and accommodation.

**9.1.021** Each National Federation shall designate a Technical Manager for each team with which it participates in the Championships. The Technical Manager shall represent the team and the National Federation.

Any contacts with National Federation teams shall be made through the Technical Manager.

**9.1.022** In general each National Federation shall co-operate with the organiser and, to the extent possible, facilitate his work.

**Meetings**

**9.1.023** Before the beginning of races in each speciality, the organiser shall convene an information and co-ordination meeting attended by his representatives as well as by the UCI representatives all Technical Managers, commissaires, the official UCI doctor and representatives of the security services. That meeting shall be chaired by a

representative of the organiser. For mountain bike disciplines, a maximum of 3 representatives per nation (including, where required, an interpreter) shall be authorised to take part in this meeting.

*(text modified on 1.01.98; 1.01.04).*

**9.1.024** The organiser shall, moreover, make available to the above-mentioned persons adequate facilities for the holding of any other meetings that they might wish to hold to ensure the smooth running of the Championships.

**9.1.024 bis** Articles 9.1.016 to 9.1.024 apply mutatis mutandis to the team time trial world championships.

*(article introduced on 1.07.12).*

#### **Commissaires Panels**

**9.1.025** The Commissaires Panel, preferably comprising grade "A" UCI international commissaires designated by the UCI Management Committee.

**9.1.026** The National Federation of the country selected to host the Championships shall designate such additional international commissaires as may be necessary for the successful operation of the competitions in such numbers be set by the UCI.

The duties of the Commissaires shall be:

1. To take possession of all equipment for identifying riders and to issue it only after checking enrolments
2. To check enrolments and licences before each race;
3. To check the equipment (riders and machines) of each competitor;
4. To make up, where necessary, the qualifying or eliminatory heats and to set the starting order of teams and riders immediately after the checking deadline has elapsed;
5. To determine the results.

**9.1.027** During Track races, access to the commissaires' quarters shall be protected and no-one shall be admitted without preliminary authorisation.

**9.1.028** During Road races, three commissaires at least shall supervise the riders' pits. They shall be responsible for order and shall also check the bicycles used and ensure that riders receive no unauthorised supplies.

**9.1.029** The Commissaires Panel shall have full powers to take any decisions required by circumstances, in keeping with the Regulations.

**9.1.030** to **9.1.035** [abrogated on 1st January 2000].

**9.1.036** to **9.1.040** [abrogated on 1st January 1998].

#### **Classification**

**9.1.041** The official classification shall be drawn up by the Commissaires Panel and recorded in a set of minutes by the secretary of the Commissaires Panel. Those minutes are signed by the secretary and by the Chief Commissaire or some other commissaire designated by him.

**9.1.042** After the end of Championships, the secretary shall prepare a set of minutes with all the results and classifications. These minutes shall be countersigned by the Chief Commissaire and appended to his report as referred to in article 9.1.054.

**Official ceremony**

**9.1.043** An official ceremony shall be held for each World Champion title.

**9.1.044** Within 10 minutes following the end of each speciality (unless otherwise provided and duly recorded in an official communiqué), the World Champion, or the world champion team of the team time trial, as well as the second and the third placed riders shall be ready for the official ceremony that shall be conducted under the responsibility of the President of the Commissaires' Panel.

In the UCI team time trial, the team's sport director may join the riders on the podium.

*(text modified on 1.07.12).*

**9.1.045** For team pursuit, team sprint, as well as para-cycling team relay, team sprint and trials national team competition medals and jerseys will be awarded to all riders of each of the three teams on the podium.

For para-cycling tandem races, medals and jerseys will be awarded to both riders of each of the three tandems on the podium.

*(text modified on 1.1.04; 1.10.10; 1.10.12; 13.03.15).*

**9.1.045 bis** In the UCI team time trial, every rider of the podium-finishing teams is awarded a medal.

Furthermore, a trophy is awarded to the winning team of the UCI team time trial and presented to the sport director.

*(article introduced on 1.07.12).*

**9.1.046** Riders shall appear in racing attire, wearing their national jerseys but bare-headed and without headband or glasses, until they leave the official ceremony enclosure.

**9.1.047** That ceremony shall be attended exclusively by:

- The UCI President or a member of the Management Committee designated by him who will hand the winner(s) the World Champion jersey(s) and will distribute the of gold, silver and bronze medals, or trophy for the team time trial;
- The President of the Organising Federation or a personality designated by him to present bouquets of flowers;
- Up to six tray bearers who will carry on the World Champion jersey(s), medals, the trophy and bouquets of flowers.

*(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.07.17).*

**9.1.048** The riders' or the teams' for the team time trial national flags shall be hoisted on the mast of honour.

*(text modified on 1.07.12).*

- 9.1.049** The national anthem of the winner, or of the winning team for the team time trial, shall be played.

*(text modified on 1.07.12).*

- 9.1.050** A World Champion may not wear the jersey identifying his title and bearing the regulation advertisement of his main sponsor(s) until, at earliest, the day following that on which he received it.

The world champion team of the UCI team time trial shall wear a distinctive logo on their jerseys in accordance with UCI directives from 1 January until 31 December of the year following the World Championships event.

*(text modified on 1.07.12).*

#### **World Championships**

- 9.1.051** Any infringement of the provisions of articles 9.1.044 to 9.1.050 above shall be punished by a fine of CHF 2,000 to CHF 10,000 minimum. A higher fine may be imposed depending on the advantage derived from the offence.

If a rider or a team for the team time trial, loses the place that entitled him or it to a medal or a jersey, the medal, the jersey, the prizes and/ or the trophies will have to be returned within a month starting from the date of the formal demand made by the UCI. If not, the rider, or team for the team time trial, will be by right suspended until the medal and/or the jersey are returned and sanctioned by a fine of CHF 2,000 to CHF 50,000.

*(text modified on 13.8.04; 1.07.12).*

#### **Prizes**

- 9.1.052** The Management Committee shall fix the scale of prizes to be awarded to the riders and teams for the team time trial.

*(text modified on 1.07.12).*

#### **Drug test**

- 9.1.053** The UCI official doctor and the drug-test inspector shall ensure that the drug test be conducted according to the UCI Drug-Test Regulations.

#### **Reports**

- 9.1.054** Within 21 days after the end of the Championships, the Chief Commissaire and the official UCI doctor shall provide the UCI Management Committee with a detailed report on how the Championships proceeded and containing, in particular, an account of any irregularities that were observed, points that could be improved and other observations and useful suggestions.

*(text modified on 6.10.97).*

## Chapter II PARTICIPATION IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### § 1 General comments

**9.2.001** With the exception of team time trials, it is the National Federations who select riders to participate in World Championships.

*(text modified on 1.07.12).*

**9.2.002** [abrogated on 07.12.2015].

**9.2.003** National Federations, or UCI teams for team time trials, shall enter with the UCI via its website.

National Federations which do not have Internet access may enter using the entry forms provided by the UCI.

*(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.07.12).*

**9.2.004** The enrolment of the federations' riders shall reach the UCI at the latest within the following deadlines:

- Road: Men's Elite Races: eight days before the first race of the championship;  
Other events: fifteen days before the first event of the championship;
- Cyclo-Cross: eight days before the first race of the championship;
- Track: ten days before the first race of the championship;
- Mountain bike: ten days before the first event in the championship;
- BMX: ten days before the first event in the championship;
- Trials: ten days before the first event in the championship.

Entries by UCI teams must reach the UCI at least 15 days before the UCI team time trial World Championship event.

*(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.04; 30.01.09; 1.07.12).*

**9.2.005** Save in the case of an act of God, a National Federation that has enrolled by returning the enrolment form for a World Championship and that does not participate shall be liable to a fine of CHF 500 to CHF 2,000.

**9.2.006** National Federations may substitute up to a maximum of two riders entered for each of the World Champion title competitions provided that it communicates the name of the two substitutes in writing to the UCI at the latest the third day before the beginning of the competition in question. For track races, 48 hours before the first race. For mountain bike racing, 48 hours before the event in question.

Moreover, riders entered for a competition may be declared as those to ride in another competition of the same speciality provided that the deadline for announcing the names of those to ride be respected.

*(texte modified on 1.01.04).*

**9.2.007** Federations shall announce the names of the riders who are to take the start to the

Commissaires Panel by noon at the latest on the eve of the first race of the competition. For each road and mountain bike event, the Federations may communicate amendments up to noon on the eve of each race, at the latest;

For Track events, any announcement made to the Commissaires Panel out of the time limit shall be liable to a fine of CHF 2,500.

For the Men Elite road race, the federations must announce the names of the riders taking part at the latest by noon two days before the competition. They may add the names of two replacements, who may be declared as starters until the evening before the race at 17h00. The replacements must stay at the team hotel until this time; failing which they cannot take part.

A rider declared unfit following an abnormal blood test cannot be replaced.

Only those athletes who have attended the Junior Conference can be declared starters for Men and Women Junior road events.

*(text modified on 1.01.00; 1.01.04; 1.10.10; 1.08.13)*

**9.2.008** Unless prevented by an act of God, a rider once announced as taking the start and who fails to present, shall be liable to a fine of CHF 500 to CHF 5,000.

An injury or sickness shall be recognised as an act of God only if the rider is declared incapable of taking the start by the UCI official doctor.

## **§ 2 Selection of participants by specialty**

### **General provision**

**9.2.009** In all individual specialities, the outgoing World Champion may take part in addition to the number of starters that the National Federation of such Champions may enter under the qualification regulations.

The same principle is applicable for the Olympic Champion on the occasion of the first World Championship following Olympic Games or, for the mountain bike, the next two mountain bike World Championships.

For the Continental Champion, this facility is limited to the first World Championships following the awarding of the title of Continental Champion.

On the track, for the Omnium, Points Races, and Scratch events as well as for artistic Cycling, the outgoing World and Olympic Champions may take part only if their nation is not already qualified to the World Championships.

However, participation in individual road events for Elite Men and under 23 Men shall be governed solely by articles 9.2.010 and 9.2.012.

*(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.10.06; 1.10.10).*

**Individual Road Races**

**Men Elite**

**9.2.010** The Management Committee shall decide the qualification system each year.

*(text modified on 1.10.02; 1.01.05; 1.03.16).*

**Men Elite**

**9.2.011** A National Federation may enter riders of 19 years of age or more in the individual Men Elite's Road race. In that case, such riders may not participate in the individual Under 23s Road race in that same year.

**Under 23s**

**9.2.012** The Management Committee shall decide the qualification system each year.

*(text modified on 1.10.06; 1.03.16).*

**9.2.013** Under 23 riders who have participated in the Men Elite individual road race at a previous World Championships may not ride the individual road race for Under 23 riders.

*(text modified on 1.10.06; 1.01.15; 1.01.16).*

**Men Juniors**

**9.2.014** The Management Committee shall decide the qualification system each year.

*(text modified on 26.06.07; 1.10.11; 1.03.16).*

**Women Elite**

**9.2.015** The Management Committee shall decide the qualification system each year.

*(text modified on 1.01.10; 5.02.15; 1.03.16).*

**Women Juniors**

**9.2.016** The Management Committee shall decide the qualification system each year.

*(text modified on 1.03.16).*

**Individual Time-Trial Road Races**

**9.2.017** The Management Committee shall decide the qualification system each year.

*(text modified on 1.03.16).*

**9.2.018** A National Federation shall be entitled to enter riders of 19 years or more in the individual Men Elite's Time-Trial Road race.

**9.2.019** Riders referred to on article 9.2.018 and who participate in the Individual Men Elite's Time Trial Road Race may not participate in the Individual Under-23 Time Trial Road Race in the same year.

**9.2.020** Under 23 riders who have participated in the Men Elite individual road time trial at a previous World Championships may not ride the individual road time trial for Under 23 riders.

*(text modified on 1.10.06; 1.01.15; 1.01.16).*

**Ranking by Nations**

**9.2.020 bis** The ranking by nations for the World Championships is calculated by adding the points scored by all riders of each nation in the individual time trial and road race events, based on the point scales as per regulations, i.e.:

Place	Women and Men Elite		Men Under 23		Women and Men Junior	
	Road Race	Time Trial	Road Race	Time Trial	Road Race	Time Trial
<b>1</b>	200	200	125	125	100	100
<b>2</b>	150	150	100	100	85	85
<b>3</b>	125	125	85	85	70	70
<b>4</b>	100	100	70	70	60	60
<b>5</b>	85	85	60	60	50	50
<b>6</b>	70	70	50	50	40	40
<b>7</b>	60	60	40	40	30	30
<b>8</b>	50	50	30	30	20	20
<b>9</b>	40	40	20	20	10	10
<b>10</b>	30	30	10	10	5	5
<b>11 to 25</b>	5	5	3	3	1	1

*(article introduced on 1.07.15; modified on 1.03.16; 13.10.16).*

**UCI team time trials**

**Men Elite**

**9.2.021** UCI WorldTeams are obliged to participate.  
The Management Committee shall decide the qualification system each year.

**Women Elite**

The Management Committee shall decide the qualification system for further participants each year.

*(article introduced on 1.07.12; modified on 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 1.03.16).*

**9.2.021 bis** Every UCI team participating in the UCI team time trial can enter nine riders, of which six will start, selected from its team roster excluding trainees. Registration with the UCI is conducted through its website.

UCI teams must declare the names of the starting riders between 14:00 and 16:00 hours local time on the day before the event.

Except in cases of force majeure, if a UCI team that has declared that it will start is absent or does not count the minimum number of riders as fixed in art, 2.2.003 on the start line, it shall be sanctioned, in addition to the start refusal, by a fine of CHF 1,000 to 10,000. Injury or illness shall only be considered a case of force majeure if the team's rider(s) is/are declared incapable of starting by the official UCI doctor. Only in this case may the rider(s) be replaced by the declared replacement riders.

*(article introduced on 1.07.12; modified on 1.08.13; 1.03.16).*

**Track**

**9.2.022** The maximum participation shall be the following:

Speciality	Elite & Juniors M		Elite & Juniors W	
	By nation		By nation	
	E	R	E	R
Sprint	4	2	4	2
Individual Pursuit	4	2	4	2
Team Pursuit	6	4	6	4
Km TT	4	2		
500 m TT			4	2
Points race	3	1	3	1
Keirin	4	2	4	2
Team Sprint	5	3	4	2
Scratch Race	3	1	3	1
Omnium	3	1	3	1
Madison	4	2	4	2

M = Men, W = Women, E = Entered, R = Riding

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03; 19.09.06; 26.06.07; 13.06.08; 25.02.13; 14.10.16).*

**9.2.023** The maximum number of riders qualified through the UCI Track Ranking at the end of the last leg of the applicable World Cup is shown in the following table:

Specialisation	Men Elite	Women Elite
Team Sprint	12 <sup>1)</sup>	12 <sup>1)</sup>
Sprint	30 <sup>3)</sup>	30 <sup>3)</sup>
Keirin	24 <sup>3)</sup>	24 <sup>3)</sup>
Team Pursuit	12 <sup>1)</sup>	12 <sup>1)</sup>
Omnium	24 <sup>1) 2)</sup>	24 <sup>1) 2)</sup>
Km (500m) TT	24 <sup>3)</sup>	24 <sup>3)</sup>
Individual Pursuit	24 <sup>3)</sup>	24 <sup>3)</sup>
Scratch Race	24 <sup>1) 2)</sup>	24 <sup>1) 2)</sup>
Points race	24 <sup>1) 2)</sup>	24 <sup>1) 2)</sup>
Madison	12 <sup>1)</sup>	12 <sup>1)</sup>

<sup>1)</sup> Nations

<sup>2)</sup> In the event of additional champions as referred to in articles 9.2.009 and 9.2.027, the number of nations/riders qualified through a UCI Track Ranking shall be reduced in order not to exceed the applicable maximum number.

<sup>3)</sup> First 2/3 quota are allocated through the UCI Track Ranking by Nation (2 riders qualified). Last 1/3 quota is allocated through the UCI Track Individual Ranking to nations which have not qualified any quota places through the UCI Track Ranking by Nation.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.10.04; 19.09.06; 26.06.07; 13.06.08; 1.10.10; 25.02.13; 10.04.13; 20.06.14; 15.03.16; 14.10.16)*

**9.2.024** Participation in elite track competitions shall be open to riders of 18 and over. It shall be regulated by the qualification system mentioned in article 9.2.026 to 9.2.028 hereafter.

*(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.10.04).*

**9.2.025** Participation in the World Championships is restricted to nations that have registered and hosted a minimum of one international track event on the UCI calendar since the last edition of the World Championships.

The nation will not be allowed to register any riders for the World Championships as long as this condition has not been fulfilled.

For the development of track cycling and on duly justified request, the track commission may grant dispensation of this condition. The decision of the commission is final and no appeal is possible.

*(article introduced on 1.10.12; text modified on 25.02.14; 14.10.16)*

**9.2.026** In their order of the UCI Track Ranking, individual riders shall qualify for one place for a rider to ride up to the permitted number of riders per nation set in the table of article 9.2.022 and until the maximum number of qualified riders by speciality set in the table in article 9.2.023.

For team events, nations shall qualify in the order of the total of points of their riders in the UCI Track Ranking up to the maximum number of teams by event set in the table in article 9.2.023.

*(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.10.04; 29.03.10; 25.02.13; 20.06.14; 15.03.16; 14.10.16).*

**9.2.027** In addition to the riders qualified through a UCI track classification, according to the quotas indicated in the articles 9.2.022 and 9.2.023, the following persons will also be qualified for Elite World Championships:

- the Continental Champions (Men and Women) in events who won their title after the last Elite World Championship (including for Omnium, Points Race and scratch race if the riders do not belong to an already qualified nation).

*(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.03; 1.10.04; 25.02.13; 20.06.14; 1.07.17).*

**9.2.027 bis** Notwithstanding articles 9.2.025, 9.2.026 and 9.2.027, a nation will only be allowed to enter a rider in a specific event of the World Championships if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- where applicable, a rider or a team of this nationality must have participated in this specific event in at least one leg of the World Cup of this season.
- where applicable, the nation must have participated in this specific event in the most recent Continental Championships.
- where applicable, the nation must have participated in the most recent Junior Track World Championships.
- a rider must have earned, for the specific individual event, at least 250 points in the respective UCI Track Ranking at the end of the last leg of the applicable World Cup. This does not apply to riders entering Individual Pursuit and Kilometre/500m Time Trial.

The track commission may grant dispensation of one or several of these requirements for exceptional circumstances. The dispensation must be requested within three days following the end of the competition in question.

*Comment: (for the team events) For the interpretation of the present article, a team of this nationality means a national team or a UCI track team with a majority of participants of that nationality.*

*(text modified on 1.01.03; 4.07.03; 1.10.04; 13.06.08; 30.01.09; 25.02.13; 10.04.13; 20.06.14; 15.03.16; 14.10.16)*

- 9.2.027** In the event a rider qualified in an individual event being not able to compete, the qualification place shall be reallocated to a reserve rider of the same nationality meeting the qualification criteria and who has, for the specific event, at least 250 points in the respective UCI Track Ranking at the end of the last leg of the applicable world cup.

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In the event that no other rider of the same nationality fulfils these requirements, this place will fall back to the UCI.

*(article introduced on 25.02.13; modified on 10.04.13; 15.03.16)*

- 9.2.028** The National Federation of the organizer shall be entitled to enter a team for each team race and a rider for each individual race if it cannot enter riders on the basis of the qualification criterias indicated in the articles 9.2.026 and 9.2.027. For the sake of clarity, conditions of article 9.2.027bis remain applicable

A Wild card for individual events (Men and Women) may be granted by the Track Commission at its sole discretion upon justified request of a continental confederation, for riders that were prevented by an unpredictable occurrence to qualify and on condition that they do not belong to an already qualified nation in this event.

*(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.10.04; 13.06.08; 1.07.17).*

- 9.2.028** [abrogated on 4.07.03].  
**bis**

### **Omnium**

- 9.2.029** In addition to the riders qualified through the UCI Track Ranking, the Continental Omnium Champions who won their title after the last Omnium World Championships will also be qualified for the subsequent Omnium World Championships if the riders do not belong to an already qualified nation.

In this case, the number of nations / riders qualified through the UCI Track Ranking shall be reduced in order not to exceed the number of 20 riders.

For the juniors please refer to article 3.2.247bis.

*(article modified on 7.07.06; 13.06.08; 29.03.10; 1.10.10; 25.02.13; 20.06.14; 15.03.16).*

**Mountain bike**

**9.2.030** The mountain bike world championships shall comprise six specialities: the Olympic Cross-country (XCO), the Marathon Cross-country (XCM), the Team Relay (XCR), the Individual Downhill (DHI), the 4-Cross (4X) and the Cross-country Eliminator (XCE).

*(article modified on 1.01.04; 1.01.06; 1.02.12; 1.01.18).*

**9.2.031** The categories for which the title of world champion will be awarded are as follows:

- XCO Men Elite (aged 23 and over);  
Men under 23 (ages from 19 to 22);  
Women Elite (aged 23 and over);  
Women under 23 (aged 19 to 22);  
Men Juniors (aged 17 and 18);  
Women Juniors (aged 17 and 18);
- XCR Team (aged 17 and over);
- XCE Men (aged 17 and over);  
Women (aged 17 and over);
- XCM Men (aged 19 and over);  
Women (aged 19 and over);
- DHI Men Elite (aged 19 and over);  
Women Elite (aged 19 and over);  
Men Juniors (aged 17 and 18);  
Women Juniors (aged 17 and 18);
- 4X Men (aged 17 and over);  
Women (aged 17 and over).

*(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 1.01.06; 1.02.12).*

**9.2.032** For the team relay, each nation may enter only a single team.

Each national team shall be made up of 1 Men Elite, 1 Women Elite, 1 Men under 23, 1 Men Juniors and 1 Women under 23 or Women Juniors. However, the following substitutions shall be permissible:

- Men Elite by Women Elite or Men under 23 or Men Juniors or Women under 23 or Women Juniors;
- Women Elite by Women under 23 or by Women Juniors;
- Men under 23 by Women Elite or Women under 23 or Men Juniors or Women Juniors;
- Men Juniors by Women Juniors.

Each rider selected must already be entered for the individual downhill, 4X, or Olympic cross country events.

*(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 1.01.06; 1.02.12; 1.01.17).*

**9.2.033** For the mountain bike world championships team relay, the team manager must use the form provided to notify the names and categories of the riders making up their team and their start order to the chief commissaire's panel at the end of the team managers' meeting the day before the event. This start order may not be altered subsequently.

The exchange boxes will be allocated on the basis of the results of the team relay event in the preceding world championships. The order of nations not placed will be determined by drawing lots. The first nation will be installed in box number 1 and so on.

*(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 1.01.06; 25.09.08; 1.01.18).*

- 9.2.034** For the Men Elite, Women Elite, Men Under 23 and Men Juniors XCO events and the Men Elite and Men Juniors DHI events, the maximum number of riders (apart from reserves) for each team is determined on the basis of the classification by nation of the previous year's world championships, as per the table below:

Nations ranked	Maximum number of riders (except reserves)
1 to 10 and the host nation	7
11 to 20	6
21 to 30	5
31 or after	4
Unranked nations	3

For the Women Under 23 and Women Juniors XCO events, the Women Elite and Women Juniors DHI events, Men's and Women's 4X events, the maximum number is 7 riders per nation.

Each federation shall be permitted to enter 2 reserves in each category.

*(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 1.01.06; 1.02.12; 1.01.16; 1.01.18).*

- 9.2.035** For the XCM event, each national federation can enter 6 men and 6 women.

Supplementary to the 6 men and 6 women nominated by the national federation, top 20 men and women of each round of the UCI MTB Marathon Series as well as the top 50 of the individual general marathon series ranking obtain a qualification.

All participants must obligatorily wear the national equipment. All riders must be registered by their national federation.

The registration fees (including all taxes and/or insurance contributions) shall be based on the UCI Financial Obligations.

*(text modified on 1.01.04; 1.01.06; 1.09.06; 1.02.12; 1.01.18).*

- 9.2.036** The ranking by nations for the mountain bike world championships is calculated by adding the points scored by the 3 best placed riders of each nation. The system for awarding points is based on the total number of rider starting in each category, with a maximum of 300. If 100 riders start, the winner will score 100 points while the 100th placed rider would score 1. Should some starters not be given a finishing position, the last rider to be classified shall score the points for his or her position without taking account of the unclassified riders. Example: if 100 riders start and 80 riders are classified, the last of them will score 21 points.

*(article introduced on 1.01.04; 1.01.18).*

- 9.2.037** Race numbers must be collected at the time stated in the championship programme. The race number for the team relay shall be given the morning of the event in accordance with the instructions given by the commissaires panel at the team managers' meeting held the day before the event.

*(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 25.09.08).*

**9.2.038** The start order is determined as follows:

**XCO Men Elite, XCO Women Elite, XCO Men under 23, XCO Women under 23**

1. As per the last published UCI XCO individual ranking.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (\*).

**XCO Men Juniors, XCO Women Juniors**

1. As per the last published UCI XCO juniors individual ranking.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (\*).

**DHI Men Elite, DHI Women Elite**

For the qualifying round and the final:

1. As per the last published UCI DHI individual ranking. The best rider starting last.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (\*).

**DHI Men Juniors, DHI Women Juniors**

For the qualifying round and the final:

1. As per the last published UCI DHI individual ranking. The best rider starting first.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (\*).

For all DHI events (Men Elite, Women Elite, Men Juniors and Women Juniors), riders are required to ride in the qualifying round. The number of riders qualifying for the final are as follows:

- Men Elite: top 80 riders in the qualifying round
- Women Elite: top 40 riders in the qualifying round
- Men Juniors: top 60 riders in the qualifying round
- Women Juniors: top 15 riders in the qualifying round

For the final in the Men Elite and Women Elite, the “protected riders” are:

- Riders ranked in the top 10 Women Elite and the top 20 Men Elite of the final world cup standings of the current season.

In case the UCI mountain bike world cup final is held after the UCI mountain bike world championships, riders ranked in the top 10 Women Elite and the 20 Men Elite of the latest world cup standings of the current season.

Event “protected riders” must start in the qualifying round in order to be entitled to ride the final.

**4X Men, 4X Women (Qualifying Round)**

1. As per the last published UCI 4X individual ranking. The best rider starting first.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (\*).

(\*) The start order of the riders within the team must be confirmed by the national federations during the riders’ confirmation. Taking each nation in turn on the basis of the classification by nation of the concerned category from the most recent mountain bike world championships, a place is allocated to the next rider in sequence. Unclassified nations take, on the basis of the same rotation system, the next places in an order determined by drawing lots.

*(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 1.01.06; 25.09.08; 01.01.11; 1.05.11; 1.01.18).*

**9.2.039** [article abrogated 1.02.12].

**9.2.040** The start order for riders in the world cross-country marathon championship shall be as follows:

- the reigning XCM world champion
- the reigning XCO Elite and under 23 world champions
- the reigning Olympic mountain bike champion
- the first 50 of the latest UCI MTB marathon series ranking
- the first 50 of the latest UCI XCO individual ranking
- other riders as per the latest UCI MTB marathon series ranking;
- subsequently, as per the latest UCI XCO individual ranking;
- by drawing lots for the other riders.

*(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 1.01.06; 1.02.12; 1.01.18).*

**9.2.041** The official languages of team managers' meetings shall be those of the UCI, namely French and English.

*(article introduced on 1.01.04).*

**Cyclo-cross**

**9.2.042** A World Championship shall be organized for the Men Elite's, Women Elite's, Men Under 23's, Women Under 23's (17-22 years old) and Men Juniors' categories.

*(article introduced on 1.09.04; modified on 1.01.16).*

**9.2.043** The maximum number of riders per Men Elite's national team shall be determined by the final classification by nation of the UCI Cyclo-cross Classification for the preceding season:

Nation ranked from 1st to 5th	9 riders, with 6 to start
All other nations	8 riders, with 5 to start.

In the other categories, the number of riders per team is limited to 8, with 5 to start.

*(article introduced on 1.09.04; 25.09.08).*

**9.2.044** The national federations concerned may additionally enter the outgoing world champions and the leaders of the final UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup Standings Men Elite, Men Under 23, Men Junior, Women Elite and Women Under 23.

*(article modified on 1.09.04; 25.09.08; 1.07.09; 14.10.16).*

**9.2.045** Each federation shall be required to include its first three ranked riders in their Men Elite's and Women's team, as long as they are in the top 50 of the UCI Cyclo-cross Classification as published after the national championships in Europe.

This rule shall not apply to riders who have failed to fulfil their obligations under the regulations. In the event of a dispute on this issue, it shall be the responsibility of the National Federation to decide whether the rider will be selected.

*(article introduced on 1.09.04; text modified on 25.09.08; 1.08.13).*

**BMX**

*(section introduced on 30.01.09).*

- 9.2.046** The BMX world championships shall comprise standard 20 inch bicycle competitions. in one speciality: BMX race.

*(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.07.12; 1.01.17).*

**Categories**

- 9.2.047** The categories for which the title of world champion will be awarded are as follows:
- A. STANDARD 20 inch BICYCLES, (men/women riders), Championship level: BMX race
    - Men Elite (aged 19 and over);
    - Women Elite (aged 19 and over);
    - Men Juniors (aged 17 and 18);
    - Women Juniors (aged 17 and 18).
  
  - B. STANDARD 20 inch BICYCLES (men riders), Masters level:
    - Masters (aged 30 and over).

*(text modified on 01.02.11; 01.02.12; 01.07.12; 4.04.14; 1.01.17).*

**Race formats**

- 9.2.047 bis** Competition format of the *world championships* (only for a category outlined in article 9.2.047).

The world championships is run in one competition: a BMX race event.

*(article introduced on 01.02.10; modified on 01.02.11; 4.04.14; 1.01.17).*

**Race**

- 9.2.047 ter** Seeding order for the 3 Motos in the BMX race is based on the latest UCI Individual BMX Ranking for each category (seeding order from highest to lowest ranked). Gate position selection order for the Motos is as per Annex 2 of Part VI: BMX.

The composition of the Motos for each category, as well as the transfer system for all Phases of the event is determined as per Annex 1 of Part VI: BMX. All riders entered in each category must participate in the Motos in order to be eligible to transfer to the Qualifiers.

*(article introduced on 1.07.12; text modified on 4.04.14; 1.01.17)*

- 9.2.047 quater** [abrogated on 1.01.17]

- 9.2.047 quinquies** [abrogated on 4.04.14]

**Qualification system world championships race**

- 9.2.047 sexes** For Men Elite, Women Elite, Men Juniors and Women Juniors, the maximum number of riders for each nation is determined on the basis of the UCI ranking by nation for each such category on 31st December of the preceding season.

As indicated in the table below, all nations that didn't qualify through the qualification

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quota will be allowed to register one rider per category (Men Elite, Women Elite, Men Juniors and Women Juniors).

Each federation shall be permitted to enter 2 reserves in each category.

The UCI Ranking by nations is drawn up in accordance with Part VI "BMX", chapter 6.

In addition to the nations qualified through the UCI BMX nations ranking, the following riders will also be qualified for the Elite world championships:

- Top 16 Men Elite in the UCI BMX individual ranking of 31st December of the preceding season;
- Top 8 Women Elite in the UCI BMX individual ranking of 31st December of the preceding season.

These riders are automatically qualified for the world championships and cannot be replaced by another rider.

	Women Elite		Women Juniors		Men Elite		Men Juniors	
Automatically qualified riders*	8				16			
Nations Ranked	# Places	Tot	# Places	Tot	# Places	Tot	# Places	Tot
1 – 4	5	20	5	20	6	24	6	24
5 – 8	4	16	4	16	5	20	5	20
9 – 14	3	18	3	18	3	18	3	18
15 – 23	2	18	2	18	2	18	2	18
<b>Totals</b>		<b>80</b>		<b>72</b>		<b>96</b>		<b>80</b>
Host nation**		2		2		2		2
All other nations***		1		1		1		1

\* The automatically qualified riders mentioned above are entered in addition to the quota allowed in this table.

\*\* The host nation shall qualify 2 riders in each category where it has not already qualified above using the ranking by nation.

\*\*\* All other nations shall qualify 1 rider in each category where it has not already qualified above using the ranking by nation.

*(article introduced on 1.07.12; text modified on 4.04.14; 1.01.17)*

### Registration of participants

**9.2.048** All riders must be registered using the UCI on-line registration system ([www.uci.ch](http://www.uci.ch)).

All riders/team managers must attend the riders' confirmation presenting their licenses and picking up their race numbers. The riders' confirmation deadlines are indicated on the official programme published on the UCI website. Riders not being confirmed before the indicated deadline, did not complete the registration procedure and will not be able to compete at the event.

Furthermore, each national federation shall be permitted to register up to 16 riders in masters.

*(text modified on 1.02.10; 1.02.11; 1.02.12; 1.07.12; 4.04.14; 1.01.17).*

**Registration of support staff**

**9.2.049** Each federation must appoint one (1) team manager for Championships level categories.

*(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.17).*

**9.2.050** At least five riders must have pre-entered (prior to filling up a class by the host organization as described in article 6.1.007) to constitute a category. Should this minimum number not be obtained, then the entered riders will race in the category above, but with the restriction that no competing category at Championship level can be combined with a competing category at Challenge level and vice versa.

In any case that an under-subscribed class cannot be combined according to the above rules, this category shall not be run.

*(text modified on 1.02.12).*

**Trials**

*(section introduced on 30.01.09).*

**Allocation of UCI trials world championship event**

**9.2.051** Application to the UCI for the sanctioning of a trials world championship (in conjunction with the UCI mountain bike world championships) event is open to any national federation. The venue of each year's world championships shall be allocated at least three years in advance of its scheduled date by the UCI management committee, based on business/quality criteria and the recommendations from the UCI trials commission.

**9.2.052** The trials world championships shall be the exclusive property of the UCI.

**9.2.053** The site of a venue shall normally be within the national or territorial boundaries of the national federation which shall serve as the host organization for the event.

**General competition parameters**

**9.2.054** UCI trials world championships are a single competition, open to all eligible riders in possession of a UCI license.

**Registration of participants**

**9.2.055** Riders wishing to compete in the UCI trials world championships may register only under the auspices and through the agency of their national federation, using the UCI online registration system ([www.uci.ch](http://www.uci.ch)). All competition entry dates must be respected and no late entries will be accepted.

Pre-registration for the UCI trials world championships is subject to the following restrictions:

- maximum number of riders per country and per category: five
- riders not allowed to take part in more than one category.

All riders/team managers must attend the riders' confirmation presenting their licenses and picking up their race numbers. The riders confirmation deadlines are indicated on the official programme published on the UCI website.

Riders not being confirmed before the indicated deadline, did not complete the registration procedure and will not be able to compete at the event.

*(text modified on 13.03.15, 30.01.17).*

**9.2.056** Each member organization which registers riders must appoint a national team manager to represent the interests of all of its riders at the UCI trials world championships.

**Categories**

**9.2.057** Competition categories at the trials world championships are:

- Women Elite
- Men Juniors 20"
- Men Juniors 26"
- Men Elite 20"
- Men Elite 26"

*(text modified on 13.03.15).*

**Age class**

**9.2.058** Categories depend on age as stated in article 7.1.002.

**Competition format**

**9.2.059** In all categories, the trials world championships shall include a ½ Finals and a Finals round.

**½ Finals**

The trials world championships will commence with a ½ Finals round. The world championships ½ Finals round is open to all riders entered. The ½ Finals round shall consist of three laps of five sections. The commissaires' panel will set the competition time according to the number of entered riders.

**Final round**

The best six riders in the ½ Finals round will be eligible to compete in the Finals round. The scores gained in the ½ Finals round do not count in the Finals round.

**Final procedure**

At the Finals round it will be applied the six by six system:

Before the start, the six riders will be presented on the start podium, in inverse order to the position obtained in the ½ Finals round. After the presentation, they must go to section one.

The order to start will be determined by the result obtained in the ½ Finals round. Rider that obtained the sixth place shall start first in section one and so on. The same principle applies for the remaining sections.

Once a rider finishes a section, the next rider has maximum thirty seconds to start the section. After this thirty second the section time is running.

In case of slight injury, the other rider must overtake and start the section in front of him/her.

In case of tie, article 7.1.047 of the UCI Trials Regulations shall apply.

Competitors taking part in the Finals must have two bicycles at their disposal. The spare second bicycle shall remain in the rider's area for the duration of the competition and may be retrieved as a replacement for the first bicycle

A rider qualified for the Final who chooses not to compete in the Final shall get seventh placed in the Final classification and shall (in the Final) be replaced by the seventh placed rider in the ½ Finals. Two qualified riders choosing not to compete in the Final shall get seventh and eighth placed in the final classification and shall be replaced by the seventh and eighth placed riders in the ½ Finals (in the Finals), etc.

*(text modified on 1.02.11; 13.03.15, 30.01.17).*

**Number of sections and rounds**

**9.2.060** The number of sections and laps are as indicated below:

<b>Round</b>	<b>Number of sections</b>	<b>Number of laps</b>
½ Finals rounds	5	3
Final rounds	5	1

*(text modified on 1.02.11; 13.03.15, 30.01.17).*

**Recognition and awards**

- 9.2.061** Competitors having obtained the highest number of penalty points are declared:
- Women Elite UCI trials world champion
  - Men Juniors 20" UCI trials world champion
  - Men Juniors 26" UCI trials world champion
  - Men Elite 20" UCI trials world champion
  - Men Elite 26" UCI trials world champion

The UCI will award the first three riders ranked in each category.

*(text modified on 13.03.15, 30.01.17).*

### **Para-cycling (participation)**

- 9.2.062** National Federations shall confirm the number of participants per sport class by means of the UCI online registration system no later than five weeks before the first race of the championship. The registration by names shall be done through the same registration system no later than three weeks before the first race of the event. At the time of registration, up to six substitutes can be added to the team for all classes combined. The registration shall give details of the number of persons making up each delegation, the riders registered for each race as well as their sport class, the accommodation used during the event, full contact details of the team manager and each athlete's time of arrival.

After the registration deadline (3 weeks before the world championships), no late registrations will be accepted.

Starters must be confirmed in each sport class at the official confirmation time as announced in the technical programme of the event.

Last-minute changes of registered athletes can only be achieved by means of a medical certificate 24 hours before the start of the race.

*(text modified on 3.02.17).*

### **World Championship qualification system (Para-cycling)**

#### **General comments**

- 9.2.063** National Federations shall select riders to participate in world championships.

*(article introduced on 1.10.13).*

- 9.2.064** Events selected for the para-cycling world championships are the following:

#### **Road**

Road race – all divisions;  
Individual Time Trial – all divisions;  
Team relay – division H.

#### **Track**

Kilometre/500 m – divisions B & C;  
Individual pursuit – divisions B & C;  
Team sprint – division C;  
Sprint – division B;  
Scratch race – division C.

*(article introduced on 1.10.13).*

- 9.2.065** At world championships, in each of the para-cycling event, the outgoing world champion will be given an additional slot for the event in which he was a world champion. If the outgoing world champion cannot participate at the world championships, this place is not accumulated in the quota of the nation.

*(article introduced on 1.10.13).*

**9.2.066** The host nation for the UCI para-cycling world championships will be entitled to register a full contingent of athletes (maximum quota) in all sport classes, on the track and on the road, for both men and women.

*(article introduced on 1.10.13).*

**9.2.067** The number of slots each nation will receive for the UCI world championships will be determined by using the UCI individual para-cycling ranking by sport class (C5, C4,...) published following the last world championships. Points will be cumulated from the day following the last world championships up to the end of the next world championships and that for each discipline.

*(article introduced on 1.10.13, modified on 20.12.17).*

**Track**

**9.2.068** At minimum, each nation will be entitled to have one slot per sport class and will be entitled to register an additional athlete according to their rank on the individual UCI para-cycling ranking by sport class for the period defined in article 9.2.067.

*(article introduced on 1.10.13).*

**9.2.069** On the basis of the Individual UCI para-cycling ranking by sport class for the period defined in article 9.2.067, are taken into account the points from the world championship (results from the Paralympic Games would be taken into account on a paralympic year), points from the world cup (two best results from two events held in different regions), and the best result obtained in a C1 competition. This principle described below applies both for men and women:

**Europe:**

Places 1 - 5 in the Europe ranking	→	2 slots
Places 6 and more in the Europe ranking	→	1 slot

**America:**

Places 1 - 2 in the America ranking	→	2 slots
Places 3 and more in the America ranking	→	1 slot

**Asia:**

Places 1 - 2 in the Asia ranking	→	2 slots
Places 3 and more in the Asia ranking	→	1 slot

**Oceania:**

Place 1 in the Oceania ranking	→	2 slots
Places 2 and more in the Oceania ranking	→	1 slot

**Africa:**

Place 1 in the Africa ranking	→	2 slots
Places 2 and more in the Africa ranking	→	1 slot

*(article introduced on 1.10.13).*

**Road**

**9.2.070** At minimum, each nation will be entitled to have two slots per sport class for road race and two slots per sport class for time trial. Nation will be entitled to register an additional athlete according to their rank on the individual UCI para-cycling ranking by sport class for the period defined in article 9.2.067.

*(article introduced on 1.10.13; modified on 1.01.16).*

**9.2.071** On the basis of the individual UCI para-cycling ranking by sport class for the period defined in article 9.2.067, are taken into account the points from the UCI world championships (if it is a Paralympic year, the results of the Paralympic Games will be taken into account), the world cup points (two best results obtained in two events in a different region) and the three best results obtained from at least three C1 competitions. The principle described below applies to both men and women:

**Europe:**

Places 1 - 5 in the Europe ranking	3 slots for road 3 slots for time trials
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Places 6 and more in the Europe ranking	2 slots for road 2 slots for time trial
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**America:**

Places 1 - 2 in the America ranking	3 slots for road 3 slots for time trials
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Places 3 and more in the America ranking	2 slots for road 2 slots for time trial
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**Asia:**

Places 1 - 2 in the Asia ranking	3 slots for road 3 slots for time trials
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Places 3 and more in the Asia ranking	2 slots for road 2 slots for time trial
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**Oceania:**

Place 1 in the Oceania ranking	3 slots for road 3 slots for time trials
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Places 2 and more in the Oceania ranking	2 slots for road 2 slots for time trial
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**Africa:**

Place 1 in the Africa ranking	3 slots for road 3 slots for time trials
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Places 2 and more in the Africa ranking	2 slots for road 2 slots for time trial
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*(article introduced on 1.10.13; modified on 1.01.16).*

**Chapter III** [abrogated on 25.01.08].