

PART 5 CYCLO-CROSS

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Chapter I CYCLO-CROSS EVENTS

Participation

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

Men under 23 years

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

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

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

Women

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

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

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

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

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

Masters

All riders who hold a Masters licence may ride in the UCI masters world championships. However the following riders are not eligible:

- 1 Any rider who has ridden in the UCI **cyclo-cross** world championships, continental championships or UCI **cyclo-cross** world cup during the current **year season**.
- 2 Any rider, who has been a member, during the current **cyclo-cross** season, of a team registered with the UCI.
- 3 ~~During the current season,~~ Any rider classified with at least 100 points in the UCI individual cyclo-cross ranking published **after the first UCI cyclo-cross world cup event of the current cyclo-cross season following the national championships in Europe**.

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

The licence must clearly state the starting and finishing dates of its period of validity. The national federation shall make sure that the holder of a temporary licence will, for the

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

UCI recognised teams

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

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

(article modified on 1.09.99; 1.09.04; 1.09.06; 1.09.08; 16.06.14; 1.07.15; 7.06.16; 28.01.17; 26.06.18).

- 5.1.023** The course may include no more than six **artificial** obstacles. Obstacle shall mean any part of the course where riders are likely (but not required) to dismount.

The artificial obstacles allowed on a cyclo-cross course are restricted to:

- planks, as described in article 5.1.024;
- steps;
- non natural sand pits.

All other artificial obstacles are not allowed.

~~A section of planks as described in art. 5.1.024, must be considered as one of these obstacles.~~

The length of an obstacle may not exceed 80 metres and the height may not exceed 40 cm. The total length of obstacles may not exceed 10% of the course.

Non-natural sand pits should be minimum 40 metres, maximum 80 metres long and minimum 6 metres wide. The sand pit should be located on a straight section and requests a level entrance and exit.

Descents of flights of steps may not be used.

(article modified on 1.08.00; 1.09.04; 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.07.11 ; 26.06.18).

- 5.1.025 bis** Obstacles of cyclo-cross course must be the same for men and women elite race.

(article introduced on 26.06.18).

- 5.1.055** Those involved in the official ceremony are permitted to wear additional clothing. Presenting rider's bike on the award ceremony's podium is not allowed, nor on the scene, nor in front of the scene.

(article modified on 26.06.18).

Results

- 5.1.056** [article transferred to 1.2.124]

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

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

5.1.057 [article transferred to 1.2.124]

~~The organiser's national federation shall notify the UCI as fast as possible of any change to the result reported by the organiser.~~

Chapter II UCI CYCLO-CROSS RANKING

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

A. Men elite / U23 and women elite / U23

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

B. Men junior

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

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

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

5.2.014 The UCI shall draw up a ranking of UCI cyclo-cross teams for teams as defined at Chapter V of these regulations.

The UCI cyclo-cross team ranking is calculated by adding the points of the **two best male riders** and the **two best female riders** of each UCI cyclo-cross team on the UCI cyclo-cross individual rankings published every week.

In the event of a tie between UCI Cyclo-cross teams, the ranking will be made according to the place of their best rider in the women's individual ranking.

(article introduced on 28.01.17 ; modified on 26.06.18)

5.2.015 ~~As set out in article 1.2.029, national cyclo-cross championships shall be run on the mandatory date fixed annually by the UCI management committee. The UCI may grant dispensations for the southern hemisphere or in cases of force majeure. Concerning the calculation of the UCI rankings, all national championships run before or after the mandatory date shall be considered as being run on the mandatory date.~~

(article introduced on 26.06.18)

Chapter III UCI CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CUP

Clothing

- 5.3.010** The national team outfit is mandatory during the men under 23 and men junior UCI cyclo-cross world cup races, with the exception of national, continental and world champions who must wear their champion jersey, in accordance with the priorities listed in article 1.3.071

For elite men and women UCI cyclo-cross world cup races, the national federation may impose to wear the national outfit if the rider does not belong to a UCI registered team.

The national team outfit used during the UCI cyclo-cross world cup races will respect the provisions of article 1.3.056 and 1.3.057.

(article introduced on 26.06.18)

Leader's skinsuit

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

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

In all rounds other than the first the leader shall be required to wear the leader's skinsuit in all the UCI cyclo-cross world cup events.

The leader's skinsuit may only be worn at rounds of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup, and in no other event.

For all categories (except the men junior category) participating in races of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup, the leaders of the overall UCI world cup ranking are allowed to add the advertising of their team on the leader's equipment as per the article 1.3.055 bis, **only if all of the following conditions are fulfilled:**

- if they are members of a UCI recognised team as defined in article 5.1.001;
- for the men elite, women elite, women under 23 categories, excluding the men junior category;
- for the men under 23 category, upon the authorization of the rider's national federation.

(article modified on 1.09.98; 1.09.04; 1.09.05; 1.09.08; 7.06.16; 28.01.17; 26.06.18)

Chapter IV UCI MASTERS CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

(chapter introduced on 16.06.14)

- 5.4.004** The UCI masters cyclo-cross world championships are usually organised in 5 years age groups: ~~30-34~~, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49 etc. Age groups will be combined when less than 6 riders enter an age group. In case of combined age groups titles for the respective 5 years age groups will be awarded (even when only 1 rider is entered).

(article modified on 26.06.18).

Chapter V UCI CYCLO-CROSS TEAMS

- 5.5.016** When submitting its registration, each UCI cyclo-cross team must submit a colour graphic design of its team jersey, complete with sponsor logos.

This design can be changed once per season, after the authorization of UCI and only between the 1st and the 10th January. The UCI shall be informed before the 15th December.

All riders within one UCI cyclo-cross team are obliged to wear clothing that has identical major sponsor placement, identical color scheme, layout and identical overall look, **although the minor sponsors of men and women's outfit can be different. In this case two designs must be submitted, one for men, one for women.**

(article modified on 26.06.18)