

## PART V CYCLO-CROSS RACES

### Chapter **CYCLO-CROSS RACE REGULATIONS**

#### **Participation**

**5.1.001** A rider's category for the entire season will be the same as his category on of the 1st of January that is included in that season.

(N) Except at World Championships and, depending on the decision of the National Federation, National Championships, Elite Men and Under 23s shall compete in the same races.

*(text modified on 1.09.99).*

#### **Race Programme - technical guide**

**5.1.002** (N) An organiser shall establish a programme - technical guide each time he holds a race.

**5.1.003** (N) The programme - technical guide shall include at least the following details of the organisation:

- mention that the race will be run under UCI Regulations
- the specific regulations of the race if necessary
- the categories of participants
- a description of the course indicating natural and artificial obstacles around the course, the location of equipment pits, first aid stations, and water points for the washing of bicycles.
- the exact starting and finishing points, Race Headquarters, the drug-test room, the shower facilities, and the Press room
- the place and time of the meeting of Team Managers
- the place and time of registration and the distribution of riders' numbers
- the starting time
- the program for the awards ceremonies and riders who must attend
- the prizes
- the composition of the Commissaires Panel
- the name, address and telephone number of the director of the organisation
- specification that only the UCI Scale of Penalties shall apply
- the drug-test regulations that will apply.

#### **Race Headquarters - Secretariat**

**5.1.004** (N) The Organiser shall, for the full duration of the race and in the immediate vicinity of the circuit, provide a permanent, equipped secretariat. A representative of the organiser shall be on hand there at all times.

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**5.1.005** (N) The Race Headquarters shall be maintained until the results have been transmitted to the UCI and the commissaires have finished their work.

**5.1.006** (N) The Secretariat shall be equipped with at least a phone and a fax machine.

### **Security**

**5.1.007** Above and beyond any legal or administrative issues that apply, and each person's responsibility for their own protection, the organiser shall ensure that the course does not constitute a danger to the safety of the riders or the public.

**5.1.008** A zone of at least 100 meters before and 50 meters after the finishing line shall be protected by barriers. It shall be accessible exclusively to the organisers, to riders, attendants, Team Managers and accredited Press.

**5.1.009** In no case will the UCI be held responsible for any defects in the course or accidents that may occur.

### **Installations**

**5.1.010** The finishing judge's stand shall be covered and placed preferably on the left.

The organiser shall provide the Commissaires Panel with at least 3 radios. One channel shall be allocated exclusively for Commissaires while a second channel shall be available for Commissaires wishing to contact the organiser.

*(text modified on 1.09.99).*

**5.1.011** The organiser shall make heated premises available to riders, with hot and cold showers, as well as a supply of water for the cleaning of their equipment. These installations shall be located no more than 2 km from the finishing line.

### **Course and obstacles**

**5.1.012** A Cyclo-Cross course shall include roads, country and forest paths and meadowland alternating in such a way as to ensure changes in the pace of the race and allowing riders to recuperate after difficult sections.

**[2nd paragraph abrogated the 1.08.001.]**

**5.1.013** The course shall be rideable in all circumstances, whatever the climatic conditions.

Clay or easily flooded areas, such as fields, should be avoided.

**5.1.014** The course shall form a closed circuit of a minimum length of 2.5 km and maximum 3.5 km, of which at least 90% shall be rideable.

*(text modified on 1.09.99).*

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**5.1.015** Over its full length, the course shall be a minimum of 3 metres wide and be well marked and protected. The use of harmful elements, such as wires (barbed or not), and metal poles shall be forbidden. Moreover, the course shall not approach any object that could constitute a danger for riders.

*(text modified on 1.09.99).*

**5.1.016** For World Championships and World Cup races, a parallel course shall be mandatory on parts of the ground that deteriorate easily.

*(text modified on 1.09.99).*

**5.1.017** An assembly point for starters (roll-call zone) shall be provided and marked off behind the starting line.

*(text modified on 1.09.99).*

**5.1.018** Perpendicular to the start line, eight lanes with a width of 75 cm and a length of 10 m shall be marked out in order to facilitate the riders' starting order.

*(text modified on 1.09.99).*

**5.1.019** The starting stretch shall be at least 500 metres long and at least 6 metres wide. It shall be as straight as possible and not run downhill. The first narrowing or obstacle after the starting stretch may not be abrupt but shall allow all the riders to pass easily. The first bend shall be less than a full right-angle turn.

**5.1.020** The finishing stretch shall be a straight line. It shall have a minimum length of 200 metres and a minimum width of 6 metres. It shall be flat or uphill.

**5.1.021** The starting and finishing stretches shall be free of obstacles.

**5.1.022** The course shall comprise a maximum of 4 obstacles that oblige riders to dismount their bike. The length of an obstacle should not be longer than 80 metres.

Steps may not be placed on downhill stretches.

*(text modified on 1.08.00).*

**5.1.023** The course can comprise one artificial obstacle. This artificial obstacle consist of 2 wooden planks that shall be 4 m apart. The planks shall be filled in for their full height and may not be metallic. They must be 40 cm high and shall stretch the full width of the course.

*(text modified on 1.08.00).*

**5.1.024** The course may cross bridges or footbridges provided that they are a minimum of 4 metres wide and that there is a protective barrier on both sides. A non-slip surface (carpet, wire mesh, or special anti-slip paint) shall be used on bridges and footbridges.

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A separate footbridge shall be provided for spectators.

*(text modified on 1.09.99).*

**5.1.025** No acrobatics on the part of the riders shall be required to overcome obstacles.

**5.1.026** Having consulted the Organiser, the President of the Commissaire's Panel may decide that artificial obstacles shall be removed if the circuit is unusually slippery.

*(text modified on 1.08.00).*

**5.1.027** Up to 4 races may be run per day over the same course.

*(text modified on 1.09.99).*

**5.1.028** The organiser shall take measures to prevent the public from damaging the circuit. From the start of the race, the circuit may be used only by the riders involved in the race.

### **Equipment pits**

**5.1.029** The equipment pit is the part of the circuit where riders can change wheels or bicycles.

*(text modified on 1.08.00).*

**5.1.030** Two equipment pits shall be provided judiciously placed around the course, in places where speeds are not high but not on stony or downhill stretches. They shall be straight and free of artificial obstacles. If, during each lap, riders pass two points sufficiently close to each other, just one pit - known as a double pit - may be set up at that point.

**Double pits are obligatory for the World Championships, World Cup events, events in category I and National Championships.**

*(text modified on 1.08.00; 1.09.03).*

**5.1.031** *During World Championships, the location of equipment pits shall be determined by the UCI Cyclo-Cross Commission.*

**5.1.032** In the equipment pits, the race lane and the pit lane shall be separated and distinctly marked out, by tape at the very least.

The equipment pits shall be sign-posted and precisely marked by means a yellow flag at the beginning and the end of the course split between the race and pits lane.

*(text modified on 1.08.00).*

**5.1.033** In the pit lane shall be an area of a minimum depth of 2 metres reserved for mechanics.

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Each rider shall have the right of accreditation which will be delivered by the organiser for one or two attendants, in accordance with the number of equipment pits.

The attendant must hold a licence as a mechanic, assistant, or paramedical assistant issued by his National Federation.

*(text modified on 1.08.00).*

- 5.1.034** A supply of water for cleaning equipment shall be available in the immediate vicinity of the equipment pits. The water supply and connections for high-pressure cleaning equipment shall be made freely available.

*(text modified on 1.09.98).*

- 5.1.035** During World Championships and World Cup races, the equipment pits shall be at least 60 metres long. Each nation shall have a box of 4 metres wide delimited by barriers.

Only one accredited person per rider shall be allowed in each box at any one time.

- 5.1.036** During World Championships, the boxes shall be allocated at the meeting of the Commissaires Panel with the Technical Managers, in accordance with the classification by nation at the previous World Cup. The allocation of boxes to teams not featuring in said classification shall be carried out by drawing lots. Each Team Manager selects his box according to the order in which lots are drawn.

*(text modified on 1.09.99).*

- 5.1.037** For World Cup races, the allocation of boxes shall be as follows:
- first race: according to the classification by nation at the preceding World Cup
  - other races: according to the progressive classification by nation on the basis World Cup ranking.

The allocation of boxes to teams not appearing in the classification shall be made by drawing lots. In that order, the Team Managers may choose their boxes as they wish.

- 5.1.038 Riders may change wheels or bicycles at any pit.**

*(text modified on 1.08.00; 1.09.02).*

- 5.1.039** A rider may use the pit lane only in the event of a change of bicycle or wheel.

Wheel or bicycle changing shall be effected within the equipment pits and at the same point.

The rider who arrives at the end of the equipment pit must continue until the following equipment pit in order to change the bicycle or wheel.

Any rider going through the course lane inside the area marked with the yellow flags who suddenly needs to go to his/her pit will need to go backwards on the course in order to find the pit lane.

*(text modified on 1.08.00).*

**5.1.040** The exchanging of wheels or bicycles between riders shall be forbidden.

**Commissaires Panel**

**5.1.041** The Commissaires Panel shall be composed as follows:

(a) for World Cup races:

- the President of the Commissaires Panel being a UCI-appointed International Commissaire
- 2 International Commissaires appointed by the National Federation of the organiser;

(b) for 1st category races:

- the President of the Commissaires Panel being a UCI-appointed International Commissaire
- 2 National Commissaires appointed by the National Federation of the organiser;

(c) for 2nd and 3rd category races:

- the President of the Commissaires Panel being an International Commissaire from the host country, and 2 National Commissaires appointed by the National Federation of the organiser.

In each case, the National Federation of the organiser shall complete the Panel with a sufficient number of commissaires to ensure the smooth running of the race.

**Starting order**

**5.1.042** The riders shall assemble in the roll-call zone a maximum of 10' before the start.

**The riders must wait for the start with at least one foot on the ground; those who fail to comply may be sent back to the last place in their start lane.**

*(text modified on 1.10.02).*

**5.1.043** For World Cup events and events in categories 1, 2 and 3, the start order shall be determined as follows:

**a) From the first event of the season up to and including the first round of the World Cup:**

- countries are sorted in order of the ranking by country as per article 5.2.010, followed by the countries not listed in that ranking, in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the Commissaires Panel.
- each country in turn is allotted one place for the highest-placed rider of that nationality in the UCI cyclo-cross rankings until all UCI-ranked riders have been placed.
- continuing with the same order of countries, the riders who are not ranked on the UCI cyclo-cross classification are placed after all the other riders.

**b) For all other events of the season: the first 24 riders in the last published classification of the World Cup, then the other riders in order of their position in the UCI cyclo-cross rankings; the riders who do not appear in the UCI cyclo-cross rankings shall take the last places, in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the Commissaires Panel.**

*(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.10.02).*

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**5.1.044** At the World Championships, the order of start shall be as follows:

**A. Elite Category**

The first 24 riders in the last published classification of the World Cup, then the other riders in order of their position in the UCI cyclo-cross rankings.

The riders who do not appear in the UCI cyclo-cross rankings shall take the last places, in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the Commissaires Panel.

*(text modified on 15.10.02).*

**5.1.045** B. "Women's", "Under 23" and "Junior" categories:

- Each federation must specify the order of its riders when confirming the starters.
- Countries are ranked in accordance with their placing in the classification by nation of the previous season's World Championships.
- Each country in turn is allocated a place for their next rider in the appropriate row until all their riders have been placed.
- The federations not listed in the above ranking by nations shall, using the same rotation system, take the last places, in an order determined by the drawing of lots by the Commissaires Panel.

*(text modified on 1.08.00; 1.10.02).*

**5.1.046** The appointment of startnumbers for the 3 categories: Elite, U23 and Juniors will be determined as follows:

**World Championships:**

- Numbers 1 - 6 will awarded to the country of the last world champion;
- The other numbers will be awarded to the nation, according to their ranking of last year's World Championship;
- for those countries who do not figure on last year's ranking or did not participate in last year's World Championships the numbers will be awarded after drawing lots conducted by the Commissaires Panel.

**World Cup:**

- Numbers 1 - 6 will be awarded to the nation of last year's World Cup winner;
- The other numbers will be awarded to the nations, according their ranking after last year's World Cup;
- For those countries who did not appear on the last year's ranking or did not participate in the World Cup, the numbers will be awarded after drawing lots conducted by the Commissaires Panel.

*(text modified on 1.09.99).*

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### **False start**

**5.1.047** Riders causing a false start shall be disqualified.

### **Race length**

**5.1.048** The length of races must be as close as possible to:

- 40 minutes for Women's events
- 40 minutes for Junior Men's events
- 50 minutes for Under 23 Men's events
- 60 minutes for Elite Men's events and for events in which Elite and Under 23 riders compete together.

*(text modified on 1.09.01).*

**5.1.049** The last lap to be covered shall be indicated by a bell.

### **Riders dropping out**

**5.1.050** A rider dropping out of the race shall immediately remove his body number and armband.

He shall immediately leave the course and may not cross the finishing line.

### **Classification**

**5.1.051** Any rider lapped before the last lap shall leave the race.

The rider who is lapped during the final lap of the race shall be stopped at the beginning of the finishing straight line and shall be classified in accordance with his placing.

*(text modified on 1.09.98).*

**5.1.052** Any rider crossing the finishing line after the winner shall be deemed to have ended the race and shall be classified according to his position.

**5.1.053** During World Championships, a classification by nation shall be drawn up on the basis of the placing of the first three riders of each team. Teams finishing with only two riders shall be classified after those ending with three. Teams finishing with only one rider shall not be classified.

*Classification by nation shall not carry a world champion title.*

### **Official ceremony**

**5.1.054** The official ceremony shall take place immediately after the last rider finishes and shall not exceed 10 minutes.

**5.1.055** Participants in the official ceremony shall be authorised to wear their warm ups

### **Results**

**5.1.056** (N) As soon as results of the race are known, the organiser shall immediately transmit them to the UCI and to its own National Federation by fax, together with the list of riders that started.



**5.1.057** (N) The National Federation of the organiser shall without delay communicate to the UCI any changes made to the results communicated by the organiser.

**5.1.058** Having consulted the Team Managers/riders and the organiser/race doctor, the President of the Commissaire's Panel may decide to cancel a race in the event of extreme atmospheric conditions (i.e. strong winds, heavy snowfalls, temperatures of  $-15^{\circ}$  and below).

*(text modified on 1.09.99).*

### **Chapter UCI CYCLO-CROSS CLASSIFICATION**

**5.2.001** The UCI has created a progressive individual classification of riders participating in international Cyclo-Cross races.

**5.2.002** The UCI classification is the exclusive property of the UCI.

**5.2.003** The UCI classification shall be drawn up according to points obtained by riders participating in Cyclo-Cross races on Continental and World Calendars.

**5.2.004** These races shall be divided into 7 categories depending on the number of points to be awarded:

- World Elite Championships,
- World U-23 Championships
- National Championships,
- World Cup races (one per country),
- First category races,
- Second category races,
- Third category races.

**An event will not be given a first category rating unless at least 10 foreign riders of at least 5 different nationalities started that event the preceding season.**

*(text modified on 1.09.99 and 1.09.04).*

**5.2.005** The UCI Management Committee will annually classify races in categories d (World Cup), e (First category), f (Second category) and g (Third category).

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- 5.2.006** The number of points to be earned in each race shall be set as follows:  
 (a) World Elite Championship: to the first 19 and then 20 points to each rider finishing in the same lap as the winner.

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	300	11	50
2	200	12	45
3	150	13	40
4	125	14	35
5	100	15	30
6	80	16	28
7	70	17	26
8	65	18	24
9	60	19	22

- (b) World Under-23 Championship: to the first 18 and then 5 points to each rider finishing in the same lap as the winner.

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	150	11	16
2	75	12	14
3	60	13	12
4	50	14	10
5	45	15	9
6	40	16	8
7	35	17	7
8	30	18	6
9	25		
10	20		

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- (c) National Championships elite Men and Under 23:  
a UCI nation ranking is established at the beginning of the cyclo-cross season. This ranking is for the below scale:

If Elite Men and Under 23s race in the same championship, points shall be awarded to the first 10 in each category of riders.

Elite Men:

Place	1 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 and lower
1	100	80	60	40
2	50	40	35	30
3	40	35	30	25
4	35	30	25	20
5	30	25	20	15
6	25	20	15	10
7	20	15	10	5
8	15	10	5	3
9	10	5	3	2
10	5	3	2	1

Under 23:

Place	1 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 and lower
1	50	40	30	20
2	25	20	17	15
3	20	16	15	12
4	17	14	12	10
5	15	12	10	8
6	12	10	8	5
7	10	8	5	4
8	8	5	3	3
9	5	3	2	2
10	2	2	1	1

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(d) World Cup races: to the first 18 and then 10 points to each rider finishing in the same lap as the winner.

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	200	11	25
2	150	12	19
3	100	13	18
4	70	14	17
5	60	15	16
6	50	16	15
7	45	17	14
8	40	18	13
9	35		
10	30		

(e) First category races: to the first 15 riders.

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	80	11	9
2	40	12	8
3	32	13	7
4	25	14	6
5	20	15	5
6	18		
7	16		
8	14		
9	12		
10	10		

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(f) Second category races: to the first 10 riders.

Place	Points
1	50
2	25
3	20
4	10
5	8
6	7
7	6
8	5
9	4
10	3

(g) Third category races: to the first 5 riders.

Place	Points
1	25
2	15
3	10
4	5
5	3

*(text modified on 1.08.00).*

**5.2.007** At the end of each race, the number of points earned by each rider at that same race the year before shall be deducted from his current total.

If, in a given year, a race is not held or no longer counts towards the classification, the appropriate number of points shall be deducted on the anniversary of the last time the race in question was run.

**5.2.008** Organisers, or, where appropriate, National Federations, must immediately send complete results by fax to UCI headquarters. All National Federations shall immediately inform the UCI of any facts or decisions entailing an amendment to the points obtained by a rider.

Should they fail to do this, the UCI Management Committee may downgrade the race in question to a lower category or ban it from the Continental or World Calendars, and impose the penalties provided for in the Regulations.

**5.2.009** A classification shall be established twice a month during the season. It shall determine the starting order of participants in international races from the 1st day of the following month.

*(text modified on 1.09.98).*

- 5.2.010** A classification by nation shall be published twice a month by adding the points obtained by the first 5 classified riders of each nation.

*(text modified on 1.09.98).*



**Chapter WORLD CYCLO-CROSS CUP**

- 5.3.001** The World Cyclo-Cross Cup is the exclusive property of the UCI.
- 5.3.002** The World Cup shall comprise 5 to 8 races to be held in different countries. Those races shall be designated annually by the UCI Management Committee according to procedures which are explained in the bidding procedure manual and the World Cup organisation guide.

*(text modified on 1.09.99).*

- 5.3.003** Designation as a World Cup Race shall be subject to the conclusion of a contract between the organiser and the UCI in which shall be stipulated, in particular, audio-visual broadcasting rights, marketing rights and the material organisation of the race.

- 5.3.004** No first category Cyclo-Cross race may be held on the eve or the day of a World Cup race.

**Participation**

- 5.3.005** **The Cyclo-Cross World Cup is an individual competition open to riders in the Elite and Under 23 categories. The riders are entered by the federation of the country of their nationality.**

*(text modified on 1.10.02).*

- 5.3.006** **Each federation may enter 6 riders to start of whom at least one must be an under 23 rider. If a federation does not have an under 23 rider as a starter, a maximum of 5 elite riders may ride.**

*(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.10.02).*

- 5.3.007** **Each rider must wear the clothing of its National Federation. He will have the rights specified in article 1.3.058, paragraph (b) as to the particular instructions about the presence of its sponsors on that same clothing.**

*(text modified on 1.10.02).*

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**5.3.008** The national federations shall enter the riders using the forms provided by the UCI. The completed forms must be sent by fax to the UCI and to the organiser, within the time limit indicated on the form.

*(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.10.02).*

**5.3.009** Three days before the event, the national federations shall confirm to the UCI and the organiser by fax the names of the riders (maximum 6) and the reserves (maximum 4).

*(text modified on 1.09.99; 1.10.02).*

**5.3.010** Should a rider refuse his selection for a World Cup race, he shall not participate in any Cyclo-Cross race of any category whatsoever on the eve or the day of race in question.

### **Official ceremony**

**5.3.011** The official ceremony shall take place within 5 minutes of the finish of the winner.

The leader of the general individual World Cup classification as well as the first 3 placed riders in each race shall appear on the podium for the official ceremony.

*(text modified on 1.09.98).*

**5.3.012** After the official ceremonies, the leader of the general individual World Cup classification and first 3 riders placed in the race shall put in an appearance in the Press room accompanied by the organiser.

**Classifications**

**5.3.013** Individual classification

Points shall be awarded to the first 30 riders in each race in accordance with the following scale:

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	60	16	15
2	50	17	14
3	45	18	13
4	40	19	12
5	35	20	11
6	30	21	10
7	28	22	9
8	26	23	8
9	24	24	7
10	22	25	6
11	20	26	5
12	19	27	4
13	18	28	3
14	17	29	2
15	16	30	1

**For the final event, the number of points to be awarded shall be double that shown above.**

In the event of a tie in the individual general classification, riders' positions shall be determined by the greatest number of first places, second places, and so on. Should the positions still be tied, the classification in the final event shall be used as a tie-breaker.

*(text modified on 1.9.99; 1.9.02).*

**5.3.014** An World Cup classification for Under 23 riders shall also be drawn up on the basis of the individual classification. For this classification a ceremony will be only be held for the final general classification at the end of the last World Cup event.

*(text modified on 1.10.02).*

**5.3.015** A general classification for the promotional women's events run as prologues to the World Cup events shall also be drawn up in accordance with points scale given in article 5.3.013.

*(text modified on 1.08.00; 1.10.02).*



**Classification by nation**

**5.3.016** A classification by nation shall be drawn up on the basis of the placings of the three first riders from each nation in the individual classification for elite and under 23 riders. The nations with two riders finishing shall be ranked after those with three. The nations with one finisher shall be ranked after the nations with two riders finishing.

*(text modified on 1.10.02).*

**5.3.017** The first ten nations in ascending order of points shall be awarded the following points:

Place	Points
1	12
2	9
3	8
4	7
5	6
6	5
7	4
8	3
9	2
10	1

**Scale of prizes**

**5.3.018** The individual classification by race and the final general individual classification will be established annually by the UCI Management Committee in the financial obligations.

*(text modified on 1.09.99).*

**5.3.019** Prizes for individual race classification shall be paid by the organiser after the race.

If this rule is not respected by the organiser, his race will not be enrolled on the World Cup the following season.

At least three months before the race, the organiser shall furnish the National Federation with a bank guarantee equal to the total amount of the prizes.

*(text modified on 1.09.98).*

**5.3.020** **[abrogated the 1.09.99].**

**5.3.021** The general individual classification prizes shall be paid by the UCI.

To be entitled to such prizes, riders shall have participated in at least 3/5 of all races.

**Trophies**

- 5.3.022** The UCI shall allocate a trophy:
- to the winner of the general individual World Cup Classification
  - to the 2nd and 3rd of the general individual World Cup Classification
  - to the winner of the World Cup Classification by nation.
  - **to the winner of the Under 23 general classification of the World Cup.**

These trophies shall bear the name and/or the logo of the sponsor of the World Cup and of the UCI.

*(text modified on 1.09.02).*

**Leader's skinsuit**

- 5.3.023** The UCI shall award the World Cup leader's skinsuit to the leader of the individual Classification. That skinsuit shall bear the name and/or logo of the World Cup sponsor. The wearing of that skinsuit in World Cup races shall be mandatory.

*(text modified on 1.09.98).*

- 5.3.024** The following advertising shall be authorised on the World Cup leader's skinsuit:
- sides of the shorts: a lateral strip 9 cm wide reserved for the rider's sponsor.
  - on the jersey: a rectangle of height 20 cm on the front and rear of the jersey reserved for the rider's sponsor.

*(text modified on 1.09.98).*