

# PART 2 ROAD RACES

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## PART 2 ROAD RACES

### Chapter I CALENDAR AND PARTICIPATION

#### International calendar

- 2.1.001** Road races are registered on the international calendar in accordance with their classification as per article 2.1.005.

UCI WorldTour events are entered on the UCI WorldTour calendar by the Professional Cycling Council.

The UCI Management Committee of the UCI enters the other events of the international calendar in one or another class in accordance with the criteria which it shall draw up.

As a general rule, the international calendar shall start on the day following the conclusion of the previous year's final UCI World Championships event or WorldTour event and end upon conclusion of the final UCI WorldTour or World Championships event of the year in question.

The dates of the international calendar shall be set annually by the UCI Management Committee, which will take into account the above as well as specificities regarding the events registered on the calendar.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.17).*

- 2.1.002** A continental circuit is composed of all elite (ME) and all under 23 (MU) men's road races of the continental calendar of each continent. These circuits are respectively known as Africa Tour, America Tour, Asia Tour, Europe Tour and Oceania Tour.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.06; 1.08.13; 1.01.15; 1.03.16; 1.01.17).*

- 2.1.003** In order to be registered on the international calendar, a race must guarantee the participation of at least 10 teams, among which 5 foreign teams. A mixed team is regarded as a foreign team if the majority of its riders are of foreign nationality.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03; 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.01.17).*

- 2.1.004** A mixed team is composed exclusively of riders belonging to different teams eligible for participation according to article 2.1.005, but whose team is not contracted in the race. Riders shall wear an identical jersey which may bear advertising for their usual sponsor. It may not in any circumstances be a national jersey.

*(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.05; 28.04.05; 1.01.07).*

2.1.005 International races and participation

| International Calendar   | Category of event | Class                | Participation  |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|--|
| Olympic games  | ME<br>WE          | JO                   | - As per part XI   |
| World championships  | ME<br>WE          | CM                   | - National teams, in accordance with the world championships (see part IX)   |
| Continental championships  | MU<br>MJ          | CO                   | - National teams, in accordance with the continental championships (see part X)  |
| Continental games  | WJ                | JC                   | - National teams, in accordance with the specific regulations of the event   |
| Regional games   |                   | JR                   | - National teams, in accordance with the regional games (see part X)   |
| UCI WorldTour  | ME                | UWT                  | - UCI WorldTeams (see Art. 2.15.127)<br>- Invited UCI professional continental teams<br>- National team of the organising country in events determined by the PCC  |
| UCI Europe Tour  | ME<br>MU          | 1.HC<br>2.HC         | - UCI WorldTeams (max 70%)<br>- UCI professional continental teams<br>- UCI continental teams of the country<br>- UCI foreign UCI continental teams (max. 2)<br>- National teams of the country of the organiser |
|  |                   | 1.1<br>2.1           | - UCI WorldTeams (max 50%)<br>- UCI professional continental teams<br>- UCI continental teams<br>- national teams  |
|  |                   | 1.2<br>2.2           | - UCI professional continental teams of the country<br>- UCI foreign UCI professional continental teams (max. 2)<br>- UCI continental teams<br>- National teams<br>- Regional and club teams                     |
|  |                   |                      |  |
|  | MU                | Ncup 1.2<br>Ncup 2.2 | - National teams<br>- Mixed teams  |
| UCI America Tour<br>UCI Asia Tour<br>UCI Oceania Tour<br>UCI Africa Tour | ME                | 1.HC<br>2.HC         | - UCI WorldTeams (max 65%)<br>- UCI professional continental teams<br>- UCI continental teams<br>- National teams  |
|  |                   | 1.1<br>2.1           | - UCI WorldTeams (max 50%)<br>- UCI professional continental teams<br>- UCI continental teams<br>- National teams  |
|  |                   | 1.2<br>2.2           | - UCI professional continental teams<br>- UCI continental teams<br>- National teams<br>- Regional and club teams<br>- African mixed teams <sup>(1)</sup>   |
|  |                   |                      |  |
|  | MU                | 1.2<br>2.2           | - UCI professional continental teams of the country<br>- UCI continental teams   |

|              |    |                      |   |
|--------------|----|----------------------|---|
|              |    |                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National teams</li> <li>- Regional and club teams</li> <li>- Mixed teams</li> </ul>  |
|              |    | Ncup 1.2<br>Ncup 2.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National teams</li> <li>- Mixed teams</li> </ul>   |
| Women Elite  | WE | WWT                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UCI women's teams</li> <li>- National team <b>from the country of the organiser</b></li> <li>- <b>Foreign national team (max 1)</b></li> </ul> |
|              |    | 1.1<br>2.1           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UCI women's teams</li> <li>- National teams <sup>(2)</sup></li> <li>- Regional and club teams <sup>(2)</sup></li> </ul>                        |
|              |    | 1.2<br>2.2           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UCI women's teams</li> <li>- National teams <sup>(2)</sup></li> <li>- Regional and club teams <sup>(2)</sup></li> <li>- Mixed teams</li> </ul> |
| Men Junior   | MJ | 1.Ncup<br>2.Ncup     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National teams</li> <li>- Mixed teams</li> </ul>   |
|              |    | 1.1<br>2.1           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National teams</li> <li>- Regional and club teams</li> <li>- Mixed teams</li> </ul>  |
| Women Junior | WJ | 1.Ncup<br>2.Ncup     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National teams</li> <li>- Regional and club teams</li> <li>- Mixed teams</li> </ul>  |
|              |    | 1.1<br>2.1           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National teams</li> <li>- Regional and club teams</li> <li>- Mixed teams WJ 1</li> </ul>   |

<sup>(1)</sup> only for UCI Africa Tour.

<sup>(2)</sup> Women of the second year of junior may be included in these teams, provided they have authorization from the National Federation that issued their license.

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

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

**2.1.006** MU riders can participate in races classed as ME. **WU riders can participate in races classed WE.**

MU Races are reserved exclusively for riders of the MU category.

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

**2.1.007** Unless prior authorization has been obtained from the UCI Management Committee, organisers may not set other age limits than the ones corresponding to the junior, under 23 and elite categories.

(article introduced on 1.01.05).

**2.1.007 bis Provisions for ME and MU class2 events of the Europe Tour as well as ME and MU class 1 and class 2 events of the America Tour, Asia Tour, Africa Tour and Oceania Tour**

For events taking place between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 15<sup>th</sup> March, the organiser must invite:

- the first 3 UCI continental teams in the rolling classification by team for the relevant continental circuit of the event, on the last day of the previous season (in the sense of Article 2.1.001). **For the application of this provision, only teams from the relevant continental circuit of which the event is part and, amongst these, only the best team of each nation is considered.**

For events taking place between 16<sup>th</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> December, the organiser must invite:

- the 3 first UCI continental teams in the rolling classification by team for the relevant continental circuit, on the second **Sunday** of January (based on new team rosters). **For the application of this provision, only teams from the relevant continental circuit of which the event is part and, amongst these, only the best team of each nation is considered.**

For stage races, the date to be taken into account is the first racing day.

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

*(text modified on 1.01.06; 1.01.07; 1.10.10; 1.02.11; 1.07.11; 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 1.01.17 ; **25.10.17**).*

**National calendars**

**2.1.008** The management of the national calendar, its structure, the classification of national races and the participation rules are the responsibility of the respective National Federations, subject to the provisions below.

*(article introduced on 1.01.05).*

**2.1.009** Only the **following** teams **and riders** may participate in national events:

**Provisions for events in Europe**

- UCI professional continental teams of the country with no more than 10 events of the ME category registered on the international calendar with the approval of their National Federation;
- UCI continental teams of the country;
- regional and club teams;
- national teams;
- mixed teams.

**Provisions for events outside of Europe**

- UCI professional continental teams of the country with the approval of their National Federation;
- UCI continental teams of the country;
- regional and club teams;
- national teams;
- mixed teams.

Only national teams may include riders from a **team registered with the UCI**.

*(article introduced on 1.01.05; modified on 1.08.13; 1.01.15; **25.10.17**).*

**2.1.010** A national event may accept a maximum of 3 foreign teams.

*(article introduced on 1.01.05).*

**2.1.011** National Federations may conclude agreements for the participation of foreign riders residing in border zones; such riders shall not be considered foreign riders. These agreements must be presented to the commissaires' panel presiding over the race.

*(article introduced on 1.01.05).*

## Chapter II GENERAL PROVISIONS

(numbering of the articles modified on 1.01.05).

### § 1 Participation

- 2.2.001** Riders belonging to a team registered with the UCI with the same paying agent or main partner may not compete in the same race except in the case of an individual event. Furthermore, no more than one national team of each nationality may compete in an event.

In addition, the participation of both a UCI WorldTeam and the UCI registered development team supported by this same UCI WorldTeam is prohibited.

Likewise, the participation of both a UCI professional continental team and the UCI registered development team supported by this same UCI professional continental team is prohibited.

National Federations shall declare to the UCI their affiliated club teams that have the same paying agent / team representative or main partner than a team registered with the UCI.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.07.10; 1.10.11; 1.01.13; 1.01.15; 25.10.17).

- 2.2.002** The number of riders starting a road race shall be limited according to the following table:

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

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

| Category   | Class | Minimum |
|--|-------|---------|
| UCI Europe Tour  | 1.HC  | 150     |
|  | 2.HC  | 120     |
| UCI America Tour<br>UCI Asia Tour<br>UCI Oceania Tour<br>UCI Africa Tour | 1.HC  | 120     |
|  | 2.HC  |         |
|  |       |         |
|  |       |         |



|              |   |            |
|--------------|---|------------|
| Other events | - | No minimum |
|--------------|---|------------|

(text modified on 1.01.18)

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

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

#### **Special provisions for UCI WorldTour**

In UCI WorldTour events, the number of starting riders per team is 8 for Grand Tours and 7 for other events.

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

#### **Special provisions for UCI Women's WorldTour**

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

For stage races, the organiser can set the number of starting riders per team to 6 or 7.

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

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

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

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

- 2.2.004** (N) Teams may enter substitutes for the titular riders provided that the number of substitutes does not exceed one-half of the number of titular riders. For class 2 events, only entered substitutes may replace the titular riders.

For other events, a maximum of 2 riders may replace the titular riders and regardless of whether they were entered as substitutes or not.

(text modified on 1.01.16).

- 2.2.005** (N) Teams must confirm in writing to the organiser the names of titular riders and two substitutes no later than 72 hours before the start of the race. Only the riders mentioned in that confirmation will be permitted to take the start.

In the context of Grand Tours and for medical reasons only, a maximum of two riders may be substituted, subject to the common agreement of the president of the commissaires' panel, the organiser of the Grand Tour and the UCI official doctor and the prior remittance of a medical certificate at [medical@uci.ch](mailto:medical@uci.ch). In order to benefit from this provision, teams must declare two substitute riders to the commissaires at the riders' confirmation.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.05.17).*

- 2.2.006** Should the number of riders entered in a team race exceed the number of participants admitted to that race, the number of participants per team shall be reduced to a number that will be equal for all teams. In other races, priority shall be given according to the order in which entry forms were received by the organiser. The organiser shall, as quickly as possible, announce any reduction to all entered teams or to the riders that were not selected.

- 2.2.007** If, three days before the race, the number of riders entered is less than 100, the organiser may authorise entered teams to increase the number of riders per team to a maximum of 8.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.16).*

- 2.2.008** Riders belonging to a UCI WorldTour team or to a UCI professional continental team may not take part in cycling for all events unless an exemption is granted by the Professional Cycling Council.  
However, without obtaining an exemption, they may participate once a year in a cycling for all event bearing their name.

Riders belonging to a UCI continental team can take part a maximum of 3 times a year in a cycling for all event.

The number of participants belonging to a team registered with the UCI being limited to three, every rider must, however, check with the organiser that this number is not exceeded.

*(article introduced on 1.01.05).*

#### **Participation allowance**

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

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

3. UCI Women's WorldTour races: the organiser of a race must pay either a participation allowance for which the minimum amount is determined by the UCI Management Committee **and published in the financial obligation document** or the full cost of accommodation and food for the team for two days.

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Exclusion from races**

- 2.2.010 bis** Without prejudice to the disciplinary penalties provided for by the regulation, a licence holder or a team may be excluded from a race if he/it seriously blemishes the image of cycling or of the race. This exclusion can occur before or during the race.

The exclusion shall be imposed by joint decision of the president of the commissaires panel and the organiser.

In case of disagreement between the president of the commissaires panel and the organiser, the decision shall be taken by the president of the Professional Cycling Council in the case of a UCI WorldTour event, and by the president of the road commission in other cases, or by the deputies they shall have designated.

The licence holder or the team must be heard.

If the decision is taken by the president of the Professional Cycling Council or by the president of the road commission, he may decide solely on the basis of the report from the president of the commissaires panel.

Unless otherwise provided in this regulation, the results and the bonuses and prizes obtained before the facts on which the exclusion is based shall not be withdrawn.

Special provisions applicable to road events:

The organiser may refuse permission to participate in – or exclude from – an event, a team or one of its members whose presence might be prejudicial to the image or reputation of the organiser or of the event.

If the UCI and/or the team and/or one of its members does not agree with the decision taken in this way by the organizer, the dispute shall be placed before the Court of Arbitration for Sport which must hand down a ruling within an appropriate period. However, in the case of the Tour de France, the dispute shall be placed before the Chambre Arbitrale du Sport [Sports Arbitration Chamber] (Maison du sport français, 1 avenue Pierre de Coubertin, 75640 Paris Cedex 13).

*(text introduced on 1.01.03; modified on 1.01.05; 25.09.07; 1.01.09).*

## **§ 2 Organisation**

### **Race programme - technical guide**

**2.2.011** (N) The organiser shall prepare a programme - technical guide for his race each time it is held.

**2.2.012** (N) The programme - technical guide shall cover all details of organisation, and at minimum:

- the specific regulations for the event which, depending on the type of race, shall include the following:
  - mention of the fact that the race will be run under UCI regulations;
  - a statement that only the UCI scale of penalties will apply;
  - where applicable, the local anti-doping legislation which will be applicable in addition to the UCI's anti-doping regulations;
  - the class of event and the UCI points scale applicable;
  - the categories of riders;
  - the number of riders per team (maximum and minimum);
  - the opening hours of the race headquarters;
  - the venue and time for the confirmation of starters and the distribution of identification numbers;
  - the venue and time of the sports directors' meeting;
  - the exact location of race headquarters, the testing station for anti-doping tests;
  - the frequency used for radio-tour;
  - secondary classifications including all the information required (points, tie-break procedures, etc.);
  - the prizes awarded for all classifications;
  - any applicable time bonuses;
  - the finishing time limits;
  - stages with summit finishes for the purposes of article 2.6.027;
  - awards ceremony procedures;
  - the procedures for applying the times recorded during team time trial stages to individual classifications;
  - the presence of the neutral support service via motorcycle, if any;
  - feeding points, if any, during time trial events or stages and the relevant procedures;
  - the criteria used to determine the starting order of a time trial event or prologue; the criteria shall determine the order of teams; each team shall determine the starting order of its riders.
- a description of the course or the stages with profile (profile if necessary), distances, feeding points and, where applicable, circuits;
- obstacles on the course (tunnels, level crossings, danger points, etc.);
- a detailed route and the schedule anticipated;
- intermediate sprints, mountain primes and special primes;
- the plan and the profile (profile if necessary) of the final three kilometres;

- exact start and finish points;
- the list of hospitals contacted by the organiser in order to receive any injured;
- the composition of the commissaires' panel;
- for UCI WorldTour events, the technical delegate's contact details;
- the name, address and telephone number of the event director and the names of the officials
- in races with time trial stages: whether the use of a specific time trial bicycle is prohibited for time trial stages.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.07; 1.01.09; 1.01.15).*

### **Results**

- 2.2.013** (N) The organiser shall provide the commissaires with the equipment necessary for the electronic transmission to the UCI and to the National Federation of the results of the race or the stage together with the list of riders having taken the start.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

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

### **Security**

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

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

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

### **Inflatable structures**

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

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

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

*(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.18).*

**2.2.016** The organiser shall have an inspection vehicle lead the race to point out any possible obstacles.

**2.2.017** (N) A zone of at least 300 metres before and 100 metres after the finishing line shall be protected by barriers. It shall be accessible exclusively to representatives of the organiser, riders, paramedical assistants, sports directors and accredited press personnel.

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

**Medical care**

**2.2.019** Medical care during the race shall be administered exclusively by the doctor(s) designated by the organiser of the race from the moment the riders enter the checking area at the start until they leave that at the finish.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

**2.2.020** Should any major treatment be necessary on mountain passes or hill-climbs, the doctor shall stop to administer that treatment. The doctor shall be responsible for his car and its occupants and will tolerate no assistance whatsoever being rendered that might help a rider receiving treatment to remain in or return to the bunch (by towing him or allowing him to ride in the wake of the vehicle, etc.).

**Radio-tour**

**2.2.021** (N) The organiser shall provide a «radio-tour» information service from the car of the president of the commissaires' panel. He shall require all vehicles to be equipped with a receiver so that they can continually pick up «radio-tour».

*(text modified on 1.01.06).*

**Finish**

**2.2.022** The organiser must provide space for 3 vehicles per team in the arrival section, in order for teams to meet riders at arrival.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

**Equipment and working environment for commissaires**

**Measuring jig for time-trial bicycles**

**2.2.022 bis** Organisers of events that include a time trial must make a measuring jig for time-trial bicycles at disposal of the commissaires' panel. The jig must comply with the Protocol for the Construction available on the UCI website.

The organiser is solely liable for the compliance of the jig with UCI specifications.

The jig is given to the president of the commissaires' panel who verifies its compliance with UCI specifications.

**Support-commissaire**

When a support-commissaire is appointed to an event, the organiser must ensure that the commissaire will have a position in a location within the finishing area. This location will be equipped with TV screens that display the live footage (including TV motorbikes, TV helicopters and fixed cameras. This position must be private and ensure the privacy that the mission of the support-commissaire requires.

The organiser must also ensure that a technician will be available to assist the commissaire with operating the video equipment as necessary (rewind, slow motion, zoom in or isolate still images).

*(text modified on 1.01.05; in force on 01.01.11; text modified on 1.03.18).*

### **§ 3 Race procedure**

#### **Gear ratios**

**2.2.023** During men junior and women junior events, the maximum gear ratio authorised is that which gives a distance covered per pedal revolution of 7.93 metres.

*(text modified on 1.01.00; 3.06.16).*

#### **In-race communications**

**2.2.024**

1. The use of radio links or other remote means of communication by or with the riders, as well as the possession of any equipment that can be used in this manner, during an event is prohibited except in the following cases:
  - A. Men Elite: UCI WorldTour events, class HC and class 1 events;
  - B. Women Elite: UCI Women's WorldTour and class 1 events;
  - C. time trial events.

In the cases above, a secure communications and information system (the «earpiece») is authorised and may be used for safety reasons and to assist riders under the following conditions:

- the power of the transceiver may not exceed 5 watts;
- the range of the system shall be limited to the space occupied by the race;
- its use is limited to exchanges between riders and the sports director and between riders of a same team.

The use of such a system is subject to any relevant legal provisions and to thoughtful and reasonable use with respect for ethics and the rider's freedom of decision.

2. Any rider breaching this article shall be sanctioned by being prohibited from starting, removed from the race or disqualified, as appropriate, and subject to a fine of CHF 100 to 10,000.

Any team breaching this article shall be sanctioned by a fine of CHF 100 to 10,000 and the sports director and all team vehicles will be prohibited from starting or removed from the race.

An infringement committed by a rider leads to the irrefutable presumption of an infringement committed by the rider's team.

The sanctions imposed on a rider and the sanctions imposed on his or her team are cumulative.

An infringement is committed as soon as a rider or team appears at an event in possession of the equipment prohibited by this Article. If the prohibited equipment is removed before the start of the event, the rider or team may start and only the fine will apply. If a further infringement is committed during the same event, the result will be

removal from the race or disqualification and a further fine of up to CHF 20,000 for a rider and CHF 200,000 for a team.

Articles 1.2.130 and 1.2.131 still apply.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.01.10; 1.10.10; 1.02.11; 1.01.13; 1.01.16; 3.06.16; 1.07.18).*

### **Conduct of riders**

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

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

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

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

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

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.01.18).*

### **Riders' identification**

**2.2.026** Riders shall carry two body numbers, save in time trials, where they shall bear just one.

Save in time trials, riders shall affix a frame number, being identical to the body number, to a visible point on the front (or where this is not possible, to some other part) of their bicycle frame.

*(text modified on 1.01.17)*



- 2.2.027** Teams are allowed to add the name of the rider on the jersey outside of the areas reserved for the team's principal partners.

*(text modified on 1.01.17)*

#### **Commissaires' panel**

- 2.2.028** The composition of the commissaires' panel is given in article 1.2.116.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

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

*(article introduced on 1.01.18).*

#### **Race incidents**

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

- to modify the course;
- to temporarily neutralise the race or stage;
- to **stop a race or** a stage and restart the **race or** stage;
- to **cancel a race or a stage**

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

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

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

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.01.18)*

- 2.2.029 bis** The Extreme Weather Protocol shall be applied in UCI WorldTour and HC events whenever extreme weather conditions, as per the Protocol, are forecast. All other road cycling events are equally recommended to refer to the procedures set out in the Extreme Weather Protocol when appropriate.

*(article introduced on 1.01.16)*

#### **Drop-out**

- 2.2.030** A rider dropping out of the race shall immediately remove his body number and hand it in to a commissaire or to the broom wagon. He may not cross the finish line.

Unless he is injured or feels seriously sick, he must travel in the broom wagon.

## **Vehicles**

- 2.2.031** Any vehicle having access to the race course shall bear a distinctive sign.
- 2.2.032** Except in time trials, all the vehicles accompanying the race are restricted to a maximum height of 1.66 m (not including roof bars).

*(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.10.13; 3.06.16).*

- 2.2.032 bis** Windows on all cars in the race caravan must not be marked as to obstruct the view through the vehicle or be significantly obstructed with decals.

*(article introduced on 1.10.13). → Into force on 1.01.15  
(text modified on 1.01.16)*

- 2.2.033** Vehicles shall travel on the side of the road required by the domestic legislation of the host country.

- 2.2.034** The organiser shall provide each international commissaire with a car having an opening roof and fitted with a radio transmitter-receiver.

- 2.2.034 bis** (N) The organiser shall organise a briefing which persons following the race on a motorcycle, a representative of the television broadcaster, a representative of the police, and the commissaires' panel shall attend.

At UCI WorldTour races the briefing shall be held, in the presence of the technical delegate, the day before the race after the sports directors' meeting, or on the morning of the race.

*(text modified on 1.01.06; 1.01.07; 1.01.15).*

## **Followers**

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

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

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

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

- 2.2.035 bis** In UCI WorldTour events, a holder of a «licence for a vehicle driver in a road event» (section 1.8 of Art. 1.1.010) must also hold a driver's certificate delivered by the UCI in accordance with the directives established and published on this subject, in order to be allowed to drive a following vehicle in the race convoy. The holders of other licences are not subject to this requirement.

*(article introduced on 1.07.13).*

**2.2.036** Followers may not jettison anything at all on the course.

**2.2.037** Riders may not be sprayed from a vehicle.

**§ 4 Circulation during the race**

*(numbering of the paragraph modified on 4.05.16)*

**Drivers**

**2.2.038** Drivers (of both cars and motor cycles) must respect the relevant provisions of the Highway Code applicable in the country in which the event is being run and in particular they shall:

- ensure that their vehicle is in good condition and roadworthy;
- ensure that they are fit to drive and not impaired in any way, for example by fatigue or the consumption of alcohol, drugs, medication or any other substances that may influence driving skills;
- drive in a prudent manner to safeguard the safety of riders in the race, spectators and other vehicles;
- withhold from undertaking any action likely to distract their attention from the road and traffic.

Drivers must also comply with:

- instructions given to them by race commissaires, the race organiser and with any relevant rules or guidelines issued by the UCI.

Drivers must never:

- allow riders to hold onto their vehicle;
- pass a barrage without prior permission from a commissaire.

*(text modified on 4.05.16).*

**2.2.039** Any infringements of the provisions of article 2.2.038 may lead to immediate exclusion from the race, at the discretion of the Commissaires' Panel.

A refusal to leave the race may be penalised by the Disciplinary Commission.

Whether the infringement was penalised by the Commissaires' Panel or not, the UCI may refer the case to the Disciplinary Commission, which may impose a suspension of up to one year as well as a fine of CHF 200 to 10'000.

*(text modified on 4.05.16).*

**2.2.040** Should the exclusion occur during a UCI WorldTour event, the driver shall not be allowed to take part in the next UCI WorldTour event. Should the exclusion occur during a stage race, the driver shall be excluded for one or more of the following stages.

*(text modified on 1.01.05 ; 4.05.16).*

**Passengers**

- 2.2.041** All passengers of vehicles shall equally ensure that they act in a prudent manner to safeguard the safety of riders in the race, spectators and other vehicles.

*(text modified on 4.05.16).*

- 2.2.042** Any infringements of article 2.2.041 may be referred by the UCI to the Disciplinary Commission, which may impose a suspension of up to one year as well as a fine of CHF 200 to 10'000.

*(text modified on 4.05.16).*

- 2.2.043** All licence-holders shall be liable for their own actions with regard to article 2.2.041.

In the event the passenger of a team car is not a licence-holder, the sports director shall be liable for any infringement of article 2.2.041.

In the event the passenger of any other vehicle is not a licence-holder, the driver shall be liable for infringements of article 2.2.041.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.13; 4.05.16).*

**§ 5 Press specifications (N)**

*(numbering of the paragraph modified on 4.05.16)*

**Definition**

- 2.2.044** These specifications shall concern any representative of the written, audio or visual press and press photographers, exercising their functions from a motor car or motor-cycle.

**Accreditation**

- 2.2.045** The organiser of the event shall send all press institutions an accreditation request form according to the model in article 2.2.085.

- 2.2.046** Persons regularly accredited by their press institutions shall hold a card recognised by one of the following associations:

- a national press association;
- the International Sporting Press Association;
- the International Association of Cycling Journalists.

- 2.2.047** Anyone not previously accredited may not obtain accreditation until agreement has been reached on the matter between the organiser and the designated IACJ delegate whose name shall have been communicated to the organiser.

- 2.2.048** The organiser shall provide each person accredited with a green badge bearing the name of the event and the dates thereof.

**Information prior to the race**

- 2.2.049** The organisers shall, during the days preceding the event, provide the various press institutions with a maximum of information regarding their event: itinerary, list of riders participating, starting procedures, etc. They shall, in particular, provide all accredited persons with the lists of the riders entered for the event (at race headquarters by fax and/or email) and shall do so no later than Friday at noon for an event run over the week-end or no later than noon on the day preceding a race run during the week.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

**Information during the race**

- 2.2.050** Accredited persons shall, in the place to which they have been assigned by the race administration, be given information and instructions on the progress of the race.
- 2.2.051** Should the race administration, for the sake of safety, have directed the press vehicles onto a parallel road or several kilometres ahead of the race, accredited persons shall be kept permanently informed of the progress of the race.
- 2.2.052** Information shall be conveyed in French or English and the language of the country in which the event is taking place.

**Press motorcade**

- 2.2.053** Each press institution may not, without first having obtained the agreement of the organiser, have more than one car and one motor-cycle keeping up with the race.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

- 2.2.054** Such vehicles shall bear an accreditation plate front and rear which will permit them to circulate at race level.  
All vehicles shall be equipped with a radio receiver so that they may permanently receive reports from radio-tour.
- 2.2.055** Should the nature of the terrain and considerations of safety be such as to make it necessary to limit the number of vehicles, the organiser may not impose any such limitation until having obtained the agreement of the UCI and the IACJ office.
- 2.2.056** The organisers shall demand that press vehicles be driven by experienced drivers, familiar with cycle races and knowing how to manoeuvre. **It is of the organiser's responsibility to make sure that** these drivers hold the licence of a vehicle driver for a road event.

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

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

*(text modified on 1.01.13 ; 4.05.16; 1.01.18).*

**Press Cars**

- 2.2.057** The press motorcade, situated ahead of the field, may not include any advertising or team vehicles.
- 2.2.058** Within the press motorcade, press vehicles shall have priority over the vehicles of any guests that may be there on the invitation of the organiser.
- 2.2.059** Photographing and filming from a moving press car shall be prohibited.
- 2.2.060** Press vehicles may not form a double file except in order to move away more rapidly after having received permission to do so or at the request of the president of the commissaires panel.

*(text modified on 4.05.16).*

**Photographers' motor-cycles**

- 2.2.061** Ahead of the race, motor-cyclists shall keep ahead of the leading commissaires' car thus forming a mobile «screen».
- 2.2.062** To take photos, they shall, in turn, move slowly up to the front of the race; the photographer shall then take his photo and the motor-cyclist shall immediately move back into the "screen".
- 2.2.063** No motor-cycle may remain between the head of the field and the leading commissaires' car.  
  
In exceptional cases, where the motor-cycle may inadvertently be too close to the riders, it shall let the riders overtake it. It shall not return to its position until authorised so to do by a commissaire.
- 2.2.064** To the rear of the race, motor-cyclists shall ride in single-file behind the car of the president of the commissaires panel and shall make way for vehicles that have to attend the bunch or wish to overtake the riders.
- 2.2.065** In the mountains and on climbs, motor-cyclists shall take care not to hinder the riders or the official cars and, in principle, photographers shall be stationary when taking their photos.
- 2.2.066** At the finish, photographers wearing a distinguishing garment (a cape) shall line up on either side of the road, as shown in the plan in article 2.2.086.

**Radio and TV reporters' motor-cycles**

- 2.2.067** At the front of the race, these motor-cycles shall keep ahead of the photographers' "screen" and shall never position themselves between the commissaires' car and the riders.  
They may not move in between two groups of riders unless authorised to do so by the commissaire.
- 2.2.068** At the rear, they shall keep level with the sports directors' cars in single-file and shall make way for vehicles that have to attend the bunch or wish to overtake the riders.
- 2.2.069** Riders may not be interviewed as they race. Sports directors may be interviewed except during the last 10 kilometres and provided that the interview is conducted from a motor-

cycle. A fine of CHF 200 will be imposed on a team whose sports director grants an interview in the last 10 kilometres.

*(text modified on 1.01.03).*

**Cameramen's motorcycles**

- 2.2.070** 5 motor-cycle mounted cameras and 2 motor-cycle mounted sound recorder shall be permitted. These motor-cycles shall manoeuvre in such a way as neither to help nor hinder the progress of the riders.

*(text modified on 1.01.98; 1.01.16).*

- 2.2.071** Motor-cyclists shall make way for vehicles that have to attend the bunch or wish to overtake the riders.

- 2.2.072** Cameramen shall film in profile or 3/4 rear view. They may not film as they overtake the bunch unless the road is wide enough.

In the mountains and on climbs, filming shall be carried out from behind.

- 2.2.073** Motor-cycles may not manoeuvre in the proximity of riders when their passengers are not filming or recording.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

- 2.2.074** Filming from a motor-cycle shall be forbidden in the last 500 metres.

**Finish**

- 2.2.075** The organisers shall provide a sufficiently large area beyond the finishing line to permit accredited persons to work correctly. That area shall be accessible solely to the persons responsible for organisation, riders, paramedical assistants, sports directors and accredited press personnel. The organisers shall undertake to keep the officials responsible for order informed of these arrangements.

*(text modified on 1.01.00).*

**Press room**

- 2.2.076** The press room shall be as close as possible to the finishing line. If it has to be some distance away, it shall be accessible along a clearly signposted road, closed to normal traffic.

- 2.2.077** The organisers shall provide a sufficiently large and well-equipped place for accredited press personnel to work (with tables, chairs, electric outlets and telephone points, etc.).

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

- 2.2.078** The press room shall be accessible exclusively to accredited press personnel and members of the organisational team.

- 2.2.079** The press room shall be open at least two (2) hours before the finish (for UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour events, no later than one (1) hour after the start) and be equipped with TV sets. It may not be closed until all press personnel have finished their work.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

**Telecommunications**

- 2.2.080** The organisers shall make available to press personnel such means of transmission as they require (telephone, fax, Internet). The press shall make their requirements known on the accreditation request form.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

**Press conference**

- 2.2.081** The first three riders placed shall attend a press conference, accompanied by the organisers, either in the press room or in a designated place reserved for press personnel if the press room is too far away.

- 2.2.082** After the official ceremony of UCI Women's WorldTour events, the leader of the individual general classification and the winner of the event shall go to the press room for a maximum of 20 minutes accompanied by an escort acting under the authority of the doping control officer who shall then accompany them to the anti-doping test room.

The organisers of elite men's UCI WorldTour events and events on the continental calendars may also apply this arrangement to their events, provided it is included in the specific regulations for the event.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.09; 1.10.13).*

**List of starters and results**

- 2.2.083** The list of starters and complete results, set out according to the UCI model shown in articles 2.2.087 and 2.2.088, shall be made available to the press as soon as possible.

*(text modified on 1.01.98).*

**Accreditation application for press**

- 2.2.084** Accreditation requests shall be filled out as shown in the model in article 2.2.085.



## **2.2.085 Accreditation application for press**

Firm – Publication– Agency :

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Special representatives:

Surname and first name

Position

Press card No.  
(attach photocopy)

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Car - Make

Registration No.

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Driver(s)

Licence number

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Motorcycle – Make

Registration No.

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Driver(s)

Licence No

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Press room:

No. of places required:

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Transmission media required:

- Telephone

yes/no

- Fax

yes/no

- Internet access point

yes/no

Firm – Publication – Agency seal:

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Date + signature:

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Information regarding our event is to be sent to the following address:

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Deadline:

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Questionnaire to be returned no later than:

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*(text modified on 1.01.05; 4.05.16).*

## **Positioning of press photographers**

### **2.2.086**

The space for photographers behind the finish line shall not extend for more than 40% of the width of the road. The photographers must be positioned at a distance from the line of at least 15 meters and beyond. This distance will be fixed by the organiser with the president of the commissaires panel and a representative of the photographers, on the basis of the characteristics of the event.

*(text modified on 1.01.07).*

**2.2.087 Sample start list**  
Communiqué No...

**Name of event - Date**  
**Start list**

Organiser:

| Number           | Surname, First name    | UCI ID         |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| VCM              | VELO CLUB MEDITERRANÉE | FRA            |
| 1                | GRANDGIRARD Stéphane   | 100 008 415 57 |
| 2                | DUPONT Laurent         | 100 191 497 03 |
| 3                | DURANT Claude          | 100 283 114 52 |
| 4                | MAURAS Edouard         | 100 541 820 59 |
| 5                | PONS Fabrice           | 100 694 242 94 |
| 6                | FAZAN Jonathan         | 100 023 382 86 |
| Sports Director: | ROSSONE Jean           | 100 525 577 15 |
| CAP              | CLUB AZZURE PIEMONTE   | ITA            |
| 11               | BRINES Pablo           | 100 780 196 09 |
| 12               | POGGI Alessandro       | 100 648 886 37 |
| 13               | RICCI Filippo          | 100 619 281 17 |
| 14               | PIZZO Dario            | 100 034 052 86 |
| 15               | LEROY Christian        | 100 061 405 85 |
| 16               | GUSTOVAS Ignas         | 100 456 900 14 |
| Sports Director: | CASARO Paolo           | 100 025 943 28 |
| MUN              | MUNCHEN TEAM           | GER            |
| 21               | SCHNIDER Hans          | 100 263 332 58 |
| 22               | MULLER Uwe             | 100 019 572 59 |
| 23               | KELLER Tobias          | 100 574 914 76 |
| 24               | SCHÖLL Mathias         | 100 394 057 27 |
| 25               | ESPOSITO Filippo       | 100 582 136 23 |
| 26               | BAUMANN Andreas        | 100 522 204 37 |
| Sports Director: | BECKER Karl            | 100 010 402 07 |
| HCT              | HOOGEVEEN CLUB TEAM    | NED            |
| 31               | VAN ISSUM Peter        | 100 616 422 68 |
| 32               | POELMAN Erick          | 100 765 487 44 |
| 33               | VAN GLIEST Thomas      | 100 160 979 40 |
| 34               | BERGER Jorg            | 100 514 735 37 |
| 35               | SUMIAN Christophe      | 100 694 238 90 |
| 36               | BAUMANN Andreas        | 100 244 193 28 |
| Sports Director: | KOOIMAN Joop           | 100 741 260 67 |

*(text modified on 1.01.98; 1.01.07; 1.01.08).*

**2.2.088 Sample classification**  
Communiqué No...

**Name of event**  
**Final / general / stage no ...**  
**(course)**

Date:

Organiser:

Number of km:

Average speed of the winner:

| Place | No. | UCI ID         | Surname, name        | Team code | Time/gap |
|-------|-----|----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|
| 1     | 4   | 100 741 260 67 | MAURAS Edourad       | VCM       | 4h32'05" |
| 2     | 21  | 100 694 238 90 | SCHNIDER Hans        | MUN       | at 10"   |
| 3     | 15  | 100 023 382 86 | LEROY Christian      | CAP       | at 22"   |
| 4     | 1   | 100 619 281 17 | GRANDGIRARD Stéphane | VCM       | at 26"   |
| 5     | 32  | 100 072 599 27 | POELMAN Erick        | HCT       | at 1'46" |

etc.

Number of starters:

Riders finishing out of time limits:

Riders abandoning the race:

*(text modified on 1.01.07; 1.01.08)*

**§ 6 Terms of reference for organisers**

**2.2.089** In addition to the regulations, the organisers of UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour events must also respect the provisions of the terms of reference for UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour organisers.

*(article introduced on 1.01.15; modified 1.01.17)*

**§ 7 Technical delegate**

**2.2.090** The technical delegate evaluates the conformity of the organisation of UCI WorldTour events with the regulations and the terms of reference for organisers.

The technical delegate may attend events in order to carry out this task. In this case, the organiser shall provide the technical delegate with a pass allowing free access to the event as well as an accreditation plate for the technical delegate's vehicle granting entry to reserved parking at the race start and finish as well as permission to drive on the event route.

*(article introduced on 1.01.15)*

**2.2.091** For the UCI WorldTour, the technical delegate draws up a detailed evaluation report of the event, taking into account the terms of reference for organisers, using an evaluation grid provided for this purpose by the UCI administration. The organiser receives a copy of this report.

*(article introduced on 1.01.15)*

- 2.2.092** For UCI WorldTour events, the technical delegate may also conduct a prior inspection of the event route, paying particular attention to safety issues, the danger points indicated by the organiser and arrangements relating to the terms of reference for organisers.

If such an inspection is to be conducted, the technical delegate contacts the organiser and draws up a report for the attention of the UCI administration which then takes appropriate decisions as necessary.

*(article introduced on 1.01.15)*

## **§ 8 Team managers' meeting**

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

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

The meeting must take place at the following times:

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

### **Provisions for the UCI WorldTour**

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

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

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

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

*(article introduced on 1.01.18)*

## Chapter III ONE-DAY RACES

### Method

- 2.3.001** (N) One-day races are competitions that take place on one day with only one start and only one arrival.  
One-day races are only contested by teams and - when authorised by the present regulations – by mixed teams.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.09).*

### Distances

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

| International Calendar  | Category                         | Class                     | Distance   |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Olympic games and world championships   | ME<br>WE<br>MU<br>MJ<br>WJ       |                           | From 250 to 280 km<br>From 130 to 160 km<br>From 160 to 180 km<br>From 120 to 140 km<br>From 60 to 80 km |
| Continental championships, continental games, regional games and national championships | ME<br>MU<br>WE<br>WU<br>MJ<br>WJ |                           | Maximum 240 km<br>Maximum 180 km<br>Maximum 140 km<br>Maximum 120 km<br>Maximum 140 km<br>Maximum 80 km  |
| UCI WorldTour   | ME                               | UWT                       | Distance determined by the Professional Cycling Council  |
| UCI Continental Circuits  | ME<br>ME<br>ME<br>MU             | 1.HC<br>1.1<br>1.2<br>1.2 | Maximum 200 km*<br>Maximum 200 km*<br>Maximum 200 km<br>Maximum 180 km                                   |
| Women Elite   | WE<br>WE<br>WE<br>WE             | WWT<br>HC<br>1.1<br>1.2   | Maximum 160 km<br>Maximum 140 km<br>Maximum 140 km<br>Maximum 140 km                                     |
| Men Junior  | MJ<br>MJ                         | 1. Ncup<br>1.1            | Maximum 140 km<br>Maximum 140 km   |
| Women Junior  | WJ<br>WJ                         | 1.Ncup<br>1.1             | Maximum 80 km<br>Maximum 80 km   |

\* Except prior permission of the UCI Management Committee.

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

- 2.3.003** For international events outside Europe, exemptions may be granted by the UCI Management Committee or, for UCI WorldTour events, by the Professional Cycling Council.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

### Course

- 2.3.004** The organiser shall place permanent panels indicating: kilometre zero (the real start), the fiftieth kilometre and then the last 25, 20, 10, 5, 4, 3 and 2 km points. In races ending

on a circuit, only the last 3, 2 and 1 km points and the laps remaining to be covered are to be displayed.

The organiser shall also indicate the following distances from the finishing line: 500 m, 300 m, 200 m, 150 m, 100 m and 50 m.

*(text modified on 1.01.06).*

**2.3.005** The last kilometre shall be marked by a red triangle. Apart from the finish banner, no banner may be put up after the red triangle.

**2.3.006** The organiser shall, before the finish line, provide a detour which all vehicles (including motorbikes) must follow other than those of the event management, the commissaires **and** the official doctor.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.18).*

**2.3.007** If the race is run on a circuit, it shall be at least 10 km long.

On circuits between 10 and 12 km, per team only one vehicle with an official sportive function is permitted to follow the race.

The race organiser may request that the UCI make exemptions to this provision. He must send such a request to the UCI via his National Federation, to be received not less than 90 days before the start of the race. This request shall include a detailed description of the course and a supporting statement giving reasons for the exemption requested.

*(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.10.10).*

**2.3.008** One part of an event may take place on a circuit under the following conditions:

- The length of the circuit shall be at least 3 km;
- The maximum number of laps on the circuit shall be:
  - 3 for circuits of between 3 and 5 km;
  - 5 for circuits of between 5 and 8 km;
  - 8 for circuits of between 8 and 10 km.

The commissaires shall take all measures indicated to ensure the race be properly run, particularly in the case of a change in the race situation after entry to the circuit.

*(text modified on 1.10.10).*

#### **Start of the race**

**2.3.009** Riders and their sports directors shall assemble at the place where the starting sheet is to be signed.

They shall be present and ready at least fifteen minutes before the time of the start from the assembly point.

The signing of the starting sheet will terminate ten minutes before the time for leaving the assembly point.

Riders shall be required to sign on the starting sheet, otherwise be eliminated or disqualified from the race. However, in case of the occasion of particular circumstances, the commissaires panel might allow the riders in question to start.

The organiser of a UCI WorldTour or UCI Women's WorldTour event can set the team order for team presentation and to sign the starting sheet for one day events and for the first stage of stage race events. If the team order is not respected, the rider and the team manager will be penalised in accordance with article 12.1.040.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.10.10; 1.10.11; 1.01.15).*

**2.3.010** The real start will be given - flying or standing - at a point no more than 10 km from the assembly point.

**2.3.011** *At world championships and olympic games, identification numbers shall be distributed on the day before the road race or two days before. The numbering of the start list will be as follows:*

*Men Elite:*

1. *the nation which won the world champion title at the previous world championships and the olympic champion title at the previous olympic games;*
2. *the other nations in the order of the last published men's UCI world ranking by nation;*
3. *the start order of nations which are not ranked in the men's UCI world ranking shall be determined by drawing lots.*

*Women Elite:*

1. *the nation which won the world champion title at the previous world championships and the olympic champion title at the previous olympic games;*
2. *the other nations in the order of the last published women's UCI world ranking by nation;*
3. *the start order of nations which are not ranked in the women's UCI world ranking shall be determined by drawing lots.*

*Men Under 23:*

1. *for the world championships only, the nation which won the previous world champion title;*
2. *the nations ranked according to the latest standings of the Under 23 nations' cup ;*
3. *the start order of nations which are not ranked in the Under 23 nations' cup shall be determined by drawing lots.*

*Men Junior:*

1. *the nation which won the previous world champion title;*
2. *the nations ranked according to the latest standings of the men junior nations' cup;*
3. *the start order of nations which are not ranked in the men junior nations' cup shall be determined by drawing lots.*

*Women Junior:*

1. *the nation which won the previous world champion title;*
2. *the nations ranked according to the latest standings of the women junior nations' cup;*
3. *the start order of nations which are not ranked in the women junior nations' cup shall be determined by drawing lots.*

*The number one bib shall be allotted to the outgoing world champion for the world championships and the outgoing olympic champion for the olympic games.*

*The numbers of the nations shall be allotted according to the riders' alphabetical order.*

*The nations shall be called to the starting line according to the numbering of the start list.*

*(text modified on 1.01.00; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.08.13; 1.01.16; 1.07.18).*

**Rights and duties of riders**

- 2.3.012** All riders may render each other such minor services as lending or exchanging food, drink, spanners or accessories.

The lending or exchanging of tubular tyres or bicycles and waiting for a rider who has been dropped or involved in an accident shall be permitted only amongst riders of the same team. The pushing of one rider by another shall in all cases be forbidden, on pain of disqualification.

- 2.3.013** Riders may, while riding, jettison their waterproof capes, over-garments, etc. by handing them in to their sports director's car which shall remain behind the car of the president of the commissaires panel.

One member of a team may perform this service for his team-mates under the same conditions.

- 2.3.014** When the finish is on a circuit, riders may help one another where permitted only if they have covered the same distance in the race.

**Following vehicles**

- 2.3.015** The order of vehicles is determined by the table in article 2.3.047.

- 2.3.016** (N) Technical support for every mixed team will be provided by a neutral vehicle. The organiser must ensure that there are at least 3 other adequately equipped neutral technical support vehicles (cars or motorcycles) and a broom wagon.

*(text modified on 1.01.02).*

- 2.3.017** Only one vehicle per team will be permitted to circulate at race level.



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

**UCI WorldTour events**

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

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

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

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

**Other events**

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

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

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

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

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

**2.3.019** In the race, the vehicles shall take up position behind the car of the president of the commissaires panel or of the commissaire delegated by him.

Occupants of vehicles shall, in all circumstances, comply with the instructions given by the commissaires who shall, in turn, do their utmost to facilitate the manoeuvres of the vehicles.

**2.3.020** Any driver wishing to overtake a commissaires' vehicle on his own initiative shall draw level with those vehicles, state his intention and proceed only once granted official

permission by the commissaire. He shall then complete his business as expeditiously as possible and return without delay to his place in line.

Only one vehicle at a time shall be allowed to penetrate the bunch regardless of the size of the bunch.

**2.3.021** If a group of riders breaks away from the bunch, their follower vehicles may not slip in between the break-away riders and the following group without the authorisation of the commissaire, if and for as long as he considers the gap sufficient.

**2.3.022** No vehicle may overtake the riders in the last 10 kilometres.

**2.3.023** *During world championships, only the vehicles mentioned below shall be authorised to drive in the race:*

1. *the car of the president of the commissaires panel;*
2. *the second commissaire's car;*
3. *the third commissaire's car;*
4. *the fourth commissaire's car;*
5. *six UCI cars;*
6. *the doctor's car;*
7. *two ambulances;*
8. *the police car, if necessary;*
9. *the nations' cars plus four cars and one motorcycle providing neutral support;*
10. *a maximum of three camera motor-cycles and one sound motor cycle;*
11. *the two commissaire's motorcycles;*
12. *the two photographers' motorcycles;*
13. *the regulator(s)' motorcycle(s);*
14. *the two information motorcycles;*
15. *the doctor's motorcycle;*
16. *the time board motorcycle;*
17. *the police motor-cycles;*
18. *the broom wagon;*

*During Olympic Games, only the vehicles mentioned below shall be authorised to drive in the race:*

1. *the car of the president of the commissaires panel*
2. *the second commissaire's car*
3. *the third commissaire's car*
4. *the fourth commissaire's car*
5. *the organizing committee manager's car*
6. *the UCI technical delegate's car*
7. *the doctor's car*
8. *two ambulances*
9. *the police car*
10. *the nations' cars, plus four neutral support cars and one neutral support motor-cycle*
11. *a maximum of three camera motor-cycles and one sound motor cycle*
12. *the two commissaire's motorcycles*
13. *the two photographers' motorcycles*
14. *the regulator(s)' motorcycle(s);*
15. *the two information motorcycles*
16. *the doctor's motorcycle*
17. *the time board motorcycle*
18. *the police motor-cycles.*
19. *the broom wagon*

Vehicles must circulate according to the diagram of the race convoy of article **2.3.047**.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 30.01.04; 1.01.05, 1.01.08; 1.08.13; 1.05.17).

**2.3.024** During world championships, the order of the nations' vehicles shall be determined as follows:

**Men elite event**

1. vehicles of nations entering nine riders;
2. vehicles of nations entering seven to eight riders;
3. vehicles of nations entering fewer than seven riders grouped according to the number of riders entered.

Within each group, the order is determined by the most recently published UCI World ranking by nations. In a second phase, the order of the remaining unclassified nations is determined by the number of UCI points in the most recently published continental circuit ranking by nations. For vehicles representing more than one nation, the highest ranked nation will be taken into account.

**Women elite event**

1. vehicles of nations entering at least six riders;
2. vehicles of nations entering less than six riders grouped according to the number of riders entered.

In each group, the order shall be determined by the last elite women classification by nation published.

For the vehicles grouping several nations, account shall be taken of the highest ranked nation.

**Men Under 23 event**

1. vehicles of nations entering at least five riders;
2. vehicles of nations entering less than five riders grouped according to the number of riders entered.

In each group, the order shall be determined firstly by the latest Under 23 Men Nation Cup classification by nation published and secondly the order of the remaining nations shall be determined by the number of UCI points in the latest classification by nation published for the continental circuits.

For the vehicles grouping several nations, account shall be taken of the highest ranked nation.

**Men Junior event**

1. vehicles of nations entering at least five riders;
2. vehicles of nations entering less than five riders grouped according to the number of riders entered.

In each group, the order shall be determined firstly by the latest Men Junior Nations' Cup classification by nation published and secondly the order of the remaining nations shall be determined by drawing lots. For the vehicles grouping several nations, account shall be taken of the highest ranked nation.

**Women Junior event**

1. vehicles of nations entering at least five riders;

2. *vehicles of nations entering less than five riders grouped according to the number of riders entered.*

*In each group, the order shall be determined firstly by the latest Women Junior Nations' Cup classification by nation published and secondly the order of the remaining nations shall be determined by drawing lots. For the vehicles grouping several nations, account shall be taken of the highest ranked nation.*

*During Olympic Games, the order of the nations' vehicles shall be determined as follows:*

**Men elite event**

1. *vehicles of nations entering five riders;*
2. *vehicles of nations entering four riders;*
3. *vehicles of nations entering less than four riders grouped according to the number of riders entered.*

*In the first group, the order is determined by the latest UCI WorldTour classification by nation published. For groups 2 and 3, the order is determined by the number of UCI points in the latest classification by nation published for the continental circuits. For the vehicles grouping several nations, the highest ranked nation will be taken into consideration.*

**Women elite event**

1. *vehicles of nations entering at least three riders;*
2. *vehicles of nations entering less than three riders grouped according to the number of riders entered.*

*In each group, the order shall be determined by the last elite women's classification by nation published. For the vehicles grouping several nations, the highest ranked nation will be taken into consideration.*

*(text modified on 30.01.04; 1.01.05, 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.08.13; 3.06.16; 1.05.17).*

**Feeding**

- 2.3.025** In events or stages over a distance not exceeding 150 km, it is recommended that riders be supplied with refreshments only from the team car. The refreshments may be provided either in bonkbags or flasks.

Riders shall move slowly up level with their sports director's car and he shall supply them from the vehicle. Food and drink shall be provided exclusively behind the commissaire's car and in no case in or behind the bunch.

If a group of 15 riders or less has broken away from the bunch, food and drink may be supplied at the rear of that group.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

- 2.3.026** In other events or stages the organisers may also provide food and drink in areas set aside for that purpose. The feeding zones will be signposted. They shall be of sufficient length to allow supply operations to proceed smoothly.

Each feeding zone should be accompanied by a zone for waste situated just before and just after the feeding zone where riders can get rid of their waste.

Organisers should also have a waste zone of sufficient length situated before the final 20 kilometres of each race or stage where riders have the opportunity to get rid of their waste.

The food and drink shall be distributed on foot by the staff accompanying the team and by no-one else. They shall be positioned on one side of the road only, which must be the side on which road traffic circulates in the country concerned.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.15).*

**2.3.027** Feeding is prohibited on climbs, descents and during the first 50 and last 20 km.

The commissaires panel may reduce the distances mentioned above, depending on atmospheric conditions and the category, type and length of the race. Such a decision must be communicated to interested parties before the start of the race.

*(text modified on 1.01.01; 1.08.13).*

**2.3.028** *During world championships and Olympic Games, feeding is only permitted at the permanent pit(s) set up for that purpose along the course and from the time set by the UCI for each course individually.*

*(text modified on 1.01.00).*

**Technical support**

**2.3.029** Riders may only receive technical support from the technical personnel of their team or from one of the neutral support cars or else from the broom wagon.

In the event of any change of bicycle during a race, the bicycle abandoned by the rider must in all cases be recovered either by vehicles accompanying the race, team vehicles, a neutral service vehicle or by the sag-wagon.

Mechanical assistance at fixed locations on the course is limited to wheel changes only except for races on a circuit where bike changes can be made in the authorized zones.

Any mechanical assistance which fails to meet the obligations above will result in the disqualification of the rider either immediately, or after the race if proven by any means and verified by the commissaires (article 12.1.001).

*(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.10.10).*

**2.3.030** Whatever the position of a rider in the race, he may receive such assistance and mechanical check (brakes for example) only to the rear of his bunch and when stationary. The greasing of chains from a moving vehicle shall be forbidden.

In case of a fall, the implementation of this disposal is left to commissaire's discretion.

*(text modified on 1.07.11).*

**2.3.031** No equipment for riders may be prepared or held ready outside the following vehicle. Persons riding in vehicles shall not reach or lean out.

**2.3.032** If technical support via motorcycle is permitted, the motorcycle may carry only spare wheels.

**2.3.033** *During world championships and Olympic Games, repairs and wheel or bicycle changes may be effected either by the personnel in the following technical vehicle, or at the equipment pits set up for that purpose.*

*(text modified on 1.01.01).*

#### **Level crossings**

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

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

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.16; 1.01.18).*

**2.3.035** The following rules shall apply:

1. One or more riders who have broken away from the field are held up at a level crossing but the gates open before the field catches up. No action shall be taken and the closed level crossing shall be considered a mere race incident;
2. One or more riders with more than 30 seconds' lead on the field are held up at a level crossing and the rest of the field catches up while the gates are still closed. In this case the race shall be neutralised and restarted with the same gaps, once the official vehicles preceding the race have passed; If the lead is less than 30 seconds, the closed level crossing shall be considered a mere race incident;
3. If one or more leading riders make it over the crossing before the gates shut and the remainder of the riders are held up, no action shall be taken and the closed level crossing shall be considered a race incident;
4. If a group of riders is split into two groups following the closure of a level crossing, the first group will be slowed down or stopped in order to allow the delayed riders to return to the first group;
5. Any other situation (prolonged closure of the barrier, etc.) shall be resolved by the commissaires.

This article shall apply equally to similar situations (mobile bridges, obstacles on the route, etc.).

*(text modified on 1.01.16).*

### **Sprints**

- 2.3.036** Riders shall be strictly forbidden to deviate from the lane they selected when launching into the sprint and, in so doing, endangering others.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

### **Finishes and timekeeping**

- 2.3.037** The classification shall be always determined according to the order of crossing the finishing line. The classification shall determine the allocation of prizes and points.

The finish classification shall be used to separate tied riders in the individual secondary classifications.

*(text modified on 1.01.02).*

- 2.3.038** (N) Photo-finish with an electronic timing tape shall be mandatory.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

- 2.3.039** Any rider finishing in a time exceeding that of the winner by more than 8% shall not be placed. The time limit may in exceptional circumstances be increased by the commissaires panel in consultation with the organiser.

*At the world championships and at the Olympic Games, any rider who is dropped and lapped by the lead riders before they start their final lap shall be eliminated and must leave the race. All other riders shall be classified in accordance with their position.*

*(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.05; 1.01.13).*

- 2.3.040** All riders in a given bunch shall be credited with the same time when they cross the finishing line.

Timekeeper-commissaires shall continue to officiate until the broom wagon arrives. They shall also record the times of riders that finish after the set deadlines and shall hand the list of recorded times to the president of the commissaires panel.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

- 2.3.041** All times recorded by the timekeeper-commissaires shall be rounded down to the nearest second.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

- 2.3.042** In case of track finishes, the whole surface of the track may be used.

Riders' times may be recorded as they enter the track. Moreover, the commissaires may decide on a neutralisation at the entrance to the track in order to avoid the mixing of riders from different bunches.

If the track is impracticable, the finishing line shall be moved off the track and riders shall be informed by all available means.

- 2.3.043** *If, after all technical means available have been exhausted, it is still not possible to separate riders for one of the first three places at the world championships or Olympic Games, these riders shall each be awarded the placing in question. No award shall be made for the following placing, or, where there is a three-way tie, for the following two placings.*

*(text modified on 1.01.04).*

- 2.3.044** The team classification shall be optional. It shall be based on the sum of the three best individual times for each team.

In the event of a tie, teams shall be separated on the basis of the sums of the placings obtained by their three best placed riders.

In the event that the positions are still tied, the teams shall be separated by the placing of their best rider.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03).*

#### **Disqualification**

- 2.3.045** If a rider is disqualified before the result of the race is sanctioned, the individual classification and, where applicable, the team classification shall be adjusted.

If a rider is disqualified after the result of the race has been sanctioned, the individual classification shall be adjusted, if applicable, for the first 20 places only. For the rest the place of the disqualified rider shall be left open. If applicable, the team classification shall be adjusted completely.

*(article introduced on 1.01.05).*

#### **Official award ceremony**

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

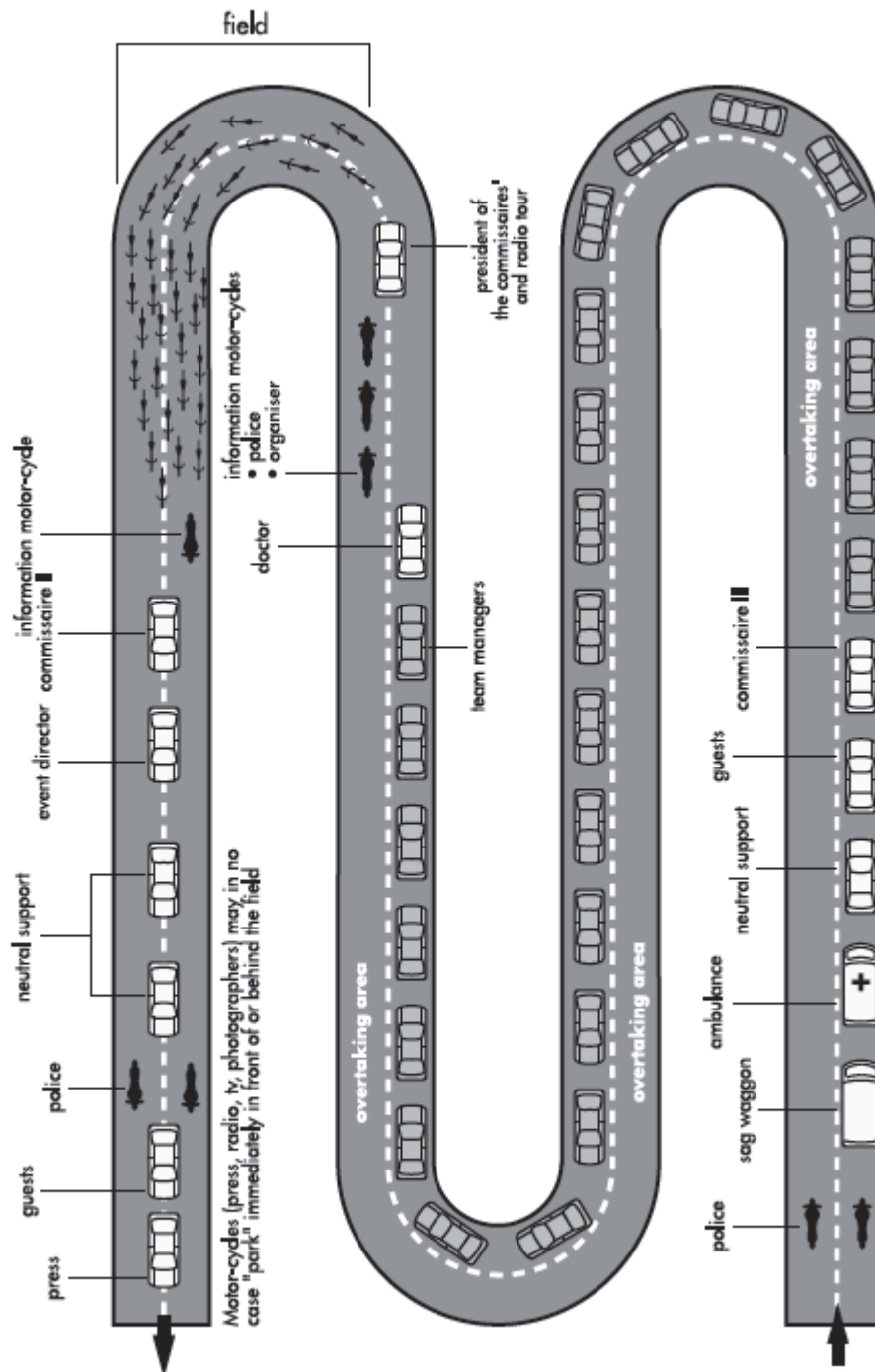
- The three first riders of the race;
- The other winners of the various other optional classifications;
- The leaders of UCI cups or UCI series.

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

*(article introduced on 1.01.18)*



2.3.047 Diagram of the race convoy



## Chapter IV INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIALS

### Distances

**2.4.001** The distances shall be the following:

| Category |          | Maximum distance                             |              |
|----------|----------|--|--------------|
|          |          | <i>World championships and olympic games</i> | Other events |
| Men      | Elite    | 40-50 km                                     | 80 km        |
|          | Under 23 | 30-40 km                                     | 40 km        |
|          | Junior   | 20-30 km                                     | 30 km        |
| Women    | Elite    | 20-30 km                                     | 40 km        |
|          | Junior   | 10-15 km                                     | 15 km        |

*(text modified on 1.01.05, 1.01.07).*

### Course

**2.4.002** The course shall be safe and perfectly signposted.

**2.4.003** From the start of the race, the circuit may be used only by the riders in the race and the vehicles following such riders.

**2.4.004** The distances remaining to be ridden shall be indicated clearly every 5 km at least. For uphill races, each kilometre shall be indicated.

**2.4.005** (N) The organiser shall provide a warm-up circuit of at least 800 metres in the vicinity of the start.

### Starting order

**2.4.006** The starting order shall be determined by the organiser of the event in accordance with objective criteria that are to be resumed in the programme - technical guide of the race.

**2.4.007** Riders shall set off at identical intervals. Nevertheless this interval may be increased between riders starting last.

**2.4.008** The starting order of time trial stages during stage races shall be governed by article 2.6.023.

**2.4.009** *At world championships and Olympic Games, the starting order shall be determined by the UCI.*

*(text modified on 1.01.98).*

### Start

**2.4.010** All riders must present themselves for checks on their bicycles no later than 15 minutes before their start time.

Before the start, an additional check can be done.

*(text modified on 1.01.04; 1.07.11; 1.07.12).*

**2.4.011** The rider shall start from a stationary position. He shall be held and then released, without being pushed, by a holder. The same holder shall perform the task for each rider.

If the start time is recorded using an electronic strip, the distance between the point of contact of the front tyre with the ground and the electronic strip must be 10 cm.

(N) The start shall be taken from a starting ramp.

*(text modified on 1.09.00; 1.01.04).*

#### **Timekeeping**

- 2.4.012** The rider shall start his ride under the orders of the timekeeper-commissaire who shall count down to the starting time, following which the timing of the ride shall start. The time of any rider who reports late to the start shall be calculated from that rider's scheduled starting time.

*(text modified on 1.09.00; 1.01.05).*

- 2.4.013** The start may be determined by the front tyre making contact with an electronic timing strip on the start line. If the rider starts fractionally before the countdown reaches 0 or in the following 5 seconds the time it is triggered is used. If the rider starts after this 5 second delay has elapsed or in the event of problems with the electronic timing, the rider's time shall be counted as from the start of manual timing following the countdown.

*(text modified on 1.09.00; 1.01.04).*

- 2.4.014** (N) Timekeeping shall be conducted at several points along the distance, so distributed as to ensure that riders and spectators alike be continually informed of the progress of the race.

*(text modified on 1.09.00; 1.01.04).*

- 2.4.015** Finishing times shall be taken to the nearest one-tenth of a second at least.

- 2.4.016** For UCI WorldTour events, world championships and Olympic Games times shall be taken and communicated to the nearest one-hundredth of a second.

*(text modified on 1.09.00; 1.01.04; 1.01.17).*

#### **Racing procedure**

- 2.4.017** If one rider is caught up by another, he may neither lead nor follow in the slipstream of the rider who caught up.

- 2.4.018** A rider, upon catching up with another shall leave a lateral gap of at least 2 metres between himself and the other rider.

After 1 km, the rider caught up shall ride at least 25 m away from the other.

- 2.4.019** If necessary, the commissaire shall force the riders to leave the 2 metre lateral gap and the distance of 25 metres respectively, without prejudice to the penalties provided for in the scale of penalties (article 12.1.040, point 40).

- 2.4.020** Riders may not help one another.

- 2.4.021** The specific regulations for the event shall indicate if feeding is permitted and which conditions apply.

**Following vehicles**

- 2.4.022** [abrogated on 1.01.03].
- 2.4.023** The following vehicle shall follow at least 10 metres behind the rider, shall never overtake him nor draw up level with him. In the case of a breakdown, technical support may be rendered only with the rider and vehicle stationary and the following vehicle shall not hinder anyone else.
- 2.4.024** The following vehicle of a rider who is about to be caught shall, as soon as the distance between the two riders drops below 100 metres, drop back behind the vehicle of the other rider.
- 2.4.025** The vehicle of a rider who catches another may not take up position between the riders until they are at least 50 metres apart. Should this gap subsequently be reduced, the vehicle shall drop back behind the second rider.
- 2.4.026** The following vehicle may carry equipment necessary for changing wheels or cycles.
- 2.4.027** No equipment for the riders may be prepared or held ready outside the following vehicle. Persons riding in vehicles shall not reach or lean out.
- 2.4.028** If technical support via motor-cycle is permitted, the motorcycle may carry only spare wheels.
- 2.4.029** Megaphones or loud-hailers may be used.

**Participation**

- 2.4.030** For an individual time trial open to teams, the organiser must invite and contract the teams rather than their individual riders.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05).*

**Disqualification**

- 2.4.031** If a rider is disqualified before the result of the race is sanctioned, the classification shall be adjusted.  
If a rider is disqualified after the result of the race has been sanctioned, the classification shall be adjusted, if applicable, for the first 20 places only. For the rest the place of the disqualified rider shall be left open.

*(article introduced on 1.01.05).*

## Chapter V TEAM TIME TRIALS

*(numbering of the articles modified on 1.01.05, former article 2.5.012 was abrogated on 1.01.04; and former article 2.5.020 was abrogated on 1.01.03).*

### Participation

- 2.5.001** The number of riders per team is determined in the programme - technical guide - and must be at least 2 and no more than 10.

Mixed teams are forbidden.

*There are six riders per team for the world championships.*

*The participating teams are defined in Article 9.2.012.*

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.06; 1.10.06; 1.07.12).*

### Distances

- 2.5.002** The distances for team time trial races shall be:

| Category |          | Maximum distance    |              |
|----------|----------|---------------------|--------------|
|          |          | World championships | Other events |
| Men      | Elite    | 40-60 km            | 100 km       |
|          | Under 23 |                     | 80 km        |
|          | Junior   |                     | 70 km        |
| Women:   | Elite    | 20-40 km            | 50 km        |
|          | Junior   |                     | 30 km        |

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.07; 1.07.12; 1.08.13).*

### Course

- 2.5.003** The course shall be safe and perfectly signposted.

It shall be sufficiently wide and avoid excessively sharp bends.

From the start of the race, the circuit may be used only by the riders in the race and the vehicles following such riders.

- 2.5.004** The distances remaining to be ridden shall be indicated clearly every 10 km at least. The last kilometre shall be signalised by a red triangle. For uphill races, each km shall be indicated.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

- 2.5.005** (N) The organiser shall provide a warm-up circuit of at least 800 metres in the vicinity of the start.

### Starting order

- 2.5.006** The starting order shall be determined by the organiser of the race in accordance with objective criteria that are to be resumed in the programme - technical guide of the race.

*The UCI establishes the starting order of teams at the world championships.*

*(text modified on 1.07.12).*

**2.5.007** The starting order of team time trial stages during stage races shall be governed by article 2.6.024.

**2.5.008** Teams shall set off at identical intervals. Nevertheless this interval may be increased between the teams starting last.

**Start**

**2.5.009** The riders of each team shall present at the bike check point no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.

Before the start, an additional check can be done.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.07.12).*

**2.5.010** The time of any team reporting late to the start shall be calculated from its scheduled starting time.

If a rider arrives late at the start, the team may either wait and have the lost time deducted, or start at the scheduled time. The late rider will start alone and have the lost time deducted.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

**2.5.011** At the start, the riders shall be held side by side on the starting line and then released, not pushed, by «holders» who shall be the same for all teams.

**Timekeeping and classification**

**2.5.012** (N) Timekeeping shall be conducted at several points along the distance, so distributed as to ensure that riders and spectators alike be continually informed of the progress of the race.

**2.5.013** Finishing times shall be taken to the nearest one-tenth of a second at least.

For UCI WorldTour events and world championships, times shall be taken and communicated to the nearest one-hundredth of a second.

*(text modified on 1.01.17).*

**2.5.014** The specific regulations for the event shall specify on which rider of a team crossing the finishing line the classification of teams will be timed for the finish.

In UCI Women's WorldTour team time trials the time shall be taken on the fourth rider.

*The time will be taken on the fourth rider at the world championships.*

*(text modified on 1.01.06; 1.07.12).*

**Team conduct during the race**

**2.5.015** If a team is caught, it may neither lead, nor take advantage of riding in the slipstream of the team that catches it. This clause shall equally apply to riders that drop behind. A rider that has dropped behind may not join another team, nor receive or provide assistance.

- 2.5.016** A team, upon catching another, shall leave a lateral gap of at least 2 metres between them.

After 1 km, the team caught shall ride at least 25 m away from the other.

- 2.5.017** If necessary, the commissaire shall force the riders to leave the 2 metres lateral gap and the distance of 25 metres respectively, without prejudice to the penalties provided for in the scale of penalties (article 12.1.040, point 44).

- 2.5.018** Riders, even of the same team, may not push one another.

- 2.5.019** The exchange of food, drinks, small items of equipment, wheels and bicycles and help with running repairs shall be permitted between riders of the same team.

- 2.5.020** The specific regulations for the event shall indicate if feeding is permitted and which conditions apply.

**Following vehicles**

- 2.5.021** The following vehicle shall follow at least 10 metres behind the last rider of the team, shall never overtake it nor draw up level with it. In the case of a breakdown, technical support may be rendered only with the rider and vehicle stationary.

- 2.5.022** The vehicle may not take up position between the team and any rider(s) that has/have dropped behind unless they are at least 50 metres apart. The riders that have dropped behind may under no circumstances ride in the slipstream of a vehicle.

- 2.5.023** The following vehicle of a team that is about to be caught up shall, as soon as the distance between the two teams drops below 100 metres, drop back behind the vehicle of the other team.

- 2.5.024** A vehicle following a team that catches up another may not take up position between the teams unless there are at least 60 metres between them. Should that gap subsequently reduce, the vehicle shall return to its position behind the last rider of the 2<sup>nd</sup> team.

- 2.5.025** The following vehicle may carry equipment necessary for changing wheels or cycles.

No equipment for the riders may be prepared or held ready outside the following vehicle. Persons riding in vehicles shall not reach or lean out.

- 2.5.026** If technical support via motorcycle is permitted, the motorcycle may carry only spare wheels.

- 2.5.027** Megaphones or loud-hailers may be used.

**Disqualification**

- 2.5.028** If a rider is disqualified his team shall be disqualified and the classification shall be adjusted.

*(article introduced on 1.01.05).*

## Chapter VI STAGE RACES (N)

*(numbering of the articles modified on 1.01.05; articles 2.6.003 bis and 2.6.003 ter abrogated on 1.01.05).*

### Method

**2.6.001** Stage races shall be run over a minimum of two days with a general time classification. They shall be run in road race stages and time trial stages.

**2.6.002** Unless otherwise stipulated hereafter, road race stages shall be run in the same manner as one-day races and time trial stages shall be governed by the provisions governing time trials.

**2.6.003** Team time trial stages shall take place during the first third of the race.

*(article introduced on 1.01.05).*

### Participation

**2.6.004** Stage races shall be run solely by teams and, where authorized by these regulations, by mixed teams.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

**2.6.005** [article abrogated on 1.07.10].

### Prologue

**2.6.006** A prologue may be included in stage races on condition that:

1. it must not exceed 8 km; for an elite or juniors women's or juniors men's race, the prologue must be less than 4 km;
2. the prologue must be run as an individual time trial. If more than 60 riders are involved, the interval between the start of any two riders shall not exceed one minute;
3. it counts towards the individual general classification;
4. any rider who suffers an accident during the prologue and is unable to complete the distance shall nevertheless be permitted to race the following day and be credited with the time of the last ranked rider;
5. no rider may participate or be made to participate in a second race on the same day as the prologue;
6. the prologue shall count as a race day.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

### Duration

**2.6.007** The durations indicated below correspond to the total number of days occupied on the calendar, i.e. both days of competition, including any prologue, and rest days.

### UCI WorldTour

The duration of the events is determined by the Professional Cycling Council.

For Grands tours, the duration must be between 15 and 23 days.

For all UCI WorldTour events, the organiser may ask, every four years, for one additional day in order to organise the start in a non-adjacent territory to the country of the event and/or requiring a long transfer. Any such request must be submitted at least one year before the event and will be reviewed at the Professional Cycling Council's discretion.



### Continental circuits

The duration of existing events can be reduced by the UCI Management Committee. In that event, the organiser has the right to be heard by the UCI Management Committee. The duration of new events in classes HC, 1 and 2 is limited to 5 days, unless an exemption is made by the UCI Management Committee.

### Elite women's world circuit

The duration of new events of classes 1 and 2 is limited to 6 days, unless an exemption is made by the UCI Management Committee.

### Junior men's and women's world circuits

The duration of new events is limited to 4 days, unless an exemption is made by the UCI Management Committee.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 1.07.18).*

## 2.6.008 Stage distances

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

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

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

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

**2.6.009** With a special waiver from the executive committee or, for UCI WorldTour events, from the Professional Cycling Council, organisers may be authorised to include:

- a maximum of two stages of over 240 km in races of 10 days and more for elite men;
- a single stage of no more than 230 km in races for under-23 men;
- in elite women's races one stage only of 150 km maximum;
- in junior men's races one stage only of 130 km maximum.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.08).*

**2.6.010** The number of half-stages is limited as follows (without taking account of the prologue) :

| Calendar      | Number of half-stages authorised |                         |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
|               | Races of fewer than 6 days       | Races of 6 days or more |
| UCI WorldTour | Half-stages forbidden            |                         |
| Men Elite     | 2                                | 4                       |
| Under 23      | 2                                | 4                       |
| Women Elite   | 2                                | half-stages forbidden   |
| Junior        | 2                                | half-stages forbidden   |

*(text modified on 1.01.01; 1.01.06; 26.06.07; 1.01.09).*

#### **Grand tours**

**2.6.011** The maximum length of grand tours is 3500 km.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.08).*

#### **Rest days**

**2.6.012** In events with more than 10 days of competition, at least one rest day must be allowed for and fall after at least 5 days of racing.

In the major tours two rest days are obligatory and must be distributed evenly.

Unless the UCI makes a derogation to that effect, a transfer cannot be considered as a rest day.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.10.10).*

#### **Classifications**

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

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

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

- 2.6.014** The times as recorded by the timekeeper-commissaires shall be entered in the general time classifications.

Bonuses are only taken into consideration for the individual general classification.

*(text modified on 1.01.04; 1.01.05).*

- 2.6.015** Where two or more riders make the same time in the general individual time placings, the fractions of a second registered during individual time trials (including the prologue) shall be added back into the total time to decide the order.

If the result is still tied or if there are no individual time trial stages the placings obtained in each stage, except team time trial stages, shall be added and, as a last resort, the place obtained in the last stage ridden shall be taken into consideration.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.16).*

- 2.6.016** The team classification for the day shall be calculated on the basis of the sum of the three best individual times from each team except the team time trial that is governed by the specific regulation of the event. In the event of a tie, the teams shall be separated by the sum of the places acquired by their three best times on the stage. If the teams are still tied, they shall be separated by the placing of their best rider on the stage classification.

The team general classification shall be calculated on the basis of the sum of the three best individual times from each team in each stage ridden. In the event of a draw, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the teams are separated:

1. number of first places in the daily team classifications;
2. number of second places in the daily team classifications;
3. etc.

If there is still a draw, the teams shall be separated by the placing of their best rider in the general individual classification.

Any team reduced to fewer than three riders shall be eliminated from the general team classification.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03; 1.01.08; 1.07.11).*

- 2.6.017** In the event of a tie in the general individual classification by points, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the riders are separated:

1. number of stage wins;
2. number of wins in intermediate sprints counting for the general classification on points;
3. general individual classification by time.

In the event of a tie in the general individual mountains classification, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the riders are separated:

1. number of first places in the highest category climbs;
2. number of first places on climbs in the next inferior category and so on;
3. general individual classification by time.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03; 1.01.05).*

### **Leader's jersey of the race and distinctive signs**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Award ceremony**

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

#### **After each stage**

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

#### **After the last stage**

- The winner of the stage;
- The winners of the other classifications (including classification by teams);
- The three first riders of the general classification by time;

- The leaders of UCI cups or series;
- All riders wearing a leader's jersey.

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

*(article introduced on 1.01.18)*

### **Bonuses**

**2.6.019** Bonuses may be awarded under the following conditions:

Intermediate sprints:

- half-stages: 1 sprint maximum
- stages: 3 sprints maximum

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- intermediate sprints: 3" - 2" - 1"
- finish:
  - half-stage: 6" - 4" - 2"
  - stage: 10" - 6" - 4"

*(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.06; 1.02.12; 1.07.12; 1.01.16).*

**2.6.020** No bonuses may be awarded during stages or half-stages unless a bonus is also awarded at the finish.

**2.6.021** Bonuses shall be shown only in individual general classification by time. No bonuses shall be awarded for individual or team time trial events.

*(text modified on 1.01.04).*

### **Prizes**

**2.6.022** Prizes shall be awarded for each stage and half-stage as well as for all classifications, without prejudice to the power the UCI Management Committee or, for UCI WorldTour events, the Professional Cycling Council, to impose minimum prizes.

*(text modified on 2.03.00; 1.01.05).*

### **Individual time trial stages**

**2.6.023** The starting order for individual time trial stages shall be the reverse order of the general time classification. Nevertheless, the commissaires panel may modify that order to avoid two riders of the same team riding consecutively.

For the prologue, or if the first stage is an individual time trial race, the starting order for each team shall be determined by the organiser in agreement with the commissaires panel; each team shall determine the order in which its riders shall start.

*(text modified on 1.01.03).*

**Team time trial stages**

- 2.6.024** The starting order of team time trial stages shall be the inverse order of the general team classification, to the exception of the leader's team which starts last. Where no such classification exists, the starting order shall be determined by drawing lots.

*(text modified on 1.07.11).*

- 2.6.025** The classification of these stages shall only count towards the general individual time classification and the general team classification. The race regulations shall determine how times be recorded, including those of riders who drop behind.

*(text modified on 1.01.16).*

**Drop-out**

- 2.6.026** A rider dropping out of the race may not compete in any other cycling events for the duration of the stage race that he abandoned, on pain of a 15 day suspension and a fine of CHF 200 to 1,000.

After consulting the event directors and the president of the commissaires panel, the UCI may, however, grant exceptions at the request of a rider and with the agreement of his sports director.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.10.11).*

**Finish**

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

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

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

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

This article shall not apply where the finish is at the top of a hill-climb.

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

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

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

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

This article shall not apply where the finish is at the top of a hill-climb.

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

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.18).*

- 2.6.029** [article abrogated on 1.01.18]

#### **Finishes on a circuit**

- 2.6.030** Even if a stage finishes on a circuit, times shall always be taken on the finish line.

- 2.6.031** In stage races, the number of laps may exceed 5 for circuits of between 5 and 8 km, but only during the final stage of the race. In this instance, the total distance ridden on the circuit may not exceed 100 km.

*(text modified on 1.01.00).*

#### **Finishing deadline**

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

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

In case riders **actually** out of the time limit are given a second chance by the president of the commissaires panel, **all points awarded in the general classifications of the various secondary classifications shall be withdrawn**.

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

#### **Team vehicles**

- 2.6.033** Only one vehicle per team will be permitted to circulate at race level.

However, in races of the UCI WorldTour and of the continental circuits of the classes HC, and 1, a second car per team is allowed, except in circuit races and on final circuits.

During team time trials of Grand Tours, a third car per team is allowed.

In any cases, the article 2.2.035 does apply.

*(text modified on 1.01.98; 1.01.05; 01.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.10.10; 3.06.16).*

- 2.6.034** For the first road race stage, the order in which team vehicles drive shall be determined according to the position of the first rider of each team in the general individual time classification at the end of the prologue or the first stage if the latter is an individual time trial or a team time trial and, where no such classification exists, by drawing lots.

For the following stages, the driving order shall be determined according to the position of the first rider of each team in the general individual time classification.

*(text modified on 3.06.16)*

**Reporting results**

- 2.6.035** (N) The organiser must distribute the results to teams at the finish or, failing that, send them by fax as soon as possible.

*(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.05).*

- 2.6.036** [article transferred to art. 2.2.010 bis].

**Disqualification**

- 2.6.037** If a rider is disqualified before the result of the race is sanctioned, all classifications shall be adjusted.

If a rider is disqualified after the result of the race has been sanctioned, the general individual classification shall be adjusted, if applicable, for the first 3 places only. The 4th place remains vacant.

If a rider is disqualified because of a violation committed during a stage that he won, the second rider on the stage takes the first place.

If the winner of another classification than the general individual classification is disqualified, the second rider on that classification takes the first place.

For the rest the place of the disqualified rider shall be left open.

*(article introduced on 1.01.05; 1.08.13).*

- 2.6.038** If a rider is disqualified because of a violation committed during a team time trial stage, the team shall be relegated to the last place on the stage with its real time and with a 10 minutes penalty on the general classification of teams.

If more than one rider on the team is disqualified because of any violation committed during the same team time trial stage, the team is disqualified.

All team classifications shall be adjusted.

*(article introduced on 1.01.05).*



## Chapter VII CRITERIUMS

- 2.7.001** For any aspect not covered below, the general provisions as well as the special provisions for one-day races shall apply by analogy.

### **Methods**

- 2.7.002** The criterium is a road race run on a circuit closed to traffic and that is run according to one of the following methods:
1. classification at the finish of the last lap;
  2. classification on the basis of the number of laps covered and the number of points obtained during the intermediate sprints.

- 2.7.003** If the criterium comprises several races, the individual race shall always be ridden last.

### **Organisation**

- 2.7.004** It shall not be permissible to organise a criterium on the day preceding an international event without an individual contract being signed between the organiser and each rider involved.

*(text modified on 1.01.02).*

- 2.7.005** The National Federations shall submit their criterium calendar to the UCI no later than 1<sup>st</sup> September for the following year.

Organisers whose criterium is not included on this calendar may not invite riders from a team registered with the UCI or allow them to ride.

If the national criterium calendar is not received by the UCI before the deadline, the organisers in question may not invite riders from a team registered with the UCI or allow them to ride.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.07.10).*

- 2.7.006** An organiser may not contract a rider from a UCI WorldTeam unless if at least 50% of riders participating belong to a team registered with the UCI. The organiser's National Federation may increase this percentage.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.15).*

- 2.7.007** A zone of at least 150 metres before and 50 metres after the finish line will be protected by barriers. It will be accessible only to those working for the organisation, the riders, the paramedical assistants, the sports directors and accredited press.

The zone before the finish line will be protected by barriers from the beginning of the final corner, if the length of the finishing straight is less than 300 metres.

*(text modified on 1.01.02).*

- 2.7.008** If an event finishes after sunset, the circuit must be adequately lit. If not, the event shall be cancelled or stopped.

*(text modified on 1.01.02).*

- 2.7.009** If the event finishes after 10pm, the organiser must provide riders from teams registered with the UCI with a hotel bedroom and breakfast.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05).*

- 2.7.010** The organiser must provide changing rooms for the riders.

*(text modified on 1.01.02).*

#### **Prizes and payments**

- 2.7.011** The organiser shall, with the invitation, send out a list of prizes before accepting any enrolments.

- 2.7.012** If, in addition to prizes awarded according to the results, a fixed payment be made for participation in the race, the amount of that payment shall be set down in an individual contract between the organiser and each rider concerned. For riders who are part of a team registered with the UCI, the contract must be countersigned by a representative of the team.

*(text modified on 1.01.05).*

- 2.7.013** The contractual amount shall be paid by the organiser even in case of cancellation or interruption of the race. This amount is decided by mutual agreement between the organiser and each rider concerned.

*(text modified on 1.07.10).*

- 2.7.014** Prize money shall be paid exclusively to the riders that won it.

- 2.7.015** Prizes and contractual amounts shall be paid within one hour following the finish of the race.

#### **Distances**

- 2.7.016** The circuit shall measure between 800 and 10,000 metres.

- 2.7.017** The maximum distance for the race shall be set as follows:

| Length of circuit | Maximum distance |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 800 m - 1599 m    | 80 km            |
| 1600 m - 2999 m   | 110 km           |
| 3000 m - 3999 m   | 132 km           |
| 4000 m - 10000 m  | 150 km           |

#### **Method with intermediate sprints**

- 2.7.018** The programme - technical guide of the race shall specify the intermediate sprint system and the allocation of points, by taking account of the following provisions that shall automatically apply.

**2.7.019** Intermediate sprints shall take place on the finish line and after a number of laps that shall always be the same between two sprints.

**2.7.020** Points may be awarded to the first rider to cross the finish line during laps without any intermediate sprint. The number of such points may not exceed 40% of the points awarded the winner of an intermediate sprint.

**2.7.021** Any rider or group of 20 riders or less who drop behind and are lapped by the lead riders shall be eliminated and must leave the race.

If such a group involves more than 20 riders, the commissaires panel shall decide whether those riders may continue or be eliminated.

**2.7.022** In the case of a recognised mishap as defined in the provisions governing track races (article 3.2.021), the rider shall be entitled to a neutralisation of one or two laps to be determined by the commissaires according to the length of the circuit. After the neutralisation, the rider shall resume the race but shall not earn any points in the following sprint.

**2.7.023** The classification shall be as follows:

- the winner shall be the rider who covered the greatest number of laps;
- in the case of a tie on laps, the number of points won shall decide;
- in the case of a tie on laps and points, the number of wins during the intermediate sprints shall decide;
- if the riders are still tied, the place during the final sprint shall decide.

**2.7.024** A rider shall be deemed to have gained a lap when he catches up with the tail of the main bunch.

## Chapter VIII INDIVIDUAL RACES

- 2.8.001** For any aspect not covered below, please refer to the general provisions as well as to the special provisions for one-day races that shall apply by analogy.
- 2.8.002** An individual race is a road race in which participate exclusively individual riders.
- 2.8.003** An individual race may be registered only on a national calendar and on the following conditions:
1. riders enter on an individual basis;
  2. riders of a UCI WorldTeam can take part a maximum of 3 times a year in an individual race;
  3. a maximum of 3 riders of the same team registered with the UCI can take part in an individual race;
  4. the minimum prize money shall be CHF 8000;
  5. the maximum distance shall be 170 km for men and 120 km for women;
  6. if the race is ridden on a circuit, that circuit shall be at least 10 km long;
  7. technical support shall be provided by neutral cars;
  8. team vehicles shall not be admitted to the race.

*(text modified on 26.01.07; 1.01.15).*

## Chapter IX OTHER RACES

- 2.9.001** Other road races, such as races behind pacers, hill-climbs and marathon road races, may be organised if their entry on the continental or national calendar is accepted as appropriate, by the UCI management committee, the Professional Cycling Council or the National Federation.

*(text modified on 2.03.00).*

- 2.9.002** For these races, please refer to the general provisions as well as to the specific one-day race provisions that shall apply by analogy.

## Chapter X UCI RANKINGS

*(chapter replaced on 1.01.09 ; modified on 1.01.16).*

### § 1 Elite and Under 23 Men's UCI World Ranking

- 2.10.001** The UCI has created an annual UCI World Ranking of riders and nations on account of results in men elite and under 23 men UCI events on the international calendar. This ranking is the exclusive property of the UCI.

Elite and under 23 men shall be listed in the same ranking. In the individual UCI World Ranking, under 23 riders shall be identified by a distinctive mark.

*(article introduced on 1.01.16)*

#### **Individual UCI World Ranking**

- 2.10.002** The individual UCI World Ranking is a 52-week rolling ranking and shall be drawn up at least once a week.

If necessary, the ranking for the preceding weeks shall be corrected. The new ranking comes into force on the day of publication and stands until the publication of the subsequent ranking.

Riders score points on the individual ranking in accordance with the scale in article 2.10.008.

Points awarded for stages are included in the ranking drawn up following the final day of a stage race.

*(article introduced on 1.01.16)*

- 2.10.003** Ties on points between riders shall be resolved by counting up the greatest number of 1st places on the ranking. If there is still a tie, it will be resolved by the greatest number of 2nd places, then 3rd places etc. taking into account only places for which UCI World Ranking points are allocated.

In the event of there still being a tie, the highest-placed rider in each of their most recent races shall take precedence.

In the case of a tie in the final ranking, the rider with the greatest number of 1st places on the ranking of races in the current year shall take precedence. If there is still a tie, it will be resolved by the greatest number of 2nd places, then 3rd places etc., whatever the rider's placing.

Concerning stage races, only the final individual general classification on time shall be taken into account for the application of this article.

*(article introduced on 1.01.16)*

#### **UCI World Ranking by nations**

- 2.10.004** The UCI World Ranking by Nations is a 52-week rolling ranking. The UCI World Ranking by Nations shall be drawn up on the basis of the points obtained by the first eight riders of each nationality in the Individual UCI World Ranking.

The tiebreaker for equally-ranked nations shall be the position of their best-placed rider on the Individual UCI World Ranking.

*(article introduced on 1.01.16)*

#### **Updates**

- 2.10.005** The rankings shall be updated every week immediately after receipt by the UCI of the final classification of a (or the various) UCI WorldTour event(s) ending on a Sunday or the road race of the Men Elite UCI Road World Championships.

If no UCI WorldTour event ends on a given Sunday, the rankings shall be updated on that Sunday at 6pm CET.

The final result of any other event, received by the UCI after the stated deadlines will be included in the next weekly update.

As a general rule, a same event will not be taken into account more than once in a single ranking; the following provisions apply:

- If a same event takes place less than 52 weeks after the previous edition, only the most recent event will be taken into account in the ranking;
- If a same event takes place more than 52 weeks after the previous edition or does not take place, no point will be taken into account beyond the 52-week period.

The aforementioned provisions apply to all events, including world championships, continental championships and national championships.

Organisers or National Federations must immediately notify the UCI of any facts or decisions which could result in a change to points obtained by any rider or nation. Where necessary, rankings will be amended.

The ranking established on the last day of continental circuits as per article 2.1.002 will determine the winners of the season.

*(article introduced on 1.01.16; text modified on 3.06.16; 25.10.17)*

#### **Trophies and prizes**

- 2.10.006** The UCI shall award trophies to the winners of the UCI World Rankings. The UCI may award prizes to riders according to their classification, in accordance with such criteria as it may establish.

*(article introduced on 1.01.16)*

- 2.10.007** If the classification is corrected, prizes and trophies already awarded shall be returned and handed over to the entitled party.

*(article introduced on 1.01.16)*

#### **Scale of points**

- 2.10.008** General provisions

For team time trial events and stages the points on the scale shall be awarded to the team. These points shall be divided equally between the riders finishing the event or the stage. Calculations shall be rounded to a hundredth of a point.

**Final results in UCI WorldTour events**

| Position | Tour de France | Giro d'Italia, La Vuelta Ciclista a España | Santos Tour Down Under, Paris - Nice, Tirreno - Adriatico, Milano - Sanremo, Gent – Wevelgem in Flanders Fields, Ronde van Vlaanderen / Tour des Flandres, Paris - Roubaix, Amstel Gold Race, Liège – Bastogne - Liège, Critérium du Dauphiné, Tour de Suisse, Tour de Romandie, Grand Prix Cycliste de Québec, Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal, Il Lombardia | Record Bank E3 Harelbeke, La Flèche Wallonne, Clasica Ciclista San Sebastian, EuroEyes Cyclassics Hamburg, Vuelta Ciclista al Pais Vasco, Tour de Pologne, Binck Bank Tour, Volta Ciclista a Catalunya, Bretagne Classic – Ouest-France | Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, Abu Dhabi Tour, Omloop Het Nieuwsblad Elite, Strade Bianche, Dwars door Vlaanderen / A travers les Flandres, Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey, Eschborn-Frankfurt - Rund um den Finanzplatz, Amgen Tour of California, Prudential RideLondon-Surrey Classic, Gree – Tour of Guangxi |
|----------|----------------|--|---|---|---|
| 1        | 1000           | 850  | 500   | 400   | 300   |
| 2        | 800            | 680  | 400   | 320   | 250   |
| 3        | 675            | 575  | 325   | 260   | 215   |
| 4        | 575            | 460  | 275   | 220   | 175   |
| 5        | 475            | 380  | 225   | 180   | 120   |
| 6        | 400            | 320  | 175   | 140   | 115   |
| 7        | 325            | 260  | 150   | 120   | 95  |
| 8        | 275            | 220  | 125   | 100   | 75  |
| 9        | 225            | 180  | 100   | 80  | 60  |
| 10       | 175            | 140  | 85  | 68  | 50  |
| 11       | 150            | 120  | 70  | 56  | 40  |
| 12       | 125            | 100  | 60  | 48  | 35  |
| 13       | 105            | 84   | 50  | 40  | 30  |
| 14       | 85             | 68   | 40  | 32  | 25  |
| 15       | 75             | 60   | 35  | 28  | 20  |
| 16       | 70             | 56   | 30  | 24  | 20  |
| 17       | 65             | 52   | 30  | 24  | 20  |
| 18       | 60             | 48   | 30  | 24  | 20  |
| 19       | 55             | 44   | 30  | 24  | 20  |
| 20       | 50             | 40   | 30  | 24  | 20  |
| 21       | 40             | 32   | 20  | 16  | 12  |
| 22       | 40             | 32   | 20  | 16  | 12  |
| 23       | 40             | 32   | 20  | 16  | 12  |



# UCI CYCLING REGULATIONS

|    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 24 | 40 | 32 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 25 | 40 | 32 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 26 | 30 | 24 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 27 | 30 | 24 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 28 | 30 | 24 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 29 | 30 | 24 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 30 | 30 | 24 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 31 | 25 | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 32 | 25 | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 33 | 25 | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 34 | 25 | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 35 | 25 | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 36 | 25 | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 37 | 25 | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 38 | 25 | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 39 | 25 | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 40 | 25 | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 41 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 42 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 43 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 44 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 45 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 46 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 47 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 48 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 49 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 50 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 51 | 15 | 12 | 5  | 4  | 2  |
| 52 | 15 | 12 | 5  | 4  | 2  |
| 53 | 15 | 12 | 5  | 4  | 2  |
| 54 | 15 | 12 | 5  | 4  | 2  |
| 55 | 15 | 12 | 5  | 4  | 2  |
| 56 | 10 | 8  | 3  | 2  | 1  |
| 57 | 10 | 8  | 3  | 2  | 1  |
| 58 | 10 | 8  | 3  | 2  | 1  |
| 59 | 10 | 8  | 3  | 2  | 1  |
| 60 | 10 | 8  | 3  | 2  | 1  |

**Prologue and stages in UCI WorldTour events**

| Position | Tour de France | Giro d'Italia, La Vuelta Ciclista a España | Santos Tour Down Under, Paris - Nice, Tirreno - Adriatico, Critérium du Dauphiné, Tour de Suisse, Tour de Romandie | Vuelta Ciclista al Pais Vasco, Tour de Pologne, Binck Bank Tour, Volta Ciclista a Catalunya | Abu Dhabi Tour, Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey, Amgen Tour of California, Gree – Tour of Guangxi |
|----------|----------------|--|--|---|---|
| 1        | 120            | 100  | 60   | 50  | 40  |
| 2        | 50             | 40   | 25   | 20  | 15  |
| 3        | 25             | 20   | 10   | 8   | 6   |
| 4        | 15             | 12   |  |   |   |
| 5        | 5              | 4  |  |   |   |

**Final position in Grand Tours secondary classifications (points and mountains competitions)**

| Position | Tour de France | Giro d'Italia, La Vuelta Ciclista a España |
|----------|----------------|--|
| 1        | 120            | 100  |
| 2        | 50             | 40   |
| 3        | 25             | 20   |

**Wearing the race leader's jersey in a UCI WorldTour event (per stage)**

| Position | Tour de France | Giro d'Italia, La Vuelta Ciclista a España | Santos Tour Down Under, Paris - Nice, Tirreno - Adriatico, Critérium du Dauphiné, Tour de Suisse, Tour de Romandie | Vuelta Ciclista al Pais Vasco, Tour de Pologne, Binck Bank Tour, Volta Ciclista a Catalunya | Abu Dhabi Tour, Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey, Amgen Tour of California, Gree – Tour of Guangxi |
|----------|----------------|--|--|---|---|
| 1        | 25             | 20   | 10   | 8   | 6   |

**Final results in continental calendar events**

| Position | HC  | Class 1 | Class 2 | 1.2U et 2.2U | Ncup Tour de l'Avenir | Ncup |
|----------|-----|---------|---------|--------------|-----------------------|------|
| 1        | 200 | 125     | 40      | 30           | 140                   | 70   |
| 2        | 150 | 85      | 30      | 25           | 110                   | 55   |
| 3        | 125 | 70      | 25      | 20           | 80                    | 40   |
| 4        | 100 | 60      | 20      | 15           | 60                    | 30   |
| 5        | 85  | 50      | 15      | 10           | 50                    | 25   |
| 6        | 70  | 40      | 10      | 5            | 40                    | 20   |

## UCI CYCLING REGULATIONS

|    |    |    |   |   |    |    |
|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|
| 7  | 60 | 35 | 5 | 3 | 30 | 15 |
| 8  | 50 | 30 | 3 | 1 | 20 | 10 |
| 9  | 40 | 25 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 5  |
| 10 | 35 | 20 | 3 | 1 | 6  | 3  |
| 11 | 30 | 15 |   |   | 3  |    |
| 12 | 25 | 10 |   |   | 3  |    |
| 13 | 20 | 5  |   |   | 3  |    |
| 14 | 15 | 5  |   |   | 3  |    |
| 15 | 10 | 5  |   |   | 3  |    |
| 16 | 5  | 3  |   |   | 1  |    |
| 17 | 5  | 3  |   |   | 1  |    |
| 18 | 5  | 3  |   |   | 1  |    |
| 19 | 5  | 3  |   |   | 1  |    |
| 20 | 5  | 3  |   |   | 1  |    |
| 21 | 5  | 3  |   |   |    |    |
| 22 | 5  | 3  |   |   |    |    |
| 23 | 5  | 3  |   |   |    |    |
| 24 | 5  | 3  |   |   |    |    |
| 25 | 5  | 3  |   |   |    |    |
| 26 | 5  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 27 | 5  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 28 | 5  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 29 | 5  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 30 | 5  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 31 | 3  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 32 | 3  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 33 | 3  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 34 | 3  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 35 | 3  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 36 | 3  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 37 | 3  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 38 | 3  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 39 | 3  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 40 | 3  |    |   |   |    |    |

### Prologue, stages and half-stages in continental calendar events

| Position | HC | Class 1 | Class 2 | 2.2U | Ncup<br>Tour de<br>l'Avenir | Ncup |
|----------|----|---------|---------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| 1        | 20 | 14      | 7       | 5    | 15                          | 12   |
| 2        | 10 | 5       | 3       | 1    | 9                           | 8    |
| 3        | 5  | 3       | 1       |      | 5                           | 4    |

**Wearing the race leader's jersey in a continental calendar event (per stage)**

| Position | HC | Class 1 | Class 2 | 2.2U | Ncup<br>Tour de<br>l'Avenir | Ncup |
|----------|----|---------|---------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| 1        | 5  | 3       | 1       | 1    | 2                           | 1    |

**Final results of national championships**

| Position | Men Elite       |                 |                       |                       | Men Under 23 |                    |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
|          | Road Race<br>A* | Road Race<br>B* | Ind. Time Trial<br>A* | Ind. Time Trial<br>B* | Road Race    | Ind. Time<br>Trial |
| 1        | 100             | 50              | 50                    | 25                    | 50           | 25                 |
| 2        | 75              | 30              | 30                    | 15                    | 30           | 15                 |
| 3        | 60              | 20              | 20                    | 0                     | 20           | 10                 |
| 4        | 50              | 15              | 15                    | 5                     | 15           | 5                  |
| 5        | 40              | 10              | 10                    | 3                     | 10           | 3                  |
| 6        | 30              | 5               | 5                     |                       | 5            |                    |
| 7        | 20              | 3               | 3                     |                       | 3            |                    |
| 8        | 10              | 3               | 3                     |                       | 3            |                    |
| 9        | 5               | 1               | 1                     |                       | 1            |                    |
| 10       | 3               | 1               | 1                     |                       | 1            |                    |
| 11       | 3               |                 |                       |                       |              |                    |
| 12       | 1               |                 |                       |                       |              |                    |
| 13       | 1               |                 |                       |                       |              |                    |
| 14       | 1               |                 |                       |                       |              |                    |
| 15       | 1               |                 |                       |                       |              |                    |

\* Category A corresponds to the *Men Elite national* championships of nations that qualified at least one rider for the road race of the *Men Elite* UCI Road world championships in the previous season. Category B corresponds to the *Men Elite national* championships of all nations not included in Category A.

Where Elite and Men Under 23 compete in their national championships in the same event, points shall be awarded according to their position in the event classification according to the *Men Elite points scale*.

According to Article 1.2.028, if a National Federation organises a separate event for the Men Under 23 category, riders of this category may not take part in the Men Elite event. No points shall be awarded to a rider who takes part in an event in which his participation was not allowed.

Where the title of national champion is contested at an international event, the riders, regardless of their nationality, shall be awarded the points relative to their position in the classification of that event.

**Final results of continental championships and continental games\***

| Position | Men Elite |                 | Men Under 23 |                 |
|----------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
|          | Road Race | Ind. Time Trial | Road Race    | Ind. Time Trial |
| 1        | 250       | 70              | 125          | 50              |
| 2        | 200       | 55              | 85           | 30              |
| 3        | 150       | 40              | 70           | 20              |
| 4        | 125       | 30              | 60           | 15              |
| 5        | 100       | 25              | 50           | 10              |
| 6        | 90        | 20              | 40           | 5               |
| 7        | 80        | 15              | 35           | 3               |
| 8        | 70        | 10              | 30           | 3               |
| 9        | 60        | 5               | 25           | 1               |
| 10       | 50        | 3               | 20           | 1               |
| 11       | 40        |                 | 15           |                 |
| 12       | 35        |                 | 10           |                 |
| 13       | 30        |                 | 5            |                 |
| 14       | 25        |                 | 5            |                 |
| 15       | 20        |                 | 5            |                 |
| 16       | 15        |                 | 3            |                 |
| 17       | 10        |                 | 3            |                 |
| 18       | 5         |                 | 3            |                 |
| 19       | 5         |                 | 3            |                 |
| 20       | 5         |                 | 3            |                 |
| 21       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 22       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 23       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 24       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 25       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 26       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 27       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 28       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 29       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 30       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 31       | 3         |                 |              |                 |
| 32       | 3         |                 |              |                 |
| 33       | 3         |                 |              |                 |
| 34       | 3         |                 |              |                 |
| 35       | 3         |                 |              |                 |
| 36       | 1         |                 |              |                 |
| 37       | 1         |                 |              |                 |
| 38       | 1         |                 |              |                 |
| 39       | 1         |                 |              |                 |

|    |   |  |  |  |
|----|---|--|--|--|
| 40 | 1 |  |  |  |
|----|---|--|--|--|

\* The UCI Management Committee will annually determine which continental games will receive points.

Where elite and under 23 men compete in their continental championships in the same event, points shall be awarded according to the elite points scale.

#### Final results of team time trial Continental Championships

|          | Continental Championships |
|----------|---------------------------|
| Position | Elite Team Time Trial     |
| 1        | 70                        |
| 2        | 55                        |
| 3        | 40                        |
| 4        | 30                        |
| 5        | 25                        |
| 6        | 20                        |
| 7        | 15                        |
| 8        | 10                        |
| 9        | 5                         |
| 10       | 3                         |

If a continental confederation organises a separate team time trial event for the Men Under 23 category, no UCI points shall be awarded for that event.

#### Final results in the Olympic Games and UCI Road World Championships

|          | Olympic Games and World Championships |                  | World Championships |                |
|----------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Position | Elite Road Race                       | Elite Time Trial | U23 Road Race       | U23 Time Trial |
| 1        | 600                                   | 350              | 200                 | 125            |
| 2        | 475                                   | 250              | 150                 | 85             |
| 3        | 400                                   | 200              | 125                 | 70             |
| 4        | 325                                   | 150              | 100                 | 60             |
| 5        | 275                                   | 125              | 85                  | 50             |
| 6        | 225                                   | 100              | 70                  | 40             |
| 7        | 175                                   | 85               | 60                  | 35             |
| 8        | 150                                   | 70               | 50                  | 30             |
| 9        | 125                                   | 60               | 40                  | 25             |
| 10       | 100                                   | 50               | 35                  | 20             |
| 11       | 85                                    | 40               | 30                  | 15             |
| 12       | 70                                    | 30               | 25                  | 10             |
| 13       | 60                                    | 25               | 20                  | 5              |
| 14       | 50                                    | 20               | 15                  | 5              |
| 15       | 40                                    | 15               | 10                  | 5              |
| 16       | 35                                    | 10               | 5                   | 3              |
| 17       | 30                                    | 5                | 5                   | 3              |
| 18       | 30                                    | 5                | 5                   | 3              |
| 19       | 30                                    | 5                | 5                   | 3              |
| 20       | 30                                    | 5                | 5                   | 3              |

|    |    |  |   |  |
|----|----|--|---|--|
| 21 | 30 |  | 5 |  |
| 22 | 20 |  | 5 |  |
| 23 | 20 |  | 5 |  |
| 24 | 20 |  | 5 |  |
| 25 | 20 |  | 5 |  |
| 26 | 20 |  | 5 |  |
| 27 | 20 |  | 5 |  |
| 28 | 20 |  | 5 |  |
| 29 | 20 |  | 5 |  |
| 30 | 20 |  | 5 |  |
| 31 | 20 |  | 3 |  |
| 32 | 10 |  | 3 |  |
| 33 | 10 |  | 3 |  |
| 34 | 10 |  | 3 |  |
| 35 | 10 |  | 3 |  |
| 36 | 10 |  | 3 |  |
| 37 | 10 |  | 3 |  |
| 38 | 10 |  | 3 |  |
| 39 | 10 |  | 3 |  |
| 40 | 10 |  | 3 |  |
| 41 | 10 |  |   |  |
| 42 | 10 |  |   |  |
| 43 | 10 |  |   |  |
| 44 | 10 |  |   |  |
| 45 | 10 |  |   |  |
| 46 | 10 |  |   |  |
| 47 | 10 |  |   |  |
| 48 | 10 |  |   |  |
| 49 | 10 |  |   |  |
| 50 | 10 |  |   |  |
| 51 | 5  |  |   |  |
| 52 | 5  |  |   |  |
| 53 | 5  |  |   |  |
| 54 | 5  |  |   |  |
| 55 | 5  |  |   |  |
| 56 | 3  |  |   |  |
| 57 | 3  |  |   |  |
| 58 | 3  |  |   |  |
| 59 | 3  |  |   |  |
| 60 | 3  |  |   |  |

**Final results in the UCI team time trial of the UCI Road World Championships**

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| <i>Position</i> | <i>Team Time Trial</i> |
| <b>1</b>        | <b>500</b>             |

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| 2  | 400 |
| 3  | 325 |
| 4  | 275 |
| 5  | 225 |
| 6  | 175 |
| 7  | 150 |
| 8  | 125 |
| 9  | 100 |
| 10 | 85  |
| 11 | 70  |
| 12 | 60  |
| 13 | 50  |
| 14 | 50  |
| 15 | 50  |
| 16 | 30  |
| 17 | 30  |
| 18 | 30  |
| 19 | 30  |
| 20 | 30  |
| 21 | 25  |
| 22 | 25  |
| 23 | 25  |
| 24 | 25  |
| 25 | 25  |

(article introduced on 1.01.16; modified on 1.01.17; 25.10.17)

## § 2 Elite and Under 23 Women's UCI World Ranking

(paragraph moved from Chapter XII on 1.01.16)

**2.10.009** There shall be an individual ranking, a ranking by teams and a ranking by nation for elite women.

The UCI shall be the exclusive owner of these classifications.

### Updates

**2.10.010** The rankings shall be updated every week immediately after receipt by the UCI of the final classification of a (or the various) UCI Women's WorldTour event(s) ending on a Sunday.

If no UCI Women's WorldTour event ends on a given Sunday, the rankings shall be updated on that Sunday at 6pm CET.

The final result of any other event, received by the UCI after the stated deadlines will be included in the next weekly update.

(text modified on 25.10.17).



**Elite and Under 23 Women's UCI World Individual ranking**

- 2.10.011** The individual ranking is a 52 week rolling ranking and shall be drawn up at least once a week.

Where applicable, the ranking for preceding weeks shall be corrected. The new ranking comes into force on the day of publication and stands until the publication of the subsequent ranking.

Riders score points on the individual ranking in accordance with the scale in article 2.10.017.

Points awarded for stages are included in the ranking drawn up following the final day of a stage race.

As a general rule, a same event will not be taken into account more than once in a single ranking; the following provisions apply:

- If a same event takes place less than 52 weeks after the previous edition, only the most recent event will be taken into account in the ranking;
- If a same event takes place more than 52 weeks after the previous edition or does not take place, no point will be taken into account beyond the 52-week period.

The aforementioned provisions apply to all events, including world championships, continental championships and national championships.

*(text modified on 1.01.16; 3.06.16; 25.10.17)*

- 2.10.012** Ties on points between riders shall be resolved by counting up the greatest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2<sup>nd</sup> places etc. on the classification of the races run in the course of the last year, taking into account only places for which elite women's ranking points are allocated.

In the event of a new tie, the highest-placed rider in the most recent race shall take precedence, whichever his placing.

Concerning stage races, only the final individual general classification on time shall be taken into account for the application of this article.

- 2.10.013** The UCI Management Committee may award prizes to riders according to their classification, in accordance with such criteria as it may establish.

### **Team ranking**

- 2.10.014** The ranking of UCI women's teams shall be obtained by adding together the points of their 4 best placed riders in the individual ranking as well as points obtained in the UCI team time trial world championships.

### **Special provision for riders transferred during the course of a season**

Points obtained until the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the former team if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the 4 best placed riders of the former team in the individual ranking; points obtained from the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the new team if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the 4 best placed riders of the new team in the individual ranking.

### **Special provision concerning trainees**

During his training period a trainee is still considered as a member of his regular team with regards to rankings. Points potentially obtained by the trainee during the training period, shall in no instance be added to the points of the host team.

Ties between teams shall be resolved by counting the greatest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2<sup>nd</sup> places etc. on the (final general) classification (on time) of their best 4 riders on the individual elite women's ranking during races run in the course of the last year.

*(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.17).*

### **Women Elite and Under 23 UCI World ranking by nation**

- 2.10.015** The ranking by nation shall be obtained by adding the points of the 5 best placed **Women Elite and Under 23** riders of each nation in the **individual** ranking.

Ties between nations shall be resolved by counting up the greatest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2<sup>nd</sup> places etc. on the (final general) classification (on time) of the races run in the course of the last year obtained by their best 5 riders on the **UCI World** individual ranking.

*(text modified on 25.10.17)*

### **Women Under 23 UCI World ranking by nation**

- 2.10.015 bis** The ranking by nation shall be obtained by adding the points of the 5 best placed **Women Under 23** riders of each nation in the **individual** ranking.

Ties between nations shall be resolved by counting up the greatest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2<sup>nd</sup> places etc. on the (final general) classification (on time) of the races run in the course of the last year obtained by their best 5 under 23 riders on the **UCI World** individual ranking.

*(article introduced on 25.10.17)*

- 2.10.016** A rider's points shall be awarded to the nation of her nationality, even if she is a licence holder of the federation of another country.

## 2.10.017 Points scale Women Elite

### General provisions

Points awarded for stages shall be recorded on the last day of the event.

For team time trial events and stages the points on the scale shall be awarded to the team. These points shall be divided equally between the riders finishing the event or the **team time trial** stage. Calculations shall be rounded to **a hundredth of a** point.

### One-day events and stage races (final classification)

| Position | WWT | Class 1 | Class 2 |
|----------|-----|---------|---------|
| 1        | 200 | 125     | 40      |
| 2        | 150 | 85      | 30      |
| 3        | 125 | 70      | 25      |
| 4        | 100 | 60      | 20      |
| 5        | 85  | 50      | 15      |
| 6        | 70  | 40      | 10      |
| 7        | 60  | 35      | 5       |
| 8        | 50  | 30      | 3       |
| 9        | 40  | 25      | 3       |
| 10       | 35  | 20      | 3       |
| 11       | 30  | 15      |         |
| 12       | 25  | 10      |         |
| 13       | 20  | 5       |         |
| 14       | 15  | 5       |         |
| 15       | 10  | 5       |         |
| 16       | 5   | 3       |         |
| 17       | 5   | 3       |         |
| 18       | 5   | 3       |         |
| 19       | 5   | 3       |         |
| 20       | 5   | 3       |         |
| 21       | 5   | 3       |         |
| 22       | 5   | 3       |         |
| 23       | 5   | 3       |         |
| 24       | 5   | 3       |         |
| 25       | 5   | 3       |         |
| 26       | 5   |         |         |
| 27       | 5   |         |         |
| 28       | 5   |         |         |
| 29       | 5   |         |         |
| 30       | 5   |         |         |
| 31       | 3   |         |         |
| 32       | 3   |         |         |
| 33       | 3   |         |         |
| 34       | 3   |         |         |
| 35       | 3   |         |         |
| 36       | 3   |         |         |
| 37       | 3   |         |         |
| 38       | 3   |         |         |
| 39       | 3   |         |         |
| 40       | 3   |         |         |

### Stages and half-stages

| Position | WWT | Class 1 | Class 2 |
|----------|-----|---------|---------|
| 1        | 25  | 16      | 8       |
| 2        | 20  | 12      | 5       |
| 3        | 18  | 8       | 3       |
| 4        | 16  | 6       | 1       |
| 5        | 14  | 5       |         |
| 6        | 12  | 4       |         |
| 7        | 10  | 3       |         |
| 8        | 8   | 2       |         |
| 9        | 6   |         |         |
| 10       | 4   |         |         |

### Wearing the race leader's jersey (per stage)

| Position | WWT | Class 1 | Class 2 |
|----------|-----|---------|---------|
| Leader   | 5   | 3       | 1       |

### Wearing the leader's jersey of the UCI Women's World Tour (per round)

| Position | WWT |
|----------|-----|
| Leader   | 6   |

### National Championships

| Position | Women Elite     |                 |                          |                          | Women Under 23 |                    |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
|          | Road Race<br>A* | Road Race<br>B* | Ind. Time<br>Trial<br>A* | Ind. Time<br>Trial<br>B* | Road<br>Race   | Ind. Time<br>Trial |
| 1        | 50              | 25              | 25                       | 10                       | 25             | 10                 |
| 2        | 30              | 15              | 15                       | 6                        | 15             | 6                  |
| 3        | 20              | 10              | 10                       | 3                        | 10             | 3                  |
| 4        | 15              | 5               | 5                        |                          | 5              |                    |
| 5        | 10              | 3               | 3                        |                          | 3              |                    |
| 6        | 5               |                 |                          |                          |                |                    |
| 7        | 3               |                 |                          |                          |                |                    |
| 8        | 3               |                 |                          |                          |                |                    |
| 9        | 1               |                 |                          |                          |                |                    |
| 10       | 1               |                 |                          |                          |                |                    |

\* Category A corresponds to the women elite national championships of nations that qualified at least one rider for the road race of the women elite UCI Road World Championships in the previous season. Category B corresponds to the women elite national championships of all nations not included in Category A.

Where Elite and Under 23 compete in their national championships in the same event, points shall be awarded according to their position in the event classification **according to the Women Elite points scale**.

According to Article 1.2.028, if a National Federation organises a separate event for the Under 23 category, riders of this category may not take part in the Women Elite event. No points shall be awarded to a rider who takes part in an event in which his participation was not allowed.

Where the title of national champion is contested at an international event, the riders, regardless of their nationality, shall be awarded the points relative to their position in the classification of that event.

**Olympic games and world championships**

| <i>Position</i> | <i>Road Race</i> | <i>Time Trial</i> |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1               | 250              | 125               |
| 2               | 200              | 85                |
| 3               | 150              | 70                |
| 4               | 125              | 60                |
| 5               | 100              | 50                |
| 6               | 90               | 40                |
| 7               | 80               | 35                |
| 8               | 70               | 30                |
| 9               | 60               | 25                |
| 10              | 50               | 20                |
| 11              | 40               | 15                |
| 12              | 35               | 10                |
| 13              | 30               | 5                 |
| 14              | 25               | 5                 |
| 15              | 20               | 5                 |
| 16              | 15               | 3                 |
| 17              | 10               | 3                 |
| 18              | 5                | 3                 |
| 19              | 5                | 3                 |
| 20              | 5                | 3                 |
| 21              | 5                | 3                 |
| 22              | 5                | 3                 |
| 23              | 5                | 3                 |
| 24              | 5                | 3                 |
| 25              | 5                | 3                 |
| 26              | 5                |                   |
| 27              | 5                |                   |
| 28              | 5                |                   |
| 29              | 5                |                   |
| 30              | 5                |                   |
| 31              | 3                |                   |
| 32              | 3                |                   |
| 33              | 3                |                   |
| 34              | 3                |                   |
| 35              | 3                |                   |
| 36              | 1                |                   |

|    |   |  |
|----|---|--|
| 37 | 1 |  |
| 38 | 1 |  |
| 39 | 1 |  |
| 40 | 1 |  |

**Continental championships and continental games\***

| Position | Women Elite |                 | Women Under 23 |                 |
|----------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|          | Road Race   | Ind. Time Trial | Road Race      | Ind. Time Trial |
| 1        | 150         | 75              | 75             | 30              |
| 2        | 100         | 40              | 40             | 25              |
| 3        | 85          | 30              | 30             | 15              |
| 4        | 70          | 20              | 20             | 10              |
| 5        | 60          | 15              | 15             | 5               |
| 6        | 50          | 10              | 10             |                 |
| 7        | 40          | 5               | 5              |                 |
| 8        | 35          | 3               | 3              |                 |
| 9        | 30          | 3               | 3              |                 |
| 10       | 25          | 1               | 1              |                 |
| 11       | 20          |                 |                |                 |
| 12       | 15          |                 |                |                 |
| 13       | 10          |                 |                |                 |
| 14       | 5           |                 |                |                 |
| 15       | 3           |                 |                |                 |

\* The UCI Management Committee will annually determine which Continental games will receive points.

Where Elite and Under 23 compete in their continental championships or continental game in the same event, points shall be awarded according to the Women Elite points scale.

**Final results of team time trials continental championships**

| Position | Continental Championships |
|----------|---------------------------|
|          | Team Time Trial Elite     |
| 1        | 50                        |
| 2        | 30                        |
| 3        | 20                        |
| 4        | 15                        |
| 5        | 10                        |
| 6        | 5                         |
| 7        | 3                         |
| 8        | 3                         |
| 9        | 1                         |
| 10       | 1                         |

If a continental confederation organises a separate team time trial event for the Under 23 category, no UCI points shall be awarded for that event.

**UCI team time trial world championships**

| Position | Team points |
|----------|-------------|
| 1        | 200         |
| 2        | 150         |
| 3        | 125         |
| 4        | 100         |
| 5        | 85          |
| 6        | 70          |
| 7        | 60          |
| 8        | 50          |
| 9        | 40          |
| 10       | 35          |

The points are awarded for the UCI team ranking only.  
No individual points are awarded.

*(text modified on 1.01.06; 1.01.09; 1.07.12; 1.09.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 1.01.16; 1.01.17; 24.03.17; 25.10.17).*

**§ 3 Elite and Under 23 men's Continental Rankings**

*(paragraph moved from chapter XI on 1.01.16)*

**2.10.018** For each continental circuit, there shall be an individual ranking, a ranking by team and a ranking by nation of the elite and under 23 men.

The UCI shall be the exclusive owner of these rankings.

*(text modified on 1.01.16).*

**Updates**

**2.10.019** The rankings shall be updated every Sunday at 6pm CET.

The final result of any event, received by the UCI after the stated deadline will be included in the next weekly update.

The ranking drawn up on the last day of the continental circuits as per article 2.1.002 will designate the winners of the season.

*(text modified on 1.01.16; 25.10.17).*

**2.10.020** [Article abrogated on 1.01.16]

**Individual ranking**

**2.10.021** Riders shall score points in the individual ranking of the continent in which the event takes place. They may appear in the rankings of more than one continent.

The points scored in UCI WorldTour events are not included in the rankings of the continental circuits.

*(text modified on 25.10.17).*

**2.10.022** Elite and under 23 men shall be listed in the same ranking. In the ranking, under 23 riders shall be identified by a distinctive mark.

**2.10.023** The individual ranking is a 52-week rolling ranking for continental circuits and shall be drawn up at least once a week.

Where applicable, the ranking for preceding weeks shall be corrected. The new ranking comes into force on the day of publication and stands until the publication of the subsequent ranking.

Riders score points on the individual ranking in accordance with the scale in article 2.10.031.

Points awarded for stages are included in the ranking drawn up following the final day of a stage race.

As a general rule, a same event will not be taken into account more than once in a single ranking; the following provisions apply:

- If a same event takes place less than 52 weeks after the previous edition, only the most recent event will be taken into account in the ranking;
- If a same event takes place more than 52 weeks after the previous edition or does not take place, no point will be taken into account beyond the 52-week period.

The aforementioned provisions apply to all events, including world championships, continental championships and national championships.

*(text modified on 1.01.06; 24.01.15; 1.01.16; 3.06.16; 25.10.17).*

**2.10.024** Ties on points between riders shall be resolved by counting up the greatest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, on the classification of the races run in the course of the last 52 weeks. If there is still a tie, it will be resolved by the greatest number of 2<sup>nd</sup> places, then 3<sup>rd</sup> places, etc. taking into account only places for which the respective classification points are allocated.

In the event of a new tie, the highest-placed rider in each of their most recent races shall take precedence, whichever his placing.

Concerning stage races, only the final individual general classification on time shall be taken into account for the application of this article.

*(text modified on 1.01.16).*

#### **Team ranking**

**2.10.025** The ranking of UCI continental teams and UCI professional continental teams shall be drawn up at least once a week by adding the points of their 8 best placed riders in the individual continental ranking as well as points obtained in the UCI team time trial world championships in the current season.

#### **Special provision for riders transferred during the course of a season:**

Points obtained until the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the former team if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the 8 best placed riders of the former team in the individual ranking; points obtained from the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season,



are added to the points of the new team if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the 8 best placed riders of the new team in the individual ranking.

**Special provision concerning trainees:**

During his training period, regarding rankings, a trainee is still considered as a member of his usual team. Points potentially obtained by the trainee during the training period, shall in no instance be added to the points of the host team.

Ties between UCI continental teams and UCI professional continental teams shall be resolved by counting the greatest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places on the (final general) classification (on time) of their best 8 riders on the individual continental ranking during races run in the course of the last year. If there is still a tie between teams, it will be resolved by the greatest number of 2<sup>nd</sup> places, then 3<sup>rd</sup> places, etc.

*(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.16; 1.01.17).*

**Ranking by nation**

**2.10.026** The ranking by nation is a 52-week rolling ranking of continental circuits. Besides a ranking by nation for men elite and under 23 men, a distinct ranking by nation for under 23 men shall be drawn up at least once a week. Such rankings by nation for each continent shall be obtained by adding the points of the 8 best placed riders of each nation in the same continent in all the individual continental rankings:

- 1 the points of each rider of a given nation in the individual ranking of each continent shall be totalled;
- 2 the points of the 8 best riders shall be added together;
- 3 the total for the 8 best placed riders determines the position of the nation in the ranking;

*(text modified on 1.01.07; 1.01.16).*

**2.10.027** A rider's points shall be awarded to the nation of his nationality, even if he is a licence holder of the federation of another country.

**2.10.028** Ties between nations shall be resolved by counting up the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places etc. on the (final general) classification (on time) of the races run in the course of the last 52 weeks obtained by their best 8 riders on the individual continental ranking.

*(text modified on 1.01.16).*

**2.10.029** [abrogated on 24.01.15].

**2.10.030** The UCI Management Committee may award prizes to riders according to their classification, in accordance with such criteria as it may establish.

**2.10.031 Points scale**

**General provisions**

Points awarded for stages shall be recorded on the last day of the event.

For team time trial events and stages the points on the scale shall be awarded to the team. These points shall be divided equally between the riders finishing the event or the stage. Calculations shall be rounded to **a hundredth of a point**.

**Final results of events on continental calendars**

| Position | HC  | Class 1 | Class 2 | 1.2U et 2.2U | Ncup<br>Tour de<br>l'Avenir | Ncup |
|----------|-----|---------|---------|--------------|-----------------------------|------|
| 1        | 200 | 125     | 40      | 30           | 140                         | 70   |
| 2        | 150 | 85      | 30      | 25           | 110                         | 55   |
| 3        | 125 | 70      | 25      | 20           | 80                          | 40   |
| 4        | 100 | 60      | 20      | 15           | 60                          | 30   |
| 5        | 85  | 50      | 15      | 10           | 50                          | 25   |
| 6        | 70  | 40      | 10      | 5            | 40                          | 20   |
| 7        | 60  | 35      | 5       | 3            | 30                          | 15   |
| 8        | 50  | 30      | 3       | 1            | 20                          | 10   |
| 9        | 40  | 25      | 3       | 1            | 10                          | 5    |
| 10       | 35  | 20      | 3       | 1            | 6                           | 3    |
| 11       | 30  | 15      |         |              | 3                           |      |
| 12       | 25  | 10      |         |              | 3                           |      |
| 13       | 20  | 5       |         |              | 3                           |      |
| 14       | 15  | 5       |         |              | 3                           |      |
| 15       | 10  | 5       |         |              | 3                           |      |
| 16       | 5   | 3       |         |              | 1                           |      |
| 17       | 5   | 3       |         |              | 1                           |      |
| 18       | 5   | 3       |         |              | 1                           |      |
| 19       | 5   | 3       |         |              | 1                           |      |
| 20       | 5   | 3       |         |              | 1                           |      |
| 21       | 5   | 3       |         |              |                             |      |
| 22       | 5   | 3       |         |              |                             |      |
| 23       | 5   | 3       |         |              |                             |      |
| 24       | 5   | 3       |         |              |                             |      |
| 25       | 5   | 3       |         |              |                             |      |
| 26       | 5   |         |         |              |                             |      |
| 27       | 5   |         |         |              |                             |      |
| 28       | 5   |         |         |              |                             |      |
| 29       | 5   |         |         |              |                             |      |
| 30       | 5   |         |         |              |                             |      |
| 31       | 3   |         |         |              |                             |      |
| 32       | 3   |         |         |              |                             |      |
| 33       | 3   |         |         |              |                             |      |
| 34       | 3   |         |         |              |                             |      |
| 35       | 3   |         |         |              |                             |      |
| 36       | 3   |         |         |              |                             |      |
| 37       | 3   |         |         |              |                             |      |
| 38       | 3   |         |         |              |                             |      |
| 39       | 3   |         |         |              |                             |      |

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|----|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 40 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
|----|---|--|--|--|--|--|

**Results of prologue, stages and half-stages of events on continental calendars**

| Position | HC | Class 1 | Class 2 | 2.2U | Ncup<br>Tour de<br>l'Avenir | Ncup |
|----------|----|---------|---------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| 1        | 20 | 14      | 7       | 5    | 15                          | 12   |
| 2        | 10 | 5       | 3       | 1    | 9                           | 8    |
| 3        | 5  | 3       | 1       |      | 5                           | 4    |

**Wearing the race leader's jersey of an event on the continental calendar (per day)**

| Position | HC | Class 1 | Class 2 | 2.2U | Ncup<br>Tour de<br>l'Avenir | Ncup |
|----------|----|---------|---------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| 1        | 5  | 3       | 1       | 1    | 2                           | 1    |

**Final results of national championships**

| Position | Men Elite       |                 |                       |                       | Men Under 23 |                    |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
|          | Road Race<br>A* | Road Race<br>B* | Ind. Time Trial<br>A* | Ind. Time Trial<br>B* | Road Race    | Ind. Time<br>Trial |
| 1        | 100             | 50              | 50                    | 25                    | 50           | 25                 |
| 2        | 75              | 30              | 30                    | 15                    | 30           | 15                 |
| 3        | 60              | 20              | 20                    | 0                     | 20           | 10                 |
| 4        | 50              | 15              | 15                    | 5                     | 15           | 5                  |
| 5        | 40              | 10              | 10                    | 3                     | 10           | 3                  |
| 6        | 30              | 5               | 5                     |                       | 5            |                    |
| 7        | 20              | 3               | 3                     |                       | 3            |                    |
| 8        | 10              | 3               | 3                     |                       | 3            |                    |
| 9        | 5               | 1               | 1                     |                       | 1            |                    |
| 10       | 3               | 1               | 1                     |                       | 1            |                    |
| 11       | 3               |                 |                       |                       |              |                    |
| 12       | 1               |                 |                       |                       |              |                    |
| 13       | 1               |                 |                       |                       |              |                    |
| 14       | 1               |                 |                       |                       |              |                    |
| 15       | 1               |                 |                       |                       |              |                    |

\* Category A corresponds to the **Men Elite national** championships of nations that qualified at least one rider for the road race of the **Men Elite** UCI Road world championships in the previous season. Category B corresponds to the **Men Elite national** championships of all nations not included in Category A.

Where Elite and Men Under 23 compete in their national championships in the same event, points shall be awarded according to their position in the event classification **according to the Men Elite points scale.**

**According to Article 1.2.028, if a National Federation organises a separate event for the Men Under 23 category, riders of this category may not take part in the Men Elite event.**

No points shall be awarded to a rider who takes part in an event in which his participation was not allowed.

Where the title of national champion is contested at an international event, the riders, regardless of their nationality, shall be awarded the points relative to their position in the classification of that event.

**Final results of continental championships and continental games\***

| Position | Men Elite |                 | Men Under 23 |                 |
|----------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
|          | Road Race | Ind. Time Trial | Road Race    | Ind. Time Trial |
| 1        | 250       | 70              | 125          | 50              |
| 2        | 200       | 55              | 85           | 30              |
| 3        | 150       | 40              | 70           | 20              |
| 4        | 125       | 30              | 60           | 15              |
| 5        | 100       | 25              | 50           | 10              |
| 6        | 90        | 20              | 40           | 5               |
| 7        | 80        | 15              | 35           | 3               |
| 8        | 70        | 10              | 30           | 3               |
| 9        | 60        | 5               | 25           | 1               |
| 10       | 50        | 3               | 20           | 1               |
| 11       | 40        |                 | 15           |                 |
| 12       | 35        |                 | 10           |                 |
| 13       | 30        |                 | 5            |                 |
| 14       | 25        |                 | 5            |                 |
| 15       | 20        |                 | 5            |                 |
| 16       | 15        |                 | 3            |                 |
| 17       | 10        |                 | 3            |                 |
| 18       | 5         |                 | 3            |                 |
| 19       | 5         |                 | 3            |                 |
| 20       | 5         |                 | 3            |                 |
| 21       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 22       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 23       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 24       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 25       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 26       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 27       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 28       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 29       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 30       | 5         |                 |              |                 |
| 31       | 3         |                 |              |                 |
| 32       | 3         |                 |              |                 |
| 33       | 3         |                 |              |                 |

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|----|---|--|--|--|
| 34 | 3 |  |  |  |
| 35 | 3 |  |  |  |
| 36 | 1 |  |  |  |
| 37 | 1 |  |  |  |
| 38 | 1 |  |  |  |
| 39 | 1 |  |  |  |
| 40 | 1 |  |  |  |

\* The UCI Management Committee will annually determine which continental games will receive points.

Where elite and under 23 men compete in their continental championships in the same event, points shall be awarded according to the elite points scale.

#### Final results of team time trial continental championships

| Position | Continental championships    |
|----------|------------------------------|
|          | <i>Team Time Trial Elite</i> |
| 1        | 70                           |
| 2        | 55                           |
| 3        | 40                           |
| 4        | 30                           |
| 5        | 25                           |
| 6        | 20                           |
| 7        | 15                           |
| 8        | 10                           |
| 9        | 5                            |
| 10       | 3                            |

If a continental confederation organises a separate team time trial event for the Under 23 category, no UCI points shall be awarded for that event.

#### Final result of the Men Elite Team Time Trial of the world championships

| Position | Team Time Trial* |
|----------|------------------|
| 1        | 500              |
| 2        | 400              |
| 3        | 325              |
| 4        | 275              |
| 5        | 225              |
| 6        | 175              |
| 7        | 150              |
| 8        | 125              |
| 9        | 100              |
| 10       | 85               |
| 11       | 70               |
| 12       | 60               |
| 13       | 50               |
| 14       | 50               |
| 15       | 50               |

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| <b>16</b> | 30 |
| <b>17</b> | 30 |
| <b>18</b> | 30 |
| <b>19</b> | 30 |
| <b>20</b> | 30 |
| <b>21</b> | 25 |
| <b>22</b> | 25 |
| <b>23</b> | 25 |
| <b>24</b> | 25 |
| <b>25</b> | 25 |

*\* The points corresponding to the positions obtained by UCI professional continental and UCI continental teams in the world championships team time trial are added to the continental ranking in which the team scored most points. No individual points are awarded.*

*(text modified on 1.10.05; 26.01.08; 1.09.12; 1.10.13; 1.05.14 ; 24.01.15; 1.01.16; 1.01.17; 25.10.17)*

#### **§ 4 UCI WorldTour Rankings**

*(numbering of articles modified on 1.01.16)*

**2.10.032** The UCI has created an annual UCI WorldTour ranking of riders and teams taking part in the events of the UCI WorldTour. This ranking is the exclusive property of the UCI.

Only riders being part of a UCI WorldTeam obtain points in UCI WorldTour races.

*(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 1.01.17).*

#### **Individual ranking**

**2.10.033** Riders score points in the individual ranking in accordance with the scale in article 2.10.039.

Points awarded for stages are counted on the final day of the race.

A rider who, in the course of the year, ceases to be a member of a team which has taken part in one or more UCI WorldTour events during the year in question, shall be withdrawn from the individual ranking.

A rider who takes part in a UCI WorldTour event as a member of a national team shall not receive any points.

*(text modified on 1.01.17)*

- 2.10.034** Ties on points between riders shall be resolved by counting up the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc. on the classification of the races of the current year, taking into account only places for which UCI WorldTour ranking points are allocated.

In the event of a new tie, the highest-placed rider in the most recent race shall take precedence, whichever his placing.

In the case of a tie in the final ranking, the rider with the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places etc. on the classification of the races of the current year, whichever his placing, shall take precedence.

Concerning stage races, only the final individual general classification on time shall be taken into account for the application of this article.

**Team ranking**

- 2.10.035** The team ranking is obtained by adding up the points obtained by all riders in the individual ranking.

Further, the UCI WorldTeams obtain points during the UCI team time trial world championships as indicated in the points scale in article 2.10.039.

The ranking of teams in the event of a tie will be determined by the place of their best rider in the individual ranking.

**Special provision for riders being transferred during the season**

Points obtained until the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the former team; points obtained from the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the new team.

**Special provision concerning trainees:**

During his training period, regarding rankings, a trainee is still considered as a member of his usual team. Points potentially obtained by the trainee during the training period, shall in no instance be added to the points of the host team.

*(text modified on 1.09.12; 1.01.17).*

- 2.10.036** [article abrogated on 1.01.17]

**Updates**

- 2.10.037** Rankings shall be updated the same day after the end of a UCI WorldTour one day race or after the last stage of a stage race as well as after the UCI world championships team time trial.

Organisers or National Federations must immediately notify the UCI of any facts or decisions which could result in a change to points obtained by any rider or team. Where necessary, rankings will be amended.

*(text modified on 1.07.11; 1.01.17).*

### Trophies and prizes

**2.10.038** The UCI shall award a trophy to the winner of the UCI WorldTour ranking as well as to the winning team. The UCI may award prizes to riders and teams according to their classification, in accordance with such criteria as it may establish.

When necessary, should the ranking be altered, prizes and trophies already awarded shall be returned and handed over to the entitled party.

### 2.10.039 Scale of points

#### General provisions

Except for the UCI world championships team time trial, points for team time trial events and stages on the points scale shall be divided equally between the riders finishing the event or the stage in order to calculate the individual ranking. Calculations shall be rounded to **a hundredth of a point**.

#### Final results in UCI WorldTour events

| Position | Tour de France | Giro d'Italia, La Vuelta ciclista a España | Santos Tour Down Under, Paris - Nice, Tirreno - Adriatico, Milano - Sanremo, Gent – Wevelgem in Flanders Fields, Ronde van Vlaanderen - Tour des Flandres, Paris - Roubaix, Amstel Gold Race, Liège – Bastogne - Liège, Critérium du Dauphiné, Tour de Suisse, Tour de Romandie, Grand Prix Cycliste de Québec, Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal, Il Lombardia | Record Bank E3 Harelbeke, La Flèche Wallonne, Clasica Ciclista San Sebastian, Cycloclassics Hamburg, Vuelta Ciclista al Pais Vasco, Tour de Pologne, Eneco Tour, Volta Ciclista a Catalunya, Bretagne Classic – Ouest-France | Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, Abu Dhabi Tour, Omloop Het Nieuwsblad Elite, Strade Bianche, Dwars door Vlaanderen / A travers les Flandres, Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey, Rund um den Finanzplatz Eschborn-Frankfurt, Amgen Tour of California, Prudential RideLondon & Surrey Classic, Greece – Tour of Guangxi |
|----------|----------------|--|---|--|---|
| 1        | 1000           | 850  | 500   | 400  | 300   |
| 2        | 800            | 680  | 400   | 320  | 250   |
| 3        | 675            | 575  | 325   | 260  | 215   |
| 4        | 575            | 460  | 275   | 220  | 175   |
| 5        | 475            | 380  | 225   | 180  | 120   |
| 6        | 400            | 320  | 175   | 140  | 115   |
| 7        | 325            | 260  | 150   | 120  | 95  |
| 8        | 275            | 220  | 125   | 100  | 75  |
| 9        | 225            | 180  | 100   | 80   | 60  |
| 10       | 175            | 140  | 85  | 68   | 50  |
| 11       | 150            | 120  | 70  | 56   | 40  |
| 12       | 125            | 100  | 60  | 48   | 35  |



# UCI CYCLING REGULATIONS

|    |     |    |    |    |    |
|----|-----|----|----|----|----|
| 13 | 105 | 84 | 50 | 40 | 30 |
| 14 | 85  | 68 | 40 | 32 | 25 |
| 15 | 75  | 60 | 35 | 28 | 20 |
| 16 | 70  | 56 | 30 | 24 | 20 |
| 17 | 65  | 52 | 30 | 24 | 20 |
| 18 | 60  | 48 | 30 | 24 | 20 |
| 19 | 55  | 44 | 30 | 24 | 20 |
| 20 | 50  | 40 | 30 | 24 | 20 |
| 21 | 40  | 32 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 22 | 40  | 32 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 23 | 40  | 32 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 24 | 40  | 32 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 25 | 40  | 32 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 26 | 30  | 24 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 27 | 30  | 24 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 28 | 30  | 24 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 29 | 30  | 24 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 30 | 30  | 24 | 20 | 16 | 12 |
| 31 | 25  | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 32 | 25  | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 33 | 25  | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 34 | 25  | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 35 | 25  | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 36 | 25  | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 37 | 25  | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 38 | 25  | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 39 | 25  | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 40 | 25  | 20 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 41 | 20  | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 42 | 20  | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 43 | 20  | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 44 | 20  | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 45 | 20  | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 46 | 20  | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 47 | 20  | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 48 | 20  | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 49 | 20  | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 50 | 20  | 16 | 10 | 8  | 5  |
| 51 | 15  | 12 | 5  | 4  | 2  |
| 52 | 15  | 12 | 5  | 4  | 2  |
| 53 | 15  | 12 | 5  | 4  | 2  |
| 54 | 15  | 12 | 5  | 4  | 2  |
| 55 | 15  | 12 | 5  | 4  | 2  |

|           |    |   |   |   |   |
|-----------|----|---|---|---|---|
| <b>56</b> | 10 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| <b>57</b> | 10 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| <b>58</b> | 10 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| <b>59</b> | 10 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| <b>60</b> | 10 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

**Prologue and stages in UCI WorldTour events**

| Position | Tour de France | Giro d'Italia, La Vuelta Ciclista a España | Santos Tour Down Under, Paris - Nice, Tirreno - Adriatico, Critérium du Dauphiné, Tour de Suisse, Tour de Romandie | Vuelta Ciclista al Pais Vasco, Tour de Pologne, Binck Bank Tour, Volta Ciclista a Catalunya | Abu Dhabi Tour, Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey, Amgen Tour of California, Gree – Tour of Guangxi |
|----------|----------------|--|--|---|---|
| <b>1</b> | 120            | 100  | 60   | 50  | 40  |
| <b>2</b> | 50             | 40   | 25   | 20  | 15  |
| <b>3</b> | 25             | 20   | 10   | 8   | 6   |
| <b>4</b> | 15             | 12   |  |   |   |
| <b>5</b> | 5              | 4  |  |   |   |

**Final position in Grand Tour secondary classifications (points and mountains classifications)**

| Position | Tour de France | Giro d'Italia, La Vuelta Ciclista a España |
|----------|----------------|--|
| <b>1</b> | 120            | 100  |
| <b>2</b> | 50             | 40   |
| <b>3</b> | 25             | 20   |

**Wearing the race leader's jersey in a UCI WorldTour event (per stage)**

| Position | Tour de France | Giro d'Italia, La Vuelta Ciclista a España | Santos Tour Down Under, Paris - Nice, Tirreno - Adriatico, Critérium du Dauphiné, Tour de Suisse, Tour de Romandie | Vuelta Ciclista al Pais Vasco, Tour de Pologne, Binck Bank Tour, Volta Ciclista a Catalunya | Abu Dhabi Tour, Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey, Amgen Tour of California, Gree – Tour of Guangxi |
|----------|----------------|--|--|---|---|
| <b>1</b> | 25             | 20   | 10   | 8   | 6   |

***Position in the team time trial world championships***

| <i>Position</i> | <i>Team points</i> |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1               | 500                |
| 2               | 400                |
| 3               | 325                |
| 4               | 275                |
| 5               | 225                |
| 6               | 175                |
| 7               | 150                |
| 8               | 125                |
| 9               | 100                |
| 10              | 85                 |
| 11              | 70                 |
| 12              | 60                 |
| 13              | 50                 |
| 13              | 50                 |
| 15              | 50                 |
| 16              | 30                 |
| 17              | 30                 |
| 18              | 30                 |
| 19              | 30                 |
| 20              | 30                 |
| 21              | 25                 |
| 22              | 25                 |
| 23              | 25                 |
| 24              | 25                 |
| 25              | 25                 |

Points for the UCI team time trial world championships are awarded to the team. No individual points are awarded.

*(article introduced on 1.09.12; modified on 1.01.15; 1.01.17; 25.10.17).*

## Chapter XI

[chapter replaced on 1.01.05 ; moved to chapter X on 1.01.16].

## Chapter XII

[chapter replaced on 1.01.05 ; moved to chapter X on 1.01.16].

## Chapter XIII UCI WOMEN'S WORLDTOUR

[Chapter abrogated on 1.10.09; moved from Chapter XIV on 1.01.16]

### § 1 UCI Women's WorldTour

#### General observations

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

*(article introduced on 1.01.18)*

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

**2.13.002** The UCI Women's WorldTour will take place over a number of one-day races and stages races designated each year by the UCI Management Committee.

*(text modified on 1.1.06; 1.01.07; 1.01.16).*

**2.13.003** The organisers of UCI Women's WorldTour events shall act in compliance and fully respect the terms of reference for UCI Women's WorldTour organisers, which, inter alia, govern the audio-visual broadcasting rights, marketing rights and the material organisation of the events.

*(text modified on 1.01.17)*

#### Participation

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

The first 15 UCI women's teams in the first elite women's classification by team published in the year of the event must be invited by organisers of UCI Women's WorldTour events. This ranking is calculated on the second Sunday of January. This ranking is the only one used during the season for the invitation.

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

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

**2.13.005** [article abrogated on 1.01.18]

#### Classifications

##### Overall individual classification

**2.13.006** UCI Women's WorldTour points are awarded for the final classification of each event according to the following scale:

Points awarded for stages shall be recorded on the last day of the event.

For team time trial events and stages the points on the scale shall be awarded to the team. These points shall be divided equally between the riders finishing the event or the

stage. Calculations shall be rounded to a hundredth of a point.

**Final classification of each event**

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 200    |
| 2        | 150    |
| 3        | 125    |
| 4        | 100    |
| 5        | 85     |
| 6        | 70     |
| 7        | 60     |
| 8        | 50     |
| 9        | 40     |
| 10       | 35     |
| 11       | 30     |
| 12       | 25     |
| 13       | 20     |
| 14       | 15     |
| 15       | 10     |
| 16       | 5      |
| 17       | 5      |
| 18       | 5      |
| 19       | 5      |
| 20       | 5      |
| 21       | 5      |
| 22       | 5      |
| 23       | 5      |
| 24       | 5      |
| 25       | 5      |
| 26       | 5      |
| 27       | 5      |
| 28       | 5      |
| 29       | 5      |
| 30       | 5      |
| 31       | 3      |
| 32       | 3      |
| 33       | 3      |
| 34       | 3      |
| 35       | 3      |
| 36       | 3      |
| 37       | 3      |
| 38       | 3      |
| 39       | 3      |
| 40       | 3      |

### Stages and half stages

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 25     |
| 2        | 20     |
| 3        | 18     |
| 4        | 16     |
| 5        | 14     |
| 6        | 12     |
| 7        | 10     |
| 8        | 8      |
| 9        | 6      |
| 10       | 4      |

### Wearing the race leader's jersey per stage

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| Leader   | 5      |

### Secondary classification

Best young rider classification.

On the basis of the final classification of each UCI Women's WorldTour event, best young rider points are awarded to the first 3 riders Under 23 according to the following scale:

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 6      |
| 2        | 4      |
| 3        | 2      |

(text modified on 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.1.06; 26.06.07; 1.01.08; 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 5.02.15; 1.01.16; **25.10.17**).

### Team classification

The team classification shall only include UCI women's teams.

The team classification is obtained by adding the individual classification points scored by **all** the riders of the team in **the UCI Women's WorldTour individual ranking**.

### Special provision for riders being transferred during the season:

Points obtained until the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the former team if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the 4 best placed riders of the former team in the individual ranking; points obtained from the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the new team if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the 4 best placed riders of the new team in the individual ranking.

### Special provision concerning trainees:

During his training period, regarding rankings, a trainee is still considered as a member of his usual team. Points potentially obtained by the trainee during the training period, shall in no instance be added to the points of the host team.

(article introduced on 1.01.06; modified on 1.01.17; **25.10.17**).



- 2.13.007** In the event of a tie on overall individual and best young rider classification at the end of each event, the riders shall be placed on the basis of the larger number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2<sup>nd</sup> places, etc. in their respective classification only taking account places for which points shall be awarded.

As a subsidiary criterion, the best classification in the most recent event shall be decisive.

In the event of a tie in the final classification, riders shall be placed on the basis of the larger number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2<sup>nd</sup> places, etc.

Concerning stage races, only the final individual general classification on time shall be taken into account for the application of this article.

*(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.05; 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 1.01.16; 25.10.17).*

- 2.13.008** The leader of the individual general classification, the leader of the best young rider classification and the 3 first riders of the final classification from each event must present themselves at the podium for the final awards ceremony.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.10.13; 5.02.15; 1.01.16).*

- 2.13.009** After the awards ceremonies, the leader of the individual UCI Women's WorldTour general classification, the leaders of the best young rider classification, and the winner of the event shall be required to attend the press room in the company of the organiser.

*(text modified on 1.10.13; 1.01.16).*

- 2.13.010** The UCI awards UCI Women's WorldTour leader's jerseys to the leaders of the individual general classification and best young rider classification. Where applicable, the jersey shall carry the name and/or logo of the sponsor of the UCI Women's WorldTour. Except where article 1.3.055bis, point 5, applies, the jersey must be worn in UCI Women's WorldTour events and in no other event.

If a rider is the leader of both the UCI Women's WorldTour individual classification and best young rider classification, the rider will wear the UCI Women's WorldTour leader's jersey.

The order of priority established in article 1.3.071 must be respected.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.09.05; 1.10.13; 1.01.16; 1.01.17).*

- 2.13.011** The UCI awards a trophy to the winner of the UCI Women's WorldTour.

- 2.13.012** The UCI Management Committee may award prizes to riders according to their classification, accordance with such criteria as it may establish.

- 2.13.013** Where applicable, the prizes and trophy issued must be returned and will be transferred to the rightful winner in the event of correction of the classification.

**2.13.014** The order of cars will be as follows:

- First event of the year:
  1. the car of the team winner of the previous UCI Women's WorldTour;
  2. the cars of teams represented at the sports directors' meeting;
  3. the cars of teams that failed to confirm their starting riders within the time limit set out in article 1.2.090;
  4. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within the groups 2, 3 and 4 the order shall be determined by drawing lots.

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

- For other events:
  1. the cars of teams represented at the sports directors' meeting in the order of the participating riders on the UCI Women's WorldTour individual classification as established on the eve of the event;
  2. the cars of teams represented at the sports directors' meeting whose riders have not yet earned points in the UCI Women's WorldTour individual classification;
  3. the cars of teams that failed to confirm their starting riders within the time limit set out in article 1.2.090;
  4. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within the groups 2, 3 and 4 the order shall be determined by drawing lots.

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

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.07; 1.01.16).*

**2.13.015** For races of the UCI Women's WorldTour, a teams' presentation may be organised the day before the race or the first stage (or prologue).

This presentation shall be included in the specific regulations for the event and the organiser shall cover any additional subsistence costs that may be incurred in relation to such presentation. Unless the organiser has explicitly agreed otherwise, the presence of all riders and sports directors registered for the race shall be compulsory.

*(article introduced on 1.01.17).*

**§ 2 UCI Women's WorldTour calendar**  
*(paragraph introduced on 1.07.17).*

**2.13.016** The UCI Women's WorldTour calendar shall be made up of a certain number of events known as UCI Women's WorldTour events. The UCI Women's WorldTour calendar is established by the UCI Management Committee on a yearly basis, in consideration of the criteria it determines.

**Candidature for first registration on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar**

- 2.13.017** The conditions for the registration on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar for an event which is not, the previous season, registered in the UCI Women's WorldTour Calendar shall be specified in the candidates guide established by the UCI Management Committee.

To be considered, the candidature will have to fulfil all conditions established by the candidates guide with the complete bid file including all additional documents required in the candidates guide. The documents required in the candidates guide shall be taken into consideration by the UCI Management Committee in deciding to accept or refuse a candidature.

- 2.13.018** The entity applying for registration of an event on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar shall be the owner of the event held the year preceding the registration as a class 1 event unless agreed otherwise by the UCI Management Committee.

- 2.13.019** By applying for registration on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar, the owner of the event acknowledges being bound by the UCI Regulations as from the submission of the application and for the duration of the registration as a UCI Women's WorldTour event. The owner of the event shall be entirely responsible for its event towards the UCI and compliance of its event with the UCI regulations.

**Registration for current UCI Women's WorldTour events**

- 2.13.020** All events registered in the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar during the current season shall submit the application for registration for the next season by completing and returning the form prepared by the UCI.

- 2.13.021** The UCI Management Committee shall examine the applications for registration on the basis of documentation consisting of the following elements:
1. the registration application form;
  2. any additional documents required by the UCI;
  3. the opinion of the UCI administration and/or any entity created for the purpose of reviewing applications.

**Common provisions for candidature and registration on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar**

- 2.13.022** The deadline for the submission for the registration and the candidatures is set in the candidates guide. The UCI Management Committee shall have no obligation to examine applications sent to the UCI passed the deadline.

- 2.13.023** The registration or the agreement of a candidature is granted for a specific event for a defined season. The registration grants UCI Women's WorldTour status to the event.

- 2.13.024** The decisions of the UCI Management Committee in relation to applications for registration on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar are final and not subject to appeal.

**Calendar fee**

- 2.13.025** An annual calendar fee is determined by the UCI Management Committee. The amount of the fee must be paid by UCI Women's WorldTour events annually by 15 days after receiving the invoice from the UCI.

If the UCI account has not been credited by 15 days after the receipt of the invoice, the registration on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar is automatically revoked.

## Chapter XIV UCI CUPS

[former chapter XV has been numbered XIV on 1.01.05)

### § 1

[paragraph moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

**2.14.001** [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

**2.14.002** [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

**2.14.003** [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

**2.14.004** [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

**2.14.005** [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

**2.14.006** [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

**2.14.007** [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

**2.14.008** [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

**2.14.009** [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

**2.14.010** [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

**2.14.011** [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

**2.14.012** [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

**2.14.013** [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

**2.14.014** [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

### § 2 Nations Cup – Men Under 23

*(paragraph introduced on 1.01.07).*

#### General

**2.14.015** The road racing nations cup (Ncup) shall be the exclusive property of the UCI.

**2.14.016** The nations cup consists of a number of events selected each year by the UCI Management Committee.

**2.14.017** The organisers must sign a contract with the UCI, governing, inter alia, the audio-visual broadcasting rights, marketing rights and the material organisation of the events.

#### Participation

**2.14.018** The road racing nations cup is reserved for men from 19 to 22 years of age.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.01.16).*

**2.14.019** Nations cup events are open to national teams (one team per nation) and mixed teams.

*(text modified on 1.10.10).*

**2.14.020** The organiser of events which take place during the 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30 June, must send an invitation to 26 countries as follows:

- to the first African nation based on the UCI Africa Tour's under 23 final nations ranking of the year before the race takes place;
- to the first 3 American nations based on the UCI America Tour's under 23 final nations ranking of the year before the race takes place;
- to the first 2 Asian nations based on the UCI Asia Tour's under 23 final nations ranking of the year before the race takes place;
- to the 18 first European nations based on the UCI Europe Tour's under 23 final nations ranking of the year before the race takes place;
- to the first 2 Oceanian nations based on the UCI Oceania Tour's under 23 final nations ranking of the year before the race takes place.

**2.14.021** The organiser of an event which takes place from July on, must invite the first 15 nations ranked in the nations cup classification published at least 60 days before the event of the year in question and that have not taken part as a mixed team. The national teams having been ranked through a participation in a mixed team can nevertheless be selected by the organization to participate in one mixed team only.

*(text modified on 1.01.08; 26.01.08; 1.01.15).*

**2.14.022** The organiser must accept the participation of the above-mentioned nations which have accepted the invitation.

**2.14.023** Nations cup events are raced in teams of 6 riders. No team may take part with less than 4 riders.

#### **Ranking**

**2.14.024** The nations cup awards points, but only to nations.

**2.14.025** Only the first rider from each nation scores points based on his place in the event.

**2.14.026** In a one-day race, points are awarded to the first 15 riders of the race, according to the following scale:

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 20     |
| 2        | 17     |
| 3        | 15     |
| 4        | 13     |
| 5        | 11     |
| 6        | 10     |
| 7        | 9      |
| 8        | 8      |
| 9        | 7      |
| 10       | 6      |
| 11       | 5      |
| 12       | 4      |
| 13       | 3      |

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|----|---|
| 14 | 2 |
| 15 | 1 |

Both the road race and time trial of the continental championships under 23 award points for the nations cup U23 classification according to the following scale:

**CC Europe**

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 10     |
| 2        | 8      |
| 3        | 6      |
| 4        | 5      |
| 5        | 4      |
| 6        | 3      |
| 7        | 2      |
| 8        | 1      |

**CC Asia, Africa, America, Oceania**

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 8      |
| 2        | 5      |
| 3        | 3      |
| 4        | 1      |

*(text modified on 1.07.11; 1.01.17).*

**2.14.027** In stage races, points are awarded to the first 20 riders of the final general ranking, according to the following scale:

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 30     |
| 2        | 25     |
| 3        | 20     |
| 4        | 17     |
| 5        | 16     |
| 6        | 15     |
| 7        | 14     |
| 8        | 13     |
| 9        | 12     |
| 10       | 11     |
| 11       | 10     |
| 12       | 9      |
| 13       | 8      |
| 14       | 7      |
| 15       | 6      |
| 16       | 5      |
| 17       | 4      |
| 18       | 3      |
| 19       | 2      |
| 20       | 1      |

For each stage, points are awarded to the first 3 riders of the ranking, according to the following scale:

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 3      |
| 2        | 2      |
| 3        | 1      |

**2.14.028** At the end of each event, if there is a tie between nations in the general ranking, this will be decided by the most 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places etc., and by taking into consideration only the places that award points.

If there is still a tie, it will be their best ranking in the most recent race which will determine the ranking.

A nations tie in the final ranking will be decided by the most 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places, etc.

**2.14.029** For one-day races, the leading nation of the nations cup ranking must be present on the podium for the awards ceremony.

For stage races, the leading nation of the nations cup ranking must be present on the podium at the start of the stage the following day and on the award ceremony podium for the last stage.

**2.14.030** The UCI grants a distinctive emblem to riders from the leading nation of the nations' cup U23 and riders must wear this emblem during podium ceremonies, according to the UCI's instructions.

*(text modified on 1.01.08; 1.01.17).*

**2.14.031** The UCI grants a trophy to the first three nations of the final ranking of the nations cup.

*(text modified on 1.01.08).*

**2.14.032** The order of cars will be as follows:

- First race of the year:
  1. the car of the team which has won the previous nation's cup;
  2. the cars of the national teams represented at the sports directors' meeting;
  3. the cars of mixed teams;
  4. the cars of teams which failed to confirm their starting riders by the deadline set under article 1.2.090;
  5. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 the order shall be determined by drawing lots.

The car of a team covered by point 1, 2 or 3, but which falls into the categories covered by points 4 or 5, will be in group 4 or 5 as appropriate.

- Other events:
  1. the cars of the teams represented at the sports directors' meeting in the order of the ranking of the nations cup, as established the day before the race;

2. the cars of the teams represented at the sports directors' meeting which have not yet earned any points in the nations cup classification;
3. the cars of the teams that have not confirmed their starting riders by the deadline set in article 1.2.090;
4. the cars of the teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

In groups 2, 3 and 4, the order is fixed by drawing lots.

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

The rules above shall apply to the first stage of a stage race. The order of cars for subsequent stages shall be determined by the individual general classification by time.

*(text modified on 1.01.08; 26.01.08).*

### **§ 3 Men junior nations' cup**

*(paragraph introduced on 01.01.08).*

#### **General**

**2.14.033** The men junior nations cup is the exclusive property of the UCI.

**2.14.034** The men junior nations cup will consist of a number of one-day events and stage races determined each year by the UCI Management Committee. Points shall also be awarded for the world men junior road race championship in accordance with article 2.14.040. This championship shall not count towards the 5 events mentioned in article 2.14.037.

*(text modified on 26.01.08).*

#### **Participation**

**2.14.035** The men junior nations' cup (NcupJ) is reserved for junior male riders.

*(text modified on 26.01.08).*

**2.14.036** The events of the men junior nations cup are open to national and mixed teams.



**Participation in the men junior nations' cup**

- 2.14.037** A junior rider may not ride more than 5 races on the Men Junior Nations' Cup calendar, excluding world championship events and continental championship.

*(text modified on 1.01.08; 1.07.12).*

- 2.14.038** The organiser must invite the leading 25 National Federations in the UCI classification by nation for junior men.

For the first event, the organiser must invite the first 25 nations of the final UCI junior men's classification of the previous year.

The organiser must accept entries from nations that accept the invitation.

*(text modified on 01.01.08; 1.10.10).*

- 2.14.039** Events in the men junior nations' cup are to be ridden by teams of maximum 6 riders. No team may start with fewer than 4 riders.

**Classification (NCup Men Junior)**

- 2.14.040** The points for the men junior nations cup are awarded only to nations by totalling the individual points scored. Only a classification by nation is kept.

For a one-day event, points are awarded to the first 15 riders as per the scale below:

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 20     |
| 2        | 17     |
| 3        | 15     |
| 4        | 13     |
| 5        | 11     |
| 6        | 10     |
| 7        | 9      |
| 8        | 8      |
| 9        | 7      |
| 10       | 6      |
| 11       | 5      |
| 12       | 4      |
| 13       | 3      |
| 14       | 2      |
| 15       | 1      |

The same number of points shall be awarded for the junior road race and time trial world championship towards the classification of the men junior nations' cup.

Both the road race and time trial of the continental championships junior award points for the men junior nations' cup classification according to the following scale:

**CC Europe**

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 10     |
| 2        | 8      |
| 3        | 6      |

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 4 | 5 |
| 5 | 4 |
| 6 | 3 |
| 7 | 2 |
| 8 | 1 |

**CC Asia, Africa, America, Oceania**

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 8      |
| 2        | 5      |
| 3        | 3      |
| 4        | 1      |

For a stage race, points are awarded to the first 20 riders in the general classification as per the scale below:

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 30     |
| 2        | 25     |
| 3        | 20     |
| 4        | 17     |
| 5        | 16     |
| 6        | 15     |
| 7        | 14     |
| 8        | 13     |
| 9        | 12     |
| 10       | 11     |
| 11       | 10     |
| 12       | 9      |
| 13       | 8      |
| 14       | 7      |
| 15       | 6      |
| 16       | 5      |
| 17       | 4      |
| 18       | 3      |
| 19       | 2      |
| 20       | 1      |

For each stage points are awarded to the first six riders classified as per the scale below:

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 6      |
| 2        | 5      |
| 3        | 4      |
| 4        | 3      |
| 5        | 2      |
| 6        | 1      |

*(text modified on 1.01.08; 1.07.11; 1.08.13; 1.01.17).*

### **Classification by nations**

**2.14.041** Only the national teams which participated in the event are included in the classification.

Only the first rider from each nation scores points based on his place in the event.

*(text modified on 26.01.08; 25.10.17).*

**2.14.042** Following each event, nations that are tied on points in the general classification shall be separated by the greatest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2<sup>nd</sup> places, etc. considering only the places for which points are awarded.

If there is still a tie, the best place in the most recent event shall decide the nations' rankings.

Nations tied on points in the final classification shall be ranked on the basis of the largest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2<sup>nd</sup> places, etc.

**2.14.043** For one-day events, the leading nation in the men junior nations cup classification shall appear on the podium for the official ceremony.

For stage races, the nation leading the men junior nations cup classification shall be presented on the start podium for each stage and the podium for the official ceremony after the final stage.

**2.14.044** The UCI shall award a distinctive mark to the riders of the nation which is leading the men junior nations' cup classification and riders must wear this emblem during podium ceremonies, according to the UCI's instructions guidelines.

*(text modified on 26.01.08; 1.01.17).*

**2.14.045** The UCI shall award a trophy to the nation which wins the final classification of the men junior nations cup.

**2.14.046** The order of cars will be as follows:

- First event of the year:
  1. the car of the team which won the preceding nations cup; for the first year of the competition, the car of the winner of the last men junior men's classification by nation for the preceding year;
  2. the cars of national teams represented at the sports directors' meeting;
  3. the cars of mixed teams;
  4. the cars of teams which failed to confirm their starting riders by the deadline set under article 1.2.090;
  5. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 the order is determined by drawing lots.

The car of a team covered by point 1, 2 or 3, but which falls into the categories covered by points 4 or 5, will be in group 4 or 5 as appropriate.

- For the other events:
  1. the cars of the teams represented at the sports directors' meeting in the order of the ranking of the nations cup, as established the day before the race;

2. the cars of the teams represented at the sports directors' meeting which have not yet earned any points in the nations cup classification;
3. the cars of teams which failed to confirm their starting riders by the time limit set under article 1.2.090;
4. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within groups 2, 3 and 4 the order is determined by drawing lots.

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

The rules above shall apply to the first stage of a stage race. The order of cars for subsequent stages shall be determined by the individual general classification by time.

*(text modified on 1.01.08; 26.01.08).*

**§ 4 Women Junior nations' cup**  
*(paragraph introduced on 01.01.16).*

**General**

**2.14.047** The Women Junior nations' cup is the exclusive property of the UCI.

**2.14.048** The Women Junior nations' cup will consist of a number of one-day events and stage races determined each year by the UCI Management Committee. Points shall also be awarded at the women junior world championships road race and individual time trial, in accordance with article 2.14.054.

**Participation**

**2.14.049** The Women Junior nations' cup is reserved for riders of the women junior category.

**2.14.050** The events of the Women Junior nations' cup are open to national teams (one team maximum per nation), mixed teams as well as club and regional teams.

**2.14.051** The organiser must invite the leading 5 National Federations in the UCI women junior nations ranking.

For the first event of the season, the organiser must invite the first 5 nations of the final UCI women junior individual ranking of the previous year.

The organiser must accept entries from nations which have accepted the invitation.

- 2.14.052** Events of the women junior nations' cup are to be ridden by teams of maximum 6 riders. No team may start with fewer than 4 riders.

**Nations ranking**

- 2.14.053** Only nations will be ranked in the women junior nations' cup ranking. There is no individual ranking.

Only the first rider from each nation scores points based on his place in the event.

(text modified on 1.01.17; 25.10.17)

**2.14.054 Points scale**

For a one-day event, points are awarded to the first 15 riders as per the scale below:

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 20     |
| 2        | 17     |
| 3        | 15     |
| 4        | 13     |
| 5        | 11     |
| 6        | 10     |
| 7        | 9      |
| 8        | 8      |
| 9        | 7      |
| 10       | 6      |
| 11       | 5      |
| 12       | 4      |
| 13       | 3      |
| 14       | 2      |
| 15       | 1      |

The aforementioned points scale shall also be applied for the road race and time trial of the women junior world championships.

The road race and individual time trial of the women junior continental championships award points towards the women junior nations' cup ranking according to the following scale:

**CC Europe**

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 10     |
| 2        | 8      |
| 3        | 6      |
| 4        | 5      |
| 5        | 4      |
| 6        | 3      |
| 7        | 2      |
| 8        | 1      |

**CC Asia, Africa, America, Oceania**

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 8      |
| 2        | 5      |
| 3        | 3      |
| 4        | 1      |

For a stage race, points are awarded to the first 20 riders in the general classification as per the scale below:

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 30     |
| 2        | 25     |
| 3        | 20     |
| 4        | 17     |
| 5        | 16     |
| 6        | 15     |
| 7        | 14     |
| 8        | 13     |
| 9        | 12     |
| 10       | 11     |
| 11       | 10     |
| 12       | 9      |
| 13       | 8      |
| 14       | 7      |
| 15       | 6      |
| 16       | 5      |
| 17       | 4      |
| 18       | 3      |
| 19       | 2      |
| 20       | 1      |

For each stage, points are awarded to the first six riders classified as per the scale below:

| Position | Points |
|----------|--------|
| 1        | 6      |
| 2        | 5      |
| 3        | 4      |
| 4        | 3      |
| 5        | 2      |
| 6        | 1      |

**2.14.055** Following each event, nations that are tied on points in the general ranking shall be separated by the greatest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2<sup>nd</sup> places, etc. considering only the places for which points are awarded.

If there is still a tie, the best place in the most recent event shall decide the nations' rankings.

Nations tied on points in the final ranking shall be ranked on the basis of the largest number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2<sup>nd</sup> places, etc.

- 2.14.056** For one-day events, the leading nation in the women junior nations' cup ranking shall appear on the podium for the official ceremony.

For stage races, the nation leading the women junior nations' cup ranking shall be presented on the start podium for each stage and on the finish podium for the official ceremony after the final stage.

- 2.14.057** The UCI shall award a distinctive mark to the riders of the nation which is leading the women junior nations' cup ranking and riders must wear this emblem during podium ceremonies, according to the UCI's instructions guidelines.

*(text modified on 1.01.17)*

- 2.14.058** The UCI shall award a trophy to the nation which wins the final ranking of the women junior nations' cup.

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

- First event of the year:
  1. the car of the team which won the preceding women junior nations' cup (for the first year of the competition, the car of the winner of the last women junior ranking by nation for the preceding year);
  2. the cars of national teams represented at the sports directors' meeting;
  3. the cars of mixed teams;
  4. the cars of teams which failed to confirm their starting riders by the deadline set under article 1.2.090;
  5. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 the order is determined by drawing lots.

The car of a team covered by point 1, 2 or 3, but which falls into the categories covered by points 4 or 5, will be in group 4 or 5 as appropriate.

- For the other events:
  1. the cars of the teams represented at the sports directors' meeting in the order of the ranking of the nations cup, as established the day before the race;
  2. the cars of the teams represented at the sports directors' meeting which have not yet earned any points in the nations cup classification;
  3. the cars of teams which failed to confirm their starting riders by the time limit set under article 1.2.090;
  4. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within groups 2, 3 and 4 the order is determined by drawing lots.

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

The rules above shall apply to the first stage of a stage race. The order of team cars for subsequent stages shall be determined by the individual general classification by time.





## Chapter XV UCI WORLDTOUR

*(chapter replaced on 1.09.04).*

### § 1 UCI WorldTour

- 2.15.001** In the UCI WorldTour a number of high level men's professional cycling teams holding UCI WorldTour licences compete in a series of high level road events registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar.

*(text modified on 12.01.17; 24.03.17).*

- 2.15.002** The UCI is the exclusive owner of the UCI WorldTour concept and trademark, without prejudice to the exclusive ownership rights of the organisers.

### § 2 UCI WorldTour Licence

- 2.15.003** The UCI WorldTour licence is the right conferred by the UCI to take part in the events registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar, with a team of professional riders, known as a "UCI WorldTeam".

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.004** A UCI WorldTour licence may be issued to a physical person or to a body such as an association or company.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.005** Applications for UCI WorldTour licences are examined and licences issued by the UCI licence commission.

- 2.15.006** By applying for a licence, the applicant acknowledges that the UCI alone has the right to issue UCI WorldTour licences and undertakes not to participate in cycle sport competitions, formulas or organisations other than those governed by the UCI's regulations and authorities.

- 2.15.007** The application for a licence shall imply the applicant's acceptance of the rules and conditions governing the UCI WorldTour and the UCI's regulations in general.

- 2.15.008** The holder of the licence shall remain responsible for his team.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

#### **Application for a licence**

- 2.15.009** The maximum number of UCI WorldTour licences that may be issued is 18 as from 2017 but may be reduced to 16, as further detailed below.

In case of dissolution or termination of activity of one or more UCI WorldTeams at the end of a season, the maximum number of UCI WorldTour licences shall be reduced by the number of UCI WorldTeams ending in this manner, provided that the maximum number of UCI WorldTour licences shall remain at least 16. New UCI WorldTour licences may be issued in the event that less than 16 UCI WorldTeams are granted UCI WorldTeam status for the following season, subject to a maximum of 16 UCI WorldTour licences.

As from the first season with 16 UCI WorldTeams, the maximum number of UCI WorldTeams shall indefinitely remain at 16.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**2.15.010** A licence may be issued to an applicant fulfilling all the conditions set out in the regulations.

**2.15.011** The licence commission awards licences on the basis of the following criteria:

- sporting;
- ethical;
- financial;
- administrative;
- organisational.

In order to obtain a UCI WorldTour licence applicants must fulfil each of the five criteria.

If more applicants than the maximum number of licences available meet the ethical, financial, administrative and organisational criteria, the licence commission will decide between them in accordance with articles 2.15.011a and 2.15.011b.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**Criteria**

**2.15.011** The sporting criterion is firstly evaluated with regard to the position of the UCI  
**a** WorldTeam or applicant team on the UCI WorldTour team ranking of the season just completed, taking into account the events which were registered on the 2016 UCI WorldTour calendar only.

For the 2018 and 2019 seasons, all UCI WorldTeams applying for UCI WorldTeam status shall be considered to have satisfied the sporting criterion.

For the 2020 and subsequent seasons, all UCI WorldTeams applying for UCI WorldTeam status, except the lowest ranked team applying for UCI WorldTeam status on the UCI WorldTour team ranking of the season just completed, shall be considered to have satisfied the sporting criterion. In the event there are less than 16 UCI WorldTeams applying for UCI WorldTeam status, all such UCI WorldTeams shall be considered to have satisfied the sporting criterion.

*(text modified on 1.07.11; 1.07.12; 27.03.14; 24.09.14; 1.01.15; 12.01.17; 1.07.17).*

**2.15.011** For any other team applying for UCI WorldTeam status for the 2018 and 2019 seasons,  
**b** the sporting criterion is evaluated on the basis of the team's five best-placed riders on the «UCI WorldTour individual ranking» for the season just completed. Within the limit of licences available, the teams with the highest points totals for their five best-placed riders on the said ranking shall be considered to have satisfied the sporting criterion.

Ties on points between teams shall be resolved by the place of their best rider in the aforementioned «UCI WorldTour individual ranking».

In this respect, a team that has participated in the season just completed will have the choice of being evaluated either on the basis of its riders from the season just completed or on riders contracted for the following season. New teams can only be evaluated on the basis of riders contracted for the following season. Only riders whose contract for the

following season has been submitted to the auditors by 20 October at the latest shall be considered in the said evaluation.

If one or more of the riders taken into account for the evaluation based on riders contracted for the following season leaves the team after 20 October and before the commencement of the next transfer period, the UCI WorldTeam or applicant team having satisfied the sporting criterion, in particular due to this rider or riders, shall be liable to a fine of CHF 10,000 to 500,000. This fine shall be pronounced by the Licence Commission upon request by the UCI. This shall not prevent other sanctions from being pronounced if the transfer also breaches other articles of the UCI Regulations.

Article 2.15.041 continues to apply in all cases.

The «UCI WorldTour individual ranking» is the UCI WorldTour classification of individual riders that takes into account the performances of all riders who have participated in the UCI WorldTour events which were registered on the 2016 UCI WorldTour calendar, including riders from UCI professional continental teams. It thus represents a recalculation of the UCI WorldTour individual classification to take into account the results of all riders in application of the points scale described by Part 2, Chapter 10 of the UCI Regulations.

For the 2020 and subsequent seasons, the Professional Cycling Council shall establish the system through which candidates for UCI WorldTeam status shall be separated.

*(text modified on 1.07.13; 27.03.14; 1.07.14; 1.01.15; 12.01.17; 1.07.17).*

- 2.15.011** The ethical criterion takes account inter alia of the respect by the team or its members for:
- c**
    - A. the UCI regulations, inter alia as regards anti-doping, sporting conduct and the image of cycling;
    - B. its contractual obligations;
    - C. its legal obligations, particularly as regards payment of taxes, social security and keeping accounts;
    - D. the principles of transparency and good faith.
- 2.15.011** The financial criterion is assessed on the basis of the report by the auditor appointed by the UCI, taking account primarily of resources and financial stability.
- d**
- 2.15.011** The administrative criterion primarily covers the compliance of the application and registration documentation (contracts, insurance, bank guarantee, etc.) and the professionalism and rapidity with which this documentation is assembled, and respect for deadlines.
- e**
- 2.15.011** The organisational criterion is assessed on the basis of the report by the organisational auditor appointed by the UCI, taking account of compliance with the organisational specifications, published as an annexe to the UCI Regulations.
- f**

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.012** The criteria in article 2.15.011 may also be used to refuse the award of a license, to submit the license to the respect of conditions and/or measures considered appropriate, to reduce the duration of the license or to withdraw it, even if the regulatory conditions are otherwise fulfilled.

*(text modified on 1.04.11; 1.11.15).*

- 2.15.013** The application for a licence shall be made by submitting a form drafted by the administration of the UCI with all the information and documents requested. The applicant must obtain the form from the administration of the UCI.

- 2.15.014** The deadline for submission of applications for the available licences shall be set by the UCI administration. Applications submitted after this date shall not be considered unless the maximum number of licences, has not been reached.

However, the UCI administration may set a different deadline for the replacement of the paying agent or of a main partner figuring in an application already made or for a new application made by the paying agent or by a main partner who withdraws from an application already made.

- 2.15.015** On the date indicated on the licence application form, the applicant must pay the UCI an application fee in the sum determined by the Professional Cycling Council. If this payment is not received on time the application shall not be considered.

- 2.15.016** If a licence is awarded, the registration fee shall be paid within 21 days following the registration announcement. No reimbursement shall be made if the licence is refused or if the applicant withdraws his application. However, if the team is subsequently registered as a UCI professional continental team or UCI continental team, no other registration fee is due for the same year of registration.

*(text modified on 1.04.11; 24.09.14; 12.01.17).*

**Examination by the licence commission**

- 2.15.017** The licence commission shall examine the licence application on the basis of documentation consisting of the following elements:

1. the licence application form and its enclosures;
2. the report or any other opinion of the auditor appointed by the UCI;
3. the report or any other opinion of the organisational auditor appointed by the UCI ;
4. the report drawn up by the UCI;
5. any other document or information provided by the applicant or requested by the UCI or by the licence commission to assess the application.

The licence commission may also take account of acknowledged facts.

The documentation must be drawn up in French or in English. Documents produced by third parties and written in another language must be accompanied by a translation into the language of the documentation.

The licence applicant has sole responsibility for assuring the quality and complete nature of his documentation. He may not, in particular, invoke the fact that he has not been asked by the UCI, the auditor, the organisational auditor or the licence commission to provide information or documents or that his attention has not been called to gaps or

other factors which may be regarded as negative when his application comes to be judged by the licence commission.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.018** The UCI, the auditor and the organisational auditor must forward their opinion or report to the licence commission 15 days before the date of the hearing referred to in Article 2.15.019. At the same time, a copy shall be forwarded to the applicant.

The UCI, the auditor and the organisational auditor may submit further opinions or reports to the extent that the applicant adds new elements to his documentation or new elements come to their knowledge in any other way.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.019** The licence applicant will be invited within a time limit of 10 days to explain and defend his application for a licence before the licence commission at a hearing held for this purpose.

- 2.15.020** The applicant must lodge any statement in support of his application to the commission in four copies, at least 3 days before the date of the hearing, with a copy to the UCI, the auditor and the organiser auditor. A statement lodged after this deadline shall automatically be disregarded.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.021** At least 3 days before the date of hearing, the applicant shall notify the licence commission and the UCI of the identity of those persons who will represent him or attend the hearing. The licence commission may refuse to hear any persons not notified within this time.

- 2.15.022** The UCI may participate in the hearing. The auditor and organisational auditor may be heard at the request of the applicant, the UCI or the licence commission.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.023** The date of the hearing may not be delayed, save where otherwise decided by the president of the licence commission.

If the applicant, the auditor or the organisational auditor fail to attend the hearing, the licence commission shall give its ruling in their absence.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.024** During the hearing or subsequent deliberations, the licence commission may set a final deadline for the applicant to provide all exhibits or information which the commission may require. The applicant shall at the same time forward a copy to the UCI and to the auditor.

Exhibits or information forwarded after the deadline shall automatically be disregarded.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

**2.15.025** The commission shall render its decision as rapidly as possible and, as far as possible before 20 November prior to the first year of the licence.

**2.15.026** The awarding of a UCI WorldTour licence shall be deemed to constitute registration for the first year of that licence.

*(text modified on 1.07.13).*

**2.15.026** If the licence commission rejects an application for a licence, it shall pass on the  
**a** application documentation to the UCI administration in order that the latter can assess the possibility of registering the team as a UCI professional continental team if it so wishes.

**Registration fee**

**2.15.027** On the granting of a licence, a registration fee of a sum to be determined by the Professional Cycling Council shall be payable. It is due within 21 days after the licence has been granted. The UCI's accounts must be credited within this time.

If payment is not made within this time the licence shall be automatically revoked. Further, a fine of CHF 7,500 shall be payable.

*(text modified on 24.09.14).*

**2.15.028** [article abrogated on 24.09.14]

**2.15.029** [article abrogated on 24.09.14]

**2.15.030** [article abrogated on 24.09.14]

**Duration of validity of the licence**

**2.15.031** Without prejudice to article 2.15.064, the licence shall, in principle, be valid for three calendar years. However, at the reasoned request of the applicant, the licence commission may grant a licence for two years. This request must be made in the licence application; it will otherwise be inadmissible.

As an exception, **all licences expiring at the end of 2018 will be extended for one calendar year, subject to the registration criteria being fulfilled.**

*(text modified on 1.04.11; 27.03.14; 8.11.16 ; 12.01.17; 1.07.18).*

**2.15.032** The licence commission may automatically reduce the duration of validity of the licence to 2 or 1 year if, in the opinion of the commission and for the reasons it must provide, such a reduction is justified with regard to the criteria set out in article 2.15.011. The decision of the commission may be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The applicant who does not accept a licence of reduced validity may renounce the licence under the conditions set out in article 2.15.016.

*(text modified on 8.11.16; 1.07.18).*

**2.15.033** A holder whose licence expires may apply for a new licence using the procedure laid down for the application for a licence, including the payment of the application fee.

**2.15.034** [article abrogated on 1.07.10].

**Expiry of the licence**

**2.15.035** Unless renewed, the licence shall expire automatically at the end of the period for which it was issued.

**2.15.036** The licence shall expire before its term under the following circumstances:

1. if one of the conditions for automatic revocation set out in the present section is fulfilled;
2. if the licence is withdrawn;
3. the team is not registered for the following season according to article 2.15.064.

*(text modified on 1.01.17)*

**2.15.037** The licence shall be automatically revoked in the event that the licence holder files for bankruptcy or is declared bankrupt, or in the event that any other measure or regime is applied under which the holder loses control of the licence.

**2.15.038** In the event that the paying agent is declared bankrupt the licence is automatically withdrawn; the licence may be returned by the Professional Cycling Council if the paying agent can be replaced in the short term and the continuity of the UCI WorldTeam can be ensured. In the event of dispute, the president of the Professional Cycling Council shall refer the case to the licence commission which shall decide whether the licence is to be definitively withdrawn or restored.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

**2.15.039** In the event of the revocation or withdrawal of the licence, no reimbursement shall be made. Any sums due remain payable and may not be offset.

*(text modified on 24.09.14; 12.01.17)*

**2.15.039 bis** The Professional Cycling Council may suspend the licence of a UCI WorldTeam if this is considered necessary to protect the image of the UCI WorldTour.

In the event that its licence is suspended, the UCI WorldTeam and its members are prohibited from taking part in any events on the UCI WorldTour.

Suspension is not a sanction and carries no implication that the UCI rules have been broken. It is a precautionary measure intended to protect the image of the UCI WorldTour, and may be justified by any circumstance which, in the opinion of the Professional Cycling Council, is serious, and is or could be prejudicial to the image of the UCI WorldTour. No claims are admitted in respect of a suspension.

The Professional Cycling Council shall allow the paying agent to state his position, by telephone if necessary, before taking its decision.

Suspension is imposed either for a fixed period of no longer than one month, or, if appropriate, until such time as the conditions placed upon the UCI WorldTeam by the Professional Cycling Council to resolve the situation have been met. Nevertheless, if the case is referred to the licence commission in accordance with article 2.15.040, the Professional Cycling Council may extend the suspension until such time as the licence commission has reached a decision, the paying agent having been invited to state his position, by telephone if necessary.

Any Professional Cycling Council decisions taken in application of the present article

shall be made by a panel comprising:

- The president of the Professional Cycling Council or a replacement designated by him from among the members designated by the UCI Management Committee;
- One of the two riders' representatives;
- One of the two members designated by the UCI WorldTeams;
- One of the two members designated by the events registered on the UCI WorldTour;
- Three of the members designated by the UCI Management Committee.

The panel may legitimately deliberate and take decisions in the absence of duly invited members.

The team, represented by its paying agent, can file an appeal against the decision taken by the Professional Cycling Council, solely before the CAS.

The appeal will be heard by the accelerated procedure in accordance with articles 2.15.229 to 2.15.242 except article 2.15.240.

*(article introduced on 27.09.07; text modified on 1.01.09; 1.02.12; 1.01.15 ; 1.11.15; 12.01.17).*

#### **Referral to the licence commission**

- 2.15.040** The UCI may refer a case to the licence commission upon simple written request, a copy of which is sent to the licence holder. The request should indicate the UCI's conclusions which may be amended as the proceedings progress.

*(text modified on 1.11.15)*

*(article switched with article 2.15.041 on 1.11.15)*

- 2.15.041** The measures set out by article 2.15.012 may be imposed by the licence commission in the following cases:

1. if the information taken into account in granting the licence or the registration of the UCI WorldTeam was erroneous and the commission considers that the actual situation did not justify the grant of a licence or registration;
2. if the information taken into account in granting the licence or the registration of the UCI WorldTeam has changed such that the issue conditions are no longer fulfilled, or the commission considers that the new situation does not justify the issue of a licence or registration;
3. if the situation of the UCI WorldTeam, the licence holder, the paying agent, the main partners or other sponsors is affected or weakened, due inter alia to financial problems, health problems, death, dysfunction, disputes or other cause, such that the continuity of the UCI WorldTeam is seriously compromised;
4. if a UCI WorldTeam, as a whole, does not meet or no longer meets all the conditions set out in the present chapter;
5. in the event of failure to comply with the UCI's regulations or contractual obligations towards the UCI or members of the UCI WorldTeam, committed by or imputable to the management of the UCI WorldTeam (licence holder, paying agent, main partner, manager, sports director, accountant, team doctor and any other person in a comparable position), without prejudice to any other penalties under the regulations;



6. in the event of acts committed by or imputable to the UCI WorldTeam or one or more of its members as a result of which the continuation of the licence would seriously harm the interests or reputation of the UCI WorldTour;

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.11.15)*

*(article switched with article 2.15.040 on 1.11.15)*

- 2.15.042** The holder shall be heard after summons by the licence commission with a minimum of 10 days' notice.

Before rendering its decision the licence commission may, if it deems useful and appropriate, set an additional deadline to the UCI WorldTeam in order to sort out its situation.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.11.15).*

**Transfer of licence**

- 2.15.043** The holder may transfer its licence to a third party accepted by the licence commission. To this end the third party must follow the licence application procedure, including the payment of the application fee.

- 2.15.044** The holder may only transfer his licence after two years.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.045** A transferred licence shall expire at its original term.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.046** [article abrogated on 24.09.14]

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- 2.15.047** The UCI WorldTour licence must be operated without interruption throughout its duration. It obliges the holder to manage a UCI WorldTeam and for this UCI WorldTeam to participate in events of the UCI WorldTour in accordance with article 2.15.127.

*(text modified on 1.04.11; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

**Identity**

- 2.15.048** A UCI WorldTeam is a team holding a licence issued by the UCI for participation in the UCI WorldTour events. A UCI WorldTeam is designated by a particular name.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.049** A UCI WorldTeam consists of the holder of the UCI WorldTour licence, the riders registered with the UCI as members of the team, the paying agent, the sponsors and any other parties contracted by the paying agent to ensure the operation of the team (manager, sports director, coach, team doctor, paramedical assistant, mechanic, accountant etc.).

Each UCI WorldTeam must employ at least 23 riders, 4 sports directors and 10 other staff (coaches, doctors, paramedical assistants, mechanics, etc.) on a full time basis for the whole registration year.

*(text modified on 15.11.08; 1.02.12; 1.01.15; 12.01.17; 24.03.17).*

- 2.15.050** The name of the UCI WorldTeam must be either that of the company or brand name of one or several principal partners, or the name of its paying agent. Upon specific request, the Professional Cycling Council may authorize another designation which is linked to the UCI WorldTeam project.

The licence commission may refuse the licence because of a resemblance of the name of a new UCI WorldTeam, its paying agent or its principal partners which is likely to create confusion with another UCI WorldTeam.

*(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 1.11.15).*

- 2.15.051** The nationality of the UCI WorldTeam is determined, at the UCI WorldTeam's choice, by:
1. the country of the registered office of the paying agent; or
  2. the country of the registered office of the holder of the licence; or
  3. a country where a product or service is marketed by the or a main sponsor under the name of the UCI WorldTeam or of a component of this name.

The UCI administration must be informed of this choice at the latest by 1<sup>st</sup> October before the first year of the licence. Failure to do so will result in the nationality of the UCI WorldTeam being determined by the country of the registered office of the paying agent.

The choice of the nationality of the country of the registered office of the paying agent is valid for the entire duration of the licence and cannot be changed, except if the Professional Cycling Council approves a new paying agent which has its registered office in another country, in accordance with article 2.15.061. In the latter case, the UCI WorldTeam may make another choice in accordance with the first paragraph.

The choice of the nationality of a country where a product or service is marketed by the or a main sponsor under the UCI WorldTeam's name or component of this name is valid for the entire duration of the licence and cannot be changed except if the main sponsor concerned no longer holds this status.

In the latter case, the UCI WorldTeam may make another choice in accordance with the first paragraph.

The change of nationality comes into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January following its notification to the Professional Cycling Council.

*(text modified on 20.08.08; 1.07.10; 1.02.12; 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.052** The members of a UCI WorldTeam may have no link with the members of another UCI WorldTeam, with a continental professional team or with an organiser of a UCI WorldTour event likely to influence the sporting course of events or to be perceived as so doing. In exceptional cases, which do not challenge the integrity of the competition or the sporting fairness, the UCI Management Committee may grant an exception.

It is the duty of the licence applicant to indicate the presence or potential existence of such a link during the licence application procedure.

After the first registration of the UCI WorldTeam, it shall be the duty of the paying agent to report the existence or potential existence of such a link to the UCI administration immediately, and within 10 days at the latest.

The UCI administration and the UCI WorldTeam shall consult and where applicable, the UCI administration will give the UCI WorldTeams concerned a deadline in which to regularise the situation.

In the event of dispute, this shall be submitted to the licence commission. Where applicable, the commission shall give the UCI WorldTeam or the UCI WorldTeams concerned a deadline in which to regularise the situation in the manner it shall indicate. In the event that this situation is not regularised within this deadline, the licence commission may impose the measures provided for under article 2.15.012.

*(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.07.12; 1.01.15; 1.11.15; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.053** Where the UCI learns of the existence of a link as indicated in the first paragraph of article 2.15.052 and which is not authorised by the UCI Management Committee, through the intervention of any third party other than the licence holder, the paying agent or a main partner of the UCI WorldTeams concerned, such teams shall each be fined the sum of CHF 10,000.00. The UCI administration may either set a time limit for the situation to be brought into order, or refer the case to the licence commission in accordance with article 2.15.040.

*(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.07.12; 1.01.15; 1.11.15; 8.11.16).*

**UCI WorldTour licence holder**

- 2.15.054** A sponsor, the paying agent or any other member of the team accepted by the licence commission may simultaneously be the holder of the UCI WorldTour licence.

**Sponsors and principal partners**

- 2.15.055** The sponsors are the persons, firms or bodies who contribute to the funding of the UCI WorldTeam. Among the sponsors, a maximum of three are designated as the principal partners of the UCI WorldTeam.

The partner or partners must enter into a commitment to the UCI WorldTeam for a number of complete calendar years.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.11.15).*

- 2.15.056** Any contract relating to the income of the UCI WorldTeam must be signed directly with the actual debtor of that income.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

**Paying agent**

- 2.15.057** The licence must be operated exclusively and directly by a paying agent.

The licence holder may himself act as paying agent.

If the holder entrusts the operation of the licence to a third party acting as paying agent, the holder is held jointly and severally liable for all the paying agent's obligations relating to the UCI WorldTour.

- 2.15.058** If the paying agent is not a principal partner of the team, the management of the UCI WorldTeam will be the paying agent's sole activity, unless an exemption is granted by the licence commission.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.059** Subject to the provisions for representation before the licence commission, the paying agent shall represent the UCI WorldTeam for all purposes as regards the UCI regulations.

*(text modified on 18.06.07; 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.060** The paying agent must be a trading company or other legal person authorised by the law in the country in which the company has its registered offices. It shall sign the contracts with the riders and the other persons under contract for the operation of the team.

The paying agent may only act through the intermediary of the physical persons holding a personal licence as set out in article 1.1.010.

- 2.15.061** The paying agent must remain the same throughout the period of validity of the UCI WorldTour licence issued for the team, including during the period of any renewals, except with the agreement of the Professional Cycling Council.

- 2.15.062** The paying agent must manage all the operations of the UCI WorldTeam from a single registered office. The registered office of the paying agent shall be established in the country where the paying agent is subject to income tax and social security as employer for all the activities relative to the UCI WorldTeam. If the registered office is moved to another country, the licence is automatically cancelled.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.063** The paying agent and the principal partners must inform the Professional Cycling Council without delay and within 10 days of the following factors: transfer of the company's registered office, reduction in capital, change of legal form or identity (for example by merger or takeover), any request for or implementation of any agreement or any measure concerning all creditors.

The information referred to in the present article must be sent simultaneously to the auditor appointed by the UCI.

#### **Registration**

- 2.15.064** Each year the UCI WorldTeams must apply for registration for the following year, hereinafter the "registration year", in accordance with the procedures set out below.

Registration is decided on the basis of an assessment conducted by the UCI administration in accordance with the criteria set out in articles 2.15.011c to 2.15.011f.

For the 2020 season, the Professional Cycling Council shall establish the system through which candidates for the status of UCI WorldTeam shall be separated, besides the criteria set out in articles 2.15.011c to 2.15.011f.

By being registered, the UCI WorldTeam commits to participate in the biological passport programme.

*(text modified on 18.06.07; 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 12.01.17; 1.07.17).*

**2.15.065** By 1 August preceding the registration year, all UCI WorldTeams or licence applicants which do not have a valid bank guarantee transmitted by SWIFT for the following season must:

1. Obtain a confirmation from their bank that it shall be able to issue, either directly or through a correspondent bank, a SWIFT message to UBS Switzerland [UBSWCHZH12A];
2. Obtain a confirmation from their bank that the bank guarantee shall be issued in accordance with the model guarantee provided in article 2.15.141 and shall fully correspond to the relevant text;
3. Provide the UCI with the name and contact details of the bank that will issue the bank guarantee and confirm that the text shall fully comply with the model provided in article 2.15.141.

In addition, the UCI reserves itself the right to request from the team the submission of the text, in French or English, of the standard contract or contracts with its riders by 1 August.

The documents in question are submitted for information only. The UCI is under no obligation to examine them at this stage. However, without prejudice to other reasons for rejection, if a contract signed with a rider does not correspond with the model contract specified in article 2.15.139 it will be rejected during the registration procedure of the UCI WorldTeam.

The UCI WorldTeam shall remain solely responsible for the compliance of its documents with the requirements of the regulations and, where applicable, any compulsory legal requirements.

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.06.06; 11.06.08, 1.07.10; 1.07.13; 1.01.15; 24.03.17).*

**2.15.066** Every year, the UCI WorldTeam must pay into the UCI account a sum to be determined annually by the Professional Cycling Council as an annual registration fee. The first instalment of this sum to be determined by the Professional Cycling Council, is due on 1<sup>st</sup> September preceding the registration year. No later than 21 days after the granting of registration, the UCI WorldTeam must pay into the UCI account the remaining sum. In the event of delay, the registration fee shall be automatically increased by CHF 1,000.00 per day. If the registration fee and the increase are not paid in full by 31 January, registration will be refused and the licence automatically revoked. Further, a fine of CHF 7,500.00 shall be payable.

The registration fee for the first registration year after award of a licence, after deduction of the application fee, is due within 21 days of grant of the licence. If payment is not made within this time, the licence shall automatically be revoked. Further, a fine of CHF 7,500 shall be payable.

The dates determined in the present article are the dates on which the UCI account must be credited.

*(text modified on 1.04.11; 24.09.14; 1.01.15).*

**2.15.067** On 1 October preceding the registration year, all UCI WorldTeams or licence applicants must:

1. Ensure that the issuing bank submits to the UCI's bank (UBSWCHZH12A), by SWIFT messaging, a first-demand bank guarantee, an amendment to an existing bank guarantee or a supplementary guarantee in compliance with article 2.15.092 and the following articles ;
2. Submit to the UCI headquarters, **the following information**:
  - A. the exact name of the UCI WorldTeam;
  - B. the address (including telephone numbers and the e-mail address) to which any communications addressed to the UCI WorldTeam may be sent;
  - C. the name and address of the UCI WorldTour license holder, the paying agent, the general manager, the principal partners, the accountant, the sports director, the assistant sports director and the team doctor;
  - D. the name, forename, address, nationality and date of birth of riders;
  - E. the list of the division of tasks mentioned in article 1.1.082;
  - F. the name and contact details for the person responsible for registration and accounting, who will be the primary contact throughout the registration process.

In the event of delay there will be an automatic increase in the registration fee of CHF 1,000 per day. Further, the examination of the registration application will not begin unless all the conditions are completed. The risk that this examination may not be completed in good time is the responsibility of the UCI WorldTeam or, where applicable, of the licence applicant.

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 18.06.07; 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 24.03.17; 1.07.18).*

#### **Financial audit**

**2.15.068** In the context of licence and registration applications, the paying agent must provide (electronically) the following financial documentation to the auditor:

1. the audited accounts for the last financial year, with the audit report;
2. interim accounts to 30 June of the current year;
3. profit-and-loss account forecast for the current year;
4. forecast cashflow plan to the end of the current year;
5. annual budget for the registration year with explanatory notes;
6. monthly cashflow budget for the registration year;
7. financial plan for the period covered by the licence application or the remainder of the licence period.

The documents required must be drafted in accordance with the models and instructions drawn up by the administration of the UCI.

The documents required for the audit will also include all the contracts signed with riders. The number of these contracts, approved by the auditor, must be at least 10 by 1<sup>st</sup> October and 15 by 20 October.

All the contracts, numbering at least 23, must be submitted to and approved by the auditor no later than 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Concerning riders' and staff contracts, a copy must be sent electronically to the auditor. The original document must be kept by the team and made available at any times if requested by the auditor.

The budget and the bank guarantee to be submitted by 1 October must take account of all the riders that the UCI WorldTeam or applicant intends to recruit.

*(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.04.11; 1.07.14; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

#### **Organisational audit**

**2.15.068 bis** In the context of licence and registration applications, the paying agent must provide the following documentation to the organisational auditor:

1. List of riders;
2. List of other persons;
3. The team's internal rules;
4. The team's medical rules;
5. The team's organisation chart;
6. The description of the system used to formalise the training plan of each rider;
7. The description of the communication procedures;
8. Copy of the doctor's original medical diploma, full CV, certificate of good standing and statement.

The documents required must be drafted in accordance with the models and instructions drawn up by the administration of the UCI.

The UCI WorldTeam must provide any documents, information or other items required by the organisational auditor within 15 days. The organisational auditor may pose any questions and ask for any information he considers necessary from the UCI WorldTeam.

*(article introduced on 12.01.17)*

**2.15.068 ter** The UCI WorldTeam shall inform the organisational auditor without delay:

1. of any significant change in the organisation of its team that is likely to influence the team's compliance with the organisational specifications;
2. of any event that is likely to put at risk the team's compliance with the organisational specifications;
3. of any non-compliance, for any reason whatsoever, of obligations set out in the organisational specifications.

In the event of a breach of the present article, a fine of between CHF 1,000 and 10,000 may be imposed, without prejudice to the application of article 2.15.040 in the event of a serious offence.

*(article introduced on 12.01.17)*

**2.15.068 quater** Without prejudice to the consequences provided for shortcomings observed during the licence application or registration process, non-compliance with the organisational specifications observed in the context of random audits, or otherwise brought to the attention of the UCI, may be sanctioned by a fine of between CHF 1'000 and CHF 50'000 payable by the UCI WorldTeam.

In case the information or documentation submitted by the UCI WorldTeam during the licence application or registration process, or otherwise, is found to be incorrect (in light of facts at the time) and the actual circumstances were not compliant with the organisational specification(s) concerned, a fine of CHF 20'000 to CHF 100'000 may be imposed on the UCI WorldTeam.

In case of reoccurrence of an infringement, the fine imposed may be increased up to double of the amounts stated above and a suspension of up to 1 month may be imposed on the licence-holder(s) responsible for such infringement and/or the UCI WorldTeam.

*(article introduced on 1.07.17)*

**Common provisions to the financial audit and organisational audit**

**2.15.069** The paying agent or, where applicable, the licence applicant must provide to the auditor and the organisational auditor all the documents and information required for the audits no later than 1<sup>st</sup> October preceding the registration year.

In the event of delay the registration fee will automatically be increased by CHF 1,000 per day. This increase shall not be cumulative with that applied under article 2.15.067 where they apply to the same period. The audit concerned will be postponed until the documentation is in order. The risk that the audit may not be completed in good time is the responsibility of the UCI WorldTeam or, where applicable, of the licence applicant.

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 15.11.08; 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

**2.15.069 bis** After the deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> October, the auditor and the organisational auditor shall each forward to the UCI their opinion on the registration documentation submitted by the UCI WorldTeam or by the applicant for a licence. The opinion shall indicate whether the file contains the documents necessary for the examination of the financial audit and the organisational audit as well as in particular the following essential documents: the sponsorship contracts duly signed with the main partners, the bank guarantee and, for the new teams only, a description of the structure of the team together with a copy of the deed of incorporation of the paying agent.

The opinions do not constitute a validation of the conformity of said documents with the requirements of the applicable laws and regulations.

The UCI WorldTeam or the licence applicant shall receive a copy of the opinion of the auditor and the opinion of the organisational auditor.

Thereafter, the UCI shall publish a list of the UCI WorldTeams or licence applicants which have submitted a registration file containing all the essential documents on its web site.

*Note: a failure to submit all the documents required will give the riders the right to terminate their contracts as provided for under article 8.1.f of the model contract under article 2.15.139.*

The penalties for lateness set out in articles 2.15.067 and 2.15.069 remain applicable.

*(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.07.13; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*



- 2.15.069 ter** All expenses resulting from additional work, including random checks, carried out by the auditor or the organisational auditor on a UCI WorldTeam, or a team that is a candidate for this status, may be invoiced to the team as additional audit costs.

*(article introduced on 1.04.11; modified on 1.01.15; 1.07.15; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.069 quater** UCI WorldTeams or licence applicants which would not have submitted the entire essential documents listed in art. 2.15.069bis by 20th October may not be registered and will be excluded from the UCI WorldTour licence application process or registration process as a UCI WorldTeam.

*(article introduced on 1.02.12; modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.070** On 1<sup>st</sup> November, the UCI administration will issue its assessment of the UCI WorldTeams and applicants for a licence.

The documentation for the licence application will be passed over to the licence commission. Should the commission grant a UCI WorldTour licence, it shall approve the team's registration for the first year of the licence at the same time.

UCI WorldTeams that hold a UCI WorldTour licence whose documentation is found to be in order by the UCI administration shall be registered directly for the following registration year.

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.070 bis** [article abrogated on 12.01.17]

- 2.15.071** If the UCI administration decides that it is unable to register the UCI WorldTeam, it will notify the licence holder and the paying agent. Unless the holder renounces the licence, the UCI administration will refer the case to the licence commission:

1. The licence commission summons the UCI WorldTeam to a hearing with a minimum of 10 days' notice, unless otherwise agreed with the UCI WorldTeam;
2. The UCI WorldTeam must lodge any documents in support of his registration application to the commission in three copies, with one copy to the UCI, at least 5 days before the date of the hearing. Documents lodged after this deadline shall be automatically disregarded;
3. At least 5 days before the date of hearing, the UCI WorldTeam shall notify the licence commission and the UCI of the identity of those persons who will represent him or attend the hearing. The licence commission may refuse to hear any persons not notified within this time;
4. The UCI may participate in the hearing. The auditor and the organisational auditor may be heard at the request of the UCI WorldTeam, the UCI or the licence commission;
5. The licence commission shall apply the assessment criteria set out in article 2.15.011c to 2.15.011f.

The licence commission may apply the measures set out by article 2.15.012. Should the licence commission refuse the registration, the UCI WorldTeam's licence is automatically withdrawn and the licence commission will pass on the application documentation to the UCI administration so that the latter can assess the possibility of registering the team as a UCI professional continental team. The licence commission's decision is subject to appeal to the CAS.

The UCI WorldTeam shall be represented before the licence commission by the licence holder or, with the agreement of the latter, by the paying agent.

*(text modified on 18.06.07; 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 1.11.15; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.072** For each rider and for any other persons contracted by the UCI WorldTeam after its registration, the auditor must issue an additional report.

An additional report is also required if total contractual benefits increase without additional engagements.

Where applicable, an additional bank guarantee must be established or an amendment made to the existing bank guarantee.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 24.03.17).*

- 2.15.073** The UCI WorldTeam must inform the UCI administration within the week when one of the persons or bodies under article 2.15.067.2 points c. and d. leaves the UCI WorldTeam for whatsoever reason.

Similarly, any change in the information on the list in article 2.15.067.2, must be reported within the week to the UCI administration for approval.

Where applicable this approval may only be given after receipt of additional reports from the auditor and/or the organisational auditor as well as an additional bank guarantee or an amendment to the existing bank guarantee.

Only the riders appearing on the list approved by the UCI administration can take part in the cycling events as members of their UCI WorldTeam.

*(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 12.01.17; 24.03.17).*

- 2.15.074** With the exception of the provisions set out in article 2.15.069bis, the UCI will make no automatic statements regarding the progress of the registration procedure. It is for the interested parties, including the riders and organisers, to request information from the UCI.

*(text modified on 1.07.09).*

- 2.15.075** The act of registering a UCI WorldTeam shall not compensate for any failings in the registration documentation nor breaches committed by the team or its members. Checks and audits carried out by the UCI are of necessity limited and the UCI shall not be liable for it.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

**Accounts and finances**

**2.15.076** The paying agent must keep the complete accounts of the UCI WorldTeam's activities.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

**2.15.077** If a principal partner acts as paying agent or if the paying agent has another activity authorised by the licence commission, the paying agent must keep separate accounts for the activities of the UCI WorldTeam. In this case, the paying agent must on each occasion submit the documents corresponding to his general accounts with the accountancy documents regarding the activities of the UCI WorldTeam.

The obligations set out in articles 2.15.090 and 2.15.091 must also be fulfilled in respect of all the paying agent's activities.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

**2.15.078** The UCI WorldTeam must designate an accountant responsible for the accounts relating all the activities of the UCI WorldTeam. Any person in possession of documents providing evidence of professional accountancy training and/or experience recognised as such by the auditor appointed by the UCI may be appointed as accountant to the UCI WorldTeam. The accountant is responsible inter alia for keeping the UCI WorldTeam's accounts and for the preparation of the documents required for the financial audit for the purposes of annual registration.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

**2.15.079** The UCI WorldTeam must propose to the UCI-appointed auditor, for prior approval, a company auditor approved by the State. The auditor must be independent of the UCI WorldTeam, its members and associated persons or bodies. He will be required to sign a declaration that there exists no conflict of interests.

This proposal must be made by 1 July at the latest. It must be renewed annually before the same date. However the UCI WorldTeam may propose, and the UCI-appointed auditor may accept, the same company auditor for a period not exceeding four years.

*(text modified on 1.04.11; 1.01.15).*

**2.15.080** The company auditor shall audit the annual accounts in accordance with the national legislation applicable to fixed-capital companies in the country of the UCI WorldTeam's registered office, even if such an audit is not required by the law. The company auditor shall also audit the intermediate accounts at 30 June. He must draft a written report on the result of his audits and address a copy directly to the auditor appointed by the UCI.

*(text modified on 1.04.11; 1.01.15).*

**2.15.081** The accounting year must correspond to the calendar year.

**2.15.082** The annual accounts shall be established and the accounts kept in accordance with the national legislation applicable to fixed-capital companies in the country of the paying agent's registered office. The annual accounts shall consist of the balance sheet, the profit-and-loss account, a financing table, and an explanatory appendix. These annual accounts shall be expressed in Swiss francs, euros or US dollars and shall be signed by the paying agent and the UCI WorldTour licence holder. If the financial accounting must be carried out in another currency under national law, the annual accounts must be

converted into Swiss francs, euros or US dollars at the rate current at the end of the accounting period.

- 2.15.083** The accounts of the UCI WorldTeam must also include the other documents required for the financial audit for the purposes of annual registration.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.084** The UCI administration may draw up instructions and models for the keeping of accountancy documents.

*(text modified on 1.07.10).*

- 2.15.085** The UCI WorldTeam must inform the UCI-appointed auditor without delay of any significant changes in the annual budget or in the budget corresponding to the period for which the UCI WorldTour licence has been issued, the cashflow plan or the financial planning following a reduction in capital.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.086** The UCI WorldTeam must provide any documents, information or other items required by the UCI-appointed auditor within 15 days. He must provide, on simple request, any declarations or other documents from the tax or social security authorities in the country in which the paying agent has his registered office within 30 days of receipt of the request.

The auditor will pose any questions and ask for any information he considers necessary from the UCI WorldTeam's company auditor, who must supply all the information requested.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.087** Without having to request them, the auditor appointed by the UCI must receive each year no later than 30 June, a copy of the annual accounts and the State-approved company auditor's report. However, the UCI may require these documents for 1<sup>st</sup> March at the earliest, by request sent 2 months in advance.

These documents must be provided in French or English.

*(text modified on 1.06.06).*

- 2.15.088** The UCI WorldTeam must inform the UCI-appointed auditor without delay:

1. of any significant changes in the annual budget, the cashflow plan or the financial planning or of insolvency or risk of insolvency;
2. of any risk, dispute or other circumstance liable to endanger financial stability;
3. of the nonfulfillment, for whatsoever reason, of an obligation to a rider or another member of the team.

In the event of a breach of this regulation a fine of between CHF 1,000 and 10,000 may be imposed, without prejudice to the application of article 2.15.040 in the event of a serious offence.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.089** The financial auditor shall inform the Professional Cycling Council of any anomalies or irregularities observed in the course of his audit in the context of licence and registration applications as well as random audits.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.090** The financial stability of the UCI WorldTeam must be ensured at all times, in particular by adequate owner's equity. The income deriving from the activities of the UCI WorldTeam must be allocated exclusively to its operations or to the development of cycling. The available profit in the balance sheet must be used in accordance with the legal provisions in force in the country of the UCI WorldTeam. The allocation of the profit must be decided after the annual accounts have been established and audited.

No advance payment of profits may be made to beneficiaries during the course of the year.

*(text modified on 01.07.10; 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.091** The cashflow situation of the UCI WorldTeam must be balanced at all times, taking account of the credit facilities obtained.

The UCI WorldTeam must always avoid any arrears of payment.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

**Bank guarantee**

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

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

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 24.03.17; 1.01.18).*

- 2.15.093** The guarantee shall be drawn up in English by a banking institution which can either directly or through a correspondent bank transmit a SWIFT message to the UCI's bank (UBSWCHZH12A).

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.07.10; 24.03.17).*

- 2.15.094** The guarantee must be drawn up and payable in either Swiss Francs, Euros or US Dollars, depending on the currency which is most used by the UCI WorldTeam for the payment of salaries (including remuneration to self-employed riders). The exchange rate to be applied in establishing the guarantee is that at 1 September preceding the registration year.

*(text modified on 24.03.17)*

**2.15.095** The purpose of the bank guarantee is:

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

*(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).*

**2.15.096** For the application of provisions regarding the bank guarantee:

1. The following are considered as debts incurred in consideration of services by the licence-holder for the operation of the team:
  - at the moment of the request to draw on the bank guarantee: unpaid sums due under contract;
  - in case of breach of the contract: sums due under contract not exceeding those corresponding to services anticipated within the remaining period of the contract. These sums constitute a contractual debt at the moment of the breach of the contract;
  - late payment interest on the sums mentioned above up to a maximum of 5%.

The following are not considered as debts incurred in consideration of services by the rider for the operation of the team, in particular:

- other benefits in case of breach of contract, prize monies, legal fees and costs of proceedings.
2. Debts contracted by any other party in return for the services of a rider or any other member under contract for the benefit of the UCI WorldTeam shall be considered as debts contracted by the licence holder, the paying agent and the sponsors and covered by the guarantee, inter alia debts contracted under the contracts referred to in articles 2.15.116 and 2.15.117;
  3. The companies through which the licence holders concerned, apart from the riders, carry out their activities for the operation of the UCI WorldTeam shall be considered as members of the UCI WorldTeam;
  4. The definitions above are without prejudice to the question of whether a request is founded in any particular case.

*(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.01.15).*

**2.15.097** The creditor may not benefit from the guarantee for a contract a duplicate of his copy of which has not been passed to the auditor appointed by the UCI no later than 1 January of the registration year or within the month of signature for contracts signed after 1 December prior to the registration year.

However, the right to the guarantee will apply:

1. in respect of any contract passed to the auditor by another party;
2. subsequently to the extent that the guarantee has not been exhausted on its expiry date.

- 2.15.098** The amount of the guarantee shall represent one quarter of all the gross sums due for payment by the UCI WorldTeam to riders and persons under contract for the operation of the team during the registration year plus the amount of CHF 15,000.

In no case may the amount of the bank guarantee be less than CHF 975,000.

If the total contractual benefits increase following the establishment of the guarantee, the total sum of the bank guarantee must be increased proportionately. UCI WorldTeams must immediately inform the Professional Cycling Council of this increase indicating the amount and the reason. They must also forward without delay to the auditor appointed by the UCI the documentation relative to the increase including, inter alia, the additional bank guarantee or amendment to the existing bank guarantee. The auditor shall issue a supplementary report to the Professional Cycling Council.

If the amount of the contractual benefits diminishes after a guarantee has been set up, an adjustment of the guarantee with effect from 1 April of the registration year for which the reduction has occurred is possible only in the event of a multi-year bank guarantee, provided that the conditions set out below are satisfied:

- The amount of the contractual benefits diminishes from one registration year to the next;
- The reduction will apply to the full year of registration;
- The reduction is acknowledged by the UCI auditor during the registration procedure.

Upon the conditions above being fulfilled, the UCI WorldTeam may submit a request for the UCI to instruct its bank of the reduction, with effect on 1 April of the registration year, of the amount of the bank guarantee.

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 18.06.07; 1.07.09; 1.01.15; 24.03.17).*

- 2.15.099** If the bank guarantee proves to be inadequate the UCI WorldTeam shall be liable for a fine of between CHF 5,000 and 50,000. Further, the UCI WorldTeam will be automatically suspended if it fails to establish the additional or amended guarantee within one month of the date of the decision to impose the fine and for so long as he fails to do so. In the event of persistent default, the UCI may refer the case to the licence commission in accordance with article 2.15.040.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.11.15; 24.03.17).*

- 2.15.100** The UCI may not be held responsible for the inadequacy of the guarantee.

- 2.15.101** The term of the guarantee may vary between one and three years depending on the term of the UCI WorldTour licence granted to the team. In every case, it must remain valid until 31 March after the last registration year covered by the guarantee.

For the first registration year covered by the licence, the guarantee must be available from 1 January of the year of registration. Should the bank guarantee for the first registration year of the licence period not cover the totality of that period, the bank guarantee provided from the second registration year may stipulate that it may be called upon at the latest as of 1<sup>st</sup> April of the registration year, including for the sums due in January, February and March.

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 18.06.07; 3.06.16; 12.01.17).*

**Calling up the guarantee**

- 2.15.102** The creditor must introduce his application to the UCI for the guarantee to be called up by 1 March of the year following the date on which his claim falls due. Documentary evidence must be provided with the application.

Failing this the UCI is not obliged to call up the guarantee.

*(text modified on 18.06.07).*

- 2.15.103** The UCI will call up the bank guarantee in favour of the creditor mentioned in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of article 2.15.095 unless the claim is manifestly unfounded. The UCI WorldTeam will be informed of the creditor's request and of the call on the guarantee.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.104** For any call on the bank guarantee, the UCI shall draw, in addition to the amount claimed by the creditor, the sum of CHF 500 as costs. This sum is drawn for each creditor claiming the bank guarantee, until a maximum of CHF 15,000 per bank guarantee. In case of payment by the UCI of a seized amount from a bank guarantee, all bank fees are exclusively at the expense of the beneficiary.

*(text modified on 1.07.09).*

- 2.15.105** The actual payment to the creditor shall not take place until one month after the implementation of the guarantee. If, in the interim, the UCI WorldTeam raises a written objection to the payment of the money to the creditor, the UCI shall pay the disputed sum into a special account and shall subsequently distribute it in accordance with any agreement reached between the parties or according to an enforceable judicial or arbitral decision.

*(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.106** If the creditor has not introduced his claim against the paying agent before the body designated in his contract or the body which he regards as competent on some other basis during the three months following the date of his call on the guarantee, the paying agent may apply to the UCI to have the blocked funds released in his favour.

The funds shall be released should the creditor fail to take proceedings within one month of the despatch of notice by the UCI. The creditor then has fifteen days to provide the UCI with proof that he has commenced proceedings. If the body before which the creditor has commenced proceedings declares that it is not competent, the creditor must take fresh proceedings within one month of learning of this decision. Should this not be the case the paying agent may call on the UCI to release the funds in his favour. The funds shall be released should the creditor fail to take further proceedings within one month of the despatch of notice by the UCI. The creditor then has fifteen days to provide the UCI with proof that he has recommenced proceedings.

However the funds will only be released in favour of the paying agent when the bank guarantee has been reconstituted.

*(text modified on 1.10.09).*



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

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

*(article introduced on 1.01.18).*

- 2.15.107** Should the debt claimed exceed the amount corresponding to three months' contractual benefits, only a sum equal to three months' contractual benefits may be paid in the first instance, provided that the conditions for payment are fulfilled. The acknowledged balance of the debt may be paid from the global guarantee on condition that the latter would not be exhausted at the end of its period of validity. In the event that there are several creditors, the available balance of the guarantee will be allocated proportionally between them.
- 2.15.108** The UCI may call up the bank guarantee in the event of non-payment of fees, expenses, indemnities, fines and penalties or sentences imposed by or in virtue of the regulations of the UCI or related to their application provided that the guarantee is not exhausted at the end of its period of validity, where applicable after application of article 2.15.107.
- 2.15.109** In the event of payment to a creditor or to the UCI from funds obtained from the bank guarantee, the UCI WorldTeam shall automatically be suspended if the guarantee is not fully reconstituted within one month of the request from the UCI to do so.

In the event of persistent default, the UCI may refer the case to the licence commission in accordance with article 2.15.040.

The part of the blocked funds which, under the agreement reached between the parties or according to the final judicial or arbitral decision, does not accrue to the creditor, will be released in favour of the paying agent under deduction of the sums due to the UCI according to article 2.15.104 and, where applicable, to article 2.15.108 and solely after full reconstitution of the bank guarantee.

*(text modified on 1.10.09; 1.01.15; 1.11.15).*

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

*(article introduced on 1.01.18).*

#### **Riders**

- 2.15.110** The number of riders in each UCI WorldTeam may not be fewer than twenty-three (23). **These riders will be exclusively from the men elite or men under 23 categories.**

The maximum number of riders per UCI WorldTeam which may be registered with the UCI is restricted according to the number of new professionals under contract (within the meaning of article 7 of the joint agreement concluded between the CPA (Cyclistes Professionnels Associés – Associated Professional Cyclists) and the AIGCP (Association Internationale des Groupes Cyclistes Professionnels - International Association of Professional Cycling Teams) in the following manner:

| Minimum number of new professionals under contract to the UCI WorldTeam | Maximum number of riders registered with the UCI |
|---|--|
| 0   | 28   |
| 1   | 29   |
| 2   | 30   |

If the number of riders proves to be less than the stipulated minimum, the UCI shall issue a warning to the UCI WorldTeam and allow it a period of grace of 30 days to regularize the situation. In the event of failure to do so, the UCI WorldTeam shall be liable for a fine of between CHF 10,000 and 100,000. To determine the fine, the UCI shall take account in particular of the reduction of the payroll costs from which the team benefits during the period for which its numbers fall short of the required minimum.

Payment of the fine does not release the UCI WorldTeam from the obligation to enlist the minimum number of riders again. If the failure to comply persists, the UCI WorldTeam shall be suspended.

The UCI WorldTeam is not obliged to replace a rider whom it has dismissed on grounds of a proven violation of the anti-doping regulations. In this regard, the fact that an A and B sample has tested positive is regarded as a proven violation of the anti-doping regulations.

*(text modified on 20.10.05 ; 15.11.08; 1.01.10; 1.10.12; 1.07.13; 1.01.15; 1.07.18).*

- 2.15.110 bis** In addition, in the period between 1 August\* and **31 December**, each UCI WorldTeam may admit into the team three elite or under 23 **trainees** on the following conditions:
1. In the case of an elite rider, he shall not previously have belonged to any UCI WorldTeam or UCI professional continental team;
  2. The UCI WorldTeam must notify the UCI of these riders' identity before 1 August;
  3. The UCI WorldTeam shall obtain the authorisation of the National Federation of the rider's **nationality** and if applicable, the authorisation of the National Federation of the UCI continental team in which he is registered;
  4. During that period, these riders may join only a single UCI WorldTeam;
  5. These riders may only participate in races of the UCI continental circuits.

6. The riders in question may continue to take part in events in their club team or, if appropriate, in their UCI continental team.

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

In all other respects, the relationship between these riders and the UCI WorldTeam shall be mutually agreed between the parties.

*(text modified on 6.07.05; 20.10.05; 1.01.09; 1.02.12; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).*

#### **Contract**

- 2.15.111** A rider's membership of a UCI WorldTeam requires a written contract of employment to be concluded which must contain as a minimum the provisions of the standard contract in article 2.15.139.

The rights and obligations of the parties shall also be governed by the joint agreement concluded between the CPA (Cyclistes Professionnels Associés - Associated Professional Cyclists) and the AIGCP (Association Internationale des Groupes Cyclistes Professionnels - International Association of Professional Cycling Teams) and approved by the Professional Cycling Council.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.112** The provisions of the model contract and the joint agreement shall be applied as of right. Furthermore, any clause agreed between the rider and the paying agent that impinges on the rights of riders as provided for in the standard contract or joint agreement is null and void.

- 2.15.113** All contracts between a UCI WorldTeam and a rider or another person contracted for the operation of the team must be typed in three original copies at least one of which must be given to the rider or other person concerned. A copy shall be sent electronically to the auditor and an original shall be kept by the team and made available at any times if requested by the auditor.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.114** The parties must sign each page of the contract. Clauses of the contract which are on a page not signed by the rider or other contracted person cannot be invoked against him; the rider or other contracted person may take advantage of such clauses.

The name of the person who signs the contract on behalf of the UCI WorldTeam must be given on the final page of the contract alongside the signature.

*(text modified on 1.06.06; 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.115** Without prejudice to article 2.15.116, the employment contract between the rider and the UCI WorldTeam must govern all the services provided by the rider for the benefit of the team, the paying agent and the sponsors, and all remuneration relating thereto. All remuneration and payment methods must be set out in writing.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

**Model Contract between a self-employed rider and a UCI WorldTeam**

**2.15.115 bis** The rider can enter into contract with the UCI WorldTeam as a self-employed worker and be registered as a member of the UCI WorldTeam, subject to the following provisions:

1. The independent status complies with the applicable legislation. The paying agent of the UCI WorldTeam is, to the exclusion of the UCI and the auditor, responsible for the verification of such conformity and of the consequences of any non-conformity, without prejudice to the responsibility of the sponsors;
2. The rider's remuneration must be at least 164% of the amount laid down under article 10 of the joint agreement;
3. In all other respects, the contract must comply with articles 5 to 20 of the joint agreement, except for the following provisions:
  - Art. 5: compliance with the standard contract is judged by taking account of this article;
  - Art. 11, 2<sup>nd</sup> §: the frequency of the payments is agreed between the parties;
  - Art. 15: this point is agreed between parties;
  - Art. 16, 1<sup>st</sup> §: this point is agreed between parties;
  - Art. 17, 1<sup>st</sup> §: this point is agreed between parties;
4. If the applicable legal social security system does not provide for the compulsory insurance referred to in article 22.3 of the joint agreement, the rider shall take out such insurance;
5. The rider must have taken out the insurance policies referred to in article 23 of the joint agreement;
6. The contract with the rider shall stipulate that he must provide proof of the above social security or insurance cover, in the absence of which he shall not be able to be registered as a member of the UCI WorldTeam. This proof shall be submitted to the UCI WorldTeam, which shall pass it on to the auditor with the audit file;
7. The first page of the contract must be headed clearly "contract for a SELF-EMPLOYED rider" and shall summarise the main obligations of the parties as regards pay, taxation and social security, in line with the model in article 2.15.140bis. The paying agent shall be responsible for the accuracy of this information.

*(article introduced on 01.06.06; 1.07.12; 1.01.15).*

**2.15.116** In addition to the employment contract, only an image contract may be concluded, subject to the following conditions:

- the person of the rider must represent a commercial value clearly distinct from the rider's sporting value as a member of the team;
- the remuneration granted for image rights must be in return for rights or services that are distinct from the activities of a professional rider; details of these rights and services shall be set out in a precise manner;
- the remuneration for the activities as a professional rider must correspond to the sporting value of the rider and must in any event exceed double the minimum salary;
- the remuneration payable under the image contract may not exceed 30% of the total remuneration paid to the rider.

*(text modified on 20.10.05).*

- 2.15.117** Without prejudice to articles 2.15.115 and 2.15.116 the parties must declare, under all circumstances and on every contract submitted to the auditor appointed by the UCI, any other contract concluded regarding the services of the rider or any other contracted person to the benefit of the UCI WorldTeam, whatever the nature of the services and whatsoever the parties to these other contracts.

The following would be covered, for example:

1. image, advertising or sponsorship contracts;
2. contracts signed, directly or indirectly, with a principal partner of the UCI WorldTeam or with a person, company or other entity linked with the paying agent or a principal partner;
3. contracts signed with a spouse, a relative, an agent, a mandatory or other intermediary of the rider or other person as specified above, with a company in which he has a holding, holds an office or has any form of interest.

The declaration must be drawn up in line with the model and include the standard elements at the foot of the standard contract in article 2.15.139 for riders and article 2.15.140 for other persons.

The obligation to fill out such a declaration and submit it to the auditor appointed by the UCI is applicable at any time, regardless of whether the relevant agreement intervenes after signature of the employment contract and its filing with the auditor.

All contracts must be included in the budget and in the calculations of the sum for the bank guarantee.

In the event of infringement of this article, the parties concerned shall be penalised by a suspension of between one and six months and/or a fine of between CHF 5,000 and 100,000.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 22.06.16).*

- 2.15.118** The UCI WorldTeam shall attach to each contract, on the form drawn up by the administration of the UCI, a list of the legal or contractual insurance benefits to which the rider will, or will not, be entitled.

*(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.119** The contract must be concluded for a fixed term ending on 31 December, in accordance with the conditions determined by the joint agreement concluded between the CPA and the AIGCP.

- 2.15.120** On the expiry of the term of the contract, the rider is free to leave the UCI WorldTeam and join another team.

All transfer payment systems are prohibited.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

**Transfer**

- 2.15.120 a** A transfer period exists and applies to all changes of team, whether between two UCI WorldTeams or between a UCI WorldTeam and a UCI professional continental team.

The transfer period for any change of team during the season extends from 1-15 August.

For any change of team between two seasons, the transfer period extends from 1 August to 31 December.

*(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.07.11; 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.120 b** A UCI WorldTeam or licence applicant may only recruit riders during the transfer period.  
For the purposes of this article «recruit» shall be deemed to mean concluding a contract with a rider to ride for the UCI WorldTeam or licence applicant's team.

*(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.04.11; 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.121** Should a UCI WorldTeam or paying agent wish to engage a rider contracted to another UCI WorldTeam or a UCI professional continental team such that the rider would begin to ride for the UCI WorldTeam before the expiry of the scheduled term of the contract with his current team, it shall firstly inform the Professional Cycling Council of this intention. Before undertaking any further steps, and especially before contacting the rider, the UCI WorldTeam or paying agent shall make known its intention to the current paying agent of the rider.

The transfer of the rider requires a written and global agreement between the three parties concerned, namely the rider, his current paying agent and the new paying agent, and with the prior consent of the Professional Cycling Council.

In all circumstances, such a transfer is only possible during the transfer periods.

If there is any indication that one or more of the conditions set out in this section have not been respected, the UCI administration shall proceed to a provisional registration of the rider with the new team. At the same time, the case will be brought before the Disciplinary Commission.

Under no circumstances shall the provisional registration take place if the rider is already registered with another UCI WorldTeam or UCI professional continental team and his contract has not been broken.

*(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.07.11; 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.121 a** During the season, no rider already registered with a UCI WorldTeam for the current season may join another UCI WorldTeam or a UCI professional continental team outside the transfer periods.

*(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.07.11; 1.10.13).*

- 2.15.122** The UCI WorldTeam or its paying agent that approaches or engages, even conditionally, a rider from a UCI WorldTeam or a UCI professional continental team without the prior agreement of the current paying agent, shall be subject to a fine of CHF 30,000 to 500,000. Individual licence-holders involved in such practices shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 3,000 and 50,000.

If these approaches take place outside the transfer period, the fines will be tripled.

Moreover, the UCI WorldTeam in question shall pay the rider's current paying agent compensation equivalent to the amount of the remuneration for the period of the contract with the current paying agent remaining to run, but no less than six months' salary.

*(text modified on 1.07.11; 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.123** In no case may a rider move to another team before the expiry of the term with his current paying agent as stipulated in the contract - even if that contract does not run its full term - unless he has prior authorisation from the president of the Professional Cycling Council.

In the case of a merger between UCI WorldTeams or between a UCI WorldTeam and a UCI professional continental team, the present provision shall apply to riders of the merged entity who have changed paying agent.

A rider in breach of this article shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 300 and 100,000.

If this breach occurs outside the transfer period, the rider will additionally be suspended for a minimum of one month and a maximum of four months.

*(text modified on 1.07.11; 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.124** For the application of UCI Regulations, any move to another UCI WorldTeam shall be deemed to constitute a new contractual relationship, so that a new contract will have to be concluded in accordance with articles 2.15.111 to 2.15.119, even if, under applicable legislation, the transfer is effected by a cession of contract, the pursuance of the contract by other parties, the secondment of the rider or any other similar method.

- 2.15.125** Riders and UCI WorldTeams may not reveal that they are involved in negotiations about transfers outside the transfer period.

Upon complaint by a prejudiced team or any third party with a legitimate interest, the rider is liable to a fine of CHF 2,000 and the UCI WorldTeam to a fine of CHF 5,000.

*(text modified on 01.01.09; 1.07.10; 24.09.14; 1.01.15).*

**Insurance**

- 2.15.126** The UCI WorldTeam must take out a civil liability insurance policy for all damages that the riders or other team members may cause in the course of their professional activities, taking account of the insurance policy previously concluded by the person in question and/or by his National Federation.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

### Participation in events

**2.15.127** The UCI WorldTeam must take part with a team of competitive riders in UCI WorldTour events.

With regard to events which were registered on the 2016 UCI WorldTour calendar, all UCI WorldTeams must take part. For other UCI WorldTour events, UCI WorldTeams may take part on a voluntary basis.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

**2.15.128** In the event of unjustified absence, withdrawal or giving up, the UCI WorldTeam shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 10,000 and 20,000. For stage races, this fine shall be multiplied by the number of days' racing remaining on the day of absence, withdrawal or giving up.

The UCI may decide not to refer a case of absence, withdrawal or giving up of a UCI WorldTeam to the Disciplinary Commission, in case the two cumulative conditions below are fulfilled:

- The UCI WorldTeam beforehand submitted to the UCI a formal motivated request for absence, withdrawal or giving up following an abnormal situation pertaining to doping;
- The organiser of the UCI WorldTour event has agreed in writing to the absence, withdrawal or giving up of the UCI WorldTeam.

On the third offence committed during the period of validity of the licence, the UCI WorldTeam will further receive a month's suspension; on the fourth offence, the suspension will be for three months.

On the fifth offence committed during the period of validity of the licence, the licence shall be automatically revoked.

Events that were not registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar in 2016 shall be taken into consideration for application of article 2.15.128 above, subject to the UCI WorldTeam having accepted the UCI WorldTour event's invitation to participate, in accordance with article **2.15.190**.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 8.11.16; 12.01.17; 1.01.17; **25.10.17**).*

**2.15.129** [article abrogated on 12.01.17]

**2.15.130** [article abrogated on 12.01.17]

### UCI WorldTour Promotion

**2.15.131** The UCI WorldTeam shall take part in the promotion of the UCI WorldTour label in accordance with the promotion and merchandising policy to be contractually agreed between the UCI and the UCI WorldTeam.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*



- 2.15.132** The UCI WorldTeam and the UCI shall collaborate in the implementation of a marketing policy inter alia as regards any UCI WorldTour sponsors in order to protect the interests of each party.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.133** The UCI WorldTeam undertakes to use the UCI WorldTour logo in accordance with the graphics specifications to be provided by the UCI and to respect the conditions and restrictions of use of the logo and the brand as defined in the contract concluded with the UCI.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.134** All the rights and obligations of each party as regards the promotion of the UCI WorldTour shall be specified in the contract concluded between the UCI WorldTeam and the UCI.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

**Dissolution of the UCI WorldTeam**

- 2.15.135** A UCI WorldTeam must announce its dissolution, the termination of its activities or its inability to perform its obligations as soon as possible to the riders, its other members and the Professional Cycling Council.

Once this announcement has been made, riders shall be fully entitled to contract with a third party for the following season or for the period starting at the moment announced for the dissolution, the termination of activities or the inability to perform.

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

- 2.15.136** A rider who is contracted to a UCI WorldTeam may, subject to the conditions set out below, conclude a contract to ride for another team (UCI WorldTeam, UCI professional continental team or UCI continental team) in the event that his contract with his current UCI WorldTeam is terminated prematurely for recognised reasons relating to the financial situation of this UCI WorldTeam:

1. The rider must notify the Professional Cycling Council of the situation of his UCI WorldTeam, of his particular position and of his intention to seek another team, prior to signing a contract with that team. The Professional Cycling Council may request information from any interested party;
2. The contract between the rider and the other team must contain the following clause:  
"The parties confirm that the contract between the rider and his current UCI WorldTeam only expires on.... . The paying agent recognises and accepts that this contract will be respected. The present contract is concluded provisionally and shall be subject to the premature termination of the contract between the rider and his current UCI WorldTeam on grounds previously authorised by the Professional Cycling Council."
3. The contract with the new team shall be lodged with the Professional Cycling Council. Should more than one contract be deposited by the same rider, only the first contract deposited shall be recognised, unless the parties to that contract mutually agree otherwise;
4. Before terminating his contract with his current UCI WorldTeam the rider must have the grounds for such termination authorised by the Professional Cycling Council. The recognition of the grounds shall stand as authorisation to the rider to move to the other team as soon as the contract with his UCI WorldTeam is terminated;

- (text modified on 1.01.15).

### 2.15.137

*(text modified on 1.01.15).*

- (article introduced on 8.11.16).*

- (text modified on 1.01.15).*

### 2.15.139

## ON THE SECOND PART

Whereas:

- the Employer is engaged in setting up a cycling team who, within the UCI WorldTeam.... and under the management of Mr (name of manager or sports director), intend to take part, during the duration of the present contract, in cycle road races governed by the regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE;
- the Rider wishes to join the team (name of the UCI WorldTeam);
- both parties are acquainted with and declare that they will abide wholly by the UCI constitution and regulations, and those of its affiliated National Federations as well as the joint agreements concluded between the CPA and the AIGCP and approved by the Professional Cycling Council.

It is thus agreed as follows:

#### **ARTICLE 1 - Employment**

The Employer hereby engages the Rider, who accepts the position, as a rider in cycling road races.

Participation by the Rider in events in other disciplines shall be decided by the Parties case by case.

The engagement shall be subject to the registration of the team as a UCI WorldTeam with the UCI. Should such registration not be obtained, the Rider may terminate the present contract without notice or compensation.

#### **ARTICLE 2 - Duration**

The present contract shall be concluded for a fixed period commencing on ... and expiring on 31 December...

Unless the contract has already been renewed, each party shall notify the other in writing no later than the 30 September preceding the termination of the contract of his intentions as to the renewal of the contract. A copy of this document shall be sent to the CPA.

#### **ARTICLE 3 - Salary**

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

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

- A. The legal minimum wage of the country of the nationality of the UCI WorldTeam as defined under article 2.15.051 of the regulations;
  - B. **The minimum wage as per the Joint Agreements.**
2. If the duration of the present contract is less than one year, the Rider must in this period earn at least the total annual pay set out in article 3.1. Where applicable, the pay due from the rider's previous UCI WorldTeam, UCI professional continental team or UCI continental team for the first part of the year in question may be deducted as long as the pay for the duration of the present contract is no lower than the minimum determined under article 3.1.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - Payment of the salary**

1. The Employer shall pay the remuneration determined under article 3 in equal monthly payments on or before the last working day of each month.
2. Should the Rider be suspended under the terms of the UCI regulations or those of one of its affiliated federations, he shall not be entitled to the said

remuneration referred to in article 3 for the part of the suspension exceeding one month.

3. In the event of a failure to make payment of the net sums of remuneration on their due date as per article 3 or of any other sum which is due, the Rider shall have the right, without notice, to the interest and increases set out in the joint agreement concluded between the AIGCP and the CPA.
4. The remuneration, or any other sum due to the Rider from the Employer, shall be paid by transfer to the bank account no ... of the Rider at the (name of the bank) at (branch where the account is held). Only the proof of the execution of the bank transfer shall be accepted as proof of payment.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - Prizes and bonuses**

The Rider shall be entitled to prizes won during cycling competitions in which he participated for the UCI WorldTeam, in accordance with the Regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations.

Furthermore, the rider shall have the right to the following bonuses:

- ☐ none
- ☐ 1...
- ☐ 2...

(mark as appropriate)

#### **ARTICLE 6 - Miscellaneous obligations**

1. The Rider may not, for the duration of the present contract, work for any other team or advertise for any other sponsors than those belonging to the UCI WorldTeam, save in such cases as are provided for in the regulations of the UCI.
2. The Employer hereby undertakes to allow the Rider properly to perform his occupation by providing him with the necessary equipment and clothing and by permitting him to participate in a sufficient number of cycling events, either as a member of the team or individually.
3. The Rider may not compete in a race as an individual without the express consent of the Employer. The Employer shall be deemed to have given its consent if it has not replied within a period of ten days from the date of the request. In no case may the Rider take part in a road race as a member of any other structure or of a mixed team if (name of the UCI WorldTeam) is already entered for that race.
4. The Parties undertake to respect the riders' health protection programme.
5. The employer undertakes to reimburse the Rider for reasonable travel costs incurred as a result of his work.

In the event of selection for a national team, the Employer shall be required to permit the Rider to participate in such races and preparatory programmes as may be determined by the National Federation. The Employer shall authorise the National Federation to give the Rider any instructions it may deem necessary in connection with and for the duration of the selection provided that it does so solely in connection with sporting matters, in its own name and on its own behalf.

In none of the aforementioned cases shall the present contract be suspended.

#### **ARTICLE 7 - Transfers**

On the expiry of the present contract, the Rider shall be entirely free to leave the UCI WorldTeam and sign a contract with a third party, without prejudice to the provisions of the UCI Regulations.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - Termination of the contract**

Without prejudice to the legislation governing the present contract, it may be terminated before expiry, in the following cases and on the following conditions:

1. The Rider may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for damages:
  - A. if the Employer is declared bankrupt or insolvent or goes into liquidation;
  - B. if the UCI WorldTour licence for the team expires, is withdrawn, or if the UCI WorldTeam is suspended for a period of three months or more;
  - C. if the name of the UCI WorldTeam or its principal partners is changed during the civil year without the approval required under article 2.15.073 of the UCI cycling regulations;
  - D. if the Employer or a principal partner withdraws from the UCI WorldTeam and the continuity of the UCI WorldTeam is not guaranteed or else if the UCI WorldTeam announces its dissolution, the winding up of its activities or its inability to meet its commitments; should this be announced for a given date, the Rider shall continue to perform the contract until that date;
  - E. in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Employer. Serious misconduct is considered to include a failure to permit the Rider, despite his repeated requests, to participate in competitions over a continuous period in excess of 6 weeks or over four discontinuous periods of 7 days each, during which periods at least 1 one-day race on the international calendar took place.  
Where relevant, the Employer shall be required to prove that the Rider was not in a condition to take part in a race.
  - F. if, on 1<sup>st</sup> October of the year preceding a year of registration covered by the present contract, the UCI WorldTeam has not submitted a registration file containing the essential documents listed in art. 2.15.069bis, this right of termination lapses upon the registration of the UCI WorldTeam in the first division.
2. The Employer may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for damages, in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Rider or of the suspension of the Rider under the terms of the UCI regulations for the remaining duration of the present contract.

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

Serious misconduct is considered to include refusal to ride cycle races, despite being repeatedly called on to do so by the Employer.

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

Notwithstanding article 6, paragraph 3 of the Joint Agreement, the Employer may terminate the contract with a Rider who has neo-professional status on 31 December of the first year of this contract, if the UCI WorldTeam is unable to continue its activity during the following season. In that case, the Employer must give at least three months advance notice.

Should the Employer nevertheless be able to continue his activity after exercising the right of termination referred to above, he shall offer a contract for a period of one year to the Rider, on the same conditions as in the previous contract which he terminated before its normal expiry date.

3. Either party shall be entitled to terminate the present contract, without notice or liability, should the Rider be rendered permanently unable to exercise the occupation of professional cyclist.

#### ARTICLE 9 - Defeasance

Any clause agreed upon between the Parties that runs counter to the terms of the model contract between a rider and a UCI WorldTeam, to the joint agreement mentioned in article 2.15.111, and/or to the provisions of the UCI constitution or regulations and which would in any way restrict the rights of the Rider shall be null and void.

#### ARTICLE 10 - Arbitration

Any dispute between the Parties arising from the present contract shall be submitted to arbitration **without prejudice to the compulsory jurisdiction of ordinary courts**, either in application of a joint agreement concluded between the CPA and the AIGCP for matters covered thereby, or in accordance with the regulations of the National Federation which issued the licence to the Rider or, failing this, the legislation governing this contract.

#### ARTICLE 11 - Submitted contracts

The rider shall have the right to ascertain from the UCI-appointed auditor the contract(s) which has/have been submitted to the latter by the paying agent. The contract(s) shall be covered by the bank guarantee subject to the conditions and restrictions set out in articles 2.15.092 to 2.15.109 of the UCI cycling regulations.

#### Declaration

The parties declare that, apart from the present contract,

- ☐ no other contract has been concluded concerning the Rider's activities for the benefit of the UCI WorldTeam in the sense of articles 2.15.116 or 2.15.117 of the UCI cycling regulations.

Done at ..... on .....

In 3 original copies

|           |                                     |               |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| The Rider | For the UCI WorldTeam               | Rider's agent |
|           | The paying agent [signatory's name] |               |

- ☐ only the contracts below have been concluded in connection with the Rider's activities for the benefit of the UCI WorldTeam:

#### 1. Contract Title:

Parties:

1. ...
2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total pay and other benefits:

2. Contract Title:

Parties:

1. ...

2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total pay and other benefits:

3. ...

Done at ..... on .....

In 3 original copies

The Rider

For the UCI WorldTeam

Rider's agent

The paying agent [signatory's name]

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

**Declaration as per article 2.15.117**

**2.15.140**

The parties declare that, apart from the present contract,

- ☐ no other contract has been concluded concerning the services of the contracting person for the benefit of the UCI WorldTeam in the sense of article 2.15.117 of the UCI cycling regulations.

Done at ..... on .....

In 3 original copies

The contracting person

For the UCI WorldTeam

Rider's agent

The paying agent [signatory's name]

- ☐ only the contracts below have been concluded in connection with the services of the contracting person for the benefit of the UCI WorldTeam:

1. Contract Title:

Parties:

1. ...

2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total pay and other benefits:

2. Contract Title:

Parties:

1. ...

2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total pay and other benefits:

3. ...

In 3 original copies

(text modified on 1.06.06; 1.04.11; 1.01.15).

**2.15.140**  
**bis**

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paying agent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contract in force from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractual monthly pay: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deductions made by the paying agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective monthly earnings payable:  
The rider is required to issue invoices: YES  
NO  
If yes: - total sum to be invoiced monthly excluding VAT  
- total VAT to be invoiced  
- total payable to be invoiced

Bank details of the account on which the sums due by the team shall be transferred:

*(article introduced on 1.06.06; text modified on 1.04.11).*



**2.15.141 Bank guarantee model**

(To be issued by swift: UBSWCHZH12A – by swift MT760)

Guarantee type: Performance bond

Guarantor: **[INSERT NAME & ADDRESS OF THE PAYING AGENT BANK]**  
("GUARANTOR")

Applicant: **[INSERT NAME & ADDRESS OF THE PAYING AGENT]** ("APPLICANT")

Beneficiary: UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE, CHEMIN DE LA MELEE 12, 1860  
AIGLE, SWITZERLAND ("BENEFICIARY")

Underlying relationship: The APPLICANT's obligation in respect of the cycling regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE for the purpose of guaranteeing, within the limits set in those regulations, the payment of sums due by the UCI WorldTeam / UCI professional continental team **[INSERT NAME OF THE TEAM]** (paying agent: **[INSERT NAME OF THE PAYING AGENT]**) to riders and other creditors covered by said regulations as well as the payment of fees, expenses, indemnities, fines and sanctions or sentences imposed by or in virtue of the regulations of the UCI or related to their application.

Guarantee amount and currency: **[INSERT AMOUNT & CURRENCY]** (in words: **[INSERT AMOUNT & CURRENCY]**) ("GUARANTEE AMOUNT")

Form of Presentation ("FORM OF PRESENTATION"): Paper form or transmitted in full by authenticated swift through one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks.

For the purpose of identification the BENEFICIARY's demand and supporting statement must bear or be accompanied by a signed confirmation of one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks stating that the latter has verified the BENEFICIARY's signature(s) appearing thereon. In case of a swift transmission through one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks, the latter has to confirm having verified the BENEFICIARY's signature(s) appearing on the demand and supporting statement.

In case that at the time of a demand under this guarantee, there is a client relationship between BENEFICIARY and a branch of the GUARANTOR in **(INSERT COUNTRY OF GUARANTOR)** with a valid list of authorized signatures regarding the persons signing for the BENEFICIARY, the verification of signature(s) by a third bank is not required. In such case, BENEFICIARY's demand and supporting statement must be presented to the GUARANTOR duly signed in paper form (swift excluded).

Place for presentation: GUARANTOR's address as stated above or swift **[INSERT GUARANTOR'S SWIFT ADDRESS]**, respectively ("PLACE FOR PRESENTATION")

Expiry: **[INSERT EXPIRY DATE]** ("EXPIRY")

As GUARANTOR, we hereby irrevocably undertake to pay the BENEFICIARY any amount up to the GUARANTEE AMOUNT upon presentation of the BENEFICIARY's complying demand, in the FORM OF PRESENTATION indicated above, supported by the BENEFICIARY's statement, whether in the demand itself or in a separate signed document accompanying or identifying the demand, indicating that the amount claimed is demanded according to the cycling regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE.

Any demand under this guarantee must be received by us on or before EXPIRY at the PLACE FOR PRESENTATION indicated above.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees (URDG) 2010 Revision, ICC Publication No. 758, the supporting statement under article 15 a. being expressly excluded.

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.06.06; 1.01.15; 24.03.17).*

**§ 4 UCI WorldTour calendar**

*(numbering of the paragraph modified on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.142** The UCI WorldTour calendar shall be made up of a certain number of events known as UCI WorldTour events.

*(article introduced on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.143** The UCI WorldTour calendar is established by the Professional Cycling Council on a yearly basis, in consideration of the criteria it determines.

Without restricting the competence of the Professional Cycling Council to establish the UCI WorldTour calendar, the total number of race days of UCI WorldTour events that were not part of the 2016 UCI WorldTour should not, in principle, exceed 30 days.

*(article introduced on 12.01.17; text modified on 1.07.17).*

**Application for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar**

- 2.15.144** The conditions for the submission of an application for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar shall be specified in the present regulations and may be supplemented by the Professional Cycling Council.

The entity applying for registration of an event on the UCI WorldTour calendar shall be the owner of an event held the year preceding the first year of registration and classed as a UCI WorldTour or hors classe event. The Professional Cycling Council may grant exceptions to such rule upon receipt of a reasoned request.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.145** By applying for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar, the owner of the event acknowledges being bound by the UCI Regulations as from the submission of the application and for the duration of the registration as a UCI WorldTour event.

The owner of the event shall be entirely responsible for its event towards the UCI and compliance of its event with the UCI regulations.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.146** The registration is granted for a specific event. The registration grants UCI WorldTour status to the event. Registration has no impact on the property rights of the event owner as regards the event, without prejudice to obligations stemming from the UCI regulations.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

**2.15.147** In addition to meeting the conditions set out in the regulations, the following selection criteria shall be taken into consideration by the Professional Cycling Council in deciding to refuse an application, submit the registration to the respect of conditions and/or measures considered appropriate or reduce its duration:

1. the sporting level on the basis of the start list of the event in the editions prior to the application;
2. the format, the structure and the type of the event contributing to the image of the UCI WorldTour as an elite competition;
3. the quality of organisation, particularly as regards safety;
4. the levels of television coverage and audience figures on free channels in the years preceding the first year for which the registration is being applied for;
5. compliance with the UCI cycling regulations and all applicable regulations;
6. compliance with contractual, legal and regulatory obligations;
7. the absence of any attempt to breach or bypass such obligations;
8. compliance with sporting ethics;
9. the absence of any other element liable to damage the image of the UCI WorldTour and the sport of cycling in general.

The criteria above concern any element or fact arising prior to the application for registration being decided upon.

*(text modified on 1.11.15; 12.01.17).*

**2.15.148** The applicant shall submit the application for registration by completing and returning the form drafted by the Professional Cycling Council including all the information or other documents as required by the council.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

**2.15.149** The deadline for the submission of the application for registration is set by the Professional Cycling Council.

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.08.06; 15.06.08; 1.07.09; 1.01.10; 12.01.17).*

**2.15.150** The Professional Cycling Council shall have no obligation to examine applications sent to the UCI after the date set by the Professional Cycling Council.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

**Application on proposal of the Professional Cycling Council**

**2.15.151** On proposal by the UCI or on its own initiative, the Professional Cycling Council may invite events considered to be of strategic importance to the development of cycling to apply for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.152** The Professional Cycling Council shall inform the owners of selected events in writing and may notify them a deadline for the provision of all the required documents.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.153** The owner of an event invited to apply for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar by the Professional Cycling Council must submit an application in accordance with the procedure set out in the Professional Cycling Council's notification.

*(text modified on 12.01.17)*

**Registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar**

- 2.15.154** The Professional Cycling Council shall examine the applications for registration on the basis of documentation consisting of the following elements:
1. the registration application form and its enclosures;
  2. the opinion of the UCI and/or any entity created for the purpose of reviewing applications;
  3. any other document or information provided by the applicant or required for the assessment of the application by the UCI, the Professional Cycling Council or any entity created for the purpose of reviewing applications.

The Professional Cycling Council may also take account of acknowledged facts.

*(text modified on 18.06.07; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.155** The documentation must be drawn up in French or in English. Documents produced by third parties and drafted in another language must be accompanied by a translation into the language of the documentation.

The applicant has sole responsibility for assuring the quality and complete nature of the documentation. The applicant may not, in particular, invoke the fact that he has not been asked by the UCI or the Professional Cycling Council to provide information or documents or that his attention has not been called to gaps or other elements which may be regarded as negative when his application comes to be assessed by the Professional Cycling Council.

*(text modified on 18.06.07; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.156** The UCI shall forward its opinion or report to the Professional Cycling Council prior to the latter's decision establishing the calendar of the following season. The UCI will have the opportunity to submit further opinions to the extent that the applicant adds new elements to his documentation or new elements come to the UCI's knowledge in any other way.

*(article introduced on 18.06.07; text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.157** The Professional Cycling Council shall decide, at its own discretion, whether additional documentation and information shall be requested from the applicant. In this respect, the Professional Cycling Council shall set the pertinent deadlines and may also summon the applicant to a hearing.

*(article introduced on 18.06.07; text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.158** As a general rule, the decisions regarding the applications for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar shall be taken on the same occasion and shall be communicated to the applicants as rapidly as possible.

The Professional Cycling Council may also decide on applications for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar on separate occasions or postpone the assessment of certain applications, if it deems so appropriate and, in particular, if additional documentation is required from the applicant or the UCI.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.159** The decisions of the Professional Cycling Council in relation to applications for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar are final and not subject to appeal.

*(article introduced on 12.01.17).*

**Calendar fee**

- 2.15.160** An annual calendar fee must be paid by UCI WorldTour events annually by 15 December at the latest into the UCI bank account.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.161** The amount of the fee is determined by the Professional Cycling Council.

- 2.15.162** If the UCI account has not been credited by 15 December, the registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar is automatically revoked.

Further, a fine of CHF 10,000 shall be payable.

*(article introduced on 24.09.14 ; modified on 12.01.17).*

**Duration of the registration**

- 2.15.163** The registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar is valid, in principle, for 3 calendar years.

*(text modified on 1.07.13; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.164** An event owner whose registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar expires may apply for registration for a new period of 3 years following the same procedure as for the initial application.

*(text modified on 1.07.09; 12.01.17).*

**Expiry of the registration**

- 2.15.165** Unless renewed, the registration expires automatically at the end of the period for which it was granted.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**2.15.166** Registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar shall expire before its term under the following circumstances:

1. if one of the conditions for automatic revocation set out in the present section is fulfilled;
2. if the registration is withdrawn.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**2.15.167** Registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar shall be revoked as of right with immediate effect for the sole reason of the event owner's filing for bankruptcy or being declared bankrupt, or in the event of legal liquidation, the dissolution or the ceasing of activity of the event owner or actual organiser or any other measure resulting in the event ceasing to be able to make free use of its UCI WorldTour status.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**2.15.168** In case of revocation or withdrawal of the registration, no reimbursement shall be made. Any sums due remain payable and may not be offset.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**Event evaluation during the period of registration**

**2.15.169** During the period of registration, the UCI may decide to subject the UCI WorldTour event to a technical and sporting evaluation, notably in case of shortcomings with regard to the UCI Regulations or terms of reference for organisers of UCI WorldTour events.

*(article introduced on 12.01.17).*

**2.15.170** Upon completion of the evaluation of the UCI WorldTour event, a copy of the final report of the evaluation shall be provided to the Professional Cycling Council as well as the event owner.

*(article introduced on 12.01.17).*

**2.15.171** Without prejudice to other measures or sanctions foreseen by the UCI Regulations, the Professional Cycling Council shall decide whether to refer the matter to the Licence Commission and request one of the measures provided for in article 2.15.172 to be imposed on the event.

The Professional Cycling Council shall in particular refer the matter to the Licence Commission:

1. in case serious infringements to the UCI Regulations or terms of reference for organisers of UCI WorldTour events are observed; and
2. in case infringements to the UCI Regulations or terms of reference for organisers of UCI WorldTour events are observed during two consecutive editions of the UCI WorldTour event.

*(article introduced on 12.01.17).*

**Referral to the licence commission**

**2.15.172** In the circumstances outlined below, the licence commission may submit the registration to the respect of conditions and/or measures considered appropriate, reduce its duration or withdraw it in the following cases:

1. if the information taken into account in granting the registration was erroneous and the Professional Cycling Council considers that the actual situation did not justify the registration being granted;
2. if the information taken into account in granting the registration has changed and the Professional Cycling Council considers that the new situation does not justify the granting of the registration;
3. if the situation of the event owner is affected or weakened, due inter alia to financial problems, health problems, death, dysfunction, disputes or other cause, such that the organisation of the event is seriously compromised;
4. if the event owner does not satisfy or no longer satisfies all the conditions set out in the present chapter;
5. in the event of failure to comply with the UCI's regulations or terms of reference of organisers of UCI WorldTour events or any violation of contractual obligations towards the UCI committed by or imputable to the event owner or employees, agents or subcontractors including the actual organiser or any other intermediary, without prejudice to any other penalties under the regulations;
6. in case of acts committed by or imputable to the event owner or employees, agents or subcontractors including the actual organiser or any other intermediary, as a result of which the continuation of the event would seriously harm the interests or reputation of the UCI WorldTour;

*(text modified on 1.11.15; 12.01.17).*

**2.15.173** The president of the Professional Cycling Council shall refer the case to the licence commission upon simple written request, a copy of which is addressed to the licence holder.

**2.15.174** Before issuing a decision in application of article 2.15.172, the licence commission may, if appropriate, delay proceedings for a set period in order to give the event owner time to rectify the situation at stake.

*(text modified on 1.11.15; 12.01.17).*

**Holder of the rights and obligations related to the registration of an event on the UCI WorldTour calendar**

**2.15.175** The owner of the event shall be responsible for the application for the registration of the event on the UCI WorldTour calendar.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**2.15.176** If the owner of the event is not the actual organiser of the event, the event owner must inform the UCI and indicate in the application for registration the exact identity of the actual organiser or of any other intermediary.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.177** The owner of the event, the actual organiser and where applicable any other intermediary shall be jointly and severally responsible for all the obligations arising from the registration, including the debts under article 1.2.032. A written undertaking must be annexed to the application.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.178** In the event of a change of the actual organiser of the event during the period of registration, the owner of the event must inform the Professional Cycling Council.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.179** The event owner may have no direct or indirect link with one of the UCI WorldTeams. In exceptional cases, which do not challenge the integrity of the competition or the sporting fairness, the UCI Management Committee may grant an exemption.

*(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.180** The event owner may have no direct or indirect link with another UCI WorldTour event owner or with the actual organiser of such an event or with another intermediary, except insofar as such a link is accepted by the UCI Management Committee.

Links pre-existing at 31 December 2004 are deemed to be accepted.

*(text modified on 1.07.12; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.181** In a document to be annexed to the registration application form the applicant shall (i) certify that he has no direct or indirect link with a UCI WorldTeam or a team applying to the UCI WorldTour and (ii) indicate any direct or indirect links (including where applicable through the intermediary of the actual organiser) which he may have with a UCI WorldTeam or another UCI WorldTour event. This information must be provided to the Professional Cycling Council and updated throughout the period of registration.

*(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.182** In the event that there exist direct or indirect links as described in article 2.15.179 or 2.15.180, the Professional Cycling Council and the event owner shall consult and, where applicable, the Professional Cycling Council shall give the event owner a deadline in which to regularise the situation.

*(text modified on 1.07.12; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.183** Where the Professional Cycling Council learns of the existence of a link as described in articles 2.15.179 or 2.15.180 and which is not authorised by the UCI Management Committee, through the intervention of any third party other than the event owner, the parties concerned shall each be fined the sum of CHF 10,000. The Professional Cycling Council may set a deadline for regularisation of the situation.

*(text modified on 1.07.12; 8.11.16; 12.01.17).*



- 2.15.184** In the absence of regularisation in the manner and in time indicated by the Professional Cycling Council, or in the event of a dispute regarding the existence of a prohibited link or regularisation, the dispute shall be brought before the licence commission upon simple written request, either by the president of the Professional Cycling Council or by the event owner. If the licence commission deems that there is a prohibited link within the meaning of article 2.15.179 or 2.15.180, it may submit the registration to the respect of conditions and/or measures considered appropriate, reduce its duration or withdraw it, where appropriate, after having granted a deadline to rectify the situation.

*(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.11.15; 12.01.17).*

#### **Organisation**

- 2.15.185** Unless otherwise determined by the present §4 or by contractual provisions, Part I, Section II of the UCI cycling regulations shall apply to the event owner.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.186** The event owner must organise the event each consecutive year throughout the period of registration and assume all the resulting obligations. The event owner must comply with the dates set by the UCI WorldTour calendar as annually established by the Professional Cycling Council.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.187** The event owner must not change the format or the type of the event without the prior written consent of the Professional Cycling Council.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.188** The event owner must maintain the professional standard, the quality and the high profile of his event.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.189** The event owner must organise the event according to the usual existing standards as imposed by the UCI and in accordance with the terms of reference for organisers of UCI WorldTour events.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

#### **Participation of UCI WorldTeams**

- 2.15.190** UCI WorldTour events must accept the participation of all UCI WorldTeams.

In accordance with article 2.15.127, the UCI WorldTeams have a duty to participate in all the UCI WorldTour events registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar in 2016.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.191** All events registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar for the first time in 2017 and thereafter shall be obliged to invite all UCI WorldTeams to take part in their event. **UCI WorldTeams must be invited for the following season no later than 10<sup>th</sup> December and UCI WorldTeams shall respond within 60 days of receipt of the invitation. Such invitation and response shall in any case comply with the deadlines stipulated** article 1.2.049.

The registration of such event on the UCI WorldTour calendar may be withdrawn by the Professional Cycling Council in case of breach of the obligation to invite all UCI WorldTeams.

The events shall only invite other teams within the number of places available after receipt of responses from the UCI WorldTeams to the above-mentioned invitation.

The obligations of UCI WorldTeams with respect to participation in these events is set out in article 2.15.127 ff.

*(article introduced on 12.01.17; modified on 25.10.17).*

- 2.15.192** Events registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar for the first time in 2017 and thereafter shall ensure the participation of a minimum of 10 UCI WorldTeams in their events.

In case of failure by one of these events to ensure the participation of 10 UCI WorldTeams during two consecutive editions, the registration of the said event shall be withdrawn from the UCI WorldTour calendar.

*(article introduced on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.193** As from the 2020 season, all UCI WorldTour events must invite the UCI professional continental team, if any, that lost its UCI WorldTeam status at the end of the previous season due to the fact that it was deemed not to satisfy the sporting criterion. The UCI professional continental team concerned shall participate in the UCI WorldTour event with the same conditions as UCI WorldTeams.

*(article introduced on 12.01.17; modified on 1.07.17).*

**Financial transparency**

- 2.15.194** UCI WorldTour events shall accept the principle of financial transparency by spontaneously and fully informing the Professional Cycling Council and providing all necessary documents and information in the following cases:

1. if the event owner has or anticipates any financial difficulties including the failure to pay a debt on the due date, insolvency or risk of insolvency, any significant changes in the annual budget, the cashflow plan or the financial planning;
2. if there arises a risk, a dispute, or any other circumstance likely to endanger the financial stability of the event owner, the actual organiser or any other intermediary involved;
3. in the event of the failure to meet, for any reason whatsoever, any obligation of the event owner to a third party creditor.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**Support for the development of cycle sport**

- 2.15.195** The event owner must conduct a policy of support for cycle sport not least by the annual organisation of an event contributing to the development of grass roots cycling. This event may at the organiser's choice be a road event for women, masters, under 23 or junior riders, an event in a cycling discipline other than road racing or a cycling for all event.

In a document annexed to the registration application, the applicant shall indicate in a detailed manner what type of event he proposes to organise during the period of registration.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**UCI WorldTour promotion**

- 2.15.196** The event owner shall participate in the promotion of the UCI WorldTour label in the context of his event in accordance with the promotion and merchandising policy to be contractually agreed between the UCI and the event owner.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.197** The event owner shall collaborate with the UCI in the implementation of a marketing policy having regard inter alia to any UCI WorldTour sponsors in such a way as to safeguard the interests of all the parties.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.198** The event owner undertakes to use the UCI WorldTour logo in accordance with the graphics specifications to be provided by the UCI and to respect the conditions and restrictions of use of the logo and the brand as defined in the terms of reference for organisers of UCI WorldTour events. Any deviation from the requirements of the terms of reference must be agreed by the Professional Cycling Council.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.199** All the rights and obligations of each party as regards promotion of the UCI WorldTour shall be detailed in the terms of reference for organisers of UCI WorldTour events.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**Supervision and penalties**

- 2.15.200** The event owner and any other licence-holder must give to the UCI, upon first request, any document or information which it deems useful for verifying compliance with the regulations, contracts, terms of reference or legislation. In case of refusal and without prejudice to the application of article 2.15.172 or of any other consequences, the event owner and/or any licence-holder shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 5,000 and 10,000.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**§ 5 Licence commission**

*(numbering of the paragraph modified on 12.01.17)*

- 2.15.201** The licence commission issues decisions on the award and withdrawal of licences and any other measures set out by the regulations with regard to UCI WorldTour licences, the registration of UCI WorldTeams and UCI WorldTour events and on other disputes regarding UCI WorldTeams and UCI WorldTour events as set out in the present chapter.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.11.15; 12.01.17).*

- 2.15.202** The licence commission comprises a president and two other members having no other links with organised cycle sport.
- 2.15.203** The members are appointed by the UCI Management Committee of the UCI on proposal of the Professional Cycling Council. They are appointed for a period of four years, subject to unlimited renewal. If a member resigns, dies or is prevented from carrying out his duties for any other reason, he will be replaced for the remaining period of his term.
- 2.15.204** Alternate members may be appointed.
- 2.15.205** The licence commission meets when the regulations or the circumstances so require, or at the request of the UCI administration or the Professional Cycling Council. The dates of hearings are determined by the UCI in consultation with the president of the commission.
- (text modified on 1.07.10; 12.01.17).*
- 2.15.206** The hearings of the licence commission are not held in public. The deliberations of the commission are held in camera.
- 2.15.207** The commission may meet with only two members, subject to the agreement of the absent member. The members may also deliberate using any means of communication.
- 2.15.208** The decisions of the licence commission shall be taken by majority. They shall be in writing, dated and signed. The signature of the president shall suffice.
- 2.15.209** Decisions assenting to the request of a licence applicant or holder or a UCI WorldTour event do not need to be justified. Other decisions must be justified.
- (text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*
- 2.15.210** The decisions shall be sent to the interested parties by electronic mail, fax or by registered letter.
- (text modified on 12.01.17).*
- 2.15.211** The UCI administration shall provide registry services for the commission.
- 2.15.212** Members of the commission shall have a duty of confidentiality regarding the matters entrusted to them which shall persist after the end of their term.
- 2.15.213** The working languages of the commission shall be French and English. Proceedings are carried out exclusively in the language of the application for a UCI WorldTour licence or of the application for registration, unless otherwise agreed by the parties to the procedure. Without prejudice to the provisions for the licence application procedure, the commission may demand a certified translation into French or English of any documents drafted in another language, failing which the document will be disregarded.

**§ 6 Appeal before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)**  
*(numbering of the paragraph modified on 12.01.17)*

**2.15.214** Unless otherwise specified, the decisions of the licence commission may be appealed solely to the CAS.

**2.15.215** Either the failed applicant for a licence, the UCI WorldTour licence holder or the event owner concerned shall have the right of appeal.

An applicant or holder of a UCI WorldTour licence or a UCI WorldTour event may not appeal against a decision of the licence commission regarding another applicant or UCI WorldTour licence holder or another UCI WorldTour event.

*(text modified on 18.06.07; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

**2.15.216** The appeal will be heard in accordance with the accelerated procedure set out in the following provisions.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**2.15.217** The time limit for filing an appeal is fifteen days as from receipt by electronic mail of the challenged decision. Time limits shall be suspended from 25 December to 2 January.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**2.15.218** The appeal must take the form of a reasoned statement of appeal lodged with the CAS comprising the following elements:

1. the full name and address of the appellant and of the UCI;
2. a copy of the challenged decision;
3. a copy of the regulatory provisions authorising appeal to the CAS;
4. a description of the facts and legal arguments on which the appeal is based.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**2.15.219** The appellant shall append to his statement of appeal all the documents, witness statements and other evidence which he proposes to invoke, subject to article 2.15.224.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**2.15.220** The appellant shall indicate in his statement of appeal which witnesses and experts he intends to call at the hearing, failing which these witnesses and experts will not be heard, unless with the agreement of parties or the contrary decision of the panel.

**2.15.221** Within fifteen days from the day of receipt of the statement of appeal, the UCI and, where applicable, any other respondent shall submit to the CAS an answer containing the following elements:

1. a statement of defence;
2. any defence of lack of jurisdiction;
3. any counterclaim;
4. all documents and evidence which the UCI or other respondents wish to present, including the names of witnesses and experts they wish to be heard;
5. any written witness statement.

If a respondent fails to lodge his answer within the time provided, the panel may nevertheless continue the proceedings if no reply is received within the deadline.

Time limits for submission of the respondents' answer shall be suspended from 25 December to 2 January.

*(text modified on 18.06.07; 12.01.17).*

**2.15.222** The parties are not allowed to present further arguments, nor produce new documents, nor offer further evidence after the submission of their notice of appeal or answer.

**2.15.223** The CAS shall examine only whether the contested decision was arbitrary, i.e. whether it was manifestly unsustainable, in clear contradiction with the facts, or made without objective reasons or subsequent upon a serious breach of a clear and unquestioned rule or legal principle. It may only be overturned if its outcome is found to be arbitrary.

*(text modified on 21.09.06).*

**2.15.224** The appeal is judged on basis of the documentation at the licence commission's disposal at the time the appealed decision was rendered. There may be no subsequent additions to this documentation. The documents, statements and written evidence which the appellant intends to raise before the CAS can only refer to the same elements as found in the licence commission's file or which the commission took into account in its decision.

*(text modified on 21.09.06; 18.06.07; 12.01.17).*

**2.15.225** Should the contested decision be judged to be arbitrary it shall be annulled and the CAS shall make a new decision that shall replace the contested decision. This decision shall settle the case definitively. No further appeal shall be admitted.

However should the annulment of the contested decision open the way to a new allocation of the licences or a new award of a licence for which there is more than one candidate, the case shall be returned to the licence commission. After consulting the parties, the commission may, if it considers that it is in possession of adequate information, renounce any further documentary submissions and/or hearings. The case shall then be adjudged on the basis of the documentation as submitted to the commission on the occasion of its initial decision.

*(text modified on 21.09.06; 18.06.07; 12.01.17).*

**2.15.226** Unless otherwise specified in the present section, the Code of Sports-related Arbitration shall apply.

## **§ 7 UCI WorldTour reserve fund**

*(numbering of the paragraph modified on 12.01.17)*

**2.15.227** As of 2015, no new contributions are made to the UCI WorldTour reserve fund.

*(text modified on 22.01.07; 1.01.14; 24.09.14; 8.11.16).*

**2.15.228** [article abrogated on 8.11.16]

**Reserve fund**

- 2.15.229** The UCI WorldTour reserve fund will be used for the following objectives:
1. to carry out any projects to strengthen or develop general interest objectives to the benefit of all the UCI WorldTour partners;
  2. the interest on the reserve fund shall be added to the capital.

In case of deficit, the profit/loss UCI WorldTour account is used.

*(text modified on 24.09.14; 1.01.15; 8.11.16).*

**2.15.230** [article abrogated on 8.11.16]

**2.15.231** [article abrogated on 8.11.16]

**Use of the fund capital**

**2.15.232** Projects may be introduced as from 2007.

*(text modified on 1.01.07).*

**2.15.233** Any UCI WorldTour partners (UCI, UCI WorldTeam, UCI WorldTour event) may submit a project to the Professional Cycling Council.

*(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).*

**2.15.234** Should the Professional Cycling Council accept the principle of the project, it will appoint a study commission to report back to it. The study commission may include or consult specialists depending on the type of the project.

The final decision shall be taken by the council.

**2.15.235** The costs of studying the proposal will be paid from the capital of the fund.

*(text modified on 8.11.16).*

**Fund management**

**2.15.236** The administrative and financial management of the funds will be provided by the UCI finance department.

**2.15.237** The financial director of the UCI shall draw up an annual report on the use of the sums mentioned in article 2.15.227 and on the fund management. The report will be submitted to the Professional Cycling Council for approval.

*(text modified on 12.01.17).*

**§ 8 General provision**

*(numbering of the paragraph modified on 12.01.17)*

**2.15.238** Public holidays and non-working days are included in the calculation of the deadlines set in the present chapter. If the last day of the deadline falls on a public holiday or non-working day in Switzerland, the deadline shall expire at the end of the first following working day.

**§ 9 Appearance fee agreements**

*(paragraph introduced on 12.01.17)*

**2.15.239** Appearance fee agreements shall be understood as any agreement concluded between a team and an organiser providing for a remuneration or advantage of any kind to the team in return for the participation of the team or one or several of its riders in the event concerned. Participation allowances are not concerned by the present and below provisions.

**2.15.240** In the event UCI WorldTour events or UCI WorldTeams conclude agreements in relation to appearance fees, any remuneration or advantage received shall be disclosed to the financial auditor appointed by the UCI.

The obligation on UCI WorldTour events shall concern any and all appearance fee agreements reached with any team, whilst the obligation on UCI WorldTeams shall concern any and all appearance fee agreements pertaining to its team or riders with any organiser.

**2.15.241** At the end of each season, the financial auditor shall provide the UCI with a report on the appearance fee agreements concluded by UCI WorldTour events and UCI WorldTeams.

**§ 10**

[paragraph abrogated on 12.01.17]



## Chapter XVI UCI PROFESSIONAL CONTINENTAL TEAMS

*(chapter replaced on 1.09.04)*

### Identity

- 2.16.001** A UCI professional continental team is an organisation created to take part in road events open to UCI professional continental teams as per article 2.1.005. It is known by a unique name and registered with the UCI in accordance with the provisions below.

The UCI professional continental team comprises all the riders registered with the UCI as members of the team, the paying agent, the sponsors and all other persons contracted by the paying agent and/or the sponsors to provide for the operation of the team (manager, sports director, coach, paramedical assistant, mechanic, etc.).

Each UCI professional continental team must employ at least 16 riders, 3 sports directors and 5 other staff (paramedical assistants, mechanics, etc.) on a full time basis for the whole registration year.

*(text modified on 26.06.07; 1.07.12; 1.05.17).*

- 2.16.002** The sponsors are persons, companies or organisations that contribute to the funding of the UCI professional continental team. A maximum of three of the sponsors shall be designated the principal partners of the UCI professional continental team.

If neither of the three principal partners is the paying agent for the team, this paying agent may only be a physical or legal person whose sole trading income is income from advertising or sponsorship and the sole activity the operation and development of the UCI professional continental team. The whole income is allocated for this activity only. The available profit in the balance sheet should not exceed 10% of the turnover and must be used in accordance with the legal provisions in force in the country of the UCI professional continental team. The allocation of the profit can only be decided after the annual accounts have been established and audited.

No advance payment of profits may be made to beneficiaries during the course of the year.

*(text modified on 26.06.07 ; 1.11.15).*

- 2.16.003** The principal partner(s) and the paying agent shall commit themselves to the UCI professional continental team for a whole number of calendar years.

Any contract relating to the income for the UCI professional continental team must be signed directly with the party actually responsible for paying this income.

*(text modified on 01.01.07).*

- 2.16.004** The principal partner(s) and the paying agent may act in that capacity with respect to one UCI professional continental team only.

- 2.16.005** The name of the UCI professional continental team may be that of the company or brand name of one or several principal partners, the name of the paying agent, or any other name related to the project of the continental professional team.

The UCI may refuse any name which is likely to damage the reputation or the image of cycling or of the UCI.

*(text modified on 1.07.09 ; 1.11.15).*

- 2.16.006** No two UCI professional continental teams, their principal partners or paying agents, may bear the same name. Should application for a new and identical name be made simultaneously by two or more teams, priority shall be given to the team which has used the name for the longer or longest time.

- 2.16.007** The nationality of a UCI professional continental team is determined, at the team's discretion, by:

- 1) The country of the registered office of the paying agent, or
- 2) A country where a product or service of a principal partner is marketed under the name of the UCI professional continental team or of an element of that name.

The UCI administration must be notified of this choice no later than 1 October before the registration year. By default, the nationality of the UCI professional continental team will be determined by the country of the registered office of the paying agent.

The choice of a country where a product or service of a principal partner is marketed under the name of the UCI professional continental team or of an element of that name shall stand throughout the registration period and cannot be changed unless the principal partner in question ceases to hold that status. In this case, the UCI professional continental team can make a new choice as per the first paragraph.

The change of nationality will take effect on 1 January after the UCI administration is notified.

*(text modified on 1.04.11; 1.07.11).*

#### **Legal and financial status**

- 2.16.008** The paying agent shall represent the UCI professional continental team for all purposes as regards the UCI regulations.

The paying agent must be a person legally entitled to take on employees. He/it shall sign the contracts with the riders **and the other persons under contract for the operation of the team.**

The paying agent may act only through individuals who hold a licence.

**If the paying agent is not a principal partner of the team, the management of the team will be the paying agent's sole activity, unless an exemption is granted by the licence commission.**

The paying agent and the principal partners shall be jointly and severally liable for all the financial obligations of the team to the UCI and National Federations, including fines.

**The paying agent must manage all the operations of the team from a single registered office.** The registered offices or professional domicile of the paying agent shall be located in the country in which the paying agent will be subject to income taxes and social security charges as an employer for all its activities concerning the team.

The paying agent must keep separate accounts for the activities of the team. The administration of the UCI may issue directives for the procedures for such accounts. On its request or on the request of the UCI, the accounts for the current and/or preceding years must be submitted to the auditor specified in article 2.16.013.

If the auditor appointed by the UCI notices during the registration procedure that the directives for the procedures for the accounts have not been respected, the registration of the team may be refused.

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 26.6.07; 1.07.18).*

- 2.16.009** The paying agent and the principal partners must inform the UCI without delay of the following: a change of domicile or registered offices, reduction in capital, change of legal form or identity (merger, takeover), request for or implementation of any agreement or any measure concerning all creditors.

The information specified in the present article must also be sent at the same time to the auditor appointed by the UCI.

#### **Registration**

- 2.16.010** Each year UCI professional continental teams must apply to the UCI for registration for the following year, referred to hereinafter as the "registration year", in accordance with the procedures set out below.

- 2.16.010 bis** On 15 August at the latest, without prejudice to the penalties for delay foreseen in this chapter, the team applying for UCI professional continental team status must **ask** the UCI **for the registration instructions**.

Any **request** filed outside the above-mentioned term will be automatically disregarded.

The **request** must mention the name and address of a contact person of the team applying for UCI professional continental team status, who shall be in charge of the registration procedure. Otherwise, the **request** will be inadmissible.

The administration of the UCI will acknowledge receipt of the **request** and send the registration **instructions** to the person in charge of the team applying for UCI professional continental team status, mentioned in its **request**. Without this **formal request**, the registration as UCI professional continental team will not be possible.

Only a team whose application for a UCI WorldTour team licence has been rejected can file a **request** for registration as UCI professional continental team outside this term. Such **request** must be submitted to the UCI at the latest 5 days after having received the decision of the licence refusal. In that event, the administration of the UCI will set the term to establish a registration file.

*(text modified on 26.6.07; 1.07.10; 1.10.10; 1.07.18).*

**2.16.011** By 1 August preceding the registration year, all UCI professional continental teams or candidates applying to this status which do not have a valid bank guarantee transmitted by SWIFT for the following season must:

1. Obtain a confirmation from their bank that it shall be able to issue, either directly or through a correspondent bank, a SWIFT message to UBS Switzerland [UBSWCHZH12A];
2. Obtain a confirmation from their bank that the bank guarantee shall be issued in accordance with the model guarantee provided in article 2.16.054 and shall fully correspond to the relevant text;
3. Provide the UCI with the name and contact details of the bank that will issue the bank guarantee and confirm that the text shall fully comply with the model provided in article 2.16.054.

In addition, the UCI reserves the right to request from the team the submission of the text, in French or English, of the standard contract or contracts with its riders by 1<sup>st</sup> August.

The documents in question are submitted for information only. The UCI is under no obligation to examine them at this stage. However, without prejudice to other reasons for rejection, if a contract signed with a rider does not correspond with the model contract specified in article 2.16.052 it will be rejected during the registration procedure as a UCI professional continental team.

The UCI professional continental team shall remain solely responsible for the compliance of its documents with the requirements of the regulations and, where applicable, any compulsory legal requirements.

By September 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the registration year, the continental professional team or the licence applicant must submit to the UCI offices:

- the payment of the registration fee into the UCI account.

In the event of delay the registration fee will automatically be increased by CHF 500 per day.

No refund will be made in case the registration is refused.

*(text modified on 01.06.06; 25.06.07; 1.07.10; 1.10.10; 1.02.11; 1.08.13; 1.05.17).*

**2.16.012** By 1 October prior to the registration year all the teams applying for UCI professional continental team status must:

1. Ensure that the issuing bank submits to the UCI's bank [UBSWCHZH12A], by SWIFT messaging a first-demand bank guarantee in line with the model set out in article 2.16.054, in English, and valid up to 31 March of the year following the registration year. The total of this guarantee must be at least that of the guarantee provided by the UCI professional continental team for the current year and no lower than the minimum amount set under article 2.16.024;
2. Submit to the UCI headquarters **the following information**:
  - A. the exact name of the UCI professional continental team;
  - B. the address (including telephone number and e-mail) to which all communications to the UCI professional continental team can be sent;
  - C. the name and address of the principal partners, the paying agent, the manager, the sports director, the assistant sports director and the team doctor;
  - D. the surnames, forenames, addresses, nationalities and dates of birth of the riders;

- E. the list of the division of tasks mentioned in article 1.1.082;
- F. the name of the person responsible for registration and accounting, who will be the primary contact throughout the registration process.

In the event of delay the registration fee will automatically be increased by CHF 500 per day.

Furthermore the examination of the application will not start until all the conditions are fulfilled and the team in question will not be able to claim UCI professional continental team status.

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 25.09.07; 1.01.09; 1.07.10; 1.05.17; 1.07.18).*

**2.16.013** Registrations will be accepted on the basis of the following criteria:

- ethical;
- financial;
- administrative.

The financial and administrative criteria are assessed on the basis of a report drawn up by the auditor appointed by the UCI. This report will be issued following an audit for which the aims and procedure are set each year by the UCI administration.

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.07.10).*

**Criteria**

**2.16.013 a** The ethical criterion takes account inter alia of the respect by the team or its members for:

- A. the UCI regulations, inter alia as regards anti-doping, sporting conduct and the image of cycling;
- B. its contractual obligations;
- C. its legal obligations, particularly as regards payment of taxes, social security and keeping accounts;
- D. the principles of transparency and good faith.

*(article introduced on 1.07.10).*

**2.16.013 b** The financial criterion is assessed on the basis of the report by the auditors appointed by the UCI, taking account primarily of resources and financial stability.

*(article introduced on 1.07.10).*

- 2.16.013** The administrative criterion primarily covers the compliance of the application and registration documentation (contracts, insurance, bank guarantee, etc.) and the professionalism and rapidity with which this documentation is assembled, and respect for deadlines.

*(article introduced on 1.07.10).*

**Audit**

- 2.16.014** The team applying for UCI professional continental team status must submit all the documents and information required for the audit to the auditor appointed by the UCI no later than 1<sup>st</sup> October of the year preceding the year for which registration is being applied for (registration year).

In the event of delay the registration fee will automatically be increased by CHF 500 per day. This increase shall not be cumulative with that applied under article 2.16.012 where they apply to the same period. The team in question may not claim the status of UCI professional continental team. Furthermore the audit shall be postponed until such time as the documentation is in order.

The documents required for the audit will also include all the contracts signed with riders. The number of these contracts, approved by the auditor, must be at least 10 by 1<sup>st</sup> October and 15 by 20 October. All the contracts, numbering at least 16, must be submitted to and approved by the auditor no later than 1 December.

Concerning riders' and staff contracts, a copy must be sent by electronic format to the UCI-appointed auditor. The original document must be kept by the team and made available at any times if requested by the UCI-appointed auditor.

The budget and the bank guarantee to be submitted by 1 October must take account of all the riders that the UCI professional continental team intends to recruit.

Any costs incurred for additional work, including random checks, carried out by the auditor on the UCI professional continental team or a team applying for that status before or after its registration may be invoiced to the team as additional auditing costs.

*(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.04.11; 15.08.14; 1.07.15; 13.10.16).*

- 2.16.014** After the 1<sup>st</sup> October deadline, the auditor shall make a report to the UCI concerning the registration documents submitted by the entity seeking the status of continental professional team. This report shall expressly state whether the dossier includes the following required documents: the sponsorship contracts duly signed with the principal partners, the bank guarantee, and for new teams only, a description of the structure of the team and a copy of the deed of incorporation of the paying agent. The report does not constitute validation of the compliance of these documents with the applicable legal or regulatory requirements.

**bis**

The entity seeking the status of continental professional team will receive a copy of this report.

Following this report, the UCI will publish on its web site the entities seeking the status of continental professional teams which have submitted registration documents including all the required documents listed above.

*Note: a failure to submit all the documents required will give the riders the right to terminate their contracts as provided for under article 8.1.E of the model contract under article 2.16.052.*

Furthermore, the penalties for lateness set out in articles 2.16.012 and 2.16.014 remain applicable.

*(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.08.13).*

**2.16.015** For each rider and each other person contracted by the UCI professional continental team following its registration, the auditor appointed by the UCI shall issue an additional report.

An additional report is also required should the team's total value of contractual benefits increase without adding to the riders or staff.

Where applicable an additional bank guarantee must be set up or an amendment made to the existing bank guarantee.

*(text modified on 1.05.17)*

**2.16.016** On 1<sup>st</sup> November, the UCI administration will issue its assessment of the UCI professional continental teams and applicants for that status.

The files of all UCI professional continental teams which are considered to have satisfied the sporting criterion according to articles 2.15.011a and 2.15.011b shall be transferred to the licence commission in order to commence a procedure to grant a UCI WorldTour licence, following article 2.15.009 ff.

UCI professional continental teams which are considered not to have satisfied the sporting criterion according to articles 2.15.011a and 2.15.011b, but whose documentation is found to be in order by the UCI administration on 1<sup>st</sup> November of the registration year at the latest, shall be registered directly as UCI professional continental teams for the following registration year.

If the UCI administration decides that it is unable to register the team, it will notify the applicant.

Unless the team withdraws its application, the UCI administration will refer the case to the licence commission.

*(text modified on 1.06.06; 26.06.07; 1.07.10; 1.06.14).*

**2.16.016** By being registered, the UCI professional continental team commits to participate in  
**a** the biological passport programme.

*(article introduced on 1.07.10).*

**2.16.017** If a declined application is referred to the licence commission under article 2.16.016 then the procedure shall be as follows.

1. The licence commission summons the applicant team to a hearing with a minimum of 10 days' notice, unless otherwise agreed with the applicant team.
2. The team must lodge any documents in support of its registration application to the commission in three copies, with one copy to the UCI, at least 5 days before the date of the hearing. Documents lodged after this deadline shall be automatically disregarded.

3. At least 5 days before the date of hearing, the team shall notify the licence commission and the UCI of the identity of those persons who will represent him or attend the hearing. The licence commission may refuse to hear any persons not notified within this time.
4. The UCI may participate in the hearing. The auditor appointed by the UCI may be heard at the request of the team, the UCI or the licence commission.
5. The licence commission shall apply the assessment criteria set out in article 2.16.013 ff.

The decision of the licence commission is final and without right of appeal.

*(article introduced on 1.07.10).*

**2.16.018** The UCI professional continental team must inform the UCI within one week should any of the persons or entities mentioned in points C and D of article 2.16.012.2 leave the UCI professional continental team for any reason whatsoever.

Likewise any change to the information in the list mentioned in article 2.16.012.2, must be submitted to the UCI within one week for approval.

If necessary, this approval may be given only upon receipt of the supplementary notice from the auditor appointed by the UCI and a supplementary bank guarantee or an amendment to the existing bank guarantee.

*(text modified on 1.05.17)*

**2.16.019** UCI professional continental teams which are not registered by the UCI may not take part as such in cycling events.

Only those riders on the list approved by the UCI may take part in cycling events as members of their UCI professional continental team.

Except as provided for under article 2.16.014bis, the UCI will make no automatic statements regarding the progress of the registration procedure. It is the responsibility of interested parties (riders, organisers) to request information from the UCI.

*(text modified on 1.07.10).*

**2.16.020** Each licence holder and each UCI professional continental team must give to the UCI, upon first request, any document or information which it deems useful for verifying compliance with the regulations and rights and interests of members of the UCI professional continental team. In case of refusal and notwithstanding any other consequences, the licence holder shall be liable to a fine of CHF 1,000 to 5,000 and the UCI professional continental team a fine of CHF 10,000. Furthermore, the offender may be suspended in accordance with article 12.1.005.

**2.16.021** The act of annual registration shall imply that UCI professional continental teams and, inter alia, their paying agent and sponsors undertake to respect the constitution and regulations of the UCI and the National Federations and to participate in cycling events in a fair and sporting manner.

The act of registering a UCI professional continental team shall not compensate for any failings in the registration documentation nor offences committed by the team or its members. Checks and audits carried out by the UCI are of necessity limited and shall not result in its liability.



- 2.16.022** The registration of a UCI professional continental team with the UCI shall give rise to a registration fee payable by the UCI professional continental team. The amount due shall be determined annually by the UCI Management Committee.

**Advance registration**

- 2.16.022 bis** Any new team seeking UCI professional continental team status may request advance registration for the following season before the registration procedure opens.

Advance registration will be granted by the UCI administration on the basis of the essential documents described in Art. 2.16.014bis and the budget mentioned in Art. 2.16.014, submitted to the auditor by the new team requesting UCI professional continental team status.

Any new team that has been granted advance registration remains subject to the evaluation requirements and deadlines scheduled by Articles 2.16.013 and 2.16.014. A dossier that is considered insufficient will be sent to the Licence Commission which shall give a ruling on whether to cancel the registration in accordance with the procedure of Art. 2.16.017.

*(article introduced on 1.06.14).*

**Bank guarantee**

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

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

The purpose of that bank guarantee is intended for:

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

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

**2.16.023** For the application of provisions regarding the bank guarantee:  
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1. The following are considered as debts incurred in consideration of services by the licence-holder for the operation of the team:
  - at the moment of the request to draw on the bank guarantee: unpaid sums due under contract;
  - in case of breach of the contract: sums due under contract not exceeding those corresponding to services anticipated within the remaining period of the contract. These sums constitute a contractual debt at the moment of the breach of the contract;
  - late payment interest on the sums mentioned above up to a maximum of 5%.

The following are not considered as debts incurred in consideration of services by the rider for the operation of the team, in particular:

- other benefits in case of breach of contract, prize monies, legal fees and costs of proceedings.
2. Debts contracted by any other party in return for the services of a rider or any other member under contract for the benefit of the UCI professional continental team shall be considered as debts contracted by the paying agent and the sponsors and covered by the guarantee, inter alia debts contracted under the contracts referred to in articles 2.16.037, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph and 2.16.040, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph;
  3. The companies through which the licence holders concerned, apart from the riders, carry out their activities for the operation of the UCI professional continental team shall be considered as members of the UCI professional continental team.
  4. The definitions above are without prejudice to the question of whether a request is founded in any particular case.

*(article introduced on 1.07.10).*

**2.16.024** The total of the guarantee shall represent a quarter of all the gross sums to be paid by the UCI professional continental team to the riders and persons contracted for the operation of the team during the registration year plus the amount of CHF 15,000.

Should the total amount of the guarantee set out in article 2.16.012, point 1, be less than the sum mentioned in the first paragraph of the present article, a supplementary guarantee must be arranged and submitted to the UCI before registration of the UCI professional continental team.

In no event may the total amount of the bank guarantee be less than CHF 300,000.

If the total contractual benefits increase following the arrangement of the guarantee, the total sum of the bank guarantee must be increased proportionately. UCI professional continental teams must inform the UCI immediately of such an increase and specify the amount and the reason. They must also send forthwith to the auditor appointed by the UCI the documents relating to the increase, including, inter alia, the additional bank guarantee or amendment to the existing bank guarantee. The auditor appointed by the UCI shall issue a supplementary report to the UCI.

The guarantee must be drawn up and payable in CHF, EUR or USD, depending on the currency which is most used by the UCI professional continental team for the payment of salaries (including remuneration to self-employed riders). The rate of exchange to be

applied when the guarantee is set up is that of 1 September of the year before the registration year.

*(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.05.17).*

- 2.16.025** Should the bank guarantee be revealed to be inadequate the UCI professional continental team shall be subject to a fine of between CHF 5,000 and 50,000. Furthermore the UCI professional continental team shall be suspended automatically should it fail to arrange the additional guarantee or to amend the bank guarantee within one month of the date of the decision imposing the fine and shall remain suspended for as long as it fails to do so.  
The UCI may not be held liable for the inadequacy of the bank guarantee.

*(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.05.17).*

- 2.16.026** For the first registration year, the guarantee shall be valid from 1 January of the first registration year until 31 March of the following year.

From the second registration year, and for the following years, the bank guarantee may stipulate that it may be called upon at the latest as of 1<sup>st</sup> April of the registration year, including for the sums due in January, February and March.

In any case, the bank guarantee shall be valid until 31 March after the registration year covered by the guarantee.

*(text modified on 5.02.15; 3.06.16).*

**2.16.027**

1. The UCI shall draw on the bank guarantee in favour of the creditor mentioned in the second paragraph of article 2.16.023 except in the event that the claim is clearly unfounded. The UCI professional continental team shall be notified of the creditor's claim and the call on the guarantee.  
For any call on the bank guarantee, the UCI shall draw, in addition to the amount claimed by the creditor, the sum of CHF 500 as costs. This sum shall be applied for each creditor who calls up the bank guarantee, up to a maximum of CHF 15,000 per bank guarantee. In case of payment by UCI of a seized amount from a bank guarantee, all bank fees are exclusively at the expense of the beneficiary.  
The creditor shall not be actually paid until one month has elapsed from the time the sum was allocated from the guarantee. If, in the interim, the UCI professional continental team files a written objection to the payment of the money to the creditor, the UCI shall pay the sum at issue into a special account and shall subsequently distribute it in accordance with any agreement reached between the parties or according to an enforceable judicial or arbitral ruling.
2. Should the creditor fail to take proceedings against the paying agent before the body stated in his contract or such body as he may consider competent on other grounds within three months of the date of his call on the guarantee, the paying agent may call on the UCI to release the funds in his favour.  
The funds shall be released should the creditor fail to take proceedings within one month of the despatch of notice by the UCI or to submit proof to the UCI of such proceedings within the following fifteen days. Should the body before which proceedings are taken declare itself not competent to rule the creditor shall resubmit his claim within one month of being informed of the decision. Should this not be the case the paying agent may call on the UCI to release the

funds in his favour. The funds shall be released should the creditor fail to take further proceedings within one month of the despatch of notice by the UCI or to submit proof to the UCI of such proceedings within the following fifteen days.

However the funds will only be released in favour of the paying agent when the bank guarantee has been reconstituted.

*(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.05.17).*

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

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

*(article introduced on 1.01.18).*

**2.16.028** Should the claim exceed an amount equivalent to three months of contractual benefits and the conditions for payment be fulfilled, only an instalment amounting to three months of contractual benefits may be paid initially. The acknowledged balance of the debt may be paid from the main guarantee should that guarantee not have been exhausted by the end of its period of validity. Should there be more than one creditor, the balance available under the guarantee shall be shared proportionally amongst them.

**2.16.029** The UCI may call up the bank guarantee if fees, expenses, indemnities, fines and penalties or charges imposed by or in accordance with UCI regulations or related to their application remain unpaid provided that the guarantee has not been used up by the end of its period of validity and, if applicable, after payments pursuant to article 2.16.028 have been made.

**2.16.030** The UCI can despatch notice to a team in case the guarantee is called up. A UCI professional continental team whose guarantee is drawn upon shall be automatically suspended if the guarantee is not made up to its full amount within one month after the UCI's despatch of notice.

*(text modified on 1.10.09)*

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

*(article introduced on 1.01.18).*

- 2.16.031** The creditor must make application to the UCI for the guarantee to be called up by 1 March before its expiry date at the latest. Documentary evidence must be provided with the application.

In its absence the UCI may disregard the application.

A creditor may not apply for the guarantee to be called up in respect of a contract unless he shall have submitted a duplicate of his copy to the auditor appointed by the UCI by 1 January of the registration year or, for contracts signed later than 1 December of the year before the registration year, one month from the date of signing.

However, the right to the guarantee will apply:

1. for contracts submitted to the auditor appointed by the UCI by others;
2. subsequently to the extent that the guarantee has not been exhausted on its expiry date.

#### **Teams and riders**

- 2.16.032** The number of riders in each UCI professional continental team shall be no fewer than sixteen (16). **These riders will be exclusively from the men elite or men under 23 categories.**

The maximum number of riders per UCI professional continental team which may be registered with the UCI is restricted according to the number of new professionals under contract (within the meaning of article 7 of the joint agreement concluded between the CPA (Cyclistes Professionnels Associés – Associated Professional Cyclists) and the AIGCP (Association Internationale des Groupes Cyclistes Professionnels – International Association of Professional Cycling Teams)) in the following manner:

| Number of new professionals under contract to the UCI professional continental team | Maximum number of riders registered with the UCI |
|---|--|
| 0   | 28   |
| 1   | 29   |
| 2 or more   | 30   |

If the number of riders is fewer than the minimum permitted, the UCI shall give notice to the continental professional team and set it a period of 30 days within which to regularise the situation. If this does not occur, the continental professional team shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 5,000 and 50,000. To determine the fine, the UCI shall take specific account of the reduction in the wages bill from which the team benefits during the period for which it is under strength.

The payment of the fine does not release the continental professional team from the obligation to once more take on the minimum number of riders.

In the event of persistent failure to comply, the continental professional team will be suspended.

The continental professional team shall not be obliged to replace a rider that it has dismissed for a violation of the antidoping regulations. For this purpose, a positive result for both A and B samples shall be considered as a violation of the antidoping regulations.

*(text modified on 25.06.08; 1.01.10; 1.10.11; 1.10.12; 1.08.13; 1.07.18).*

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

1. in the case of an elite rider, he shall not previously have belonged to any UCI professional continental team or UCI WorldTeam;
2. the UCI professional continental team must notify the UCI of these riders' identity before 1 August;
3. the UCI professional continental team shall obtain the authorisation of the National Federation of the rider and, as the case may be, of the UCI continental team for which the rider has been registered;
4. such riders may be engaged with only one UCI professional continental team during this period;
5. these riders may not participate in UCI WorldTour races;
6. The riders in question may continue to take part in events in their club team or, if appropriate, in their UCI continental team.

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

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

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

**2.16.034** A rider whose UCI professional continental team is entered in a race, may not participate independently of his team on pain of being disqualified and fined from CHF 300 to 2,000.

**2.16.035** A rider shall not enter into any commitment with an organiser, whomsoever that organiser may be, with a view to participating in a race, without having firstly obtained the agreement of his paying agent or of the paying agent's delegate. That agreement shall be considered to have been granted if, on being duly requested, the paying agent has not replied within ten days.

Any rider in breach of this regulation shall be disqualified and fined from CHF 300 to 2,000.

**2.16.036** The rights and obligations of the rider and the paying agent shall be summarised in a written employment contract that shall contain at least the minimum stipulations of the standard contract given in article 2.16.052.

The rights and obligations of the parties shall also be governed by the joint agreement concluded between CPA (Cyclistes Professionnels Associés) and AIGCP (Association Internationale des Groupes Cyclistes Professionnels) and approved by the Professional Cycling Council.

The provisions of the standard contract and the joint agreement shall be applied as of right. Any clause agreed between the rider and the paying agent that impinges on the

rights of riders as provided for in the standard contract or the joint agreement shall be null and void.

*(text modified on 1.07.10).*

**Standard contract between an independent rider and a UCI professional continental team**

**2.16.036 bis** The rider may contract with the continental professional team as a self-employed worker and be registered as a member of this team, subject to the following conditions:

1. Self-employed status is permissible under the applicable legislation. The paying agent of the UCI WorldTeam is, to the exclusion of the UCI and the auditor, responsible for the verification of such conformity and of the consequences of any non-conformity, without prejudice to the responsibility of the sponsors.
2. The pay of the rider must be at least 164% of the total amount payable under article 10 of the Joint Agreement.
3. For the rest, the contract must comply with articles 5 to 20 of the Joint Agreement, except for the following provisions:
  - Article 5: compliance with the standard contract shall be assessed taking account of the present article
  - Article 11, point 2: the frequency of payments shall be agreed between the parties
  - Article 15: this point shall be agreed between the parties
  - Article 16, point 1: this point shall be agreed between the parties
  - Article 17, point 1: this point shall be agreed between the parties
4. Should the legally applicable social security regime not require the insurance mentioned in article 22.3 of the Joint Agreement, the rider must take out such insurance.
5. The rider must have taken out the insurance mentioned in article 23 of the Joint Agreement.
6. The contract with the rider must require him to provide evidence of the social benefit or insurance cover mentioned above, without which he may not be registered as a member of the UCI professional continental team. This evidence must be submitted to the UCI professional continental team who will pass it on to the auditor with the audit dossier.
7. The first page of the contract must be headed in a striking manner, «contract for a SELFEMPLOYED rider» and summarise the principal obligations of the parties as regards remuneration, tax and social security, as per the standard contract in article 2.16.053bis. The paying agent shall be responsible for the accuracy of these data.

*(article introduced on 1.06.06; modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.15).*

**2.16.037** The employment contract between the rider and the UCI professional continental team must provide for all services provided by the rider for the benefit of the team, the paying agent and the sponsors, and all remuneration relating thereto. All remuneration and its payment methods must be set out in writing.

In addition to the employment contract, only one image contract may be concluded, subject to the following conditions:

- the person of the rider must represent a commercial value clearly distinct from the rider's sporting value as a member of the team;
- the remuneration granted for image rights must be in return for rights or services that are distinct from the activities of a professional rider; these rights and services shall be set out in a precise manner;

- the remuneration for the activity as a professional rider must correspond to the sporting value of the rider and must in any event exceed double the minimum salary;
- the remuneration payable under the image contract may not exceed 30% of the total remuneration paid to the rider.

*(text modified on 1.01.06).*

**2.16.038** A rider's membership of a UCI professional continental team shall necessarily be based on a contract for a fixed term ending on 31 December, in accordance with the procedures set by the joint agreement.

**2.16.039** The UCI professional continental team shall attach to each contract, on the form drawn up by the administration of the UCI, a list of the legal or contractual insurance benefits to which the rider will, or will not, be entitled.

*(text modified on 20.10.05).*

**Insurance**

**2.16.039** The UCI professional continental team must take out a civil liability insurance policy for all  
**bis** damages that the riders or other team members may cause in the course of their professional activities, taking account of the insurance policy previously concluded by the person in question and/or by his National Federation.

*(article introduced on 1.04.11).*

**2.16.040**

1. Any contract between a UCI professional continental team and a rider or other person contracted for the activities of the team, shall be typed and drawn up in triplicate at least with one copy to the rider or person concerned. An electronic copy shall be sent to the auditor appointed by the UCI. The original document must be kept by the team and made available at any times if requested by the UCI-appointed auditor;
2. The parties must sign each page of the contract. Clauses of the contract which are on a page not signed by the rider or other contracted person cannot be invoked against him; the rider or other contracted person may rely on such clauses. The name of the person who signs on behalf of the team must be given on the last page of the contract alongside his or her signature ;
3. Without prejudice to article 2.16.037, the parties must declare, on any contract submitted to the auditor appointed by the UCI, any other contract concluded concerning the services of the rider or any other contracted person, to the benefit of the UCI professional continental team, regardless of the nature of the services and regardless of the identity of the parties to these other contracts.

The following would be covered, for example:

- A. image, advertising or sponsorship contracts;
- B. contracts signed, directly or via an intermediary, with a principal partner of the UCI professional continental team or with a person, company or other entity linked with the paying agent or a principal partner;
- C. contracts signed with a spouse, a relative, an agent, a mandatory or other intermediary of the rider or other person as specified above, with a company in which he has a holding, holds an office or has any form of interest.



The declaration must be drawn up in line with the model and include the standard elements at the foot of the standard contract in article 2.16.052 for riders and article 2.16.053 for other persons.

All contracts must be included in the budget and in the calculations of the sum for the bank guarantee.

*(text modified on 1.06.06; 13.10.16).*

- 2.16.041** On the expiry of the term of the contract, the rider is free to leave the UCI professional continental team and join another team.

All transfer payment systems are prohibited.

**Transfers**

- 2.16.041** A transfer period exists and applies to all changes of team, whether between two UCI professional continental teams or between a UCI WorldTeam and a UCI professional continental team.
- a** The transfer period for any change of team during the season extends from 1 to 15 August.

For any change of team between two seasons, the transfer period extends from 1 August to 31 December.

*(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.07.11; 1.01.15).*

- 2.16.041** A UCI professional continental team or team applying for that status may only recruit riders
- b** during the transfer period. For the purposes of this article «recruit» shall be deemed to mean concluding a contract with a rider to ride for the UCI professional continental team or team applying for that status.

*(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.04.11).*

- 2.16.042** A UCI professional continental team or a paying agent that desires to engage a rider who is currently contractually bound to the paying agent for some other team (UCI WorldTeam or UCI professional continental team) shall, before any contact be established with the rider himself, inform the UCI of the date from which it wishes to engage the rider. Similarly, the team must obtain from the UCI a written statement indicating the date of expiry of the contract of the rider as well as any options he has to extend that contract.

*(text modified on 1.07.11; 1.01.15).*

- 2.16.043** Should the UCI professional continental team or its paying agent wish to engage the rider in question in such a way that he would begin to ride for that UCI professional continental team before the expiry of the scheduled term of the contract with his current paying agent, it shall firstly inform the UCI of this intention. Before undertaking any further steps, and especially before contacting the rider, the new UCI professional continental team or paying agent shall make known its intention to the current paying agent of the rider.

The transfer of the rider requires a written and global agreement between the three parties concerned:

the rider, his current paying agent and the new paying agent, and with prior authorisation of the UCI.

In all circumstances, such a transfer is only possible during the transfer periods.

If there is any indication that one or more of the conditions set out in this section have not been respected, the UCI administration shall proceed to a provisional registration of the rider with the new team. At the same time, the case will be brought before the disciplinary commission.

Under no circumstances shall the provisional registration take place if the rider is already registered with another UCI WorldTeam or UCI professional continental team and his contract has not been broken.

Any UCI professional continental team or its paying agent that approaches or engages, albeit conditionally, a rider from a UCI WorldTeam or another UCI professional continental team without the prior agreement of the current paying agent, shall be subject to a fine of CHF 30,000 to 300,000. Individual licence holders involved in such practices shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 3,000 and 30,000.

If these approaches take place outside the transfer period, the fines will be tripled.

Moreover, the offending UCI professional continental team in question shall pay the rider's current paying agent compensation equivalent to the amount of the remuneration for the period of the contract with the current paying agent remaining to run, but no less than six months' salary.

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.07.10; 1.07.11; 1.01.15).*

- 2.16.043** During the season, no rider already registered with a UCI professional continental team  
**a** for the current season may join another UCI professional continental team or a UCI WorldTeam outside the transfer periods.

*(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.07.11; 1.10.13; 1.01.15).*

- 2.16.044** In no case may a rider move to another team before the expiry of the term with his current paying agent as stipulated in the contract - even if that contract does not run its full term - unless he has prior authorisation from the president of the UCI.

In the case of a merger between UCI professional continental teams or a UCI professional continental team and a UCI continental team, the present provision shall apply to riders of the merged entity who have changed paying agent.

A rider in breach of this article shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 300 and 80,000.

If this breach occurs outside the applicable transfer period, the rider will additionally be suspended for a minimum of one month and a maximum of four months.

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.07.11).*

**2.16.045** For the application of UCI regulations, any move to another UCI professional continental team or a UCI continental team shall be deemed to constitute a new contractual relationship, so that a new contract will have to be concluded in accordance with articles 2.16.036 to 2.16.038, even if, under applicable legislation, the transfer is effected by a cession of contract, the pursuance of the contract by other parties, the secondment of the rider or any other similar technique.

**2.16.046** Riders and UCI professional continental teams may not reveal that they are involved in negotiations about transfers outside the transfer period. Upon complaint by a prejudiced team or any third party with a legitimate interest, the rider shall be liable to a fine of CHF 2,000 and the UCI professional continental team to a fine of CHF 5,000.

*(text modified on 1.10.09; 1.07.10; 1.01.15).*

**Dissolution of a UCI professional continental team**

**2.16.047** A UCI professional continental team must announce its dissolution or the termination of its activity or its inability to respect its obligations as soon as possible to the riders, to its other members, and to the UCI.

Once this announcement has been made, riders shall be fully entitled to contract with a third party for the following season or for the period starting at the moment announced for the dissolution, the termination of activities or the inability to perform.

*(text modified on 20.10.05).*

**2.16.048** A rider who is under contract to a UCI professional continental team may, subject to the conditions set out below, conclude a contract to ride for another team (UCI WorldTeam, UCI professional continental team or UCI continental team) in the event that his contract with his current UCI professional continental team is terminated prematurely for recognised reasons relating to the financial situation of that UCI professional continental team.

1. The rider must notify the UCI of the situation of his current UCI professional continental team, of his particular position and of his intention to seek another team, prior to signing a contract with that team. The UCI may request information from any interested party.
2. The contract between the rider and the other team must contain the following clause:  
 "The parties confirm that the contract between the rider and his current UCI professional continental team expires only on .... The paying agent recognises and accepts that this contract will be respected. The present contract is concluded provisionally and shall be subject to the premature termination of the contract between the rider and his current UCI professional continental team on grounds previously authorised by the UCI".
3. The contract with the new team shall be lodged with the UCI. Should more than one contract be deposited by the same rider, only the first contract deposited shall be recognised, unless the parties to that contract mutually agree otherwise.
4. Before terminating his contract with his current UCI professional continental team, the rider must have the grounds for such termination authorised by the UCI. The recognition of the grounds shall stand as authorisation to the rider to move to the second team as soon as the contract with his current UCI professional continental team is terminated.

5. The transfer to the second team shall be at the risk of the rider and that team alone: the recognition of the grounds by the UCI or the refusal to recognise such grounds shall not give rise to any claim against the UCI.
6. Should the rider transfer to the other team without fulfilling the conditions above, the penalties provided in articles 2.16.050 and 2.16.051 shall apply.

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.01.15).*

**Penalties**

- 2.16.049** Should a UCI professional continental team, as a whole, fail or cease to meet all the conditions of the present chapter, the UCI administration shall refer the case to the licence commission which will start proceedings according to article 2.15.040 ff.

*(text modified on 1.07.10 ; 1.11.15).*

- 2.16.050** Each time a UCI professional continental team participates in a race or enters a rider at the start of a race without having firstly met all the conditions set forth in this chapter, either with respect to the UCI professional continental team as a whole or with respect to the individual rider, the UCI professional continental team shall be liable to a fine of CHF 5,000 per rider. The offending rider will not be permitted to take the start. If he rides nonetheless, he shall be disqualified.

- 2.16.051** A rider in breach of article 2.16.044 shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 300 and 2,000.

In the event of an offence under article 2.16.040, point 3, the parties shall be penalised by a suspension of from one to six months and/or a fine of between CHF 1,000 and 100,000.

- 2.16.051 bis** When necessary for referral to the Disciplinary Commission, the UCI is entitled to demand copies of contracts, financial records and other documents, in full or in part, from the rider, UCI professional continental team or auditor, insofar as these are relevant to the case.

*(article introduced on 1.05.17).*

**Standard contract between a rider and a UCI professional continental team**

- 2.16.052** Between the undersigned,

(name and address of the employer)

paying agent for the UCI professional continental team (name) for whom the principal partners are:

1. (name and address) (where applicable, the employer itself)
2. (name and address)

hereinafter "the Employer"

ON THE FIRST PART

and: (name and address of the rider)

born on

of

holding a licence issued by

at

nationality

hereinafter "the Rider"

## ON THE SECOND PART

Whereas:

- the Employer is in the process of establishing a team of cyclists who, forming the ..... UCI professional continental team and under the direction of Mr (name of the manager or sports director), he intends to take part during the term of the present contract, in cycling road races governed by the regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE;
- the Rider wishes to join the team (name of the UCI professional continental team);
- both parties are acquainted with and declare that they will abide wholly by the UCI constitution and regulations, and those of its affiliated National Federations as well as the joint agreements concluded between CPA and AIGCP and approved by the Professional Cycling Council.

It is thus agreed as follows:

### **ARTICLE 1 - Engagement**

The Employer hereby engages the Rider, who accepts the position, as a road rider.

Participation by the Rider in events in other disciplines shall be decided by the parties case by case.

The engagement shall be subject to the registration of the team as a UCI professional continental team with the UCI. Should such registration not be obtained, the Rider may terminate the present contract without notice or compensation.

### **ARTICLE 2 - Duration**

The present contract shall be concluded for a fixed period commencing on ... and expiring on 31 December...

Unless the contract has already been renewed, each party shall notify the other in writing no later than the 30 September preceding the termination of the contract of his intentions as to the renewal of the contract. A copy of this notification shall be sent to CPA.

### **ARTICLE 3 - Remuneration**

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

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

- A. the legal minimum wage of the country of the nationality of the UCI professional continental team as defined under article 2.16.007;
  - B. **The minimum wage as per the Joint Agreements.**
2. If the duration of the present contract is less than one year, the Rider must in this period earn at least the total annual pay set out in article 3.1. Where applicable, the salary due from the rider's previous UCI professional continental team or UCI WorldTeam for the first part of the year in question may be deducted as long as the pay for the duration of the present contract is no lower than the minimum determined under the previous point.

### **ARTICLE 4 - Payment of the remuneration**

8. The Employer shall pay the salary determined under article 3 in 12 equal monthly payments on or before the last working day of each month;
9. Should the Rider be suspended under the terms of the UCI regulations or those of one of its affiliated federations, he shall not be entitled to the said remuneration referred to in article 3 for the part of the suspension exceeding one month;
10. In the event of a failure to make payment of the net sums of remuneration on their due date as per article 3 or of any other sum which is due, the Rider shall have the right, without notice, to the interest and increases set out in the AIGCP-CPA joint agreement;
11. The salary, or any other sum due to the Rider by the Employer, shall be paid by transfer to the bank account no ... of the Rider at the (name of the bank) at (branch where the account is held). Only the proof of the execution of the bank transfer shall be accepted as proof of payment.

**ARTICLE 5 - Prizes and bonuses**

The Rider shall be entitled to prizes won during cycling competitions in which he participated for the UCI professional continental team, in accordance with the regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations.

Furthermore, the rider shall have the right to the following bonuses:

- ☐ none
- ☐ 1) ...
- ☐ 2) ...

(please check appropriate box)

**ARTICLE 6 - Miscellaneous obligations**

1. The Rider may not, for the duration of the present contract, work for any other team or advertise for any other sponsors than those belonging to the UCI professional continental team (name), save in such cases as are provided for in the regulations of the UCI and of its affiliated federations.
2. The Employer hereby undertakes to allow the Rider properly to perform his occupation by providing him with the necessary equipment and clothing and by permitting him to participate in a sufficient number of cycling events, either as a member of the team or individually.
3. The Rider may not compete in a race as an individual without the express consent of the Employer. The Employer shall be deemed to have given its consent if it has not replied within a period of ten days from the date of the request. In no case may the Rider take part in a road race as a member of any other structure or of a mixed team if (name of the UCI professional continental team) has already entered that race.
4. The parties undertake to respect the riders' health protection programme.
5. The employer will reimburse the rider all reasonable travel fees incurred in connection with his work.

In the event of selection for a national team, the Employer shall be required to permit the Rider to participate in such races and preparatory programmes as may be determined by the National Federation. The Employer shall authorise the National Federation to give the Rider any instructions it may deem necessary in connection with and for the duration of the selection provided that it does so solely in connection with sporting matters, in its own name and on its own behalf.

In none of the aforementioned cases shall the contract be suspended.

#### **ARTICLE 7 - Transfers**

On the expiry of the present contract, the Rider shall be entirely free to leave the UCI professional continental team and sign a contract with a third party, without prejudice to the provisions of the UCI regulations.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - Termination of the contract**

Without prejudice to the legislation governing the present contract, it may be terminated before expiry, in the following cases and on the following conditions:

1. The Rider may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability:
  - A. if the Employer is declared bankrupt or insolvent or goes into liquidation.
  - B. if the name of the UCI professional continental team or its principal partners is changed during the course of the calendar year without the approval provided for in article 2.16.018 of the UCI cycling regulations.
  - C. if the Employer or a principal partner withdraws from the UCI professional continental team and the continuity of the UCI professional continental team is not guaranteed or else if the UCI professional continental team announces its dissolution, the winding up of its activities or its inability to meet its commitments; should the announcement be made for a given date, the Rider shall continue to perform the contract until that date.
  - D. in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Employer. Serious misconduct is considered to include a failure to permit the Rider, despite his repeated requests, to participate in competitions over a continuous period in excess of 6 weeks or over four discontinuous periods of 7 days each, during which periods at least 1 one-day race on the international calendar took place. Where relevant, the Employer shall be required to prove that the Rider was not in a condition to take part in a race.
  - E. if on 1<sup>st</sup> October of the year preceding the registration year covered by the present contract, the continental professional team has not submitted registration documents containing the required documents set out in Article 2.16.014bis, this right of termination lapses on the registration of the team in the first or second division.
2. The Employer may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability, in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Rider or of the suspension of the Rider under the terms of the UCI regulations for the remaining duration of the present contract.

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

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

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

Notwithstanding article 6 point 3 of the Joint Agreement, the employer may terminate the contract with a rider with the status of new professional on 31 December of the first year of that contract if the continental professional team is unable to continue operation for the following season. In this instance, the employer must give at least three months' notice.

In the event that the employer is subsequently able to continue operating after having made use of the above right of termination, it shall offer a contract of a duration of one year to the rider, with the same conditions as the contract terminated early.

3. Either party shall be entitled to terminate the present contract, without notice or liability, should the Rider be rendered permanently unable to exercise the occupation of professional cyclist.

#### ARTICLE 9 - Defeasance

Any clause agreed upon between the parties that runs counter to the terms of the standard contract between a rider and a UCI professional continental team, to a joint agreement mentioned in article 2.16.036, and/or to the provisions of the UCI constitution or regulations and which would in any way restrict the rights of the Rider shall be null and void.

#### ARTICLE 10 - Arbitration

Any dispute between the parties arising from the present contract shall be submitted to arbitration **without prejudice to the compulsory jurisdiction of ordinary courts**, either in application of a joint agreement mentioned in article 2.16.036 for matters covered thereby, or in accordance with the regulations of the National Federation which issued the licence to the Rider or, failing this, the legislation governing this contract.

#### ARTICLE 11 – Contracts deposited

The rider shall have the right to ascertain from the UCI-appointed auditor the contract(s) which has/have been submitted to the latter by the paying agent. The contract(s) shall be covered by the bank guarantee subject to the conditions and restrictions set out in articles 2.16.023 to 2.16.031 of the UCI cycling regulations.

#### ARTICLE 12 - Declaration

The parties declare that in addition to the present contract,

- ☐ no other contracts have been concluded in connection with the services of the Rider for the benefit of the UCI professional continental team according to the sense of articles 2.16.037, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, and 2.16.040, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, of the UCI cycling regulations.

Done at ..... on .....

In 3 original copies

|           |   |               |
|-----------|---|---------------|
| The Rider | For the UCI professional continental team<br>The paying agent [name of signatory] | Rider's agent |
|-----------|---|---------------|

- ☐ only the contracts below have been concluded in connection with the services of the Rider for the benefit of the UCI professional continental team:

1. Contract title:

Parties:

1. ...
2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total remuneration and other benefits:



2. Contract title:

Parties:

1. ...

2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total remuneration and other benefits:

3. ...

Done at ..... on .....

In 3 original copies

The Rider

For the UCI professional continental team Rider's agent

The paying agent [name of signatory]

*(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.06.06; 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.04.11; 1.07.11 1.07.12; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).*

**Declaration as per article 2.16.040, point 3**

**2.16.053**

The parties declare that in addition to the present contract,

- ☐ no other contracts have been concluded in connection with the services of the contracting person for the benefit of the UCI professional continental team according to the sense of article 2.16.040.3 of the UCI cycling regulations.

Done at ..... on .....

In 3 original copies

The contracting person

For the UCI professional continental team Rider's agent

The paying agent [name of signatory]

- ☐ only the contracts below have been signed in connection with the services of the contracting person for the benefit of the UCI professional continental team:

1. Contract title:

Parties:

1. ...

2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total remuneration and other benefits:

2. Contract title:

Parties:

1. ...

2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total remuneration and other benefits:

3. ...

Done at ..... on .....

In 3 original copies

The contracting person

For the UCI professional continental team

Rider's agent

The paying agent [name of signatory]

*(text modified on 1.06.06; 1.07.11).*

**2.16.053  
bis**

**Model for the first page for the “contract for a SELFEMPLOYED rider”**

Contract for a SELF-EMPLOYED rider

Rider:

Paying Agent:

Contract in force from ..... to .....

Monthly contractual remuneration:

Deductions made by the paying agent:

Bank details of the account on which the sums due by the team shall be transferred:

Taxes:

VAT:

Social Security:

Other:

Effective monthly net remuneration:

The rider is required to issue invoices:

YES

NO

If so: - total to be invoiced monthly ex VAT

- total VAT to be invoiced

- total sum payable

Legal obligations of the rider in the country of the paying agent:

1. VAT: no/yes: amount:

2. Taxes: no/yes

3. Social security: no/yes

*(text modified on 1.06.06; 1.04.11; 1.07.11).*

## 2.16.054 Bank guarantee model

(To be issued by swift to: UBSWCHZH12A – by swift MT760)

Guarantee type: Performance bond

Guarantor: **[INSERT NAME & ADDRESS OF THE PAYING AGENT BANK]**  
("GUARANTOR")

Applicant: **[INSERT NAME & ADDRESS OF THE PAYING AGENT]** ("APPLICANT")

Beneficiary: UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE, CHEMIN DE LA MELEE 12, 1860 AIGLE, SWITZERLAND ("BENEFICIARY")

Underlying relationship: The APPLICANT's obligation in respect of the cycling regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE for the purpose of guaranteeing, within the limits set in those regulations, the payment of sums due by the UCI WorldTeam / UCI professional continental team **[INSERT NAME OF THE TEAM]** (paying agent: **[INSERT NAME OF THE PAYING AGENT]**) to riders and other creditors covered by said regulations as well as the payment of fees, expenses, indemnities, fines and sanctions or sentences imposed by or in virtue of the regulations of the UCI or related to their application.

Guarantee amount and currency: **[INSERT AMOUNT & CURRENCY]** (in words: **[INSERT AMOUNT & CURRENCY]**) ("GUARANTEE AMOUNT")

Form of Presentation ("FORM OF PRESENTATION"): Paper form or transmitted in full by authenticated swift through one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks.

For the purpose of identification the BENEFICIARY's demand and supporting statement must bear or be accompanied by a signed confirmation of one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks stating that the latter has verified the BENEFICIARY's signature(s) appearing thereon. In case of a swift transmission through one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks, the latter has to confirm having verified the BENEFICIARY's signature(s) appearing on the demand and supporting statement.

In case that at the time of a demand under this guarantee, there is a client relationship between BENEFICIARY and a branch of the GUARANTOR in **(INSERT COUNTRY OF GUARANTOR)** with a valid list of authorized signatures regarding the persons signing for the BENEFICIARY, the verification of signature(s) by a third bank is not required. In such case, BENEFICIARY's demand and supporting statement must be presented to the GUARANTOR duly signed in paper form (swift excluded).

Place for presentation: GUARANTOR's address as stated above or swift **[INSERT GUARANTOR'S SWIFT ADDRESS]**, respectively ("PLACE FOR PRESENTATION")

Expiry: **[INSERT EXPIRY DATE]** ("EXPIRY")

As GUARANTOR, we hereby irrevocably undertake to pay the BENEFICIARY any amount up to the GUARANTEE AMOUNT upon presentation of the BENEFICIARY's complying demand, in the FORM OF PRESENTATION indicated above, supported by the BENEFICIARY's statement, whether in the demand itself or in a separate signed document accompanying or identifying the demand, indicating that the amount claimed

is demanded according to the cycling regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE.

Any demand under this guarantee must be received by us on or before EXPIRY at the PLACE FOR PRESENTATION indicated above.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees (URDG) 2010 Revision, ICC Publication No. 758, the supporting statement under article 15 a. being expressly excluded.

*(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03; 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.01.06; 1.06.06; 1.05.17).*

**Wildcard**

[chapter abrogated on 1.07.10]

## Chapter XVII UCI WOMEN'S TEAMS AND UCI CONTINENTAL TEAMS

*(chapter replaced on 1.01.09)*

### § 1 General Conditions

#### Identity

- 2.17.001** A UCI continental team or UCI women's team is a team of road riders recognised and certified by the National Federation of the nationality of the majority of its riders to take part in road events on the international calendars, within the constraints imposed by article 2.1.005, and registered with the UCI.

It is composed by the group of riders registered with the UCI as part of the team, the team representative, the sponsors and all other persons contracted by the team representative and/or team sponsor to facilitate the team's activities (manager, sports director, coach, etc.).

A UCI Continental team or UCI women's team is registered for one year, i.e. from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31 December of the same year (registration year).

*(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.05.17).*

- 2.17.002** The principal partner(s) and the team representative must be committed to the UCI Continental team or UCI women's team for a full season of the relevant calendar.

#### Team name

- 2.17.003** The name of the UCI Continental team or UCI women's team must be that of the company or brand of the main partner(s) (up to three), or any other denomination connected to the UCI Continental team or UCI women's team project.

The UCI may reject any name that causes harm to the reputation and/or image of cycling or the UCI.

*(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.05.17).*

- 2.17.004** A UCI Continental team or UCI women's team will comprise riders who may or may not be professional, in the elite and/or under 23 categories. It must have between 8 and 16 riders.

However, a UCI continental team shall also have the right to add up to 4 riders specialising in other endurance cycling disciplines (cyclo-cross; mountain bike: cross country; track: points race, scratch, pursuit, omnium) as long as the riders in question are among the top 150 of the last final UCI individual classification.

A UCI women's team may also add 4 riders specialising in one of the disciplines listed in the preceding paragraph, as long as the riders in question are among the top 100 of the final UCI individual classification for that discipline.

*(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.12; 1.01.17; 1.07.18).*

**2.17.005** [abrogated on 1.01.17]

**2.17.006** The nationality of a UCI women's or UCI continental team is determined by the nationality of the majority of its riders.

**Transfer period**

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

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

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

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

*(text modified on 1.08.13; **1.01.18**).*

**Trainees**

**2.17.008** In the period between 1 August\* and **31 December**, each UCI Continental team or UCI women's team may engage two under-23 trainees on the following conditions:

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

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

*(text modified on **1.01.18**).*

**Legal and financial status**

**2.17.009** The National Federation can choose whether the UCI Continental team or UCI women's team which it registers are to be given professional status. The National Federation shall however be free to accept professional riders in a non-professional continental team or UCI women's team.

**2.17.010** The team representative shall represent the team for all purposes relating to the UCI regulations. His registered office/main residence must be in the same country where is registered the team.

The team representative may be a person with the power to hire staff. He shall sign the contracts with the team's riders and other employees.

*(text modified on 1.07.09).*

**2.17.011** Any person, company, foundation, association or other entity that becomes the team representative or principal partner of a UCI Continental team or UCI women's team for the first time shall no later than the date of the application for the registration of that UCI Continental team or UCI women's team submit the following to the National Federation:

- For individuals: proof of residence;
- For incorporated bodies and other organisations:
  - Constitution or articles of association;
  - Proof of an entry on the business register or the register of companies or associations, or any other official document demonstrating the legal existence of the organisation;
  - List of officers or directors with their full names, occupations and addresses;
  - Annual accounts (balance sheet and profit and loss account for the last financial year in the current legal form.

Furthermore, the team representative and the principal partners must inform the National Federation without delay of any of the following: a change of domicile or registered offices, reduction in capital, change of legal form or identity (merger, takeover), request for or implementation of any agreement or any measure concerning all creditors.

## **§ 2 Requirements imposed on the team by the National Federation**

### **Registration with the National Federation**

**2.17.012** The application for the status of UCI continental team or UCI women's team must be made to the National Federation of the nationality of the majority of the riders of the team (the responsible National Federation) in accordance with the procedures set out below (registration).

**2.17.013** Each National Federation may register a maximum of 15 UCI continental teams each year. Each National Federation must be clearly independent of the team(s) that it registers.

*(text modified on 1.07.12).*

**2.17.014** The National Federations may set the deadlines for the procedure as set out in the registration manual as they wish, as long as the deadlines for registration with the UCI are respected.

The conditions set out in this paragraph are minimum conditions. National Federations are permitted to set stricter conditions.

**2.17.015** The team must submit the following to the National Federation:

1. Original copies of the contracts signed with the riders;
2. Original copies of the contracts signed with other team staff;
3. An original copy of a bank guarantee, as described in article 2.17.017 et seq.;
4. A detailed budget following the model set out in the manual for the registration of continental and UCI women's teams;
5. Proof that the insurance cover required under article 2.17.031 has been taken out for all the riders in the team;
6. A copy of the sponsorship contract or, if no such contract exists, documentary evidence of the team's income.

- 2.17.016** The National Federation shall register the team only if it considers that the documentation submitted meets all the conditions above and that its budget is adequate for such a team.

**Bank guarantee**

- 2.17.017** For each registration year, a UCI women's or UCI continental team or any team applying for this status must set up an unconditional bank guarantee (comprehensive guarantee) in favour of its National Federation, using the model set out in article. 2.17.029.

- 2.17.018** The purpose of that guarantee shall be:
1. to defray debts incurred for the year of registration, in accordance with the procedure set out below, incurred by the sponsors and the team representative to firstly the riders and secondly any other person contracted for the operation of the UCI Continental team or UCI women's team and to cover the payment of any fines imposed as a result of the application of the UCI regulations;
  2. to defray the payment of expenses, indemnities, fines and sanctions or sentences imposed under or as a result of the application of the regulations of the UCI or the responsible National Federation or associated with their application.

For the application of provisions regarding the bank guarantee companies through whom the licence-holders concerned carry out their activity for the operation of the UCI Continental team or UCI women's team shall be considered as members of that UCI Continental team or UCI women's team.

*(text modified on 1.05.17)*

- 2.17.019** The minimum total amount of the bank guarantee shall be the higher of:
- 15% of the total pay due to the riders and other staff (whether employees or self-employed);
  - a minimum sum of EUR 20,000 (twenty thousand euros) – to be indexed by country in accordance with the UCI table.

- 2.17.020** If the amount of the guarantee under article 2.17.017 is less than the total amount required under article 2.17.019, an additional guarantee must be set up and submitted to the National Federation before the UCI Continental team or UCI women's team or team applying for this status is registered.

- 2.17.021** If the total contractual benefits increase following the arrangement of the guarantee, the total sum of the bank guarantee must be increased proportionately. UCI Continental team or UCI women's teams must immediately notify the National Federation of this increase, specifying the amount and the reasons. They must also submit the documents relating to the increase forthwith, including the additional bank guarantee.

- 2.17.022** For the first registration year, the guarantee shall be valid from 1 January of the first registration year until 31 March of the following year. From the second registration year, and for the following years, the bank guarantee may stipulate that it may be called upon at the latest as of 1st April of the registration year, including for the sums due in January, February and March. In any case, the bank guarantee shall be valid until 31 March after the registration year covered by the guarantee.

*(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.01.17).*



**Calling up the bank guarantee**

- 2.17.023** The National Federation shall call up the bank guarantee in favour of the creditor specified in article 2.17.018 paragraph 2 except where there are clearly no grounds for the claim. The UCI Continental team or UCI women's team shall be notified of the creditor's claim and the call on the guarantee.

The National Federation may set an appropriate indemnity for any call on the guarantee.

- 2.17.024** The actual payment to the creditor shall not take place until one month after the calling up of the guarantee. If, in the interim, the UCI continental team raises a reasonably justifiable objection to the payment of the money to the creditor, the National Federation shall pay the sum at issue into a special account and shall subsequently distribute it in accordance with any agreement reached between the parties or according to an enforceable legal decision.

- 2.17.025** If the creditor has not introduced his claim against the team representative before the body designated in his contract or the body which he regards as competent on some other basis during the three months following the date of his call on the guarantee, the team representative may apply to the National Federation to have the blocked funds released in his favour.

The funds shall be released should the creditor fail to take proceedings within one month of the despatch of notice by the National Federation or to submit proof of such proceedings within the following fifteen days. Should the body before which proceedings are taken declare itself not competent to rule, the creditor shall resubmit his claim within one month of being informed of the decision.

Failing this the team representative may apply to the National Federation to have the blocked funds released in his favour. The funds shall be released should the creditor fail to take further proceedings within one month of the despatch of notice by the National Federation or to submit proof of such proceedings within the following fifteen days.

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

*(article introduced on 1.01.18).*

- 2.17.026** If the debt submitted exceeds a sum equal to 15 percent of the annual contractual benefits, only a total amount corresponding to 15 percent of the annual contractual benefits shall be paid out in the first instance, provided that the conditions of payment are fulfilled. The acknowledged balance of the debt may be paid from the global guarantee on condition that the latter would not be exhausted at the end of its period of validity. In the event that there are several creditors, the available balance of the guarantee will be allocated proportionally between them.

*(text modified on 1.07.09).*

**2.17.027** A UCI Continental team or UCI women's team whose guarantee is drawn upon shall be automatically suspended if the guarantee is not made up to its full amount within one month.

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

*(article introduced on 1.01.18).*

**2.17.028** The creditor must submit his application to the National Federation for the guarantee to be called up by 30 days before its expiry date at the latest. Documentary evidence must be provided with the application.

Failing this the National Federation is not obliged to call up the guarantee.

**Model bank guarantee**

**2.17.029** The present bank guarantee is issued under the terms of Article 2.17.017 of the Cycling Regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE for the purpose of guaranteeing, within the limits set in those regulations, the payment of sums due by the UCI Continental team or UCI women's team [name] (team representative: [name of team representative]) to riders and other creditors covered by the second paragraph of article 2.17.018 of those Regulations as well as the payment of expenses, indemnities, fines and sanctions or sentences imposed under or by consequence of the regulations of the UCI.

The amount of the present Guarantee is limited to [currency] X].

The bank,

- Exact name;
- Full address to which any call on the guarantee can be sent;
- Telephone and fax numbers of the department of the bank which handles the calling up of the guarantee;
- E-mail address.

hereby undertakes, on first demand and within fifteen days of receiving the demand, to pay [the responsible National Federation of the team] any amount in [currency] requested up to a maximum of [currency] X up to the exhaustion of the present guarantee,

The aforementioned payments shall be made on reception of a simple request regardless of any objection raised or exception taken by anyone whomsoever. The request shall require no justification.

The present Guarantee shall remain in effect until [the last day of the third month following the end of the relevant season]

Any call on the present guarantee must be received by the bank no later than [last day of the third month following the end of the relevant season].

## **Contract**

**2.17.030** Regardless of the status of the UCI Continental team or UCI women's team, professional or otherwise, a rider's membership of a UCI Continental team or UCI women's team must be based on the conclusion of a contract in accordance with the procedures set out below, with the exception of trainees under article 2.17.008

The contract must be drawn up, in triplicate, in a language which can be understood by both the rider and the National Federation. If necessary, it must be accompanied by a translation.

The contract must cover the following points:

- Duration: The fixed term contract shall finish at the end of the team's registration, namely on 31 December;
- Insurance: The insurance cover, set out in article 2.17.031 must be guaranteed and specified in detail;
- Wages/Expenses: If a wage is payable, the amount must be stated; otherwise, provision must be made for the repayment of expenses incurred in the course of the activities of the rider for the UCI Continental team or UCI women's team;
- Conditions of payment: All payments to the rider must be made by bank transfer to a bank account indicated by the rider for the purpose. It must be stipulated that the proof of execution of the bank transfer is the only acceptable proof of payment;
- Status: The status of the rider (professional or otherwise);
- Termination of the contract.

*(text modified on 1.07.10).*

## **Model of contracts**

**2.17.030** "Standard" contract for remunerated riders

**bis** Between the undersigned (name and address of the employer) responsible for the UCI Team (name) for whom the principal partners are:

1. (name and address) (where applicable, the employer)
2. (name and address)

Hereinafter "the Team"

ON THE FIRST PART

And:

(name and address of the rider) born in (place of birth) on (date of birth) of (nationality) nationality, holding a licence issued by (name of NF)

Hereinafter "the Rider"

ON THE SECOND PART

Whereas:

- The Team is engaged in setting up a cycling team who, within the UCI Team (name of team) and under the management of (name of manager or sports director), intend to take part, for the duration of the present contract, in cycle road races governed by the regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE;
- the Rider wishes to join the UCI team (name of team);
- both parties are acquainted with and declare that they will abide wholly by the UCI constitution and regulations, and those of its affiliated National Federations as well as – if applicable – the joint agreements concluded between the (name of national riders' organisation) and the National Federation of (country of registration of the team).

It is thus agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1 - Engagement**

The Team hereby engages the Rider, who accepts the position, as a rider in cycling road races.

Participation by the Rider in events in other disciplines shall be decided by the Parties case by case.

The engagement shall be subject to the registration of the team as a UCI Continental team or UCI women's team with the UCI. Should such registration not be obtained, the Rider may terminate the present contract without notice or compensation.

**ARTICLE 2 - Duration**

The present contract shall be concluded for a fixed period commencing on (start date) and expiring on (end of season). Unless the contract has already been renewed, each party shall notify the other in writing at least two months before the termination of the contract of his intentions as to the renewal of the contract. A copy of this document shall be sent to the National Federation of (country of registration of team).

**ARTICLE 3 - Salary**

The Rider shall have the right to gross annual pay of (amount in figures and words).

(Suggestion→) This pay may not be less than the following amount:

(Choose one)

- The legal minimum wage of the country of the nationality of the UCI Team;
- The amount set by (name of NF) in its national regulations;
- The minimum wage negotiated by (name of NF) with (e.g. name of riders' union) of the country.

**ARTICLE 4 - Payment of the salary**

1. The Team shall pay the remuneration determined under article 3 in 12 equal monthly instalments on or before the last working day of each month.
2. Should the Rider be suspended under the terms of the UCI regulations or those of one of its affiliated federations, he shall not be entitled to the said remuneration referred to in article 3 for the part of the suspension exceeding one month.
3. In the event of a failure to make payment of the net sums of remuneration on their due date as per article 3 or of any other sum which is due, the Rider shall have the right, without notice, to the interest and increases provided under national legislation.
4. The remuneration, or any other sum due to the Rider from the Team, shall be paid by transfer to the bank account number (number of bank account) of the Rider at the (name of the bank) at (branch where the account is held). Only the proof of the execution of the bank transfer shall be accepted as proof of payment.

**ARTICLE 5 - Prizes and bonuses**

The Rider shall be entitled to prizes won during cycling competitions in which he participated for the UCI Team, in accordance with the regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations. Furthermore, the Rider shall have the right to the following bonuses:

☐ None

☐ (description of bonus) (Tick the appropriate box)

**ARTICLE 6 - Miscellaneous obligations**

1. The Rider may not, for the duration of the present contract, work for any other team or advertise for any other sponsors than those belonging to the UCI Team (name of

team), save in such cases as are provided for in the regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations.

2. The Team hereby undertakes to allow the Rider properly to perform his occupation by providing him with the necessary equipment and clothing and by permitting him to participate in a sufficient number of cycling events, either as a member of the team or individually.

3. The Rider may not compete in a race as an individual without the express consent of the Team.

The Team shall be deemed to have given its consent if it has not replied within a period of ten days from the date of the request. In no case may the Rider take part in a road race as a member of any other structure or a mixed team if (name of team) is already entered for that race.

4. The Parties undertake to respect the riders' health protection programme of the UCI and/or the (name of NF).

In the event of selection for a national team, the Team shall be required to permit the rider to participate in such races and preparatory programmes as may be determined by the National Federation. The Team shall authorise the National Federation to give the Rider any instructions it may deem necessary in connection with and for the duration of the selection provided that it does so solely in connection with sporting matters, in its own name and on its own behalf.

In none of the aforementioned cases shall the present contract be suspended.

#### **ARTICLE 7 - Transfers**

On the expiry of the present contract, the Rider shall be entirely free to leave the UCI Team and sign a contract with a third party, without prejudice to the provisions of the UCI regulations.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - Termination of the contract**

Without prejudice to the legislation governing the present contract, it may be terminated before expiry, in the following cases and on the following conditions:

1. The Rider may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for compensation:
  - a) if the Team is declared bankrupt or insolvent or goes into liquidation;
  - b) if the Team or a principal partner withdraws from the UCI Team and the continuity of the UCI Team is not guaranteed or else if the UCI Team announces its dissolution, the winding up of its activities or its inability to meet its commitments; should this be announced for a given date, the Rider shall continue to perform the contract until that date.
  - c) in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Team. Serious misconduct is considered to include a failure to permit the Rider, despite his repeated requests, to participate in competitions over a continuous period in excess of six weeks or over four discontinuous periods of seven days each, during which periods at least one one-day race on the continental calendar took place. Where relevant, the Team shall be required to prove that the Rider was not in a condition to take part in a race.
2. The Team may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for compensation, in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Rider or of the suspension of the Rider under the terms of the UCI regulations for the remaining duration of the present contract. Serious misconduct is considered to include refusal to ride cycle races, despite being repeatedly called on to do so by the Team. If need be, the Rider shall be required to prove that he was in no state to compete in a race.
3. Either party shall be entitled to terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for compensation, should the Rider be rendered permanently unable to exercise the occupation of professional cyclist.

#### ARTICLE 9 - Defeasance

Any clause agreed upon between the Parties that runs counter to the terms of the model contract published by (name of NF), the law of the country of registration of the team and/or the constitution and rules of the UCI and/or (name of NF) and which would in any way restrict the rights of the Rider shall be null and void.

#### ARTICLE 10 - Arbitration

Any dispute between the Parties arising from the present contract shall be submitted to arbitration **without prejudice to the compulsory jurisdiction of ordinary courts**, either in application of the rules of the federation that issued the Rider's licence or, failing this, the legislation governing this contract.

#### ARTICLE 11 - Declaration

The parties declare that, apart from the present contract, no other contract has been concluded regarding the Rider's services for the UCI Team (name of team). The Rider is entitled to ascertain from the National Federation the contract submitted as part of the registration process for the UCI Team.

Done at (place) on (date)

In three original copies

N.B.: Each original contains XXX pages numbered from ... to ...

(Each page of the contract and annexes has been signed by both parties.)

(Signature)

Rider [name of the signatory]

(Signature) and stamp

For the UCI Team [name of the signatory]

The sports director

*(article introduced on 1.02.10, 1.01.18).*

#### 2.17.030 "Standard" contract for "non-professional" riders

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Between the undersigned (name and address of the employer) responsible for the UCI Team (name) for whom the principal partners are:

1. (name and address) (where applicable, the employer)

2. (name and address)

Hereinafter "the Team"

ON THE FIRST PART

And:

(name and address of the rider) born in (place of birth) on (date of birth) of (nationality) nationality, holding a licence issued by (name of NF)

Hereinafter "the Rider"

ON THE SECOND PART

Whereas:

- The Team is engaged in setting up a cycling team who, within the UCI Team (name of team) and under the management of (name of manager or sports director), intend to take part, for the duration of the present contract, in cycle road races governed by the regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE;
- the Rider wishes to join the UCI team (name of team);
- both parties are acquainted with and declare that they will abide wholly by the UCI constitution and regulations, and those of its affiliated National Federations;

It is thus agreed as follows:

### **ARTICLE 1 - Engagement**

The Team hereby engages the Rider, who accepts the position, as a road specialist in cycling races.

Participation by the Rider in events in other disciplines shall be decided by the Parties case by case.

The engagement shall be subject to the registration of the team as a UCI Continental team or UCI women's team with the UCI. Should such registration not be obtained, the Rider may terminate the present contract without notice or compensation.

### **ARTICLE 2 - Duration**

The present contract shall be concluded for a fixed period commencing on (start date) and expiring on (end of season). Unless the contract has already been renewed, each party shall notify the other in writing at least two months before the termination of the contract of his intentions as to the renewal of the contract. A copy of this document shall be sent to the National Federation of (country of registration of team).

### **ARTICLE 3 - Reimbursement of expenses**

The Rider shall not receive any salary or remuneration, but shall be reimbursed according to the scale given below for activities carried out as a member of the team and/or at the request of the team:

(Suggestions, examples →)

- (currency and amount) per kilometre travelled during trips;
- reimbursement of air tickets for trips further than (number) km;
- for the evening before the competition, reimbursement of one 2-star hotel room if the competition site is further than (number) km from the rider's home;
- on presentation of receipts, reimbursement of all meals taken during trips to a maximum of (currency and amount) per meal;
- on presentation of invoices, reimbursement of minor mechanical expenses (tyres, brake blocks, cables, lubricants, tune-ups, etc.) to a maximum of (currency and amount) per year.

### **ARTICLE 4 - Reimbursement of expenses**

1. The Team shall pay the sums referred to in article 3 on or before the last working day of each month, provided that the Rider's expenses form has been received by the 20th of the month in question.
2. In the event of a failure to make payment of the sums due on their due date, the Rider shall have the right, without notice, to the interest and increases provided under national legislation.
3. Any sum due to the Rider from the Team shall be paid by transfer to the bank account number (number of bank account) of the Rider at the (name of the bank) at (branch where the account is held). Only the proof of the execution of the bank transfer shall be accepted as proof of payment.

### **ARTICLE 5 - Prizes and bonuses**

The Rider shall be entitled to prizes won during cycling competitions in which he participated for the UCI Team, in accordance with the regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations. Furthermore, the Rider shall have the right to the following bonuses:

☐ None

☐ (description of bonus) (Tick the appropriate box)

### **ARTICLE 6 - Miscellaneous obligations**

1. The Rider may not, for the duration of the present contract, ride for any other team or advertise for any other sponsors than those belonging to the UCI Team (name of

team), save in such cases as are provided for in the regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations.

2. The Team hereby undertakes to allow the Rider properly to perform his occupation by providing him with the necessary equipment and clothing and by permitting him to participate in a sufficient number of cycling events, either as a member of the team or individually.
3. The Rider may not compete in a race as an individual without the express consent of the Team. The Team shall be deemed to have given its consent if it has not replied within a period of ten days from the date of the request. In no case may the Rider take part in a road race as a member of any other structure or a mixed team if (name of team) is already entered for that race.
4. The Parties undertake to respect the riders' health protection programme of the UCI and/or the (name of NF).

In the event of selection for a national team, the Team shall be required to permit the rider to participate in such races and preparatory programmes as may be determined by the National Federation.

The Team shall authorise the National Federation to give the Rider any instructions it may deem necessary in connection with and for the duration of the selection provided that it does so solely in connection with sporting matters, in its own name and on its own behalf.

In none of the aforementioned cases shall the present contract be suspended.

#### **ARTICLE 7 - Transfers**

On the expiry of the present contract, the Rider shall be entirely free to leave the UCI Team and sign a contract with a third party, without prejudice to the provisions of the UCI regulations.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - Termination of the contract**

Without prejudice to the legislation governing the present contract, it may be terminated before expiry, in the following cases and on the following conditions:

1. The Rider may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for compensation:
  - a) if the Team is declared bankrupt or insolvent or goes into liquidation;
  - b) if the Team or a principal partner withdraws from the UCI Team and the continuity of the Team is not guaranteed or else if the UCI Team announces its dissolution, the winding up of its activities or its inability to meet its commitments; should this be announced for a given date, the Rider shall continue to perform the contract until that date.
  - c) in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Team. Serious misconduct is considered to include a failure to permit the Rider, despite his repeated requests, to participate in competitions over a continuous period in excess of six weeks or over four discontinuous periods of seven days each, during which periods at least one one-day race on the continental calendar took place. Where relevant, the Team shall be required to prove that the Rider was not in a condition to take part in a race.
2. The Team may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for compensation, in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Rider or of the suspension of the Rider under the terms of the UCI regulations for the remaining duration of the present contract. Serious misconduct is considered to include refusal to ride cycle races, despite being repeatedly called on to do so by the Team. If need be, the Rider shall be required to prove that he was in no state to compete in a race.
3. Either party shall be entitled to terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for compensation, should the Rider be rendered permanently unable to exercise the occupation of professional cyclist.



#### ARTICLE 9 - Defeasance

Any clause agreed upon between the Parties that runs counter to the terms of the model contract published by (name of NF), the law of the country of registration of the team and/or the constitution and rules of the UCI and/or (name of NF) and which would in any way restrict the rights of the Rider shall be null and void.

#### ARTICLE 10 - Arbitration

Any dispute between the Parties arising from the present contract shall be submitted to arbitration **without prejudice to the compulsory jurisdiction of ordinary courts**, either in application of the rules of the federation that issued the Rider's licence or, failing this, the legislation governing this contract.

#### ARTICLE 11 - Declaration

The parties declare that, apart from the present contract, no other contract has been concluded regarding the Rider's services for the UCI Team (name of team). The Rider is entitled to ascertain from the National Federation the contract submitted as part of the registration process for the UCI Team.

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(Signature)

(Signature) and stamp

Rider [name of the signatory]

For the UCI Team [name of the signatory]

The sports director

*(article introduced on 1.02.10; 1.01.18).*

#### Insurance

2.17.031

Insurance against the following risks is compulsory for all events occurring in the course of the rider's activities for the team (racing, training, travel, promotion, etc.). **The insurances must be valid in all countries in which the rider is susceptible of performing activities for the team, whether individually or jointly with other team members:**

1. Civil responsibility (of the rider; **for an adequate amount**);
2. Accidents (costs of treatment until recovery **with no amount limit**);
3. Sickness (costs of treatment and hospitalisation **with no amount limit**);
4. Repatriation (unlimited cover);
5. **Death (minimum value EUR 100 000 due to the beneficiaries designated by the rider).**

**Teams shall take out and cover the costs for the insurances listed above insofar as the rider does not have such insurances through his licence or his compulsory national social security system.**

*(text modified on 1.07.18).*

### § 3 Obligations of the National Federation towards the UCI

**2.17.032** The National Federation shall be solely responsible for checking compliance with regulatory and legal requirements, both on registration and throughout the registration year.

**2.17.033** On or before **30 September** of each year, the National Federation shall send to the UCI the list of teams which it intends to register as UCI continental teams and UCI women's teams for the following year. The complete registration documentation must be submitted to the UCI, via the National Federation to arrive after 1 October and no later than 10 November. The registration fee must be paid to the UCI no later than 1 November.

Only a team whose application for a UCI professional continental team has been rejected can file, via the National Federation, a demand for registration as UCI continental team outside this term. The National Federation must inform UCI that it received such request at the latest 10 days after the team has received the decision that registration as UCI professional continental team is refused. In that event, the administration of the UCI will set the term to establish a registration file.

*(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.05.17; **1.07.18**).*

**2.17.034** The application for registration must be made on the UCI forms provided for this purpose. Other applications shall be rejected.

The application must include the following information:

1. exact name of the team;
2. the address (including telephone number **and email**) to which all communications to the team can be sent;
3. the names and addresses of the team representative and the sports director;
4. surnames, forenames, addresses, nationalities and dates of birth of the riders;
5. the allocation of tasks specified by article 1.1.082.

Any changes to the information above must be immediately notified to the UCI by the National Federation and only by it.

*(text modified on **1.07.18**).*

**2.17.035** The application for registration must be **submitted according to the procedure set out in the UCI continental teams and UCI women's teams' registration manual**.

*(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.01.17; **1.07.18**).*

**2.17.036** These documents are sent to the UCI for information only. The National Federation and the team are solely liable for their compliance with UCI regulations and any applicable legislation.

**2.17.037** The registration application documents must also include a letter from the president of the National Federation in which he confirms to the UCI that his federation has carried out all controls required for to ensure the good reputation of team members and management, respect for the UCI regulations, respect for the regulations of the National Federation, respect for the laws in force in the relevant country, and of the fact that the team members are all covered by insurance which meets the requirements of article 2.17.031.

The letter must be filled in and signed via UCI DataRide according to the procedure detailed in the UCI continental teams and UCI women's teams' registration manual.

The president of the National Federation shall also fill in a checklist as requested in the UCI continental teams and UCI women's teams' registration manual.

*(text modified on 1.02.10; 1.07.12 ; 3.06.16; 1.07.18).*

**2.17.038** For verification purposes, the UCI reserves the right to request at any times from the National Federation a copy of the complete registration documentation, specifically including the contracts of Members of the team, the insurance policy, the financial documentation, and any other document that it deems necessary.

The National Federation is required to provide this documentation within eight days. Any additional costs incurred as a result of inadequate checks by the National Federation maybe chargeable to either the federation or the team.

*(text modified on 1.05.17)*

#### **Penalties**

**2.17.039** The National Federation must appoint qualified and independent persons to manage the registration process and set up suitable procedures. For this procedure, at least one specialist must be involved to assist with legal and financial questions.

**2.17.040** The UCI shall have the right to refuse or withdraw the registration of a team which does not meet all the minimum conditions set in the present regulations or by another regulatory provision.

Notwithstanding the above, in the event of delay in payment and/or receipt of the registration file by the UCI, the registration fee shall be automatically increased up to CHF 100 per day. Furthermore, without prejudice to article 2.17.038, the UCI will not proceed with the registration of the team without receipt of the entire application for registration and full settlement of all registration fees, including any applicable increases.

Moreover, the team may only claim the rights related to the UCI continental team or UCI women's team status once its registration has been granted, in particular concerning the provisions set out in article 2.1.007 bis.

Furthermore, the UCI may pass on the case to the Disciplinary Commission, which may order, in addition to the penalties set out in title 12 of the UCI Regulations, that the

National Federation in question is deprived of its right to register UCI road teams for a period which it may determine.

*(text modified on 1.05.17).*

**§ 4 Obligations of the National Federation towards the continental confederation**

**2.17.041** If requested by its continental confederation, a National Federation must provide the list of teams which it intends to register as UCI continental teams and UCI women's teams for the following year and/or a copy of the complete registration documentation, including contracts of members of the team, insurance policies, financial documentation and any other document.

Such information shall be provided for the continental confederations' information only and the National Federation shall remain responsible for compliance with regulatory and legal requirements as well as all applicable deadlines related to the registration of UCI continental teams and UCI women's teams.

*(article introduced on 1.09.17).*