UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE

PART II – ROAD RACES

Rules amendments applying on 01.04.2025

Chapter I CALENDAR AND PARTICIPATION

2.1.007 bis **Obligatory invitations to events on the international calendar**

Provisions for Grand Tours and UCI WorldTour stage races

The organiser must invite the best UCI ProTeams on the UCI World Team Ranking, as considered on the last day of the previous season (under the terms of article 2.1.001) [1], according to the followings:

Number of UCI WorldTeams	Obligatory Invitation of best UCI ProTeams [2][4]	Remaining wild cards for Organisers	
		Grand Tours [3] [5]	Other stage races[4]
18	2	~~2~~ 3	5
17	3	~~2~~ 3	5
16	3	~~3~~ 4	6

[1] For the purpose of this article, teams registered as UCI ProTeam or UCI WorldTeam during the previous season are taken into consideration.

[2] As a matter of exception to article 1.2.049, the UCI ProTeam shall confirm its participation or not to the organiser at the latest 70 days before the event. In the UCI ProTeam declines the invitation or fails to confirm its participation within the aforementioned deadline the organiser may issue an additional wild card.

[3] The organiser of a Grand Tour must guarantee the participation in the race of at least one UCI WorldTeam or UCI ProTeam from the country of the organiser amongst the 22 participating teams.

[4] For the 2024 season, only the 50 best-ranked teams on the UCI World ranking by teams of the 2023 season shall be entitled to receive a "wild-card" invitation from a Grand Tour organiser.

For the 2025 season, only the 40 best-ranked teams on the UCI World ranking by teams of the 2024 season shall be entitled to receive a "wild-card" invitation from a Grand Tour organiser.

From the 2026 season onwards, only the 30 best ranked teams on the UCI World ranking by teams of the previous season shall be entitled to receive a "wild-card" invitation from a Grand Tour organiser.

UCI ProTeams registered for the first time as UCI ProTeams will be considered based on the addition of the points scored at the end of the previous season by their 20 best riders, according to the list of riders published on the UCI website following the confirmation by the UCI of the registration of the team.

UCI ProTeams that accept the obligatory invitation from the organiser (except wild card) to participate in at least one Grand Tour, shall pay the same contribution to the

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biological passport as UCI WorldTeams, as published in the International Testing Agency (ITA) financial obligations document available on the UCI website.

Provisions for UCI WorldTour one-day races
The organiser must invite the best UCI ProTeams on the UCI World Team Ranking, as considered on the last day of the previous season (under the terms of article 2.1.001) [(1)], according to the followings:

Number of UCI WorldTeams	Obligatory Invitation of best UCI ProTeams[(2) (3)]	Remaining wild cards for Organisers[(3)]
18	3	4
17	4	4
16	4	5

[(1)] For the purpose of this article, teams registered as UCI ProTeam or UCI WorldTeam during the previous season are taken into consideration.
[(2)] Invitations declined by invited UCI ProTeams may be used by the organiser as additional wild cards.

Provisions for UCI Women's WorldTour events
The organiser must send an invitation to all UCI Women's WorldTeams and to the two best UCI Women's ProTeams in the UCI World Team Ranking, as at the last day of the previous season (within the meaning of article 2.1.001) [(1)], in accordance with the following provisions.

In the event that the number of UCI Women's WorldTeams is less than 13, the number of obligatory invitations to the UCI Women's ProTeam, based on the abovementioned ranking, shall be increased accordingly in order to ensure a minimum number of 15 invitations to the UCI WorldTeams and UCI Women's ProTeam.

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 and Oceania Tour
The organiser must invite the first 3 UCI continental teams in the 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.

Provisions for ME and MU class 1 and class 2 events of the Africa Tour
The organiser must invite the first 3 national teams in the classification by nation for the UCI Africa Tour, on the last day of the previous season (in the sense of Article 2.1.001).

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

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Chapter II GENERAL PROVISIONS

(numbering of the articles modified on 1.01.05).

§ 1 Participation

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

Category	Maximum
Olympic Games	200
UCI World Championships	
Continental Championships	
Continental Games	
Regional Games	
National Championships	

Men International Events	Maximum
Grand Tours	184
Other UCI WorldTour events	176
UCI Europe Tour, UCI America Tour, UCI Asia Tour, UCI Oceania Tour and UCI Africa Tour	
UCI Nations' Cups	
Men Junior	

Women International Events	Maximum
One-day races of the UCI Women's WorldTour and UCI ProSeries	144
Stage races of the UCI Women's WorldTour and UCI ProSeries	168
Class 1	176
Class 2	
UCI Nations' Cup	
Women Junior	

National Events	Maximum
(N*) National Calendars	176

** within the limit of 200.*

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	Minimum
Women international events	
UCI Women's WorldTour, UCI ProSeries and Class 1	90
Other events	40

(text modified on 1.01.18; 22.10.18; 23.10.19; 1.01.20 ; 01.04.25).

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

UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's 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 World Men individual ranking (for UCI WorldTour events) or UCI World Women's ~~WorldTour~~ individual ranking (for UCI Women's WorldTour events)
2. the cars of the other UCI WorldTeams or UCI Women's WorldTeams represented at the meeting whose starting riders have not yet earned points in the ~~men~~ UCI World Men individual ranking or in the UCI World Women's ~~WorldTour~~ individual ranking;
3. the cars of the other teams represented at the meeting whose starting riders have not yet earned points in the UCI World Men individual ranking or in the UCI World Women's ~~WorldTour~~ individual ranking;
4. the cars of teams which failed to confirm their starting riders within the time limits set out in article 1.2.090;
5. the cars of teams not represented at the meeting.

~~* For the first UCI Women's WorldTour event of the season, the UCI Women's WorldTour individual ranking not having been established yet, the final ranking of the previous season will be used.~~

In groups 2 to 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 placed in group 4 or 5 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 1st place, the second name drawn the 2nd place, etc.

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

(text modified on 1.01.01; 1.01.03; 1.01.05; 1.01.09; 1.10.09; 1.10.11; 1.01.15; 3.06.16; 1.01.18; 1.01.19; 9.11.20, 1.11.21; 1.04.25).

Feeding zones signposted by the organiser

2.3.025 In one-day races or stage races the organisers must implement zones for teams to supply their riders. These feeding zones will be signposted in this case. They shall be of sufficient length to allow supply operations to proceed smoothly and extend over a maximum distance of 5 kilometers, with a minimum of 50 metres per team. ~~Feed zones shall be located on slightly uphill sections and, as far as possible, outside urban areas.~~

The food and drink shall be distributed on foot by a maximum of three members of team staff holding a UCI licence and by no-one else. Staff supplying the riders must wear team's clothing which ensures identification and stand at a maximum of one meter from the side of the road it shall be marked when it is possible with a line on the road. 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.

Each feeding zone must be placed approximately at a minimum every 30 to 40 kilometers. The organiser must determine the positioning of the feeding zone considering the profile of the course, race conditions and safety constraints, while providing enough feeding zones adapted to the needs of the riders.

~~and~~ Feeding zones must be accompanied by a zone for waste situated just before and just after the feeding zone where riders can get rid of their waste. These waste zones may be combined with the feed zone where safety and organisational conditions allow.

The food and drink may also be distributed in the authorised areas defined by the regulations, in particular those provided for wheel changes in accordance with article 2.3.029.

Organisers must ensure that feed zones are placed in safe locations, avoiding descents, tight bends, dangerous technical sections, narrow roads, outside of urban areas and key points of the race. Flexibility in the positioning of the zones is granted to the organisers to adapt their positioning to the specific features of the course, in consultation with the UCI commissaires if necessary.

Litter zones

Organisers must provide several litter zones of sufficient length situated every 30-40 kilometres throughout the route of the event or stage. A final litter zone shall be provided in the last kilometres of a race or stage and before the final section.

Litter zones allow the riders to get rid of their waste in a way that respects the environment. The organiser shall arrange for the litter to be collected and the various zones cleaned after the race has passed through.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.20; 1.04.21; 1.01.25; 1.04.25).

Chapter X UCI RANKINGS

Best young rider classification

2.10.034 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	UCI Women's WorldTour
1	6
2	4
3	2

(Article abrogated on 1.04.25)

Team classification

2.10.035 The team classification shall include UCI Women's WorldTeams, UCI Women's ProTeams as well as UCI women's continental 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

Points obtained from the start of the season (or date of start of the contract if this commenced after the start of the season) until the date of the transfer are added to the points of the former team. Points obtained from the date of the transfer until the last day of the season (or date of a new transfer) are added to the points of the new team.

Special provision for riders ending a contract

Points obtained by a rider from the start of the season (or date of start of contract if the this commenced after the start of the season) until the date of the end of the contract are still added to the points of the former 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.

(article introduced on 1.01.06; modified on 1.01.17; 25.10.17; 11.02.20).
(Article abrogated on 1.04.25)

2.10.036 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 1st places, 2nd 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 1st places, 2nd 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).*~~
(Article abrogated on 1.04.25)

Chapter XII RACE INCIDENTS AND SPECIFIC INFRINGEMENTS BY ORGANISERS

(chapter introduced on 1.01.19).

§ 1 Race incidents in the context of road events

2.12.007 Table of race incidents relating to road events

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4.10 Unauthorised feeding			
4.10.1 One-day race, in the first 30 km	Rider: CHF 200 fine and/or yellow card Other licence holder: CHF 500 fine and/or yellow card	Rider: CHF 100 fine and/or yellow card Other licence holder: CHF 200 fine and/or yellow card	Rider: CHF 50 fine Other licence holder: CHF 100 fine
4.10.2 One-day race, in the last 20 km	Rider: CHF 1,000 fine and/or yellow card Other licence holder: CHF 1,000 fine and/or yellow card	Rider: CHF 500 fine and/or yellow card Other licence holder: CHF 500 fine and/or yellow card	Rider: CHF 200 fine Other licence holder: CHF 200 fine
4.10.3 Stage race, in the first 30 km of the stage	Rider: CHF 200 fine and/or yellow card Other licence holder: CHF 500 fine and/or yellow card	Rider: CHF 100 fine and/or yellow card Other licence holder: CHF 200 fine and/or yellow card	Rider: CHF 50 fine Other licence holder: CHF 100 fine

4.10.4 Stage race, in the last 20 km of the stage	Rider: CHF 500 fine and 20 second penalty per infringement and 20% penalty in the points and/or mountains classifications and/or yellow card Other licence holder: CHF 1,000 fine and/or yellow card	Rider: CHF 200 fine and 20 second penalty per infringement and 20% penalty in the points and/or mountains classifications and/or yellow card Other licence holder: CHF 500 fine and/or yellow card	Rider: CHF 50 fine and 20 second penalty per infringement and 20% penalty in the points and/or mountains classifications Other licence holder: CHF 150 fine
4.10.5 One day-race, feeding on foot outside the feeding zone	Rider: CHF 500 fine and/or yellow card Other licence holder: CHF 500 fine and/or yellow card	Rider: CHF 200 fine and/or yellow card Other licence holder: CHF 200 fine and/or yellow card	Rider: CHF 100 fine Other licence holder: CHF 100 fine
4.10.6 Stages race, feeding on foot outside the feeding zone	Rider: CHF 500 fine and 20 second penalty per infringement and 20% penalty in the points and/or mountains classifications and/or yellow card Other licence holder: CHF 500 fine and/or yellow card	Rider: CHF 200 fine and 20 second penalty per infringement and 20% penalty in the points and/or mountains classifications and/or yellow card Other licence holder: CHF 200 fine and/or yellow card	Rider: CHF 50 fine and 20 second penalty per infringement and 20% penalty in the points and/or mountains classifications Other licence holder: CHF 100 fine
4.11 Irregular feeding (“sticky bottle” for a short distance)	Rider: CHF 200 fine per infringement and/or yellow card	Rider: CHF 100 fine per infringement and/or yellow card	Rider: CHF 50 fine per infringement Other licence holder: CHF 100 fine per infringement

	Other licence holder: CHF 500 fine per infringement and/or yellow card	Other licence holder: CHF 200 fine per infringement and/or yellow card	
4.12 Non-compliance with article 2.3.025 by a team assistant during feeding (e.g. inappropriate clothing or positioning, exceeding the maximum number of staff, or any other inappropriate behaviour)	Sport Director responsible for the team: CHF 200 fine Other licence holder: CHF 200 fine per infringement and/or yellow card	Sport Director responsible for the team: CHF 100 fine Other licence holder: CHF 100 fine per infringement and/or yellow card	Sport Director responsible for the team: CHF 50 fine Other licence holder: CHF 50 fine per infringement

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8.3 Rider or team staff disposing of waste or other objects outside of litter zones, or not returned to team or organisation staff, not collected by team staff, thrown at a spectator. Disposing of waste or other objects in a careless or dangerous manner (e.g. bottle or other object remaining or bouncing back on the road, thrown directly or with excessive force at spectator, causing dangerous manoeuvre by other rider or vehicle, causing spectator to move onto the road).			
One-day race	Rider or any other licence holder: 1st infringement: CHF 500 fine and 25 points from UCI rankings and/or yellow card. 2nd infringement: CHF 1000 fine, 50 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification and/or yellow card.	Rider or any other licence holder: 1st infringement: CHF 250 fine and 15 points from UCI rankings and/or yellow card. 2nd infringement: CHF 500 fine, 30 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification and/or yellow card.	Rider or any other licence holder: 1st infringement: CHF 100 fine and 5 points from UCI rankings 2nd infringement: CHF 200 fine, 10 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification.
	Note: The financial penalty is applied to the team if the licence holder cannot be specifically identified. UCI points penalty only applicable to riders		

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Chapter XIII UCI WOMEN'S WORLDTOUR

2.13.105 The bank guarantee must be established by the paying agent and submitted by the issuing bank on behalf of the paying agent. In the bank guarantee, the paying agent must be the "applicant" and "instructing party", while the issuing bank must be the "issuer" and the "guarantor".

(text modified on 01.04.2025)

Chapter XV UCI WORLDTOUR

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. In the bank guarantee, the paying agent must be the "applicant" and "instructing party", while the issuing bank must be the "issuer" and "guarantor".

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Chapter XVI UCI PROTEAMS

Bank guarantee

2.16.023 Each UCI ProTeam shall furnish the UCI with a first-demand (abstract) bank guarantee in accordance with the model in article 2.15.141. The guarantee shall be drawn up in English by a good-standing 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. In the bank guarantee, the paying agent must be the "applicant" and "instructing party", while the issuing bank must be the "issuer" and the "guarantor".

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 ProTeam or the team applying for UCI ProTeam status in consideration of their services for the operation of the UCI ProTeam;

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.

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