

# Rules Amendments applying on **01.01.2026**

## PART 16 PARA CYCLING

### Part Three: ~~Athlete Evaluation~~ The Classification Process

#### 16.4.007 General Provisions

~~Athlete Evaluation Classification~~ is the process by which an Athlete is assessed in accordance with these Classification Rules in order to be allocated a Sport Class and designated a Sport Class Status.

~~Athlete Evaluation~~ The Classification process encompasses ~~a number of steps~~ four main assessment stages and these Classification Rules therefore include provisions regarding:

- a) An assessment to verify that the Athlete has (or has had) at least one medically and/or clinically diagnosed Underlying Health Condition;
- b) An assessment to ~~determine whether~~ verify that the Athlete has an Eligible Impairment for para cycling and that there are no inconsistencies with such reported Underlying Health Condition(s);
- c) An assessment to determine whether the Athlete complies with the Minimum Impairment Criteria (MIC) for para cycling; and
- d) the allocation of a Sport Class (and designation of a Sport Class Status) depending on the extent to which the Athlete is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to para cycling (with the exception for athletes with Vision Impairment where the current assessment criteria is not yet sport specific and does not include a requirement that the athletes are assessed in respect of the 'extent to which the Athlete is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to the sport').

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#### 16.4.008 Underlying Health Condition (UHC) Assessment

##### **Diagnostic Information**

The UCI requires all Athletes to demonstrate that he or she has an Underlying Health Condition. Article 16.5.010 lists non-exhaustive examples of Health Conditions that are not Underlying Health Conditions.

If the UCI becomes aware that the Athlete has a Health Condition and believes that the impact of that Health Condition may be that it is unsafe for that Athlete to compete or there is a risk to the health of the Athlete (or other Athletes) if that Athlete competes, it may designate the Athlete as Classification Not Completed (CNC) in accordance with article 16.4.012 of these Classification Rules. In such instances the UCI will explain the basis of its designation (CNC) to the relevant NF and/or NPC.

The NF/NPC must supply the UCI with Diagnostic Information on behalf of each Athlete that must be provided as follows:

- a) The relevant NF/NPC must submit a Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF) to the UCI, prior to the close of entries of the Competition in which the Athlete is to be classified;
- b) the Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF) must be completed in English and dated and signed by a certified health care professional in the relevant medical field;
- c) the Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF) must be submitted with supportive Diagnostic Information.

The UCI may require the NF/NPC to re-submit the Medical Diagnostic Form on behalf of an Athlete (with necessary supportive Diagnostic Information) if the UCI at its sole discretion considers the Medical Diagnostic Form and/or the Diagnostic Information to be incomplete or inconsistent.

### **UHC Assessment**

The UCI will appoint a UHC Assessor to conduct the UHC Assessment.

- a) The UHC Assessor is comprised of a person or persons who represent and/or work on behalf of the UCI, including staff, Classifiers, and/or external experts. The members of the UHC Assessor are bound by a confidentiality clause.
- b) The UHC Assessor will conduct the UHC Assessment based only on the Diagnostic Information provided by the Athlete's National Federation.
- c) The individual members of the UHC Assessor must initially review the Athlete's Diagnostic Information independently of each other. If the members are unable to reach a unanimous decision, the UHC Assessor must make its decision by majority.
- d) If the UHC Assessor is satisfied that the Athlete has (or has had) at least one medically and/or clinically diagnosed Underlying Health Condition, they must notify the UCI of the outcome of their assessment in writing. The UCI must provide the Diagnostic Information and the UHC Assessor's written outcome to the Classification Panel and will then proceed with scheduling an Evaluation Session.
- e) If the UHC Assessor is not satisfied that the Athlete has (or has had) at least one medically and/or clinically diagnosed Underlying Health Condition, they must notify the UCI of the outcome and provide a written explanation for the decision. The UCI will provide a copy of the written explanation to the Athlete's National Federation and designate the Athlete as "Not Eligible – Underlying Health Condition (Re-evaluation)" with the resulting consequences specified in Article 16.4.020. The UCI will arrange for a second independent UHC Assessor to repeat the UHC Assessment as soon as reasonably practicable.
- f) If a second UHC Assessor is required, the second UHC Assessor may comprise one or more members. Any members of the first UHC Assessor cannot serve as a member of the second UHC Assessor. The second UHC Assessor must review all of the Diagnostic Information provided by the Athlete's NF/NPC. Before reaching a final decision, they must also review the written explanation of the first UHC Assessor.
- g) If the second UHC Assessor is satisfied that the Athlete has (or has had) at least one medically and/or clinically diagnosed Underlying Health Condition, they must notify the UCI of the outcome of their assessment in writing. The UCI must provide the Diagnostic Information and the UHC Assessor's written

outcome to the Classification Panel and will then proceed with scheduling an Evaluation Session.

- h) If the second UHC Assessor is not satisfied that the Athlete has (or has had) at least one medically and/or clinically diagnosed Underlying Health Condition, they must notify the UCI of the outcome and provide a written explanation for the decision. The UCI will provide a copy of the written explanation to the Athlete's National Federation and designate the Athlete as "Not Eligible – Underlying Health Condition" with the resulting consequences specified in Article 16.4.020.

*(article introduced on 01.01.26)*

#### **16.4.009 Eligible Impairment**

Any Athlete wishing to compete in para cycling must have an Eligible Impairment which must be Permanent and capable of remaining consistent following Classification.

Article 16.5.001 of the UCI Cycling Regulations specifies the Eligible Impairment(s) an Athlete must have in order to compete in para cycling.

Any Impairment that is not listed as an Eligible Impairment in article 16.5.001, is referred to as a Non-Eligible Impairment. Article 16.5.009 includes non-exhaustive examples of Non-Eligible Impairments.

#### **Assessment of Eligible Impairment**

~~The UCI must determine if an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment.~~

~~In order to be satisfied that an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment, the UCI requires all Athletes to demonstrate that he or she has an Underlying Health Condition. Article 16.5.010 lists examples of Health Conditions that are not Underlying Health Conditions.~~

~~The means by which the UCI determines whether an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment is at the sole discretion of the UCI. The UCI may consider that an Athlete's Eligible Impairment is sufficiently obvious and therefore not require evidence that demonstrates the Athlete's Eligible Impairment.~~

~~If in the course of determining whether an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment the UCI becomes aware that the Athlete has a Health Condition, and believes that the impact of that Health Condition may be that it is unsafe for that Athlete to compete or there is a risk to the health of the Athlete (or other Athletes) if that Athlete competes, it may designate the Athlete as Classification Not Completed (CNC) in accordance with article 16.4.011 of these Classification Rules. In such instances the UCI will explain the basis of its designation to the relevant NF and/or NPC.~~

~~The NF/NPC must supply the UCI with Diagnostic Information on behalf of each athlete that must be provided as follows:~~

- ~~a) The relevant NF/NPC must submit a Medical Diagnostics Form (MDF) to the UCI, at least four (4) weeks in advance of the competition in which the Athlete is to be classified;~~
- ~~b) the Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF) must be completed in English and dated and signed by a certified health care professional;~~

- ~~e) the Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF) must be submitted with supportive Diagnostic Information.~~

~~The UCI may require the NF/NPC to re-submit the Medical Diagnostic Form on behalf of an athlete (with necessary supportive Diagnostic Information) if the UCI at its sole discretion considers the Medical Diagnostic Form and/or the Diagnostic Information to be incomplete or inconsistent.~~

~~The UCI may consider the Diagnostic Information itself, and/or may appoint an Eligibility Assessment Committee to do so.~~

~~The process by which Diagnostic Information is reviewed is as follows:~~

- ~~a) The UCI will notify the relevant NF or NPC that Diagnostic Information must be provided on behalf of the Athlete. The UCI will explain what Diagnostic Information is required, and the purposes for which it is required.~~
- ~~b) The UCI will set timelines to submit the requested Diagnostic Information.~~
- ~~c) The UCI will appoint an Eligibility Assessment Committee. The Eligibility Assessment Committee must, if practicable, be comprised of the Head of Classification and at least two other experts with appropriate medical qualifications. All members of the Eligibility Assessment Committee are bound by a confidentiality clause.~~
- ~~d) Wherever possible all references to the Athlete and the source(s) of the Diagnostic Information should be withheld from the Eligibility Assessment Committee. The Eligibility Assessment Committee will review the Diagnostic Information and decide whether such information establishes the existence of an Eligible Impairment.~~
- ~~e) If the Eligibility Assessment Committee concludes that the Athlete has an Eligible Impairment the Athlete will be permitted to complete Athlete Evaluation with a Classification Panel.~~
- ~~f) If the Eligibility Assessment Committee is not satisfied that the Athlete has an Eligible Impairment the UCI will provide a decision to this effect in writing to the relevant NF or NPC. The NF or NPC will be given an opportunity to comment on the decision and may provide further Diagnostic Information to the Eligibility Assessment Committee for review. If the decision is subsequently revised, the UCI will inform the NF or NPC.~~
- ~~g) If the decision remains unchanged, the UCI will issue a final decision letter to the NF or NPC.~~
- ~~h) The Eligibility Assessment Committee may make its decisions by a majority. If the Head of Classification is part of the Eligibility Assessment Committee, he or she may veto any decision if he or she does not agree that the Diagnostic Information supports the conclusion that the Athlete has an Eligible Impairment.~~

~~The UCI may delegate one or more of the functions described above to a Classification Panel.~~

~~The Assessment to determine if an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment is carried out by a Classification Panel.~~

~~The Classification Panel must review the documentation relating to the UHC Assessment, namely the Athlete's Diagnostic Information and the written outcome of the UHC Assessor.~~

The process relating to the Assessment of Eligible Impairment is set out in Part Four of these Classification Rules.

Any Athlete who does not have an Eligible Impairment for para cycling will be allocated the Sport Class Not Eligible – Eligible Impairment (NE – EI) in accordance with Article 16.4.020.

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#### **16.4.010 Minimum Impairment Criteria**

An Athlete who wishes to compete in para cycling must have an Eligible Impairment that complies with the Minimum Impairment Criteria (MIC) for para cycling.

The UCI has set the Minimum Impairment Criteria to ensure that an Athlete's Eligible Impairment affects the extent to which an Athlete is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to the sport.

Chapter V of the UCI Para Cycling Regulations specifies the Minimum Impairment Criteria and the process by which an Athlete's compliance with the Minimum Impairment Criteria is to be assessed by a Classification Panel as part of an Evaluation Session.

Any Athlete who does not comply with the Minimum Impairment Criteria for para cycling will be allocated the Sport Class Not Eligible – **Minimum Impairment Criteria (NE – MIC)** in accordance with article 16.4.020.

A Classification Panel will assess whether or not an Athlete complies with the Minimum Impairment Criteria. This will take place as part of an Evaluation Session as set out in Part Four of these Classification Rules.

In relation to the use of Adaptive Equipment, the UCI has set the Minimum Impairment Criteria as follows:

- a) for Eligible Impairments other than Vision Impairment, the Minimum Impairment Criteria must not consider the extent to which the use of Adaptive Equipment might affect how the Athlete is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to the sport;
- b) for Vision Impairment, the Minimum Impairment Criteria must consider the extent to which the use of refractive or optical correction might affect the Athlete's vision

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#### **16.4.011 Sport Class**

A Sport Class is a category defined by the UCI in the Classification Rules, in which Athletes are grouped by reference to the impact of an Eligible Impairment on their ability to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to a sport.

An Athlete who does not have an Underlying Health Condition or Eligible Impairment or does not comply with the Minimum Impairment Criteria for para cycling must be

allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) in accordance with articles ~~16.4.019—16.4.024~~ 16.4.020 of these Classification Rules.

An Athlete who complies with the Minimum Impairment Criteria for para cycling will be allocated a Sport Class (subject to the provisions in these Classification Rules concerning Failure to Attend Athlete Evaluation and Suspension of Athlete Evaluation).

Except for the allocation of Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) by the UCI (in accordance with article ~~16.4.019-16.4.020~~), the allocation of a Sport Class must be based solely on an evaluation by a Classification Panel of the extent to which the Athlete's Eligible Impairment affects the specific tasks and activities fundamental to sport. Except for the Observation in Competition Assessment, this evaluation must take place in a controlled non-competitive environment, which allows for the repeated observation of key tasks and activities.

Chapter V of the UCI Cycling Regulations specify the assessment methodology and assessment criteria for the allocation of a Sport Class and the designation of Sport Class Status.

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#### **16.4.013 The Classification Panel**

A Classification Panel is a group of Classifiers appointed by the UCI to conduct some or all of the components of Athlete Evaluation including as part of an Evaluation Session.

##### **General Provisions**

A Classification Panel for Athletes with a Physical Impairment consists of two UCI accredited classifiers: a medical classifier and a technical classifier. At the discretion of the ~~Head of Classification UCI~~, a medical classifier may fill the role of a technical classifier if he/she has dual certification.

A Classification Panel for Athletes with a Visual Impairments consists of two IPC/IBSA International Classifiers who specialise in Ophthalmology or Optometry.

**Excluding exceptional circumstances, at least one member of the Classification Panel must be of a different nationality to the Athlete being assessed.**

**Excluding exceptional circumstances, the same Classification Panel must conduct all of the stages of an Evaluation Session.**

In exceptional circumstances, **the UCI and/or** a Chief Classifier may provide that a Classification Panel comprise:

- only one Classifier, subject to that Classifier holding a valid medical qualification;
- **and/or Classifiers who are each of the same nationality as the Athlete being assessed.**

A Trainee Classifier may be part of a Classification Panel in addition to the required number of certified Classifiers and may participate in Athlete Evaluation.

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#### **16.4.014 Classification Panel Responsibilities**

A Classification Panel is responsible for conducting an Evaluation Session. As part of the Evaluation Session the Classification Panel must:

- a) assess whether an Athlete **has an Eligible Impairment which** complies with the Minimum Impairment Criteria for para cycling;
- b) assess the extent to which an Athlete is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to para cycling; and
- c) conduct (if required) Observation in Competition Assessment.

Following the Evaluation Session, the Classification Panel must allocate a Sport Class and designate a Sport Class Status, or designate Classification Not Completed (CNC).

~~Prior to the Evaluation Session, the assessment as to whether an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment must be undertaken by the UCI, unless the UCI requests this to be undertaken by a Classification Panel.~~

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#### **16.4.015 Evaluation Sessions**

The Evaluation Session must take place in person.

**For Athletes with Physical Impairments, Evaluation Sessions must take place In-Competition, to allow for Observation Assessment if required by the Classification panel.**

**For Athletes with Visual Impairments, Evaluation Sessions may take place Out-of-Competition, if agreed to by the UCI and subject to the Evaluation Session being conducted in a manner that complies with these Classification Rules.**

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#### **16.4.016 Observation in Competition**

A Classification Panel may require that an Athlete undertake Observation in Competition Assessment before it allocates a final Sport Class and designates a Sport Class Status to that Athlete.

Observation in Competition Assessment is undertaken so that the Classification Panel can complete its determination as to the extent to which an Eligible Impairment affects that Athlete's ability to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to para cycling **and in order to ensure that what is observed in Competition is consistent with what was observed in the previous stages of Classification.**

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~~The Classification Panel must allocate a final Sport Class and replace the Athlete's Tracking Code Observation Assessment (OA) by designating a Sport Class Status upon completion of First Appearance (or completion of any Observation in Competition conducted as part of a Protest).~~

Following an Observation Assessment, the Classification Panel may:

- allocate a final Sport Class and replace the Athlete's Tracking Code Observation Assessment (OA) by designating a Sport Class Status upon completion of First Appearance (or completion of any Observation in Competition conducted as part of a Protest).
- require the Athlete to redo any prior stages of the Evaluation Sessions and/or undergo a further Observation Assessment.

The Classification Panel cannot, based on the results of the Observation Assessment alone, allocate the Athlete a Sport Class that is different from the one provisionally allocated.

If changes to the Sport Class or Sport Class Status of an Athlete are ultimately made following Observation in Competition and re-evaluation, the changes are effective immediately.

The impact of an Athlete changing Sport Class after First Appearance on medals, records and results is detailed in article 16.9.002.

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#### **16.4.017 Sport Class Status**

If a Classification Panel allocates a Sport Class to an Athlete, it must also designate a Sport Class Status. The Sport Class Status indicates whether or not an Athlete will be required to undertake Athlete Evaluation in the future; and if the Athlete's Sport Class may be subject to Protest. The Sport Class Status designated to an Athlete by a Classification Panel at the conclusion of an Evaluation Session will be one of the following:

- Confirmed (C);
- Review **at the Next Available Opportunity** (R);
- Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD); or
- Expired (E).

(...)

A Classification Panel that consists of only one Classifier or two Classifiers who are of the same nationality as the Athlete being assessed may not designate an Athlete with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) but must designate the Athlete with Sport Class Status Review **at the Next Available Opportunity** (R).

#### **Sport Class Status Review at the Next Available Opportunity (R)**

An Athlete will be designated Sport Class Status Review (R) if the Classification Panel believes that further Athlete Evaluation will be required.

- A Classification Panel may base its decision that further Evaluation Sessions will be required based on a number of factors, including but not limited to

situations where the Athlete, has only recently entered competitions sanctioned by the UCI, has a fluctuating and/or progressive Impairment/Impairments that is/are permanent but not stable; and/or, has not reached full muscular skeletal or sports maturity.

- An Athlete with Sport Class Status Review **at the Next Available Opportunity (R)** must complete Athlete Evaluation prior to competing at any subsequent International Competition, unless the UCI specifies otherwise.

#### **Sport Class Status Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD)**

An Athlete will be designated Sport Class Status Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD) if the Classification Panel believes that further Athlete Evaluation will be required but will not be necessary before a set date, being the Fixed Review Date.

- An Athlete with Sport Class Status with Fixed Review Date (FRD) will be required to attend an Evaluation Session at the first opportunity after the relevant Fixed Review Date.
- An Athlete who has been designated Sport Class Status Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD) may not attend an Evaluation Session prior to the relevant Fixed Review Date save pursuant to a Medical Review Request and/or Protest.
- A Classification Panel that consists of only one Classifier **or two Classifiers who are of the same nationality as the Athlete being assessed** may not designate an Athlete with Sport Class Status Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD) but must designate the Athlete with Sport Class Status Review **at the Next Available Opportunity (R)**.

#### **Sport Class Status Expired (E)**

An Athlete will automatically be allocated the Sport Class Status Expired (E) when they retire. If an Athlete has been allocated Sport Class "Expired (E)", the Athlete cannot compete at any Competition registered on the UCI Para Cycling Calendar unless and until the Athlete has completed a new Evaluation Session and has been allocated a Sport Class and Sport Class Status, or unless otherwise specified by the UCI.

#### **Changes to Sport Class Criteria**

If the UCI changes any Sport Class criteria and/ or assessment methods defined in Chapter V, then:

- The UCI may re-assign any Athlete who holds Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) with Sport Class Status Review **at the Next Available Opportunity (R)** or Fixed Review Date (FRD) and require that the Athlete attend an Evaluation Session at the earliest available opportunity;
- The UCI may remove the Fixed Review Date for any Athlete and require that the Athlete attend an Evaluation Session at the earliest available opportunity;
- in both instances the relevant National Body or National Paralympic Committee shall be informed as soon as is practicable.

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### **16.4.020 Sport Class Not Eligible**

#### **General Provisions**

If the UCI determines that an Athlete:

- does not have an Underlying Health Condition;

or a Classification Panel determines that an Athlete:

- has an Impairment that is not an Eligible Impairment; or
- an Athlete who has an Eligible Impairment does not comply with Minimum Impairment Criteria for Para Cycling;

the ~~UCI will allocate the~~ Athlete will be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE).

~~If a Classification Panel determines that an Athlete who has an Eligible Impairment does not comply with Minimum Impairment Criteria for Para cycling, the Athlete will be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE).~~

If an Athlete is allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE), this does not question the presence of a genuine Impairment. It is only a ruling on the eligibility of the Athlete to compete in the sport of Para Cycling.

### **Absence of Underlying Health Condition**

If the UCI determines that an Athlete does not have an Underlying Health Condition, that Athlete:

- will not be permitted to attend an Evaluation Session; and
- will be allocated with Sport Class Not Eligible – Underlying Health Condition (NE – UHC)

If another International Sport Federation has allocated an Athlete with Sport Class Not Eligible – Underlying Health Condition (NE - UHC) because the Athlete does not have an Underlying Health Condition the UCI may likewise do so without the need for the process detailed in article 16.4.008 of these Classification Rules.

An Athlete who is allocated Sport Class Not Eligible – Underlying Health Condition (NE – UHC) by the UCI is not permitted to compete in the sport of Para Cycling.

The designation of an Athlete as Not Eligible – Underlying Health Condition is not subject to review or Protest but may be appealed in accordance with Article 16.4.035.

### **Absence of Eligible Impairment**

~~If the UCI determines that an Athlete does not have an Eligible Impairment, that Athlete:~~

- ~~— will not be permitted to attend an Evaluation Session; and~~
- ~~— will be allocated with Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) and designated with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) by the UCI.~~

~~If another International Sport Federation has allocated an Athlete with Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) because the Athlete does not have an Eligible Impairment the UCI may likewise do so without the need for the process detailed in article 16.4.008 of these Classification Rules.~~

~~An Athlete who is allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) by the UCI or a Classification Panel (if delegated by the UCI) because that Athlete has:~~

- ~~— an Impairment that is not an Eligible Impairment; or~~
- ~~— a Health Condition that is not an Underlying Health Condition;~~

~~has no right to request such determination be reviewed by a second Classification Panel and will not be permitted to participate in Para-cycling.~~

~~If a Classification Panel determines that an Athlete does not have an Eligible Impairment, that Athlete will be designated as Not Eligible – Eligible Impairment (Re-evaluation). The Athlete is entitled to undergo a second assessment by a second Classification Panel as soon as reasonably practicable. If the second Classification Panel is not satisfied that the Athlete has an Eligible Impairment, the Athlete will be designated as Not Eligible – Eligible Impairment (NE – EI).~~

~~An Athlete who is allocated Sport Class Not Eligible – Eligible Impairment (NE – EI) by the UCI is not permitted to compete in the sport of Para Cycling.~~

~~The designation of an Athlete as Not Eligible – Eligible Impairment (NE – EI) is not subject to review or Protest but may be appealed in accordance with Article 16.4.035.~~

### **Absence of Compliance with Minimum Impairment Criteria**

~~A second Classification Panel must review by way of a second Evaluation Session any Athlete who is allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) on the basis that a Classification Panel determines that the Athlete does not comply with Minimum Impairment Criteria. This must take place as soon as is practicable.~~

~~Pending the second Evaluation Session the Athlete will be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) and designated Sport Class Status Review (R). The Athlete will not be permitted to compete before such re-assessment.~~

~~If the second Classification Panel determines that the Athlete does not comply with Minimum Impairment Criteria (or if the Athlete declines to participate in a second Evaluation Session at the time set by the Chief Classifier); Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) will be allocated and the Athlete designated with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C).~~

~~If a Classification Panel determines that an Athlete's Eligible Impairment does not meet the Minimum Impairment Criteria for Para Cycling, that Athlete will be designated as Not Eligible – Minimum Impairment Criteria (Re-evaluation). The Athlete is entitled to undergo a second assessment by a second Classification Panel as soon as reasonably practicable. If the second Classification Panel is not satisfied that the Athlete's Eligible Impairment meets the Minimum Impairment Criteria for Para Cycling, the Athlete will be designated as Not Eligible – Minimum Impairment Criteria (NE – MIC).~~

~~An Athlete who is allocated Sport Class Not Eligible – Minimum Impairment Criteria (NE – MIC) by the UCI is not permitted to compete in the sport of Para Cycling based on the same Eligible Impairment(s), however the Athlete may be eligible to compete in Para Cycling based on a different Eligible Impairment.~~

~~The designation of an Athlete as Not Eligible – Minimum Impairment Criteria (NE – MIC) is not subject to review or Protest but may be appealed in accordance with Article 16.4.035.~~

If an Athlete makes (or is subject to) a Protest on a previously allocated Sport Class other than Not Eligible (NE) and is allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) by a Protest Panel, the Athlete must be provided with a further and final Evaluation Session which will review the decision to allocate Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) made by the Protest Panel.

~~If a Classification Panel allocates Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) on the basis that it has determined that an Athlete does not comply with Minimum Impairment Criteria for Para cycling the Athlete may be eligible to compete in another cycling category or another sport, subject to Athlete Evaluation for that sport.~~

~~If an Athlete is allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE), this does not question the presence of a genuine Impairment. It is only a ruling on the eligibility of the Athlete to compete in the sport of Para cycling.~~

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#### **16.4.022 Parties Permitted to Make a Protest**

A Protest may only be made by one of the following bodies:

- A National Federation or a National Paralympic Committee (see articles 16.4.023 – 16.4.024); or
- The UCI as the International Federation for Para Cycling (see articles 16.4.025 – 16.4.026).

An Athlete is not entitled to make a Protest. A Protest must only be made on behalf of an Athlete by the Athlete's National Federation, National Paralympic Committee or the UCI.

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#### **16.4.023 National Protests**

A National Federation or a National Paralympic Committee may only make a Protest in respect of an Athlete under its jurisdiction. In particular, it cannot make a Protest in respect of Sport Class allocated to an Athlete from another National Federation. However, it can raise any such concerns with the UCI, so that the UCI can consider if it wishes to make an International Federation Protest.

~~A National Federation Protest may be made where there is a reasonable basis to believe that the Athlete may have been allocated an incorrect Sport Class.~~

~~A National Protest must be submitted in connection with an Evaluation Session within one (1) hour of the outcome of Athlete Evaluation being published through an official communique following the end of an Evaluation Session or the end of an Observation Session. If the outcome of Athlete Evaluation is published following Observation in Competition, a National Protest must be submitted within fifteen (15) minutes of that outcome being published.~~

~~If an Athlete is required by a Classification Panel to undergo Observation in Competition Assessment, a National Federation or a National Paralympic Committee may only make a Protest after First Appearance takes place:~~

- Make a Protest both prior to and following the Observation Assessment, in which case the Protest made following the Observation Assessment cannot relate to any aspect of the Evaluation Session that preceded the Observation Assessment; or
- Make a Protest only prior to the Observation Assessment, or only following the Observation Assessment (in which case the Protest may relate to both the aspects of the Evaluation Session that preceded the Observation Assessment and the Observation Assessment itself)

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#### **16.4.024 National Protest Procedure**

To submit a National Protest, a National Federation or a National Paralympic Committee must demonstrate that the Protest is bona fide with supporting evidence, complete the UCI Classification Protest Form, and must include the following:

- Details of the protested Athlete;
- Details of the protested decision and/or a copy of the protested decision;
- An explanation as to why the Protest has been made and the basis on which the National Federation/National Paralympic Committee believes that the protested decision is flawed; **and**
- Reference to the specific rule(s) alleged to have been breached, save that if the rule referenced is a discretionary rule the Protest will not comply with this point (An example of a discretionary rule is that a Classification Panel may (as opposed to must) require that an Athlete undertake Observation in Competition assessment as part of the Athlete Evaluation. If the reference to the specific rule(s) alleged to have been breached is discretionary in nature the Protest will not comply with this point). **and**

~~– 100 EUR protest fee.~~

The Protest Documents must be submitted to the Chief Classifier of the relevant Competition within the timeframes specified ~~by the UCI~~ in article 16.4.023. Upon receipt of the Protest Documents the Chief Classifier will conduct a review of the Protest, in consultation with the UCI, of which there are two possible outcomes:

- the Chief Classifier may dismiss the Protest if, in his discretion, the Protest does not comply with the Protest requirements of article 16.4.024; or
- the Chief Classifier may accept the Protest if, in his discretion, the Protest complies with the Protest requirements of article 16.4.024.

If the Protest is dismissed, the Chief Classifier must notify all relevant parties and provide a written explanation to the National Federation or National Paralympic Committee as soon as practicable. The NF/NPC will be invoiced for the 100 ~~EUR~~ CHF protest fee.

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 01.01.21; 01.01.26)*

#### **16.4.032 Medical Review**

This article applies to any Athlete who has been allocated a Sport Class with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) or Review with Fixed Review Date (FRD).

A Medical Review Request must be made if a change in the nature or degree of an Athlete's Impairment changes the Athlete's ability to execute the specific tasks and activities required by a sport in a manner that is clearly distinguishable from changes attributable to levels of training, fitness and proficiency.

A Medical Review Request must be made to the UCI by the Athletes National Federation or National Paralympic Committee (together with a 100 ~~EUR~~ CHF non-refundable fee and any supporting documentation). The Medical Review Request must explain how and to what extent the Athlete's Impairment has changed, and why it is believed that the Athlete's ability to execute the specific tasks and activities required by a sport has changed.

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*(text modified on 01.02.11, 01.05.16; 01.02.17; 01.02.18; 01.01.26)*

### **16.4.033 Intentional Misrepresentation**

It is a disciplinary offence for an Athlete to intentionally misrepresent (either by act or omission) his or her skills and/or abilities and/or the degree or nature of Eligible Impairment during Athlete Evaluation and/or at any other point after the allocation of a Sport Class. This disciplinary offence is referred to as 'Intentional Misrepresentation'.

It will be a disciplinary offence for any Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel to assist an Athlete in committing Intentional Misrepresentation or to be in any other way involved in any other type of complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation, including but not limited to covering up Intentional Misrepresentation or disrupting any part of the Athlete Evaluation process.

Examples of Intentional Misrepresentation include but are not limited to:

- submitting forged medical documentation attesting to the existence, nature, and/or degree of an Underlying Health Condition or Eligible Impairment;
- deliberately underperforming during an Evaluation Session;
- deliberately tiring themselves out (in the case of Athletes) or deliberately tiring the Athlete out prior to an Evaluation Session, with the intention of misleading the Classification panel; or
- not providing accurate information or deliberately failing to notify the UCI or the Classification panel of Classification-related information.

(...)

*(text modified on 01.01.16; 01.02.17; 01.02.18; 01.01.26)*

### **16.5.005.3 Sport Class: H3**

#### **Impaired Muscle Power**

- Paraplegic with impairments corresponding to a motor complete lesion from Th1 to Th10;
- Trunk stability varies from very limited trunk stability (Nil to minimal muscle strength in abdominals) to limited trunk stability (reduced to normal upper and lower abdominal strength) with a muscle grade of 0-4);

– No lower limb function

– Non-spinal cord injury/incomplete spinal cord injury with a sport specific activity limitation equivalent to sport class H3.

### **Hypertonia**

- Asymmetric or symmetric bilateral involvement with at least grade 2 spasticity in lower limb/s and at least spasticity grade 1 in upper limb. Hypertonia on activity affecting trunk or legs ~~and making it impossible to ride a bicycle or tricycle.~~

### **Ataxia/Athetosis/Dystonia**

- Severe athetosis/dystonia (E.g. large amplitude of excessive motion and long durations of excessive motions) in the lower limbs and trunk, ~~making it impossible to ride a bicycle or tricycle;~~
- A comparable mixture of ataxia/athetosis/dystonia and hypertonia/spasticity with a sport specific activity limitation equivalent to sport class H3, ~~making it impossible to ride a bicycle or tricycle.~~

*(text modified on 01.02.10; 01.02.11; 01.02.14; 01.05.16; 01.02.18; 01.01.21; 01.01.26)*

## **16.5.005.4 Sport Class: H4**

Eligible Impairment(s) which prevent an Athlete from using a ~~bicycle, tricycle or~~ kneeling/sitting position on a handcycle due to underlying health conditions.

### **Impaired Muscle Power**

- Paraplegic with impairments corresponding to a complete lesion from Th11 or below;
- No lower limb function/Impaired lower limb function;
- Normal or almost normal trunk stability (normal abdominal strength, muscle grade 4-5);
- Non-spinal cord injury/incomplete spinal cord injury with a sport specific activity limitation, equivalent to sport class H4;

### **Impaired Passive Range of Movement**

- Athletes with Impaired Passive Range of Movement with a lower limb sport specific activity limitation profile equivalent to sport class H4.

### **Limb Deficiency**

- Athletes with lower limb deficiencies that meet the criteria for H5 but have additional impairment/s which prevent the safe use of ~~a conventional bicycle or the~~ kneeling/sitting position on a handcycle.

### **Hypertonia**

- Asymmetric or symmetrical bilateral involvement with grade 2 spasticity in the lower limbs and grade 0-1 spasticity in the upper limbs;

- Unilateral involvement; at least grade 2 spasticity in the lower limb and grade 0-1 spasticity in the upper limb;
- ~~Hypertonia on activity making it impossible to use legs on a tricycle or bicycle.~~

#### **Ataxia/Athetosis/Dystonia**

- Severe athetosis/dystonia (E.g. large amplitude of excessive motion and long durations of excessive motions) in the lower limbs, ~~making it impossible to ride a bicycle or tricycle;~~
- A comparable mixture of ataxia/athetosis/dystonia and hypertonia/spasticity with a sport specific activity limitation equivalent to sport class H4, ~~making it impossible to ride a bicycle or tricycle.~~

*(text modified on 01.02.10; 01.02.11; 01.02.14; 01.05.16; 01.02.18; 01.01.21; 01.01.26)*

### **16.5.005.5 Sport Class: H5**

~~Eligible impairment(s) which prevent an Athlete from using a bicycle or tricycle and~~ Athletes who can use the kneeling/sitting position must use this position.

#### **Impaired Muscle Power**

- Paraplegic with impairments corresponding to a complete lesion from Th11 or below;
- Normal abdominal strength, and normal trunk extension strength (e.g. normal trunk control);

#### **Limb Deficiency**

- Athletes who meet the Minimum Impairment Criteria for lower limb deficiency ~~who have additional impairment/s which prevent the safe use of a conventional bicycle.;~~

#### **Hypertonia**

- Asymmetric or symmetrical bilateral involvement, lower limbs affected and upper limbs normal or near normal;
- Unilateral moderate/severe involvement; at least grade 2 spasticity in the lower limb and grade 0-1 spasticity in the upper limb;
- Mild/normal trunk involvement;
- Hypertonia on activity ~~making it impossible to ride a bicycle or tricycle;~~

#### **Ataxia/Athetosis/Dystonia**

- Asymmetric or symmetrical bilateral involvement, mild – moderate;
- Unilateral Involvement, mild – moderate;
- Mild/normal trunk involvement;

*(text modified on 01.02.10; 01.02.14; 01.02.18; 01.01.21; 01.01.26)*

### **16.5.007.3 Sport Class: C3**

(...)

#### **Muscle Power/ Passive Range of Movement (ROM)**

- Loss of function comparable to limb deficiency profiles above.

– Limited ROM of the hip or knee such that a normal functional full revolution of the crank is not possible ~~The athlete may shorten the crank to the optimal length., without use of adaptation such as crank length.~~

(...)

*(text modified on 01.02.10; 01.02.11; 01.02.18; 01.01.21; 01.01.26)*

#### **16.5.007.4 Sport Class: C4**

(...)

##### **Muscle Power/ Passive Range of Movement (ROM)**

– Loss of function comparable to limb deficiency profiles above.

– Limited ROM of the hip or knee such that a normal functional full revolution of the crank is not possible. ~~The athlete may shorten the crank to the optimal length., without use of adaptation such as crank length.~~

(...)

*(text modified on 01.02.10; 01.07.10; 01.02.11; 01.02.18; 01.01.21; 01.01.26)*

##### **Ranking Order**

**16.7.007 bis** Ranking order in Para Cycling international races needs to be done following this procedure:

1. The order of passage at the finish line;
2. Riders lapped;
3. **Riders removed by Commissaires;**
4. Abandons (DNF);
5. Disqualified riders (DSQ);
6. Did not start (DNS)

Certain Sport Classes may be grouped together at the start of Road Race events. Groups are identified by the colour of the bibs (white or yellow). Any riders overtaken by the leader of their race shall continue competing. When the race leader finishes his last lap, all other riders shall end their race when they next cross the finish line.

*(article introduced on 01.02.11; modified on 01.07.18; 01.02.19; 01.01.23; 01.01.26)*

### **§ 3 Team Relay (TR)**

**16.7.012** Races shall be for athletes of the following sport classes:

- Men: H5; H4; H3; H2; H1
- Women: H5; H4; H3; H2; H1

A team should be composed of three athletes plus substitutes. The team **must** be mixed, therefore composed with athletes coming from the sport class listed above **and shall include a minimum of 1 woman rider per team.**

(...)

*(text modified on 01.02.11; 01.10.12; 01.02.14; 11.02.20; 01.01.26)*

- 16.7.019** All race courses must be equipped with at least one athlete cooling system. If the course length exceeds 12 kilometers or, if weather conditions warrant it, an additional cooling system shall be provided.

*(article introduced on 01.01.26)*

#### **Use of Catheters**

- 16.10.004** It is mandatory for cyclists who use catheters or other urinary diversion devices to prevent spillage by using a catheter bag at all times. This includes during training, competition and classification.

The penalty structure will be in compliance with the penalties for helmet infringements of points 3.3 and 3.4 ~~2.2 and 2.3~~ of the table of race incidents appended to Part XII.

*(text modified on 01.02.09; 01.10.13; 01.01.26)*

- 16.14.002** All requests of homologation for prostheses, orthoses or impairment adaptations to any cycle must be submitted in writing with proper explanation and pictures to UCI for approval, in accordance with the procedure established by the UCI available on its website. Such request must be received at the UCI at least ~~four weeks~~ ~~three months~~ before any event that the athlete ~~Review (R) or Confirmed (C)~~ wants to participate in. ~~New athletes (N) must submit such request one month before the date of the event must be provided in the request.~~ In case the adaptation is approved, an identification sticker will be applied on the adaptation itself ~~approval number (self-adhesive) and a certificate will be sent to the athlete to present at any event.~~

(...)

*(text modified on 26.06.07; 01.01.10; 01.07.13; 01.02.17; 01.01.23; 01.01.26)*

## **Chapter XVII HANDCYCLE**

#### **Definition**

- 16.17.001** A handcycle is either ~~an arm powered (AP), arm-trunk powered (ATP) recumbent~~ or kneeling position ~~(HK)~~, three wheels vehicle with an open frame of tubular construction, which conforms to the general principles of UCI construction for bicycles, except that the chassis frame tubes need not be straight and that for the seat or backrest construction, the maximum frame tube diameter may exceed the maximum defined by the general principles of UCI.

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*(text modified on 01.02.09; 01.07.10; 01.02.17; 01.01.26)*

- 16.17.010** The shifting device should be within the extremities of the handlebars, except for H1 and H2, who can fit their shifting device on the side of their body ~~to allow for their arm to shift gears.~~

A braking device shall be fixed on the handgrips, except for H1 and H2, who can fit their braking device on the side of their body to allow for their arm to brake or as a counter pedal system.

Athletes in H1 and H2 may use standard handgrip assist gloves.

(text modified on 01.02.09; 01.01.10; 01.01.20, 01.01.25; 01.01.26)

## Chapter XVIII PARA CYCLING INDIVIDUAL RANKING

**16.18.003** The ranking of each sport class shall be established according to the points obtained by riders participating in competitions on the international calendar, according to the following guidelines:

### International Calendar

Paralympic Games and World Championships:

- Points will be awarded for each event in accordance with article 16.18.001.

World Cup:

- Points will be awarded for each event in accordance with article 16.18.001;
- Points from ~~two~~ all rounds of the World Cup to count;
- ~~Points from one World Cup round per region only to count.~~

Continental Championships and Regional Games:

- Points will be awarded for each event in accordance with article 16.18.001.
- In years when both the Continental Championships and Regional Games take place, points will only be awarded for the competition where athletes received the most points.

~~Class 1 (C1) Para Cycling competitions C1 and C2 (according to article 1.2.006, points are guaranteed for competitions that are registered on the UCI international calendar as C1 competitions):~~

- ~~Minimum 1 class represented;~~
- ~~Minimum 5 participating nations in Europe;~~
- ~~Minimum 3 participating nations in America;~~
- ~~Minimum 2 participating nations in Asia;~~
- ~~Minimum 2 participating nations in Oceania and in Africa;~~
- ~~An athlete has the right to accumulate C1 and C2 points on a single continent, the one where he has accumulated most points per race class;~~
- ~~An athlete can earn points by competing at Class 1 competitions around the world;~~
- ~~ROAD: Only the three best results from different Class 1 events competitions and the three best results from C2 competitions (general classification or the~~

~~identified race (1)~~ will be accumulated in the UCI Para Cycling individual Ranking by Sport Class.

- TRACK: Only the two best results (in individual races, i.e. kilometer, individual pursuit, scratch race, **elimination, sprint** or tandem sprint) from different **Class 1 events competitions and the two best results (in individual races, i.e. kilometer, individual pursuit, scratch race, elimination or tandem sprint) from different C2 competitions** will be accumulated in the UCI Para Cycling individual Ranking by Sport Class.

**Class 2 (C2) Para Cycling competitions:**

- An athlete can earn points by competing at Class 2 competitions around the world;
- ROAD: Only the three best results from Class 2 will be accumulated in the UCI Para Cycling individual Ranking by Sport Class.
- TRACK: Only the two best results (in individual races, i.e. kilometer, individual pursuit, scratch race, elimination or sprint) from different Class 2 competitions will be accumulated in the UCI Para Cycling individual Ranking by Sport Class.

The UCI Para Cycling Individual Ranking by Sport Class ~~begins afresh on January 1<sup>st</sup> of every year.~~ is a 52-week rolling ranking and shall be drawn up at least once a week.

*(text modified on 01.01.10; 01.02.11; 01.10.11; 01.10.13; 01.02.17; 01.01.23; 01.01.26)*

**16.18.004** The number of points to gain in every individual event is fixed according to the following table:

Rank	World Championships and Paralympic Games	Continental Championships and Regional Games	World Cup	C1	C2
1	120	60	60	30	15
2	104	52	52	26	13
3	88	44	44	22	11
4	72	36	36	18	9
5	64	32	32	16	8
6	56	28	28	14	7
7	48	24	24	12	6
8	40	20	20	10	5
9	32	16	16	8	4
10	24	12	12	6	3
11	22	11	11	5	2
12	18	9	9	4	1
13	16	8	8	3	
14	14	7	7	2	
15	12	6	6	1	
16	10	5	5		

17	8	4	4		
18	6	3	3		
19	4	2	2		
20	3	1	1		

*(text modified on 01.01.10; 01.01.11; 01.01.16; 01.02.17, 01.01.19; 01.07.20; 01.01.26)*

**16.18.005** ~~For every C1 and C2 competition, the UCI points will be awarded once by competition (finals) or individual race, regarding article 16.18.003.~~

~~For the competitions taking place in a tournament format, UCI points will be awarded according to the general classification of the competition. In the absence of general classification, the race which will award UCI points must be clearly identified on the program of the competition. In defect, points will not be awarded.~~

*[article abrogated on 01.01.26]*

## Chapter XIX PARA CYCLING NATIONS' RANKING

**16.19.001** The UCI has established a ranking by nation on both road and track **combined per gender**.

The nations' ranking is drawn up on the basis of points obtained by the best athletes of each nation participating in international calendar competitions in accordance with article 16.18.003, for each event, sport class and gender.

The classification status of athletes taken into account for the nations' ranking must be review (R), Fixed Review Date (FRD) or confirmed (C).

Points accumulated through the national championships are also taken into account for the nations' ranking.

This ranking shall be called «UCI Para Cycling Nations' Ranking» **and is a 52-week rolling ranking and shall be drawn up at least once a week.**

*(text modified on 01.07.10; 01.10.13; 01.01.25; 01.01.26)*

**16.19.004** Points for team events will be awarded to the nations as follows, and in accordance with the table at article 16.18.004:

- Men and women team event rankings are drawn up separately;
- In the case of a mixed team (men and women), each athlete will afford to his nation a third of the points available in either the men or women team event ranking (e.g.: a mixed team winning a round of the world cup made up of two men and one woman would give 20 points to the men's team ranking and 10 points to the women's team ranking);
- In the case of a **composite mixed nations** team (different nations represented), each athlete affords his or her nation a third of the points on offer for the nation's ranking for team events (e.g.: a composite team winning

a round of the world cup made up of two athletes from Nation A and one athlete from Nation B would contribute 20 points to the ranking for Nation A and 10 points to the ranking for Nation B);

- A team may be both mixed ~~gender and composite~~ mixed nations;

*(text modified on 01.01.11; 01.10.13; 01.02.17; 01.07.18, 01.01.19; 01.01.26)*

#### **16.20.006**

National Federations shall confirm their participation ~~by means of an enrolment form by using the dedicated UCI registration platform~~ according to posted entry dates on the UCI website of each World Cup round. At the time of registration, up to six substitutes can be added on the team for all classes combined. This confirmation shall mention the number of persons making up each delegation, registration of riders in each race as well as their sport class, accommodation used during the event, full coordinates of the team responsible and each athlete's time of arrival.

After the posted registration deadline listed on the UCI website, late registrations will be invoiced CHF 200.- per athlete.

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

A single representative for each National Federation shall proceed to confirm the starters for all the athletes of that nation, whether they are participating through the national team, as individuals or for any other team under the recommendation of the National Federation.

Last minute changes within registered athletes can only be done under medical certificate 24 hours before the start of its race.

~~Any athlete who requires Classification must be available for the entirety of the Classification period. Any athlete who is not available for the assigned Classification will be replaced by another athlete at the discretion of the UCI.~~

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*(text modified on 01.02.11; 01.10.11; 01.10.12; 01.10.13; 01.01.16; 01.07.18; 01.01.23; 01.01.26)*

#### **Starting Order for World Cup Road Races**

#### **16.20.007**

(...)

The riders will be called to the line by Sport Class, age category or group, in the following order:

1. The ~~current~~ leader of the World Cup ~~classification~~, or, for the first World Cup event of the season, the winner of the previous season's World Cup;
2. The Road Race World Champion ~~or the year after the Paralympic Games, the reigning Paralympic Games champion;~~
3. ~~The year after the Paralympic Games, the reigning Paralympic Games champion;~~

4. The ~~first five~~ athletes, according to the order of the most recently published World Cup general classification, respectively the ~~first five~~ athletes in the general classification of the preceding year's world cup for the first World Cup.
5. Any athletes who have not earned World Cup points during the current World Cup season or if in the first round of the World Cup of the year, have not earned any point in the previous year's world cup standing, the current UCI Individual Rankings.
6. Any athletes who have not earned any World Cup or UCI Para Cycling Road Individual Ranking points.

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*(article introduced on 01.10.11; text modified on 01.10.12; 01.01.23; 01.01.26)*

### **Starting Order for World Cup Time Trials**

**16.20.008**

(...)

Within each Sport Class, age category or group, the starting order is determined as follows:

In the first round:

1. Reverse order of the most recently published general UCI **Para Cycling Road Individual Ranking**;
2. Reigning Time Trial World Champion ~~or the year after the Paralympic Games, the reigning Paralympic Games champion~~;
3. ~~The year after the Paralympic Games, the reigning Paralympic Games champion~~;
4. Winner of the previous year's World Cup.

From the second round on:

1. Reverse order of the general UCI **Para Cycling Road Individual Ranking should the rider not have a position in the World Cup general classification**;
2. Reverse order of the World Cup general classification;
3. ~~The year after the Paralympic Games, the reigning Paralympic Games champion~~;
4. Reigning Time Trial World Champion ~~or the year following the Paralympic Games, the reigning Paralympic champion~~;
5. World Cup leader;

(...)

*(article introduced on 01.10.11; text modified on 01.10.12; 01.01.26)*

### **Team Ranking (Team Relay and Team Sprint)**

**16.20.018**

At the end of each round of the World Cup, ~~the top ten~~ all teams will be awarded the

**bis** number of points set out in the table in article 16.19.004 for the road or track para cycling world cup team ranking.

~~Composite Mixed nations~~ teams are not considered for the purposes of the para cycling world cup team ranking.

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*(article introduced on 01.10.13; modified on 01.01.26)*

**16.20.021** The UCI awards a World Cup leader's jersey at the end of each World Cup leg to the leader of the provisional overall ranking of each sport class (individual road race and individual time trial combined).

The UCI awards a World Cup leader's jersey at the end of each World Cup leg to the leader of the provisional overall ranking of Team Relay.

The rider leading a World Cup standings ~~may~~ **must** wear the leader's jersey in every world cup event concerned, except in the opening event. The order of priority is described at article 1.3.071 of the UCI Regulations.

~~Both athletes of the tandem with the vision-impaired rider leading a world cup standing must wear the world cup leader's jersey, even if there is a change in pilot.~~

*(text modified on 01.07.11; 01.02.12; 01.10.12; 01.02.19; 01.01.25; 01.01.26)*

~~**16.20.021** At the end of each round of the world cup, the UCI awards world cup leader's jersey to the leading nation of the Team Relay and Team Sprint provisional ranking.~~

~~The best team of a nation in an individual round of the world cup represents the nation during the podium ceremony.~~

~~The world cup Team Relay and Team Sprint leader's jerseys are only awarded if at least two nations have scored points in the ranking.~~

~~The jersey must be worn during competitions, ceremonies and other official appearances, except in the opening event.~~

*(article modified on 01.10.11; 01.10.13; 01.01.16; 01.01.2025)*

*[article abrogated on 01.01.26]*

## Chapter XXIV PARA CYCLING CALENDAR

### General observations

**16.24.001** Para Cycling Road and Track competitions are entered on the calendar in accordance with their classification and criteria as per article 16.24.003.

The UCI Management Committee allocates a competition class in the international calendar to each competition in accordance with the criteria which it shall draw up, taking into account the criteria set in article 16.24.003.

*(article introduced on 01.01.26)*

**16.24.001 bis** Every entity organising a Para Cycling competition shall conduct the competition in strict compliance with the UCI Constitution and UCI Regulations. All competitions registered on the UCI Para Cycling Calendar must comply with the UCI financial obligations (in particular calendar fee) approved by the UCI Management Committee and published on the UCI website.

The status of a competition in Class 1 or Class 2 is evaluated yearly. Upgrade may be granted only if all the conditions as specified in article 16.24.003 are fulfilled, and subject to UCI approval.

*(article introduced on 01.01.26)*

**16.24.001 ter** Class 1 and Class 2 competitions may be registered on the UCI Calendar after the prescribed deadline as late entry. In this case, a minimum of three months between the registration date and the actual date of the competition is required.

If an organiser intends to request international PI or VI Classification for any level of competition, they must register the competition and submit their request to the UCI no less than 12 months in advance.

Once submitted to the UCI, a request for PI or VI Classification will be reviewed; however, approval is not guaranteed.

*(article introduced on 01.01.26)*

**16.24.002** If a competition registered in Class 1 as specified by article 16.24.003 is not held and did not obtain a UCI approval beforehand, it shall be relegated to Class 2 for the following year.

Similarly, if a Class 1 competition as specified in article 16.24.003 does not comply with all the minimum requirements, the competition might be relegated to Class 2 the following year.

Any organisation not fulfilling those requirements will be individually evaluated by the UCI.

*(article introduced on 01.01.26)*

### **International Calendar**

**16.24.003**

Type of competition	Criteria
Paralympic Games	- As per the specific regulations for cycling events at the Paralympic Games
UCI World Championships	- As per World Championships regulations
UCI World Cup	- As per articles 16.20.001 to 16.20.023
Continental Championships Regional Games	- See article 16.24.004

Class 1

Per competition:

- Competition must be open to all sport classes relative to Para Cycling Road or Track;
- Minimum 5 participating nations in Europe;
- Minimum 3 participating nations in America;
- Minimum 2 participating nations in Asia;
- Minimum 2 participating nations in Oceania and in Africa
- Must meet UCI standard

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Class 2

Per competition:

- Minimum 1 participating nation in Europe;
  - Minimum 1 participating nation in America;
  - Minimum 1 participating nation in Asia;
  - Minimum 1 participating nation in Oceania and in Africa
  - Must meet UCI standard
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*(article introduced on 01.01.26)*

**16.24.004** The Continental Championships must be registered by the Continental Federation and the host country.

Regional Games are Games held on single continents and appointed by the specific Regional Paralympic Committee (i.e. Asian Paralympic Committee etc...).

To count for the qualification to the World Championships, the Continental Championships or Regional Games must be scheduled during the qualification period as per article 9.2.067.

*(article introduced on 01.01.26)*