

## PART 5 - CYCLO-CROSS

### Rules amendments applying on **1.03.2024**

#### Chapter I CYCLO-CROSS EVENTS

##### § 1 General Rules

**5.1.002** A rider ranked ~~in the top 21<sup>st</sup> to 50<sup>th</sup>~~ of the **most recently published elite** UCI cyclo-cross ranking may not take part in national events in a country other than the federation of his sporting nationality according to the UCI regulations.

**A rider ranked in the top 20 of the most recently published elite UCI cyclo-cross ranking may not take part in any national events.**

**Infringements to the provisions above shall be sanctioned by a suspension pronounced by the UCI disciplinary commission. A first infringement shall be sanctioned by a suspension for a duration of 7 to 30 days, whereas a repeated infringement shall be sanctioned at the discretion of the UCI disciplinary commission.**

*(article introduced on 1.09.04; modified on 16.06.14; **1.03.24**).*

##### **Calendar**

**5.1.004** International cyclo-cross races are registered on the international calendar in accordance with the following classification:

- UCI cyclo-cross world championships (CM)
- UCI cyclo-cross world cup (CDM)
- UCI masters cyclo-cross world championships (CMM)
- continental championships (CC)
- class 1 events (C1)
- class 2 events (C2)

The allocation of classes shall be carried out annually by the UCI management committee.

**For each season, the UCI will draw up a list of protected UCI cyclo-cross world cup rounds, which will not concern more than half of the rounds of the UCI cyclo-cross world cup. The allocation of the protected status for an event shall be based on an assessment of its relevance in terms of international development of the discipline of cyclo-cross. For any event applying for registration on the UCI international calendar for the day of or the day prior to an event with protected status, the UCI may render a decision in accordance with article 1.2.011. par. 2 ii) and iii) of the UCI Regulations.**

An event will only be given or maintained class 1 status if the previous season's race does not present any major organisational issues and following the UCI's approval.

For all cyclo-cross events registered on the international calendar in class 1 or class 2, the organiser must organise a men junior race, a women elite race and a men elite race. A derogation for the mandatory organisation of the men junior race or the women junior race may be granted by the UCI if the event is not organised on a Saturday or a Sunday.

A separate women junior race can be organised during all UCI events, except the UCI cyclo-cross world cup when decided by the UCI.

A separate women under 23 race can be organised only during UCI cyclo-cross world championships, continental championships and national championships.

A separate men junior race must be organised during all UCI events, except the masters cyclo-cross world championships and except the UCI cyclo-cross world cup when decided by the UCI.

A separate men under 23 race can be organised during UCI cyclo-cross world championships, continental championships, national championships and class 1 or class 2 event, and for the latter only if the event is part of a UCI recognised series.

A continental championship may be organised over two days.

A new event may only be added to the international calendar in class 2.

(article introduced on 1.09.06, modified on 1.09.08; 1.07.11; 7.06.16, 21.06.19; 12.06.20; 1.07.22, **1.03.24**).

### Start order

#### 5.1.043

The start order of events is determined as follows:

~~A. UCI cyclo-cross world championships~~

~~1 The first 8 riders of the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross world cup standings of the current season. For the women under 23 race of the UCI world championships, the first 8 riders aged 19-22 years from the women elite UCI cyclo-cross world cup standings.~~

~~2 As per the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking of the current season,~~

~~3 —Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (\*).~~

~~B. A. UCI cyclo-cross world championships and UCI cyclo-cross world cup~~

- ~~1~~ 1 The first ~~8~~ 16 riders of the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross world cup standings of the current season. *For the women under 23 race of the UCI world championships, the first 16 riders aged 19-22 years from the women elite UCI cyclo-cross world cup standings.* This point 1 is not applicable for the first UCI cyclo-cross world cup event of the season.
- 2 As per the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking of the current season,
- 3 For men elite and women elite races, the place 33<sup>rd</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup> ~~25<sup>th</sup> to 32<sup>nd</sup>~~ of the start order will be allocated to riders ranked ~~in the top 50 of the following rankings as per the following rankings~~, unless they are listed on the start order between the place 1<sup>st</sup> to 32<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> according to point 1 and 2 above:
  - top 10 of the UCI mountain bike cross-country ranking
  - top 20 of the UCI road world ranking

The place ~~33<sup>rd</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup>~~ ~~25<sup>th</sup> to 32<sup>nd</sup>~~ will be allocated following the riders' ranking in any discipline: UCI mountain bike cross country or UCI road world ranking. If two riders have the same ranking, they will be placed by drawing lot.

4 Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (\*).

~~C. B.~~ Continental championships and other events

1 As per the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking of the current season (or the final ranking of the previous season if no ranking has yet been published for the current season),

2 Unclassified riders: by drawing lots.

~~D. C.~~ Women junior, women under 23 and men under 23 races

The points ~~A and B and C~~ of this article fully apply, taking into account:

- for the women junior races, the UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking of the women category,
- for the women under 23 races, the UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking of the women category,
- for the men under 23 races, the UCI cyclo-cross world cup overall standings of the men under 23 category in the case ~~A B~~ and the UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking of the men elite category for other cases.

(\*) For unclassified riders, the start order within the team must be confirmed by the national federations during riders confirmation.

The start order among the teams is determined as follows:

- first, national teams whose order is determined by the nations' ranking of the concerned category from the most recent UCI cyclo-cross world championships,
- second, unclassified national teams whose order is determined by drawing lots.

The teams (in the order as mentioned above) are taken in turn with the teams' first riders starting in sequence, then the teams' second riders etc.

*(article modified on 1.09.99; 1.10.02; 1.09.03; 1.09.04; 1.02.07; 26.06.07; 1.09.08; 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 16.06.14; 1.07.15; 21.06.19; 12.06.20; 1.03.24).*

**80% rule**

**5.1.052** The decision as to whether the 80% rule is to be applied will be made by the president of the commissaires' panel after discussion with the organiser. Any rider whose time is 80% slower than the race leader's first lap will be pulled out of from the race. He shall leave the race at the end of his lap in the zone provided for such purpose (the "80% zone") **except when the rider is approaching the final lap and is not susceptible of being lapped by the leaders of the race. except when the rider is on his final lap.** At UCI cyclo-cross world championships and UCI cyclo-cross world cup events the 80% rule must be applied.

*(article modified on 1.07.10; 1.07.11; 1.03.24)*

**Feeding**

**5.1.062** The act of handing out food or drinks is not allowed during cyclo-cross races. Nevertheless, a rider may keep and use food or drinks which they carry on their bikes or in their outfits.

*(article introduced on 1.03.24).*

## Chapter V UCI CYCLO-CROSS TEAMS

### § 1 Identity

- 5.5.001** Two levels of teams are registered by the UCI as cyclo-cross team:
- UCI cyclo-cross professional team,
  - UCI cyclo-cross team.

The members of a UCI cyclo-cross team or a UCI cyclo-cross professional team are employed and/or sponsored by the same entity, for the purpose of taking part in cyclo-cross events on the UCI international cyclo-cross calendar.

#### 1- UCI cyclo-cross team

A UCI cyclo-cross team is an entity consisting of a minimum of 3 riders, each of whom must be of the age of 19 years and older as defined in article 5.1.001. A UCI cyclo-cross team must include at least one woman rider.

A rider who is already member of another discipline's UCI registered team, may be registered in a UCI cyclo-cross team, only if a signed three-party agreement (rider, UCI cyclo-cross team and the other UCI team) is provided during the registration process.

The nationality of the UCI cyclo-cross team must be that of the country where the head office or the domicile of the paying agent is located.

**UCI cyclo-cross teams have the obligation to participate with at least 1 rider in the women elite or men elite category at a minimum of 5 rounds of the UCI world cup events. If the team fails to meet this requirement, it shall not be entitled to the status of UCI cyclo-cross team or UCI cyclo-cross professional team for the following cyclo-cross season.**

#### 2- UCI cyclo-cross professional team

A UCI cyclo-cross professional team is an entity consisting of a minimum of 10 riders, each of whom must be of the age of 19 years and older as defined in article 5.1.001 and a maximum of 16 riders. The team must respect one of the two obligations below:

- the UCI cyclo-cross professional team includes a minimum of 10 men riders, or
- the UCI cyclo-cross professional team includes a minimum of 8 women riders.

UCI cyclo-cross professional teams will be allowed to participate to some events of the road UCI international calendar, as described in article 2.1.005:

- a UCI cyclo-cross professional team including a minimum of 10 men riders may participate to any road event where UCI continental teams participate;
- a UCI cyclo-cross professional team including a minimum of 8 women riders may participate to any road event where UCI women's continental teams participate.

UCI cyclo-cross professional teams have the obligation to participate ~~with a minimum 1 rider~~ **with at least 3 riders** in the women elite or men elite category at each of the UCI world cup events. If this is not the case, the UCI cyclo-cross professional team status is removed immediately, and the team is not able to register as a UCI cyclo-cross professional team for the following season. In this case there is no refund of the registration fee.

The downgrading of the status of UCI professional cyclo-cross team may be reconsidered if the UCI professional cyclo-cross team proves that none of the national federations

concerned by its riders has agreed to submit the UCI world cup entry of a rider of the team, in compliance with article 5.3.005.

UCI cyclo-cross professional teams have the obligation to subscribe to the prize money centralisation system set-up by the UCI.

A UCI cyclo-cross professional team is recognised and certified by the national federation of the nationality of the majority of its riders.

UCI cyclo-cross professional teams will not take part in any UCI road team rankings (UCI world ranking, UCI continental rankings).

*(article modified on 12.06.20; 1.07.22 ; 1.03.24)*

**5.5.005** The name of the UCI cyclo-cross team or the UCI cyclo-cross professional team must **either** be that of the company or brand ~~name of the principal partner or that of one of both of the two principal partners~~ of the main partner(s) (up to three), or the name of its team representative.

Upon specific request, the UCI may authorise another designation which is linked to the UCI cyclo-cross team or UCI cyclo-cross professional team project.

The UCI may refuse the team's registration in case of a resemblance of the projected name of the UCI cyclo-cross team or UCI cyclo-cross professional team, which is likely to create confusion with another UCI cyclo-cross team or UCI cyclo-cross professional team, its representatives or its principal partners, or that causes harm to the reputation and/or image of cycling or the UCI.

*(article modified on 12.06.20; 1.03.24)*

## Chapter VI RACE INCIDENTS

### 5.6.004 Table of race incidents in accordance with article 12.4.001

<b>Cyclo-cross</b>	<b>Elite world championships world cup; class 1, continental championships</b>	<b>Other events</b>
<p>20. Rider or team staff disposing of waste or other objects outside of equipment pit zone or outside any other organised waste zone or waste not returned to team or organisation staff or not collected by team staff. Disposing of waste or other objects in a careless or dangerous manner (e.g. bottle or other object remaining or bouncing back on the track, thrown directly or with excessive force at spectator, causing dangerous manoeuvre by other rider, causing spectator to move onto the track).</p>	<p>1st infringement: CHF 250 fine 2nd infringement: CHF 500 fine and disqualification</p>	<p>1st infringement: CHF 100 fine 2nd infringement: CHF 200 fine and disqualification</p>

(article modified on 1.07.22 ; 1.03.24)