

# PART 1 GENERAL ORGANISATION OF CYCLING AS A SPORT

Rules amendments applying on **01.01.2024**

## CHAPTER II RACES

### § 6 Classifications and cups

**1.2.026** National federations, their affiliates, ~~event organisers, including licence holders~~ all bodies answerable to them, ~~and any licence-holders~~ shall be barred from participating ~~directly or indirectly in the organisation or promotion actively or passively in~~ of any individual or team classification ~~based on which cumulate points or results from the races events registered~~ on the UCI International Calendar (i.e. series), ~~whether within the same season or over multiple seasons~~, other than those drawn up or expressly authorised by the UCI.

~~The registration of any event which is part of a series, as defined above, on the UCI International Calendar shall be subject to compliance with the present article.~~

~~Any series which cumulates points or results of events on the UCI International Calendar shall be subject to the UCI approval on a yearly basis. In order to assess such request, the UCI shall be provided with any and all regulations relating to the series, including rules of participation, technical rules, any points system and prize money per event as well as any overall prize money (based on the overall standings, but not limited to those only).~~

~~Event organisers wishing to be part of a series shall indicate their intention in the application form for registration on the UCI International Calendar and provide any information related to the series upon request from the UCI.~~

~~The following specific conditions shall apply for the approval of a series:~~

- ~~- In all cycling disciplines, any series subject to authorisation under this article shall not include more than eight events. However, series in the discipline of Road that have been established before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and have been approved for previous seasons, are exempt from this limitation. These series are permitted to maintain a greater number of events subject to annual approval by the UCI and provided they continue to meet the other criteria set forth in this article.~~
- ~~- The name of a series shall not give the impression that the events or the series have a status they do not have.~~

~~Any application for a series shall also be assessed on the following criteria:~~

- ~~- Fairness and openness of sporting competitions;~~
- ~~- Equal chances for all participants;~~
- ~~- Ethical values in sport;~~
- ~~- The uncertainty of results;~~
- ~~- The protection of riders' health and safety;~~
- ~~- Ensuring a functioning sport calendar;~~

- The promotion of recruitment and training of young riders;
- Ensuring the integrity and objectivity of competitive sport and proper functioning of competitions;
- Financial stability of event organisers and teams;
- Solidarity between the various levels of sporting practice;
- The pyramid structure of competitions from grassroots to elite level.

~~Events conducted by an organiser who fails to comply with the preceding paragraph shall be deleted from the international calendar for the following year.~~

~~In no case for mountain bike and cyclo-cross, such a classification will not be comprised of more than eight events.~~

*(text modified on 01.08.00; 01.01.05; 01.07.13; 01.01.24)*

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- 1.2.035 bis** The organiser shall take whatever safety measures caution demands and, whenever necessary, shall obtain authorisations from competent authorities and/or rights owners. The organiser's responsibility shall remain unaffected whether tasks are performed by the organiser itself or a third-party.

The organiser's responsibility in terms of safety encompasses any aspect of the event, including but not limited to sporting operational and commercial matters.

The organiser may authorise the shooting of still photography and/or video by aircrafts, including drones or other small aircrafts, subject to obtaining authorization to operate the relevant equipment safely and securely from the envisaged location. The organizer shall also ensure that any aircraft used does not affect the sporting conduct of the event and shall undertake or require that a detailed risk assessment be undertaken with regard to the riders, officials and spectators attending the event. **Furthermore, drones used for the purposes of photography or video recording must in all circumstances maintain a distance of at least five (5) meters from any rider or spectator.**

The organiser must ensure that the use of such equipment on the venue of the event is explicitly foreseen and communicated and fully covered by the relevant insurance carrier.

Finally, organisers shall take appropriate measures to ensure that aircrafts, including drones and other small aircrafts, are not used by third persons without being duly authorised and do not impede on sporting operations or the exploitation of third-party rights (e.g., image or media rights).

*(article introduced on 01.03.22, modified on 01.01.24)*

**CHAPTER III EQUIPMENT**

**1.3.002** The UCI shall not be liable for any consequences deriving from the choice of the equipment used by licence holders, nor for any defects it may have or its non-compliance. Equipment used must meet all relevant ISO quality and safety requirements ~~for bicycles~~ (as referenced for illustration purposes in the Clarification Guide published on the UCI website) as well as any other standards applicable in the country of the event.

The licence-holder shall use the equipment which is certified and compliant with quality and safety standards as provided by the manufacturer, without any modification whatsoever. The licence-holder shall be entirely and exclusively liable for any modification made to the equipment, in particular in the event of an incident, and may be subject to disciplinary sanctions in accordance with the UCI Regulations.

*(text modified on 01.04.07; 01.10.11; 01.01.19; 01.01.24)*

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**1.3.018** Wheels of the bicycle may vary in diameter between 700 ~~mm~~ maximum and 550 ~~mm~~ minimum, including the tyre. For the cyclo-cross ~~bicycle~~ the width of the tyre (measured between the widest parts) shall not exceed 33 mm and it may not incorporate any form of spikes or studs.

~~For massed start competitions in~~ the disciplines road, track and cyclo-cross, only wheel designs granted prior approval by the UCI may be used. Wheels approved ~~in mass start competitions in the disciplines of road and cyclo-cross~~ shall have at least 12 spokes; spokes can be round, flattened or oval, as far as no dimension of their sections exceeds 10 mm.

~~Wheels used in the road, track and cyclo-cross disciplines must meet the impact test requirements as specified in the standard ISO 4210-2:2023 Cycles — Safety requirements for bicycles, section 4.10.7.2.2., paragraph 2. Fulfillment of these requirements concerns both the front wheels and the rear wheels, independent of materials, brake systems and other characteristics. Manufacturers must apply for approval by providing declaration of conformity to the UCI. Detailed procedure and template can be found in the section “Equipment” on the UCI Website.~~

~~In order to comply with the requirements and ensure compatibility between the components, rims must comply with the standard ISO 5775-2 and tyres with the standard ISO 5775-1.~~

~~In order to be granted approval wheels must have been subjected to the Vertical Drop Test which consists of:~~

**Test method: Vertical Drop Test**

~~Vertical drop test (neutralization of the rebound of the anvil)~~

**Energy level:**

~~40 Joules~~

**Impact striker geometry:**

~~Flat steel anvil, the impact surface is covered with a silicone rubber pad of 20mm thickness (Hardness Shore A=50 +/- 5, Compression set of 40% acc. To ASTM D395 Methode B). The rubber pad requires to be undamaged.~~

**Impact mass:**

~~Range of 6 – 10 kg~~

~~Energy must always remain at 40 Joules at the hit with a +/- 5% tolerance.~~

**Hitting point:**

~~One hit at 90° from valve hole, adjusted to have the impact point of anvil between the spokes~~

~~In order to be certified as passed, the alloy and/or carbon wheels shall have~~

~~No visible cracks or delamination~~

~~No change in lateral profile or in lateral run out in excess of 1.0mm~~

~~No change in radial profile or in radial run out in excess of 1.0mm~~

~~Wheels which meet the definition of traditional wheels do not need to follow the approval application procedure provided for in this article be certified.~~

**Definition of Traditional wheels:**

Criteria:

Rim height: Less than 25 mm

Rim material: Alloy

Spokes: Minimum of 20 steel spokes which are detachable

General: All components must be identifiable and commercially available

In track competition, including motor-pacing, the use of a front disc wheel is only permitted in the specialties against the clock.

Notwithstanding this article, the choice and use of wheels remains subject to articles 1.3.001 to 1.3.003.

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