

MEMORANDUM

23.11.2023

PART IV – MOUNTAIN BIKE

Rules amendments applying on **01.01.2024**

Chapter I GENERAL RULES

§ 2 Age categories and participation

Cross-country marathon – XCM

4.1.005 Cross-country marathon events are open to all riders aged 19 or over and include masters categories. No separate results must be submitted for **the** under 23 ~~category or masters categories~~.

Masters categories shall be listed in a separate results.

Cross-country short track – XCC

Cross-country short circuit events are open to all riders aged 19 or over.

At the UCI World Championships (as from 2024) and UCI World Cup, separate under 23 events are organized for men and women.

For other events no separate results must be submitted for the under 23 or elite categories.

Cross-country eliminator - XCE

Cross-country eliminator events are open to all riders aged 17 or over. No separate results must be submitted for the juniors, under 23 or elite categories.
(text modified on 1.01.17; 1.01.20, 1.01.21; 1.01.23; 1.01.24)

§ 3 Calendar

4.1.011 International mountain bike races are registered on the UCI international calendar in accordance with the following classification:

- Olympic Games (OG)
 - No other international mountain bike event of cross-country (XC) may be organised during the mountain bike competition of the Olympic Games.
- UCI World Championships (CM)
 - No other international mountain bike event of the same format may be organised during the UCI World Championships.
- UCI World Cup (CDM)
 - No hors class or class 1 event of the same format may be organised on the same continent on the same day as a UCI World Cup event.
 - The continental championships (CC) and national championships (CN) in a format may not be organised during a world cup event in the same format.
- UCI Masters World Championships (CMM)
- Continental championships (CC)

- No hors class or class 1 event of the same format may be organised on the same continent on the same day as a continental championships.
- Stage races
 - Class: Hors class (SHC) / Class 1 (S1) / Class 2 (S2)
 - No stage race hors class may be organised during the mountain bike competition of the Olympic Games, or the UCI World Championships cross-country (XC) or marathon, UCI World Cup events in the concerned continent.
 - No stage-race, in HC or C1, may be organised during the Continental championships on the same day(s) as any cross-country (XC) race, on the concerned continent.
- One-day races
 - Class: Hors class (HC) / Class 1 (C1) / Class 2 (C2) / Class 3 (C3)
- UCI XCO junior series:

The UCI will appoint a certain number of UCI XCO junior series events every year.
- National Championships:
 - National championships cannot be run during the mountain bike competition at the Olympic Games, UCI World Championships or UCI World Cup of the same format and cannot be run during continental championships of the same format on the concerned continent.
 - Cross-country Olympic (XCO) or cross-country short track (XCC) national championships cannot be run during an international mountain bike race. For all other formats, in the event a national championship is incorporated in an international mountain bike race, a rider can only receive points once. The riders with the sporting nationality of the national federation will receive the national championships points according to their rank in the race (i.e. including all riders regardless of their sporting nationality) and other riders will receive the class event points according to their rank in the race.

The events status for stage races and one-day races are allocated to each event annually by the UCI on the basis of the commissaires race report from the preceding year and any other information at disposal of the UCI. A new event may only be given class 2 or 3 status in its first year.

HC status can only be given with the following cumulative conditions:

- Event registered for at least **the last** three years as C1 on the UCI International Calendar
- A separate under 23 race registered for both genders
- At least eight riders from the top 50 of the UCI ranking for both genders
- At least ten nations represented in the last edition of the event
- **A high level tv production for the Elite categories taking into account the sporting aspect**

A detailed technical guide for HC events, stage races and new events—must be presented to UCI during the calendar registration process. A template for such technical guide is provided by UCI upon request.

All events registered on the UCI international calendar must respect the UCI financial obligations (in particular calendar fee, prize money) approved by the UCI and published on the UCI website.

Race entry fees for events on the international calendar are waived for any rider belonging to a UCI ELITE MTB TEAM. This applies only to the format in which the team has elite status and does not apply to stage races, eliminator and enduro events.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 4.04.14; 1.01.16; 1.01.17; 1.01.19, 1.01.21; 1.01.22; 1.01.23; 01.01.24).

§ 5 Marshals

4.1.018 The minimum age for marshals is the age of legal majority of the country where the competition takes place. **Marshals may officiate for as long as they are able to carry out their tasks and organisers shall be responsible for verifying their ability.**
(text modified on 1.01.24)

4.1.021 Marshals must be properly briefed on their role and issued with course maps which provide simple reference points for locating accidents.

A marshal briefing must be organised in the morning of each day and a marshal debriefing must be organised at the end of each day.
(text modified on 1.01.24)

§ 7 Equipment

4.1.042 Cameras are not permitted during final for cross-country and during qualifying rounds and final for downhill/four cross/cross-country eliminator. The riders are responsible for securing the fixation of the cameras **on the bike or on the visor/peak of the helmet** in order to avoid any danger. The UCI can decide to allow a camera during final but only for the usage of the TV production company.

Comment:

- 1. see also, in particular, articles 1.3.001-1.3.003 and 1.3.031 Part 1 of the UCI Regulations*
- 2. cameras may be used during training sessions in DHI (article 4.3.021) under the conditions laid down in this article.*

(article introduced on 1.01.18; 1.01.19; text modified on 1.01.24)

Chapter II CROSS-COUNTRY EVENTS

§ 5 Feed/Technical Assistance zone

4.2.040 For the Olympic Games, world championships, world cup events and continental championships nobody may enter a feed/technical assistance zone without accreditation. This rule does not apply for the marathon world championships.

For the Olympic Games, world championships and continental championships, accreditations are issued by the commissaires' panel ~~at the end of the team managers' meeting.~~

For world cup events season long accreditations are issued to the UCI ELITE MTB TEAMS and UCI MTB TEAMS **by the UCI**. For the national federations or individual

riders passes are prepared by the organiser and handed out at registration: they obtain 1 accreditation per registered rider per zone. Note that for a double feed/technical assistance zone they only obtain 1 accreditation per registered rider. (text modified on 1.01.20; 1.01.23; 1.01.24).

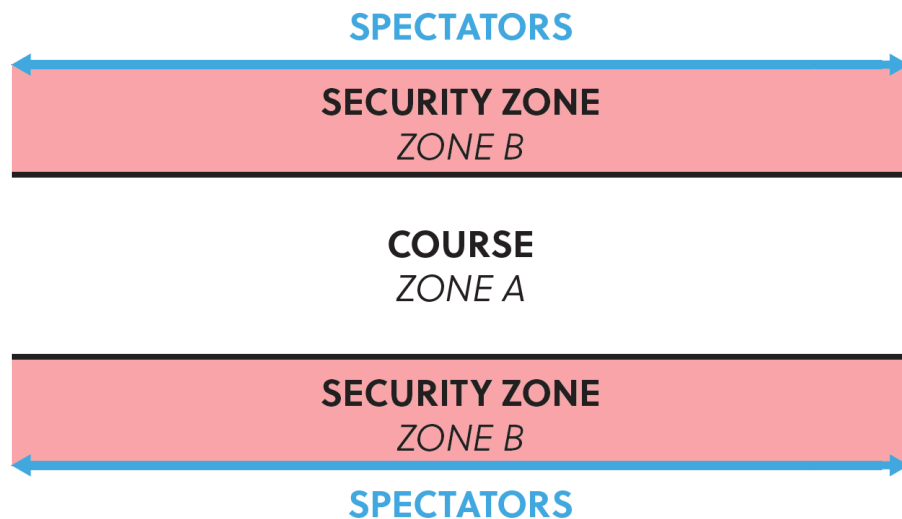
Chapter III DOWNHILL EVENTS

§ 2 Course

4.3.007

The entire downhill course must be marked and protected with safe and visible course markers that present no safety risks to riders.

In very fast and dangerous sections, where the riders line is close to the course boundary, B zones must be installed as per diagram:



B zones must be cleaned to avoid any hidden obstacles and to be safe.
(text modified on 1.01.17; 1.01.19; 1.01.23; 1.01.24)

Chapter X UCI CROSS-COUNTRY WORLD CUP

4.10.003

The start order is determined as follows:

- A. XCC men elite and women elite, XCC men under 23 and women under 23
 1. riders ranked in the top 16 of the most recently published XCO World Cup standings (not applicable for the first UCI World Cup round of the season)
 2. as per the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking

Riders with injury status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.10.011.

Riders with pregnancy status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.10.012.

B. XCO men elite and women elite

1. the riders ranked in the top 24 of the XCC race of the same UCI World Cup round
2. the place 25th to 32nd will be allocated as per the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking.
3. Place 33rd to 40th of the start order will be allocated to riders ranked in below rankings, unless they are listed on the start order between the place 1st to 32nd according to point 1 and 2 above:
 - top 10 of the UCI cyclo-cross individual ranking
 - top 20 of the UCI road individual world rankingThe place 33rd to 40th will be allocated following the rank of each rider, whatever the ranking: UCI cyclo-cross or UCI road world ranking. If two or three riders have the same ranking, they will be placed by drawing lots.
~~The place 33rd to 40th will include any riders ranked in the top 10 of any individual UCI world ranking of any cycling discipline.~~
4. as per the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking.
5. unclassified riders: by drawing lots.

Riders with injury status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.10.011.

Riders with pregnancy status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.10.012.

C. XCO men under 23 and women under 23:

1. the riders ranked in the top 24 of the XCC race of the same UCI World Cup round
2. as per the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking
3. unclassified riders; by drawing lots

Riders with injury status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.10.011.

Riders with pregnancy status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.10.012.

Teams and national federations who submitted a late registration which was approved by the UCI are allocated the next available highest race number, with the exception of the riders ranked in the top 16 (men elite, women elite, men under 23, women under 23) of the most recent UCI XCO World Cup standings for whom the race number is reserved (not applicable for the first UCI World Cup round of the season). However, they are called to the start line in the order specified earlier in this article.

(text modified on 1.01.24)

§ 5 Injury status

4.10.011

If due to injury a rider took part in less than three rounds of the UCI World Cup in a season, the national federation ~~or~~ **and** the team may apply to the UCI for recognition of injury status. An application must be received at the UCI in writing no later than October 30th of the disrupted season.

A rider with injury status shall be integrated in the ranking that is used to determine the start list, with the number of points determined according to following calculation: the average points gained per round in which the rider took part multiplied by the number of rounds of the UCI World Cup season during which the rider was absent due to injury.

Such benefit shall be limited to the first round of the UCI World Cup in which the rider takes part during the following season.

(text modified on 1.01.24)

§ 6 Pregnancy status

4.10.012

If due to pregnancy a rider took part in less than three rounds of the UCI World Cup in a season, the national federation and the team may apply to the UCI for recognition of pregnancy status. An application must be received at the UCI in writing no later than December 31st of the disrupted season.

A rider with pregnancy status shall be integrated in the ranking that is used to determine the start list, with the number of points determined according to following calculation: the average points gained per round in which the rider took part multiplied by the number of rounds of the UCI World Cup season during which the rider was absent due to pregnancy.

Such benefit shall be limited to the first round of the UCI World Cup in which the rider takes part during the following season.

(article introduced on 1.01.24)

Chapter XI UCI DOWNHILL WORLD CUP

4.11.004

The start order for the qualifying round is determined as follows:

A. men elite, women elite:

1. riders ranked in the top 60 men and the top 15 women of the most recently published UCI World Cup standings (for the first event, as per the final world cup standings of the previous year), starting in reverse order.
2. as per the most recently published UCI DHI individual ranking.
3. unclassified riders: by drawing lots.

Riders with injury status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.11.021.

Riders with pregnancy status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.11.022.

- B. men juniors, women juniors:
1. riders ranked in the top 10 men juniors and the top 3 women juniors of the most recently published UCI World Cup standings (not applicable for the first UCI world cup round of the season), starting in reverse order.
 2. as per the most recently published UCI DHI individual ranking, starting in reverse order.
 3. unclassified riders: by drawing lots:

Riders with injury status shall be integrated in the start order in accordance with article 4.11.021.

Riders who submitted a late registration which was approved by the UCI are allocated the next available highest race number, with the exception of the riders ranked in the top 60 men elite, the top 15 women elite, the top 10 men juniors and the top 3 women juniors of the most recent UCI World Cup standings for whom the race number is reserved, plus season long race numbers that are reserved and will be called to the start line in the order specified earlier in this article.
(text modified on 1.01.24)

4.11.006 Training
The organiser must ensure that the following minimum training program is provided.

Three days before the final an on foot downhill course inspection period must be provided for the riders. The course must be fully marked and cordoned off. No bikes are allowed on the course during the on foot downhill course inspection.

One day before the final a training period will be provided.

A training period that is reserved only for the riders qualified for the finals must be provided, on the day of the final. This training period must last for at least ~~60~~ 30 minutes.
(text modified on 1.01.24)

4.11.015 The start order for the semi-final, if applicable, and final will be determined on the basis of the reverse results of the last qualifying round (the fastest rider starting last), except for the protected riders (defined in art. 4.11.014) and the fastest 5 men elite **and 5 men junior** and the fastest 2 women elite **and 2 women junior** non-protected riders, who will start as the last group of riders by order of the last qualifying result, reversed.
(text modified on 1.01.24)

4.11.020 Points scale
A. Downhill men and women elite
N.B. – In accordance with article 4.11.013, in the last round of the UCI World Cup season, no point for the qualifying round and semi-final will be given.

Position	Men elite Qualification points	Men Elite Semi-Final points	Men Elite Final points	Women elite Qualification points	Women Elite Semi- Final points	Women Elite Final points
1	50	100	250	50	100	250
2	40	80	210	40	80	210
3	30	70	180	30	70	180
4	25	65	160	25	60	150
5	22	60	140	20	50	120
6	20	58	125	16	40	90
7	18	56	110	14	35	80
8	17	54	95	12	30	70
9	16	52	80	10	25	60
10	15	50	75	5	20	50
11	14	49	71		18	50*
12	13	48	68		16	
13	12	47	65		14	
14	11	46	63		12	
15	10	45	60		10	
16	9	44	58		10*	
17	8	43	56			
18	7	42	54			
19	6	41	52			
20	5	40	50			
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25		35	40			
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* amount of points for each ranked rider

B. Downhill men and women juniors (finals only)

Position	Men juniors points	Women juniors points
1	60	60
2	50	50
3	45	45
4	40	40
5	35	35
6	30	30
7	28	25
8	26	15

Position	Men juniors points	Women juniors points
9	24	10
10	22	5
11	20	5*
12	18	
13	16	
14	14	
15	12	
16	10	
17	9	
18	8	
19	7	
20	6	
21	5	
22	4	
23	3	
24	2	
25	1	
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* amount of points for each ranked rider

C. Team standing

Position	Men Elite points	Women Elite points	Men Juniors points	Women Juniors points
1	40	40	20	6
2	35	30	15	4
3	32	20	10	2
4	30	15	8	
5	28	10	6	
6	26	8	5	
7	24	6	4	
8	23	4	3	
9	22	2	2	
10	21	1	1	
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24	7			
25	6			
26	5			
27	4			
28	3			
29	2			
30	1			

(text modified on 1.01.24)

§ 5 Injury status

4.11.021

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A rider with injury status shall be integrated in the ranking that is used to determine the start list, with the number of points determined according to following calculation: the average points gained per round in which the rider took part multiplied by the number of rounds of the UCI World Cup season during which the rider was absent due to injury.

Such benefit shall be limited to the first round of the UCI World Cup in which the rider takes part during the following season.

(text modified on 1.01.24)

§ 6 Pregnancy status

4.11.022

If due to pregnancy a rider took part in less than three rounds of the UCI World Cup in a season, the national federation and the team may apply for recognition of pregnancy status. An application must be received at the UCI in writing no later than December 31st of the disrupted season.

A rider with pregnancy status shall be integrated in the ranking that is used to determine the start list, with the number of points determined according to following calculation: the average points gained per round in which the rider took part multiplied by the number of rounds of the UCI World Cup season during which the rider was absent due to pregnancy.

Such benefit shall be limited to the first round of the UCI World Cup in which the rider takes part during the following season.
(article introduced on 1.01.24)

ANNEX 3 DHI POINTS

Rang / Place	CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS			COUPE DU MONDE WORLD CUP							
	Elite	Junior	Snow Bike	Manche Qualifications Hommes Elite Qualifying Round Men Elite **	Manche Qualifications Femmes Elite Qualifying Round Women Elite**	Finale Hommes Elite Final Men Elite	Finale Femmes Elite Final Women Elite	Final event of the World Cup season Finale Hommes Elite Final Men Elite	Final event of the World Cup season Finale Femmes Elite Final Women Elite	Finale Men Juniors Final Hommes Junior	Finale Women Juniors Final Femmes Juniors
1	300	80	100	50	50	200	200	250	250	60	60
2	250	60	80	40	40	160	160	200	200	50	50
3	200	40	60	30	30	140	140	170	170	45	45
4	180	30	50	25	25	125	125	150	150	40	40
5	160	25	40	22	20	110	110	132	130	35	35
6	140	20	35	20	16	95	95	115	111	30	30
7	130	18	30	18	14	90	80	108	94	28	25
8	120	16	27	17	12	85	70	102	82	26	15
9	110	14	24	16	10	80	60	96	70	24	10
10	100	12	22	15	5	75	55	90	60	22	5
11	95	10	20	14		70	50	84	50	20	5*
12	90	9	18	13		65	45	78	45	18	
13	85	8	16	12		60	40	72	40	16	
14	80	7	14	11		55	35	66	35	14	
15	78	6	12	10		50	30	60	30	12	
16	76	5	10	9		45	25	54	25	10	
17	74	4	9	8		44	20	52	20	9	
18	72	3	8	7		43	15	50	15	8	
19	70	2	7	6		42	10	48	10	7	
20	68	1	6	5		41	5	46	5	6	
21	66		5			40	5*	40	5*	5	
22	64		4			39		39		4	
23	62		3			38		38		3	
24	60		2			37		37		2	
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59	16					2		2			
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* nombre de points pour chaque coureur classé / * amount of points for each ranked rider

** For the final round, no world cup points will be awarded for the qualifying round, those world cup points will be given to the final instead.

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			Hors Classe	Classe 1	Classe 2 / COUPE DU MONDE SNOW BIKE UCI / UCI SNOW BIKE WORLD CUP	Classe 3
Rang / Place	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite
1	150	100	90	60	30	10
2	120	90	70	40	20	6
3	100	70	60	30	15	4
4	90	60	50	25	12	2
5	80	50	40	20	10	1
6	70	40	35	18	8	
7	60	30	30	16	6	
8	50	20	27	14	4	
9	40	10	24	12	2	
10	38	5	22	10	1	
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13	32		16	4		
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