



BID GUIDE  
**2024-2025-2026 UCI GRAVEL  
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

# 1 FOREWORD FROM UCI PRESIDENT DAVID LAPPARTIENT

Cyclists worldwide dream of wearing the rainbow jersey of UCI World Champion, a distinction that goes to only the very best of our sport.

For the first time in 2022 and then once a year at the UCI Gravel World Championships, gravel specialists will also have the chance to win the right to this prestigious jersey.

The UCI Gravel World Championships will be the specialty's leading annual event, eagerly awaited by athletes and their fans. To perform to their best, the athletes need to be sure that they can compete in the best possible conditions, which is why the role of the event's host is so important.

The UCI greatly appreciates the interest and commitment shown by potential organisers. In bidding to host the UCI Gravel World Championships, you have already demonstrated your wish to invest in the future of this discipline and I thank you sincerely for that.

To help simplify the bidding process, we have prepared this concise, practical guide that was prepared after consultation with our various partners. Our aim is to help potential hosts compile a water-tight candidature file that contains all the required elements, for example concerning the competition site, infrastructure, transport, emergency services, accessibility etc.

This bidding guide also answers frequently asked questions such as: What commitments do candidate organisers make? What services does the UCI offer? What are our obligations? What about scheduling and deadlines?

I wish you the best of luck in your bidding procedure and hope that we will be able to come to your city or region with an edition of our UCI Gravel World Championships.



**David Lappartient**  
UCI President



# 2 A BIT OF HISTORY

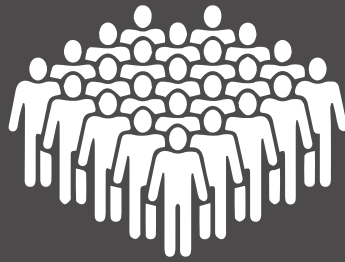
Born in the US Midwest some 12-15 years ago under the name of Gravel Grinders, Gravel events are the new highlight in the mass-participation, where riders of all ages and abilities are looking for new challenges.

Following the United States other continents are embracing the Gravel concept and the market for both, events and bikes, is currently booming worldwide.

With a focus on masters and mass-participation and with a minimum of restrictions to encourage participation, Gravel events are long distance bike races held on mainly unpaved roads and paths with an adventurous and challenging route taking riders to more natural environments and away from traffic.



**2022**  
FIRST UCI GRAVEL  
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



**MASS  
PARTICIPATION**



**50 TO 200 KM  
RACE**

# THE ADVANTAGES OF HOSTING A UCI EVENT

Hosting a UCI event will help a city to achieve **economic, touristic and social** objectives.

According to UCI experience, the most efficient strategy is to host several events over 3-4 years **to create a link** between cycling and the city.



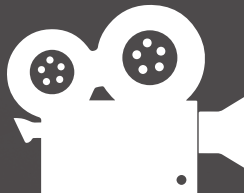
**BOOST  
THE REPUTATION  
OF YOUR REGION**



**SHOWCASE  
YOUR INITIATIVES  
FOR DEVELOPING  
THE BICYCLE**



**INCREASE  
LOCAL ECONOMY  
ACTIVITIES**



**INTERNATIONAL MEDIA  
COVERAGE WILL BOOST  
THE REPUTATION OF  
YOUR REGION OR CITY**



**PROMOTIONAL PLATFORM  
FOR YOUR CITY/REGION**



# 4 SPORT & COMPETITIONS IN NUMBERS



**1 DAY**  
OF COMPETITION



## PROGRAMME

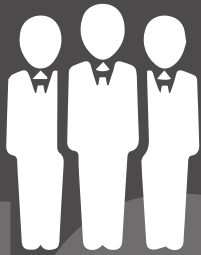
CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE ORGANIZED  
IN THE AGE GROUP 19-34 AND  
FURTHER 5-YEAR AGE-GROUPS (35-39;  
40-44, etc.)



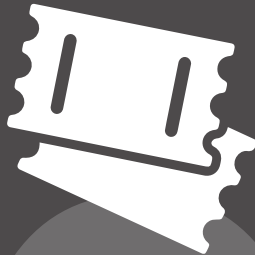
# 5 RESPONSIBILITIES

SERVICE PROVISION	ORGANISER	UCI
Organisation of the UCI Gravel World Championships	✓	
Coordination of UCI Gravel World Championships		✓
Practical Organisation Guide		✓
Staff before, during and post event	✓	✓
Commissaires' Panel		✓
UCI Gravel World Championships label & guidelines		✓
Press service and worldwide promotion of the event	✓	✓
Start and Finish structures and event backdrops	✓	
One-year to go' presentation at the preceding UCI World Championships	✓	
Implementation of UCI partners	✓	
Implementation of OC partners	✓	
Accreditation system and delivery	✓	
Timekeeping	✓	
Organisation of anti-doping controls and its related costs	✓	✓
Post-event reports and TV analysis	✓	
UCI World Champion jerseys & medals		✓
Local Promotion	✓	
International Coverage and Promotion	✓	✓
TV Production	Cf Appendix D	
Visa for all stakeholders of the event	✓	

# ORGANISER REVENUES



**100% OF VIP**  
HOSPITALITY SALES  
(EXCEPTION UCI VIP TICKETS)



**100% OF TICKETS**  
SALES OF THE EVENT



**100% OF OFFICIAL**  
PROGRAMME SALES



**100% OF FOOD**  
& **BEVERAGE**  
ON SITE



**100% OF RENT**  
OF SPACES FOR EXPO AREA  
(EXCEPTION UCI PARTNERS)



**100% OF ONSITE**  
MERCHANDISING SALES



**70% VISIBILITY**  
ON BRANDING

# BIDDING PROCESS CHRONOLOGY : A ONE YEAR CYCLE



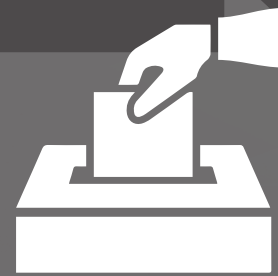
**DECEMBER**  
LETTER OF INTENT



**JANUARY**  
BID FEES &  
BID DOCUMENTS



**JUNE**  
CONTRACT  
SIGNATURE



**SEPTEMBER**  
VOTE OF THE UCI MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE AND PRESENTATION  
TO UCI CONGRESS



# BIDDING DOCUMENTS : CONTENTS & REQUIREMENTS

## 1. SITE

- The host region
- Geographical location
- Accessibility
- Connections to the network
- Proximity to airport
- Visa procedure and costs
- Accommodation capacity (hotels etc)
- Parking facilities
- Facilities for participants (showers, changing rooms, secured bike park...)

## 2. COURSE MAP / ROAD BOOK

## 3. COURSE DETAILS

- Feed/Technical Zones + detailed description (products, staffing)
- GPS courses
- Altitude profile + climbs
- Safety plan
- Mechanical assistance

## 4. SCHEDULE

## 5. OFFICIAL HOTEL

## 6. SAFETY

- Medical plan including ambulances, evacuation procedure, hospital, location of the medical post in the velodrome and the medical room
- Safety plan for the public.

## 7. DETAILED BUDGET

(use the UCI template in appendix K)

## 8. SUPPORT & APPROVALS

- Letter of support from the host National Federation
- Letter of approval (course and organisation) from the local authorities
- Presentation by the Organising Committee, including any previous experience

# UCI MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DECISION : CRITERIA

## EVENT DELIVERY

- Logistics: accessibility of the area
- Legacy / cycling development plans
- Overall event sites
- Circuit features: attractive images - technical

## SPORT ATTRACTIVENESS

- Sporting difficulty
- Spectators & atmosphere expected
- UCI geographical strategy
- Cycling development

## FINANCE

- Financial Guarantee
- Provisional budget including the UCI fees
- Economic opportunities

## RESOURCES

- Political risk: stability - elections
- Relations with UCI: multi-year events plan
- Organiser experience
- Stakeholders' commitment



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# APPENDIX A : **BUSINESS MODEL**

The UCI proposes business models that can adapt to the local economic environment. Transparency and flexibility are key elements in the relations between the UCI and the organisers.

**UCI FEE PER EDITION:** CHF 100'000  
+ CHF 10.- PER PARTICIPANT

## **BANK GUARANTEE**

A bank guarantee equivalent to 20% of the contract amount will be requested 60 days after the awarding of the event and will remain in place until 180 days after the last day of the Championships.

## **CONTRACT SIGNATURE**

The contract must be signed by the city or the region where the event will be organised. The Organising Committee or the National Federation may also co-sign the contract.

# APPENDIX B : EXPENSES COVERED BY THE UCI

## THE UCI COVERS THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES

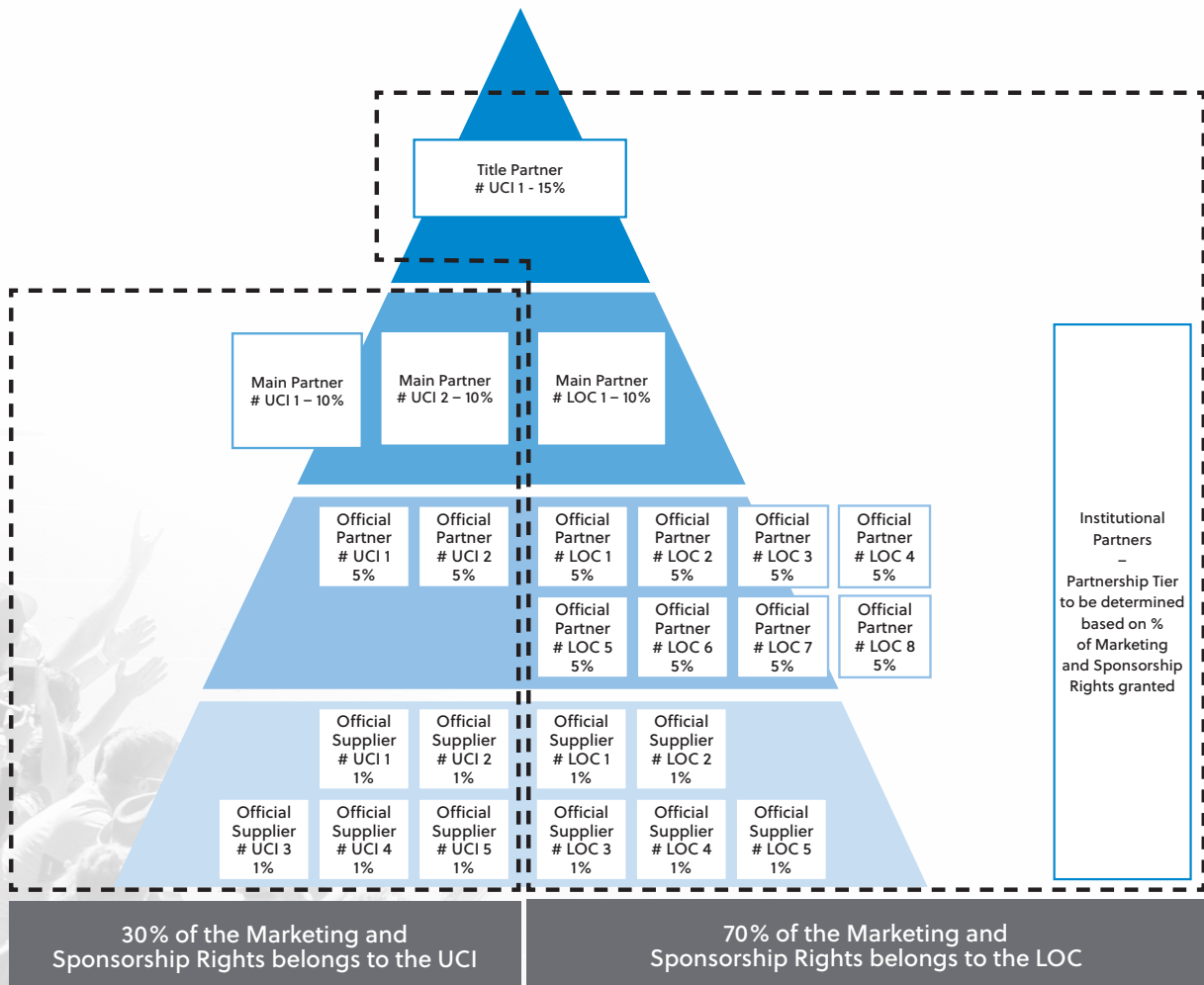
- Presence and travel of the UCI, ITA staff and Officials: Doping Control Officer, International Commissaire, Implementation staff, UCI Doctor and UCI staff\*
- Site visits
- Medals and UCI World Champion jerseys
- Blood tests and anti-doping analyses performed by an accredited World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) laboratory
- UCI partners' dedicated branding
- UCI flags and UCI banners

\*Please note that the costs associated with potential visa procedures are to be borne financially by the Organiser.

# APPENDIX C : MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP RIGHTS

## PERCENTAGE OF VISIBILITY AND MARKETING STRUCTURE

70% of visibility for the Organiser as per the structure below.



The structure is composed of 4 different tiers which the UCI's and Organiser's commercial and institutional partners will feed into.

These tiers will be reflected accordingly in all the event's communication and visual material. The digits indicate the potential number of partners (of both the UCI and the Organiser) at each level. The percentages represent the approximate share of marketing and sponsorship rights each level will be entitled to.

## RESERVED PRODUCTS/SERVICES CATEGORIES

The UCI reserves the following products/services categories for its partners. Please kindly note that the below categories are subject to contract renewals and may be subject to changes. A detailed overview may be provided by the UCI upon the Organiser's request.

- Timepieces and all kind of watches (digital and analogue), including pocket watches, children and youth watches as well as all wrist worn devices which incorporate timing as a function of the device such as smartwatches or activity trackers, clocks, countdown clocks, jewellery pieces with a time piece included as well as any other equipment where timing is a function of the device and the size of the movement of such equipment is not exceeding the following size: 60 mm in diameter (or length and breadth as the case may be) and 14 mm in depth; and Timing systems, timing, scoring, scoreboard equipment, system and services; products whose primary function is time-measuring and/or distance measurement, scoring and results production and display (including commentary information systems), TV graphics system and services, results systems and Commentators Information System and services, related data handling services as well as and associated services, such as installation, integration, testing, maintenance and operation of the aforementioned equipment.
- All kind of specific / technical cycling clothes, namely cycling jerseys, bib shorts, gloves, socks, caps, skinsuits, thermo vests and raincoat
- Bicycle-shoes, bicycle components (crankset, bottom bracket, cassette sprockets, hubs, levers, derailleur, brakes – including disk and chains), pedals, rims, wheels, handlebars, stems (except forks, saddles, feeding bottles and tyres), connected cycling components (solely limited to the list of products herein and power meters); electronic bicycle components i.e. motor, drivetrain, levers and battery
- IT (anything related to data processing including computing technologies, hardware, software, network providers, etc.)

In addition, the Organiser agrees not to enter into any partnership with any tobacco manufacturer, companies producing pornographic products, spirits, or sport betting companies (some categories are prohibited and others tolerated under certain conditions by virtue of articles 1.1.008 to 1.1.090 of the UCI Regulations).

## ORGANISER'S PARTNERS

Outside of the reserved products/services categories, the Organiser is free to negotiate with partners in other products/services categories, provided that the exclusive rights of the UCI partners are scrupulously respected. The Organiser's partners are subject to the UCI's approval before the Organiser and the partner enter into an agreement.

## **MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP INVENTORY**

The UCI World Championships offer its partners clear visibility through the event marketing and sponsorship inventory. Please see below a non-exhaustive list of the key items.

- Boards and banners on course
- Start and finish arches on course
- Inflatable items along the course
- Backdrops and structures
- Official communications (programme, result list, etc.)
- Public announcements by speaker
- 30-second clip played on giant screen
- Digital visibility
- Expo area
- Event tickets
- VIP hospitality

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF VISIBILITY**

The Organiser and the UCI should work in close cooperation regarding the implementation of their respective partners. Appointed implementation teams should be piloted by the Marketing representatives of the Organiser and of the UCI.





# APPENDIX D : TV PRODUCTION & ELECTRONIC MEDIA RIGHTS

## TELEVISION PRODUCTION

Television production is not compulsory. Nevertheless, if the Organiser wishes to invest in TV production, the Organiser, initially, should liaise with the UCI to set up an initial discussion with its distribution partner.

## ELECTRONIC MEDIA RIGHTS

The UCI is the sole and exclusive owner of all Electronic Media Rights in the widest sense of the term, including any media rights within the territory of the World Championships (Host Country Rights). Host Country Rights' acquisition by the Organiser can be discussed together with the television production.

**NOTE:** *the above model reflects the current situation but is subject to contract renewal between UCI and its distribution partners (currently EBU for Europe only and IMG).*





# APPENDIX E : EVENT MERCHANDISING

The event merchandising includes all merchandising products carrying the event logo.

The event merchandising can be a source of revenues for the Organiser but it also generates an important workload and can be a source of financial risks for the Organiser.

To make the Organiser's life easier, the UCI has launched a merchandising programme: an official partner has been appointed by the UCI and it offers a range of products ready to be ordered.

The UCI official partner will have the exclusivity on the production of the merchandising items: all event merchandising orders have to be addressed to the UCI official partner.

The Organiser owns 100% of the distribution of the event merchandising onsite and will retain 100% of the onsite sales revenues (with the exception of the below reserved categories).

The UCI and the Organiser will discuss the possible distribution channels and opportunities.

## **PRODUCTS EXCLUSIVITY – WATCHES, CYCLING CLOTHES AND SPORTSWEAR**

The UCI official partners for the categories "cycling clothes" and, "watches" have been granted the respective exclusivity in relation to the production of watches, cycling clothes and sportswear merchandising.

Consequently, the Organiser is obliged to produce any clothes or watches for its event merchandising via the relevant UCI supplier.

# APPENDIX F : COMMUNICATION & PROMOTION

The Organiser will have to ensure the promotion of the event, via a Communication and Promotion plan to be defined in collaboration with the UCI. The UCI will also promote the event on its owned platforms and channel.

Visuals and contents coming from the Organiser for both above / below-the-line communication will be validated by the UCI.





# APPENDIX G : VIP HOSPITALITY

The VIP hospitality is an opportunity to generate revenues for the Organiser.

The UCI family should have access to the highest level of hospitability. The VIP area must be only one area located near the finish line in close proximity to the event venue/race action. As a VIP guest, it is important that the experience in that space be premium.

25 number of tickets must be delivered to the UCI per day.

All VIP revenues outside of the UCI tickets are for the Organiser.





# APPENDIX H : SPORTS REQUIREMENTS

- Gravel races shall take place on any type of unsurfaced roads and can include gravel, forest fire-roads, farm roads and tracks and cobbles
- 50 to 200 km circuit
- Single lap or multiple laps
- Tarmac surfaced roads should not total more than 20% of the race distance
- The course should avoid grass and meadows





# APPENDIX I : SECURITY

Security is a key element in the organisation of the UCI Gravel World Championships. An event without incident presents a positive image of the Championships as well as of the host town and country. Security issues must be planned and managed in collaboration with the local, regional and national authorities. With this in mind, the LOC appoints a security coordinator who acts as the contact person for any matters concerning security. Security considerations include the safety of people (riders, team staff, officials, guests, spectators) as well as the security of property and locations (vehicles, start/finish area, training locations, competition locations, equipment, telecommunication installations and transmitters, press equipment, etc.). The security of people and property must be ensured from the time of arrival at the competition venue.

Furthermore, the LOC shall take out third-party civil liability insurance covering the LOC's and UCI's civil liability for cases of personal and material damage to a minimum of CHF 5,000,000. A copy of this insurance contract must be provided when the LOC signs the organisation pre-contract.

The LOC submits security plans to the UCI three months before the start of the UCI Gravel World Championships, consisting of:

- Security plan (fire and ambulance services, police) for the riders, public and officials
- Traffic and parking plan (locations, routes)
- Security plan for the movement of persons during and after the events (access to various zones).

Finally, the security coordinator undertakes to actively participate in training security representatives employed at the competition venue. The security coordinator, in conjunction with the technical manager, oversees the positioning of security representatives, who have a good knowledge of English, at strategic points.

# J APPENDIX J : UCI OFFICIAL HOTEL & MEETINGS

The official hotel for the UCI Gravel World Championships provides accommodation for the members of the UCI Management Committee, as well as UCI guests, UCI staff and officials and ITA staff and officials.

The Organiser must ensure the availability, quality of services and prices of the official hotel from the time of compiling the candidature. The UCI is responsible for selecting the hotel upon the proposal of the Organiser.

## HOTEL STANDARD

- The hotel must be a high-quality tourist hotel (four stars or higher).
- The minimum reservation for the UCI is 12 rooms for 48 nights. (single hotel room with half-board. Parking for UCI officials and guests is provided free of charge.
- The cost of the hotel rooms will be borne by the UCI.

# APPENDIX K : ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

The UCI Gravel World Championships are subject to anti-doping controls according to the UCI Anti-doping Rules. The International Testing Agency (ITA), entity mainly in charge of the implementation of the UCI's anti-doping program, will appoint one or more Doping Control Officer (DCO), refer to ITA's instructions.

ITA will be responsible for the cost of the DCO daily allowances and travel arrangement to the event. All costs related to accommodation, catering and individual transportation during the event for the DCO, are borne by the organiser.

The UCI is responsible for the cost of the sample analyses carried out in an accredited World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) laboratory. Laboratory that ITA will duly confirmed. However, the cost of the transport of the samples to the laboratory is borne by the organiser. Organiser shall therefore assist the DCO with the transport of the samples with a courier company.

## **SAMPLE COLLECTION PERSONNEL**

The organiser is also responsible for all practical aspects of the controls and shall provide the DCOs with the following:

- Male doctor or male nurse & female doctor or female nurse: assigned solely for the anti-doping controls (please note this doctor cannot be the race doctor).
- Chaperons: one chaperon per rider to be tested (shall be of the same gender as the rider).
- Assistant: is required to assist the DCOs before and during the event and act as the liaison with the organiser.

## **DOPING CONTROL EQUIPMENT**

Anti-doping kits and ITA forms are provided by the ITA.

## **DOPING CONTROL STATION (DCS)**

The DCS shall be equipped in such a way to facilitate the running of the controls, be located in the immediate vicinity of the finish line and shall be clearly signposted from the finish line. Privacy of the riders shall be respected. The organiser shall designate an official to monitor the entrance to the DCS, and only allow people involved in doping controls to enter. The DCS should be lockable.

The DCS shall be heated or climatized, large enough, solely used for anti-doping purposes and shall include a waiting room, one administration area including lavatories in it for the passing of the sample.



# APPENDIX L: ORGANISER BUDGET

The budget template can be downloaded in Excel table format from [\*this link\*](#).



# APPENDIX M : EVENT LEGACY

## DEVELOPING CYCLING IN YOUR CITY

Hosting a UCI event provides the perfect platform for promoting the development of cycling in your city.

- Do you want to promote your region/city as a bike-friendly environment?
- Do you wish to develop tourism in your area and encourage your citizens to use bikes as a means of transport?

Hosting a UCI event will provide a concrete translation of your ideas and plans. The UCI can support you as you build a strategy to develop cycling: we can provide you with ideas and benchmarks from successful initiatives around the world to help you to reach your goals.

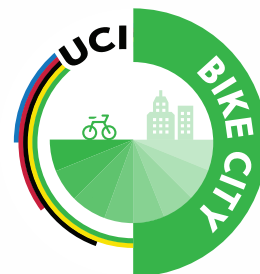
We share the same target: to develop cycling!

Cycling is more than a sport, it is the answer to many concerns of our society: public health, environment, traffic...

## UCI BIKE CITY LABEL

In order to promote cities and regions that invest in cycling, the UCI has created a "UCI Bike City Label". This label will distinguish cities active in two areas:

- Hosting a UCI event
- Developing cycling within its population.



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The city/region will be entitled to use the label over a five-year period.

The label will be awarded each year during the UCI Road World Championships. A communication plan dedicated to the winners will be established through the UCI's various communication channels.

# ABOUT THE UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE

The Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) is the world governing body for cycling recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The UCI's mission is to develop and promote cycling - in close collaboration with National Federations - as a competitive sport, as a healthy recreational activity and as a means of transport.

The UCI governs eight disciplines of the sport of cycling: road, track, mountain bike, BMX Racing, BMX Freestyle, cyclo-cross, trials, indoor cycling. Five of them are represented at the Olympic Games (road, track, mountain bike, BMX Racing and BMX Freestyle), two at the Paralympic Games (road and track) and four at the Youth Olympic Games (road, mountain bike, BMX Racing and BMX Freestyle).

Additionally, the UCI promotes a number of its own events, including the UCI Road World Championships, an iconic annual event, and a wide range of other UCI World Championships and World Cups across the various disciplines. The different sizes and scopes of our events ensure that UCI cycling events can be hosted by all cities.

## INTERNATIONAL UCI EVENTS ARE HELD ANNUALLY FOR ALL OUR DISCIPLINES

### ROAD

UCI Road World Championships  
UCI Gran Fondo World Championships  
UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships  
UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup

### MOUNTAIN BIKE

UCI Mountain Bike World Championships  
UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships  
UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Championships  
UCI Pump Track World Championships  
UCI 4X World Championships  
UCI Masters Mountain Bike World Championships  
UCI Mountain Bike World Cup  
UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Cup

### GRAVEL

UCI Gravel World Championships  
UCI Gravel World Series

### TRACK

UCI Track World Championships  
UCI Junior Track World Championships  
UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships  
UCI Track Champions League  
UCI Track Nations Cup  
UCI Masters Track World Championships

### CYCLO-CROSS

UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships  
UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup  
UCI Masters Cyclo-cross World Championships

### COMBINED

UCI Cycling World Championships (every pre-Olympic year).

### CYCLING ESPORTS

UCI Cycling Esports World Championships

### BMX Racing

UCI BMX Racing World Championships  
UCI BMX Racing World Cup

### BMX FREESTYLE

UCI Urban Cycling World Championships  
UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup

### TRIALS

UCI Urban Cycling World Championships  
UCI Trials World Cup  
UCI Trials World Youth Games

### INDOOR CYCLING

UCI Indoor Cycling World Championships  
UCI Cycle-ball World Cup  
UCI Artistic Cycling World Cup

THE UCI HEADQUARTERS ARE LOCATED IN AIGLE, SWITZERLAND, AT THE UCI WORLD CYCLING CENTRE.



The information contained herein represents the current requirements of the UCI and matters concerning the UCI Gravel World Championships may evolve and be altered. Substantial amendments and modifications to the UCI's requirements will be reported to the Organiser and shall be reflected through the Organisation Guide that will be provided and/or in the Organisation Agreement that will be signed with the Organiser.

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