

# UCI Solidarity Programme 2025 - Guidelines

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### ABOUT THE UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE (UCI)

Founded in 1900 in Paris (France), the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) is the worldwide governing body for cycling. It develops and oversees cycling in all its forms, for all people: as a competitive sport, a healthy recreational activity, a means of transport, and also just for fun.

The UCI manages and promotes the ten cycling disciplines: road, track, mountain bike, BMX Racing, BMX Freestyle, cyclo-cross, trials, indoor cycling, cycling esports and gravel. Five of these are featured on the Olympic Games programme (road, track, mountain bike, BMX Racing and BMX Freestyle), two in the Paralympic Games (road and track) and four in the Youth Olympic Games (road, mountain bike, BMX Racing and BMX Freestyle).

### ABOUT THE UCI SOLIDARITY PROGRAMME

The global and unified development of cycling is at the core of the UCI's strategy, which is achieved by supporting emerging cycling nations and promoting the sport to increase its popularity worldwide.

In 2018, the UCI Solidarity Programme was created to assist Continental Confederations and National Federations in developing cycling within their respective regions and countries, following a structured, sustainable and progressive framework.

To better target the National Federations most in need of support, prioritisation is done using the [UCI National Federations Classification](#). National Federations are classified according to their needs: categories 1 and 2 are the most economically well-off, while categories 3 and 4 include Federations with emerging cycling activities and in greatest need for support. Out of the 205 members, 75% are classified as category 3 or 4 and these are the National Federations to which the UCI Solidarity Programme provides support.

Aligned with Agenda 2030, the UCI Solidarity Programme aids category 3 and 4 National Federations by funding training courses and donating equipment, among other initiatives.

The UCI World Cycling Centre (WCC) plays a central role in delivering these development initiatives, reinforcing the UCI's solidarity strategy.

## 2. FOUR PATHWAYS TO SUPPORT CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS AND NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

The UCI Solidarity Programme supports Continental Confederations and National Federations through four key pathways: Education, Equipment, Funding for Special Projects, and Athlete Development. Each pathway functions autonomously but also complements the others.

Collectively, these pathways address the essential objectives for the development of cycling within the Continental Confederations and National Federations.

Through these pathways, Continental Confederations and National Federations can access sporting, technical, and financial resources. This support aids their riders and stakeholders and enhances their autonomy and independence as organizations.

## 2.1 EDUCATION

Proper education is paramount to the growth of any National Federation. The Education Pathway is divided into three areas:

- A. Coaching courses – Coach Development Program (CDP)
  - Without adequate coach education, National Federations that receive Athlete Development support will not be able to capitalize on this support if their coaches cannot continue to develop these athletes properly.
- B. Mechanics courses
  - The same logic holds true for National Federations that receive bicycles and equipment. The lifespan of these bikes and equipment will be notably shorter if there are no skilled mechanics to maintain them.
- C. Commissaire courses
  - Holding safe and fair cycling events is essential for the development of athletes, coaches, and mechanics. Therefore, it is crucial for a National Federation to ensure that they have enough well-trained commissaires to run events effectively.

In essence, the UCI wants to ensure that any application coming from either Continental Confederations or National Federations has a clear strategy that aims at educating their cycling community in these areas.

To ensure proper assimilation of the educational material and concepts, a National Federation can apply for one education project per year, which can encompass coaching, mechanics, or commissaire courses, or any combination of these areas.

Additionally, while these educational opportunities are offered via the UCI Solidarity Programme, free educational materials and courses related to the UCI's Cycling Integrity Programme can be found in Annex A of this guideline document.

## A. Coaching Courses

Description	Specificities	Local arrangements and funding
<p><b>UCI Coach Development Program Level 1 (online):</b></p> <p>Level entry qualification for coaches, which focuses on the foundations of coaching. The knowledge that is gained on this course is fundamental to ensuring coaching is appropriate for the riders and for each cycling discipline. Coaches will learn the fundamentals of technique consistent across all cycling activities and how to deliver effective coached sessions.</p>	<p><b>Number of participants:</b> 20</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 30 days</p> <p>A stable internet connection is essential for a smooth course experience.</p>	<p><b>The National Federation / Continental Confederation is responsible for the following arrangements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing correct candidates' information details to the UCI WCC during the application period</li> </ul> <p><b>The UCI WCC is responsible for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up of the candidates' progress in the course</li> </ul>
<p><b>UCI Coach Development Program Level 2 (in person):</b></p> <p>Next level in a coach's development, this course focuses on the components required to assist a rider when training for more advanced performance. Coaches will be equipped with the skills and knowledge required to progress riders in a specific cycling discipline.</p> <p>The course takes place at a location chosen by the applicant's National Federation that is suitable for its delivery.</p>	<p><b>Number of participants:</b> min. 10 max. 15</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 5 days</p> <p><b>Preparation time:</b> min. 2 months in advance</p> <p><b>Pre-requisite:</b> completion of the UCI Level 1 Coaching Course</p>	<p><b>The National Federation / Continental Confederation is responsible for the following arrangements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing correct candidates' information details to the UCI WCC during the application period</li> <li>• Accommodation, housing and meals of the participants (if required) and UCI WCC expert.</li> <li>• Transport of the participants and of the UCI WCC expert throughout the training course.</li> <li>• Interpreter for translation (if needed).</li> <li>• 1 meeting room with projector or screen as well as an internet connection.</li> <li>• Practical component for the training; a suitable venue for the pre-selected cycling discipline.</li> </ul> <p><b>The UCI WCC is responsible for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up of the candidates' progress in the course.</li> <li>• Coaching course contents.</li> <li>• UCI WCC expert to deliver the course. The cost of the daily rate and travel of the UCI expert is part of the solidarity budget allocation.</li> </ul>

<p><b>UCI Coach Development Program Level 3 (in person):</b></p> <p>The level 3 is aimed at experienced coaches who will be working either with their National Team or with National and International level riders.</p> <p>This course may take place at the UCI WCC or at one at the WCC Satellites.</p>	<p><b>Duration:</b> 25 days</p> <p><b>Pre-requisite:</b> completion of the UCI Level 2 Coaching Course</p> <p>Maximum <b>1 candidate</b> per NF can be supported by UCI Solidarity</p>	<p><b>The National Federation is responsible for the following arrangements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing correct candidate’s information details to the UCI WCC during the application period</li> <li>• Flight ticket</li> <li>• Appointment to the embassy for the visa (if applicable)</li> </ul> <p><b>The UCI WCC is responsible for the following arrangements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation</li> <li>• Meals</li> <li>• Invitation for Visa application</li> </ul>
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## B. Mechanics Courses

Description	Specificities	Local arrangements and funding <sup>1</sup>
<p><b>UCI Level 1 Mechanics Course (online):</b></p> <p>Level entry qualification for mechanics which focuses on the foundations of mechanics.</p> <p>The knowledge gained on this course is fundamental to ensure that maintenance of the bikes and repairs are successful.</p>	<p><i>Online course:</i></p> <p><b>Number of participants:</b> 20</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 30 days</p> <p>A stable internet connection is essential for a smooth course experience.</p>	<p><b>The National Federation is responsible for the following arrangements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing correct candidates' information details to the UCI WCC during the application period</li> </ul> <p><b>The UCI WCC is responsible for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up of the candidates' progress in the course</li> </ul>
<p><b>UCI Level 2 Mechanics Course (in person):</b></p> <p>Level 2 also could be in collaboration with WCC. This course takes place at the UCI WCC in Aigle, Switzerland. or at one at the WCC Satellites (subject to having the necessary equipment).</p>	<p><b>Duration:</b> 2 weeks</p> <p><b>Pre-requisite:</b> completion of the UCI Level 1 Mechanics Course</p> <p>Maximum <b>1 candidate</b> per NF can be supported by UCI Solidarity</p>	<p><b>The National Federation is responsible for the following arrangements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing correct candidate's information details to the UCI WCC during the application period</li> <li>• Flight ticket</li> <li>• Appointment to the embassy for the visa (if applicable)</li> </ul> <p><b>The UCI-WCC is responsible for the following arrangements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation</li> <li>• Meals</li> <li>• Invitation for Visa application</li> </ul>

## C. Commissaire Courses

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<p><b>Basic Level National Commissaire Course</b></p> <p>Following the UCI regulations article 1.1.051, the title of National Commissaire shall be conferred by the National Federation competent to issue his/her license.</p> <p>The UCI has created training courses to support National Federations in development of National Commissaires in multiple disciplines. The following formats can be proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Asynchronous online learning courses (road, track, paracycling disciplines). More information available on: <a href="https://ilearn.uci.ch/course/index.php?categoryid=4">https://ilearn.uci.ch/course/index.php?categoryid=4</a>;</li> <li>- In-person National Commissaire training in conjunction with international competitions. This format would allow to combine theoretical and practical trainings.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Number of participants:</b></p> <p>min. 10 max 20</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> up to 30 hours for online course and up to 3 days for in-person course.</p> <p><b>Preparation time:</b></p> <p>min. 3 months in advance for the in-person course. In case the course is scheduled in conjunction with an international event, the appointment of a UCI tutor must be planned 6 months in advance.</p> <p>A stable internet connection is essential for a smooth online course experience.</p>	<p>The National Federation is responsible for the following arrangements regarding in-person trainings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation, housing and meals of participants (if required) and UCI commissaire tutor.</li> <li>• Transport of participants and of the UCI tutor throughout the training course.</li> <li>• Interpreter for the translation (if needed).</li> <li>• 1 functional room with overhead projector, internet connection, black/whiteboard, flipcharts.</li> <li>• Practical component: Bicycle (ideally set up for a Time Trial event) and measuring jig (new UCI jig ideally).</li> <li>• Optional: second tutor/instructor</li> <li>• Providing correct candidate's information details to the UCI WCC during the application period</li> </ul> <p><b>UCI Solidarity Programme contribution:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full access to the online trainings.</li> <li>• UCI Instructor fee for in-person trainings</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Detailed budget with pro-forma invoices must be submitted to the UCI together with the UCI Solidarity Form duly filled in.

## 2.2 EQUIPMENT

Through the Equipment Pathway, the UCI aims to empower Continental Confederations and National Federations by equipping them with the necessary tools to develop their cycling programs effectively. By ensuring the strategic distribution and proper maintenance of the equipment, this initiative supports the growth and sustainability of cycling worldwide.

The Equipment Pathway of the UCI Solidarity Programme provides cycling equipment to Continental Confederations and National Federations through the UCI World Cycling Centre (WCC). Under this pathway, each Continental Confederation and National Federation may submit up to **two equipment requests per four-year mandate**. These requests can be for road, track, mountain bike (MTB), and BMX bikes, with options for both entry-level and elite level bikes. Additionally, para-cycling equipment requests are considered upon thorough analysis by the UCI and UCI WCC.

To ensure effective utilization and long-term benefits, all equipment requests must include clear objectives for the use of the equipment, criteria for distribution, ownership, and a plan for the contribution to the legacy of the supplied equipment. Each request must align with the Federation's overall development strategy.

National Federations can request a maximum of 10 bikes. Depending on the caliber of bikes requested (Entry or Elite level), the Federation will have to put forward at least one recognized UCI –Certified Level 1 or level 2 mechanic having received certification within the last 5 years. What is more, for any additional equipment request within the four-year period, a different mechanic would have to be put forward.

For each bike assigned to a National Federation, a standard bike repair kit is also provided.

Note: Items, such as dernys, timing systems, start gates, and other types of equipment, are **not** eligible for funding requests.

The UCI WCC handles the shipping of the equipment, with costs covered by the UCI Solidarity Programme. However, any customs release fees and taxes that apply are the responsibility of the National Federation.

## 2.3 STARTER PACK BUNDLE

National Federations that are starting their development journey will have the possibility to apply for the UCI Solidarity Programme through a starter pack bundle. The starter pack bundle will include Level 1 courses for Coaches, Mechanics, and Commissaires plus up to 5 entry level bikes\*.

As described above, the combination of education and equipment is a key factor for the development of cycling in an emerging cycling Federation.

By combining education and equipment, the Starter Pack Bundle aims to tackle the needs of many National Federations that currently do not have enough qualified personnel to kick-start their cycling development objectives.

Please note that, if a National Federation was awarded an equipment solidarity project in 2024, this Federation can still apply for the starter pack bundle, but the request will only be considered for the education part (Level 1 courses) and not for the equipment part.

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## 2.4 FUNDING FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

For Continental Confederations, funding will be granted upon evaluation of the project submitted.

For National Federations, funding will be granted upon evaluation of the project submitted and should cover one of the following themes: Women's Cycling, Cycling for All, Sustainability, Para-cycling, or National Federation System Development. Special projects could benefit from a UCI Solidarity Programme contribution of up to EUR 6,000.

A detailed budget for the special project will have to be provided as part of the application. The detailed budget will need to include the requested UCI Solidarity contribution as well as any other contribution coming from project partners.

### Women's Cycling

For projects pertaining to the development of Women's Cycling, the project submitted should be elaborated on the basis of the [UCI Women in Cycling Best Practice Guide](#) published on the UCI website.

### Cycling for All

For projects concerning Cycling for All, and more specifically related to youth, the submitted project should be elaborated on the basis of the [UCI Children's Cycling Education Programmes Toolkit](#) if the wish is to develop a strategy enabling children to learn to ride safely.

The [Cycling For All Side Events UCI Toolkit For Event Organisers](#) should be used as a basis for the elaboration of the project submitted to promote cycling in all forms by engaging spectators, families and the general public as active participants in a Cycling for All activity linked to an event such as a National Cycling Championship.

We encourage National Federations who are planning Cycling for All projects to contact the UCI Cycling for All team ([cyclingforall@uci.ch](mailto:cyclingforall@uci.ch)) to obtain further guidance and support in the delivery of their projects.

### Sustainability

Further to the launch of the UCI's sustainability [strategy](#) in 2021, and its key objectives to reduce the carbon footprint of the sport of cycling whilst promoting the bicycle as a key solution to combat climate change, the UCI will provide support to National Federations developing their own sustainability action plans. The UCI [Sustainability Guidelines](#) should serve as preliminary reading before the development of specific strategies, whilst the UCI's new climate action training programme will provide additional support to all National Federations looking to implement sustainability measures within their organisation. We encourage Federations to contact the UCI ([cyclingforall@uci.ch](mailto:cyclingforall@uci.ch)) before developing such projects.

## Para-cycling

For projects linked to Para-cycling, National Federations should contact the UCI ([internationalrelations@uci.ch](mailto:internationalrelations@uci.ch)) for guidance and expertise on the elaboration of their project.

## 2.5 ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

Through the UCI World Cycling Centre Satellite network, National Federations have the option to request funding for selected athletes to participate in training camps at one of the network's Satellite locations.

In exceptional cases, if a National Federation has nurtured a promising athlete whom they believe could benefit from training within the World Cycling Centre development system, they can apply for financial support to facilitate their athlete's participation in the WCC program. However, similar to any request for athlete funding, the UCI World Cycling Centre coaches will assess all applications to ensure that the athletes are adequately prepared to participate in development initiatives in Switzerland or at one of the WCC Development Satellites.

In evaluating Athlete Development requests, the UCI will consider whether the National Federation has coaches with the necessary education and training to provide optimal support for any athletes funded to attend Satellite training camps or the World Cycling Centre program.

Description	Specificities	Local arrangements and funding
<p><b>Athletes training at UCI WCC Satellites</b></p> <p>The WCC has five satellites throughout the world (South Africa, Korea, Japan, India, Portugal, Canada, Peru, New Zealand, Trinidad and Tobago, and China). Each of these satellites selects and trains athletes from the National Federations it serves. This process aims at the long-term development of athletes, some of whom may be selected for high-level training at the UCI WCC in Switzerland.</p>	<p><b>Participation conditions:</b></p> <p>To benefit from this, National Federations must prove that they have at least one certified coach in level 1.</p> <p>Maximum <b>1 candidate</b> per NF can be supported by UCI Solidarity</p>	<p><b>The National Federation is responsible for the following arrangements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing correct candidate's information details to the UCI WCC during the application period</li> <li>• Appointment to the embassy for the visa (if applicable)</li> </ul> <p><b>The UCI-WCC is responsible for the following arrangements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flight tickets</li> <li>• Accommodation</li> <li>• Meals</li> <li>• Invitation for Visa application</li> </ul>

## 3. UCI SOLIDARITY PROGRAMME APPLICATION PROCESS

### 3.1 APPLICATION FORMS

For all four pathways, Continental Confederations and National Federations must complete the UCI Solidarity Online Application Form:

- [UCI Solidarity Online Application Form](#) for National Federations
- [UCI Solidarity Online Application Form](#) for Continental Confederations

Please ensure that the forms are carefully and comprehensively completed and that **all** the information requested is submitted. If the form is incomplete, the project may not be submitted for assessment and subsequent approval. The National Federation's Development Programme and/or Strategy must also be enclosed alongside the application.

### 3.2 APPLICATION DEADLINES

The period to apply for the UCI Solidarity Programme for projects to be implemented in 2025 is :

- **7 October – 8 November 2024 for National Federations**
- **7 October – 15 November 2024 for Continental Confederations**

Note: Any application submitted after the above-mentioned deadline **will not** be considered.

### 3.3 APPLICATION REVIEW AND TIMELINE

Once an application has been received, it will be assessed by the relevant departments at the UCI and UCI World Cycling Centre. The Continental Confederations and National Federations will be contacted directly, should any further details or clarifications be required.

The projects will be presented at the UCI Presidents' Conference before being approved by the UCI Management Committee. Projects will be assessed and approved by the UCI Management Committee **by the end of February 2025**.

The final UCI Management Committee decision will be communicated to the Continental Confederations and National Federations by way of an official letter of approval. The UCI International Relations Department works in conjunction with the UCI World Cycling Centre and the UCI's administrative services to ensure the projects are delivered by 31 December 2025.

### 3.4 PROJECT EVALUATION

Continental Confederations and National Federations **are required** to provide regular updates on the implementation of the project as well as return the 'Activity Report' form once the UCI Solidarity project has been delivered.

Should these updates and the 'Activity Report' form not be submitted, the UCI reserves the right to not accept project applications for the following two periods of the UCI Solidarity Programme.

### 3.5 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### Debt

To apply for the UCI Solidarity Programme, the National Federation shall not be in default for payment of any financial obligations with the UCI, the UCI World Cycling Centre or a third party to which a regulatory task of the UCI has been delegated (cf. art. 8 of the UCI Constitution).

If any amounts remain due (as per the invoice due date) on the closing date for the submission of applications, i.e. on 8 November 2024, the application will be deemed inadmissible.

#### Development Strategy

A development strategy for a National Federation is a comprehensive plan outlining goals, initiatives, and actions to promote the growth and advancement of cycling at all levels within a country, encompassing areas such as athlete development, education, grassroots participation, and competitive success.

Any UCI Solidarity Project will need to fit within the framework of a National Federation Development Strategy. Each UCI Solidarity project application will need to specify how the project fits into the NF Development Strategy.

#### Partnerships

With the aim of delivering more effective UCI Solidarity projects, any Special Funding project must have the support and involvement of another entity, namely, government and/or local authorities, National Olympic Committee, and if possible, sponsors or other partners.

For the project to be put forward for approval before the UCI Management Committee, proof of the partnership will be requested.

#### Evaluation

To benefit from the UCI Solidarity Programme, National Federations must provide a full evaluation report to the UCI for the UCI Solidarity project funded for the year 2024.

Please contact the UCI International Relations Department at [solidarity@uci.ch](mailto:solidarity@uci.ch), for any further information on this matter.

### 3.6 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE UCI SOLIDARITY PROGRAMME

#### Timeline for delivery and implementation

Depending on its parameters and nature, if the project is confirmed, it should be implemented by 31 December 2025.

No modifications to the approved projects will be granted.

Should a project be cancelled or modified within a month of the planned start, all costs incurred for its organization shall be deducted from the contribution approved.

#### Activity report

A comprehensive activity report of the project should be submitted here within a month of the project being completed. This report should include a full description of the project, its implementation, lessons learned, legacy, and conclusion. The evaluation should be supported by photos and other noteworthy items, such as press clippings, social media activity, case studies, etc. Should this Activity Report not be received, the National Federation will not be able to apply for the next period of the UCI Solidarity Programme.

Please contact the International Relations Department at [solidarity@uci.ch](mailto:solidarity@uci.ch), for any further information on this matter.

## 4. USEFUL RESOURCES

The [National Federations' Classification and Financial Obligations](#) are available on the UCI website.

Please consult the [UCI website](#) as it constitutes an excellent source of information for Continental Confederations and National Federations.

## 5. CHECKLIST

#### Application deadline

- 8 November 2024 at the latest for National Federations
- 15 November 2024 at the latest for Continental Confederations

#### Application form

- Apply via the UCI Solidarity Programme online application form only, which is accessible [here](#).

Supporting documents:

- Proof of partnership.
- Detailed budget.

## ANNEX A

### CYCLING INTEGRITY

As the world governing body for cycling, the UCI is committed to encouraging, promoting, strengthening, and safeguarding the integrity of our sport, stakeholders, and competitions.

The objectives of the [UCI Cycling Integrity programme](#) hinge on three pillars: clean cycling, safe cycling, and fair cycling, each of which is comprised of a preventive or risk-limiting component as well as a responsive component for reporting and dealing with problems that arise.

The UCI strongly encourages the National Federations to lead by example on those three pillars.

### ANTI-DOPING

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As a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Code, the UCI takes its responsibility under the Code with the utmost seriousness and believes that it leads the way in the protection of clean athletes.

One of the key responsibilities of the UCI is to ensure an effective and efficient Anti-Doping Program to stay at the forefront of the fight against doping.

Needless to say, education is a key element to the effective fight against doping in cycling as it helps its stakeholders understand the challenges and risks associated with doping, preventing any potential unfortunate situations and thus keeping cycling clean.

With this in mind, it is crucial to understand that each member of the cycling community has a role to play and that National Federations are one of the most important pieces of this puzzle.

#### Education

The UCI strongly encourages the National Federations to implement education and prevention programs for doping-free sport. Such programs will undoubtedly have a positive and long-term influence on the choices made by all your members, in particular by the athletes and their entourage.

To support the National Federations in their efforts for clean sport, several tools are available under the UCI website's [Anti-Doping Section](#). Under this section, the National Federations will find general information and educational materials enabling your members to gain/improve their knowledge on Anti-Doping.

Furthermore, the UCI also strongly recommends your members to refer to [the WADA's online Anti-doping Education and Learning platform](#) (ADEL) launched by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), a platform enables anyone to assimilate the basic notions of anti-doping and to improve or strengthen their anti-doping capabilities. Modern, easy to navigate, and available in several languages, the platform's mission is to meet the Anti-Doping educational needs of all athletes, coaches, medical personnel, and, more in general, all stakeholders.

## SAFEGUARDING / PREVENTION OF HARASSMENT AND ABUSE

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It is essential that each member of the cycling family feel respected as they ride, work, and develop within our sport. The UCI is committed to keeping cycling safe for all and providing a respectful, equitable environment, free from all forms of harassment and abuse.

### Safeguarding procedures

The UCI strongly encourages the National Federations to take measures to both prevent and respond to concerns arising, by:

- taking proactive action to protect people from harm or abuse through appropriate prevention and response measures and promoting their wellbeing. It means doing everything possible to identify and address risks and to prevent any kind of harm or abuse, such as physical, sexual, and/or emotional abuse.
- having appropriate systems in place to adequately address and respond to concerns or encourage your stakeholders to directly report their concerns to the UCI via [UCI Reporting platform](#).

### Education

To increase your knowledge about this topic and better understand what safeguarding athletes entails, we invite you to take the [IOC e-learning course](#) on safeguarding athletes from harassment and abuse.

Crucial to creating a safe sporting environment is recognizing the signs of harassment and abuse and knowing when and how to act. This course will provide you with the education and tools to effectively safeguard athletes and take responsibility when it comes to offering support and protection. A key takeaway will be building your awareness of when harassment and abuse could be occurring around you and how to step in.

## PREVENTION OF COMPETITION MANIPULATION

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To maintain its credibility and integrity, cycling must be free of betting and competition manipulation. To effectively protect cycling from such occurrences, all individuals bound by the UCI Regulations and UCI Code of Ethics must respect the following guidelines.

### Education

You can learn more on this topic by taking the [IOC e-learning course](#) on the prevention of competition manipulation. In this course, you will learn more about competition manipulation, the risks involved in sports betting, and how to handle different situations to protect yourself and your sport.

The course is spread across the following sections and concludes with a final quiz:

- What is competition manipulation?
- The risks of sports betting
- Who can manipulate a competition and how?
- Small mistakes, big consequences

### Reporting concerns

All persons bound by the [UCI Code of Ethics](#) have the obligation to report any action that may reasonably be considered a manipulation of cycling events, corrupt conduct, or use of inside information (Appendix 2, Article 3, UCI Code of Ethics).

You can report your concern by using the [UCI Reporting Platform](#), a confidential, dedicated, and highly secure online system enabling individuals to report any concerns regarding safeguarding (harassment and/or abuse) or manipulation of competitions.

We encourage National Federations to promote this tool and add a link to their website.