

## PART VII – TRIALS REGULATIONS

### Rules amendments applying on **01.01.2023**

#### Chapter I GENERAL RULES

##### §1 Age categories and participation

###### Definition

**7.1.011** ~~Trials is a cycling competition, the objective of this sport is to get over obstacles grouped into sections, without setting foot on the ground or on the obstacle or any part of the bicycle (only the tires) touching the ground or on the obstacle as this incurs penalty points. The rider with the lowest total of penalty points shall be declared the winner in his/her category. The total duration of the competition, necessary to negotiate all sections, is set accordingly.~~

~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games the rider with the highest total of points shall be declared the winner in his/her category.~~

~~Trials is a cycling discipline in which riders get over obstacles grouped into sections.~~

~~The aim is to cross the obstacles indicated with gates and scoring 10 points at every sector crossed. Setting any part of the body and/or any part of the bike (except the rubber of the tires) on the ground or on the obstacles incurs penalty points and the sector is not scored with the 10 points.~~

~~The total duration of the competition, necessary to ride all sections, is set according to the total of riders entered.~~

~~The rider with the highest total of points scored shall be declared the winner in his/her category.~~

~~(text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).~~

**7.1.018** Each side of the section must be marked by plastic course tape. The tape should be installed 20 to 30 cm above the ground. There can also be plastic course tape inside the section to indicate different lines of difficulty or closing some obstacles adding extra difficulty.

The tape should be minimum 12 cm wide and of high quality, as defined in the

technical specifications of the organisation guide.

Inside the sections there are coloured arrows indicating **the gates**.

~~— Direction: one arrow indicating the riders' sense.~~

- **Gates:** Gates are indicated with two arrows (same colour and number) pointing at each other and leaving a space between them, where riders must pass through them.

~~Arrows inside the section must be numbered for easier understanding. The last arrow must be indicated with a circle around the number.~~

~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games, e~~Each section shall be split into six sectors. Each sector is composed of different obstacles marked with gates. Gates inside the section with the same number and different letter, belong to the same sector (for example 1A, 1B and 1C belongs to sector 1).

If a sector contains only one gate, then the gate can be indicated only with the corresponding number. ~~If a sector contains more than one gate, then the number of last gate must be circled to indicate that is the last gate of the sector.~~

~~the circle around is not necessary since is understood that the sector contains only one gate.~~

- The first sector starts at the starting line by passing the front wheel axle.
- The next sector starts at the last gate of the previous sector by passing both wheel axles.
- The sector ends at the last gate by passing both axles, except the last sector which ends at the finish line by passing the front wheel axle.

*(text modified on 01.02.12; 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18; 11.02.20; 01.01.23).*

- 7.1.020** Each section shall comprise a «neutral zone», behind the starting line, which shall be designated for one single participant. Dimensions of neutral zone: 12 m x 1,5 m.  
*(text modified on 01.02.12; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).*

## §6 Competition area

- 7.1.026** In order to be attractive, the sections shall be set in one close area, called competition area, placed in city centres, in halls, in stadiums or in open country. The technical area (Trials office, screen area, team area, warm-up section and stage area), VIP area, **grandstand**, press office, sound system, big screen, must be installed nearby the competition area.

The entire competition area must be fenced off.

The ideal layout is to have the competition area and the technical area connected to each other, as such the riders don't need to walk through the spectators. The competition area shall be laid out in such a way that spectators can easily follow the competition.

“UCI Event Setup & Trials Section Building Guide” provides a detailed explanation how to set the competition area and is available on the UCI website.

(text modified on 01.02.12; 18.03.15; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).

**7.1.037** ~~Penalties inflicted Points scored by the Commissaires' Panel shall be entered on the score card by the Commissaires' Panel on the score card given to each rider at the start. In addition, penalty points scored shall be entered on the penalty points scored check list, to be kept for each section. In case of a difference between the score card and the check list, the Commissaires' Panel decides.~~

~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games points counted by the section Commissaires shall be entered on the score card given to each rider at the start of the competition. In addition, the counted points shall be entered on the check list, to be kept for each section. In case of a difference between the score card and the check list, the Commissaires' Panel shall decide.~~

At the World Championships Finals and at the World Cup Finals a radio or a digital system shall be used.

(text modified on 27.01.17; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).

## **§10 Classifications and results**

**7.1.045** ~~The rider with the lowest total of penalty points shall be declared winner in his/her category.~~

~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games, t~~The rider with the highest total of points scored shall be declared the winner in his/her category.

(text modified on 01.02.12; 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).

**7.1.046** ~~The other places in the classification shall be allocated in ascending number of penalty points imposed.~~

~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games, T~~the other places in the classification shall be allocated in descending number of points gained.

(text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).

**7.1.047** ~~In case of a tie (where two or more riders have the same total of penalty points, the tie shall be solved in the following order:~~

- ~~1. Highest number of sections covered with zero penalty points;~~
- ~~2. Highest number of sections with one single penalty point, with two penalty points, etc;~~
- ~~3. Best result in the ½ Finals;~~
- ~~4. In a competition without a ½ Finals and concerning a podium place, a decisive section to be competed will be selected by the Commissaires' Panel. In the decisive section, in case of equal points the time will be used as the decision-making criterion to allocate the places on the podium. Should several riders obtain five penalty points, the winner will be the rider who goes furthest in the section;~~
- ~~5. In cases of equal penalty points other than for a podium place, the total competition time will be the decision-making criterion.~~

~~In case of a tie in the Final the points obtained in the ½ Finals will be considered as a~~

~~tiebreaker.~~

~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games -~~ In case of a tie (where two or more riders have the same total of points), the tie shall be solved in the following order:

1. Highest number of sections covered with maximum points possible;
2. Highest number of sections with fifty points, with forty points, etc;
3. Best result in the ½ Finals;
4. In a competition without a ½ Finals and concerning a podium place, a decisive section to be competed will be selected by the Commissaires' Panel. In the decisive section, in case of equal points the time will be used as the decision-making criterion to allocate the places on the podium. Should several riders obtain zero points, the winner will be the rider who goes furthest in the section;
5. In cases of equal points other than for a podium place, the total competition time will be the decision-making criterion.

In case of a tie in the Final the place in the ½ Finals will be considered as a tiebreaker. (text modified on 01.02.12; 01.10.13; 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18; **01.01.23**).

#### Riders and Teams' area

**7.1.049** The area reserved for riders and teams shall be located close ~~or inside~~ to the technical area and outside the competition area. A warm up section shall be installed inside the riders and teams' area. (text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18; **01.01.23**).

**7.1.078** Body numbers and number plates shall be neither removed nor modified. ~~., on penalty of supplementary penalties.~~ (text modified on **01.01.23**).

**7.1.079** Starting numbers shall be allocated sequentially starting from the first event. The number one plate shall be reserved for the current world champions and ~~the order of the following riders allocation~~ shall be based on the latest UCI Trials ranking. (text modified on **01.01.23**).

## Penalty points

### §16 **Infringements, penalties, deduction of points and protest** **Part 2: Penalties**

**7.1.083** Any support on the obstacle or on the ground ~~to re-establish the rider's balance~~, be it with a part of the body or with a part of the bicycle, except the tyres (1 penalty point).

The body is splitted in 4 parts:

- feet until the ankle;
- between the ankles until the hip;
- upper part of the body, from the hip including the arms and the head;
- hands until the wrists (incl. the handlebar if it's touched by the hand).

In case of a support of more than one part, the penalty points will be cumulated. If one or more parts of the body are touching the obstacle or the ground, they are penalized with penalty points. ~~Contacts with parts of the bike on the ground or on the obstacle, which are not caused in order to re-establish the rider's balance, are permitted.~~

Brushing without any weight on the touching part of the bike or the body during the bicycle movement shall be permitted. It is allowed to turn the foot on place.

If a rider is approaching the gate from behind the visual line and puts the foot on the obstacle/ground while at least one wheel axle is behind the visual line and uses this foot to cross the gate. ~~This rule applies even if the foot has been lifted briefly one or more times.~~ (5 penalty points). The rider is not allowed to continue riding the section.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18, 01.01.21; **01.01.23**).

**7.1.085** ~~Passing the maximum time cut of 2 minutes for the section (1 penalty point per 10 seconds).~~

~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games~~ Passing the maximum time cut of 2 minutes for the section the rider is not allowed to continue riding. The rider keeps the previous score gained.

(text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18; **01.01.23**).

**7.1.087** Entering the gate of some other category, skipping a gate or a direction of his/her own category or not riding the gates or direction in the correct order (5 penalty points).

~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games~~ The rider must cross the gates of the sector where he/she is riding whereas it is not allowed to cross any other gates of other sectors.

Entering a gate or a direction in the wrong sense for the first time (5 penalty points).

A gate is passed only if the line between the two arrows with the same number is crossed in the correct sense of the arrows. Once the gate is passed, if it is crossed backwards, the rider will have to pass it again (in the correct sense of the arrows).

~~An arrow is passed only if the line between the arrow, and the next tape in the sense of the arrow, is crossed in the correct sense of the arrow. Once the arrow is passed, if it is crossed backwards, the rider will have to pass it again (in the correct sense of the arrow).~~

The crossing is only valid if at least one wheel axle crosses above the arrow level or gate line. If both axles cross the line below the arrow level, the crossing is not passed yet. The crossing with both axels below the arrow level shall be permitted for all other categories.

(text modified on 01.10.13; 18.03.15; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).

**7.1.094** ~~It is forbidden to mark 5 penalty points on the score card without having entered the section.~~

~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games~~ It is forbidden to mark 0 points on the score card without having entered the section.

(text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).

**7.1.095** Touching the ground or the obstacle with a hand that does not hold the handlebars (5 penalty points).

#### ~~Supplementary penalties~~

~~In addition to the penalties set out in articles 7.1.082 ff of the present Trials rule book, the following penalty points may be imposed cumulatively on riders:~~

~~(text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18).~~

#### Part 3: Deduction of points and disqualification

The following situations may result in point deductions or disqualifications. Only the Technical Delegate or the President of Commissaires' Panel in agreement with the Commissaires' Panel can carry out such deductions and disqualifications.

**7.1.096** ~~Per minute for being late at the start (1 penalty point) in case of starts at minute intervals.~~

~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games~~ Per minute for being late at the start (minus 10 points) in case of starts at minute intervals.

(text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).

#### External assistance

**7.1.097** Relatives, followers, minders or attendants shall in no case interfere in the competition.

~~The following acts by attendants or followers to help riders shall be prohibited and penalized by 10 penalty points against the rider helped:~~

~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games~~ The following acts by attendants or followers to help riders shall be prohibited and penalized by minus 100 points against the rider helped:

- A. Taking up position, for the rider, at the entry to a section
  - B. Criticizing the commissaire
  - C. Entering a section (assistance to protect the rider without influencing his/her performance in the section shall be permitted)
  - D. Giving advice (positions) to a rider riding in the section
- (text modified on 01.02.12; 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).

**7.1.098** ~~Losing the score card or omitting a section (10 penalty points).~~  
~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games~~ Losing the score card or omitting a section (minus 50 100 points).  
(text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).

**7.1.099** ~~Unsporting behavior (10 penalty points).~~  
~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games~~ Unsporting behaviour (minus 100 points).  
(text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).

**7.1.105** ~~Supplementary penalties that only the Technical Delegate can impose in agreement with the Commissaries' Panel, shall be added to the other penalty points.~~  
~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games~~ Supplementary penalties that only the Technical Delegate can impose in agreement with the Commissaries' Panel shall be subtracted to the other points.  
(text modified on 27.01.17; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).  
[article abrogated on 01.01.23].

**7.1.106** ~~Any rider exceeding the set duration of the competition shall be penalised by 1 penalty point for each minute or part thereof in the default time.~~  
~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games~~ Any rider exceeding the set duration of the competition shall be penalized by with a deduction of 10 points for each 2 minutes or part thereof in the default time.  
(text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).

**7.1.109** ~~Non compliance of the rules concerning the number plate and/or the body number (10 penalty points).~~  
~~At the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games~~ Non compliance of the rules concerning the number plate and/or the body number (minus 100 points).  
(text modified on 18.03.15; 27.01.17; 15.10.18; 01.01.23).

**§17 Riding system ~~applicable at the World Championships, World Cup and World Youth Games.~~**

**7.1.120** The penalty points will apply as per art. 7.1.082 to 7.1.119.

A rider starts the section with zero penalty points and zero points.

Every time that the rider crosses a sector with zero penalty points, his/her score will be added by 10 points. The procedure to validate the sector is defined in article 7.1.018. The same procedure must be followed with the other sectors of the section.

The rider can only score five penalty points in the whole section. If a rider has got five penalty points before finishing the whole section, he/she has to leave the section, but he/she keeps the previous score gained.

(article introduced on 27.01.17; text modified on 15.10.18; **01.01.23**).

## **Chapter II INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

**7.2.002** Either the team manager or the rider himself/**herself** must confirm the presence of the rider as per the pre-registration riders list, on the scheduled day of registration, by provision of the following information:

- Rider's presence at the venue;
- Correct spelling of the rider's name;
- Rider's category of competition;
- Rider's date of birth;
- Rider's bike number;
- Rider's proof of identity.

(text modified on 15.10.18; **01.01.23**).

### Categories

**7.2.006** Competition categories at an International Trials event shall be based on the description in articles 7.1.001 of the present rule book **and where combined categories are made as follows:**

- **Men Elite 20: made + Men Elite 20 + Men Juniors 20 + second year of Cadets**
- **Men Elite 26: made + Men Elite 26 + Men Juniors 26 + second year of Cadets**

**As well as:**

- **Women Elite: Women Elite + third year of Girls**

### Categories

**7.3.006** Competition categories at a UCI Trials World Cup event shall be as described in article 7.1.002 where combined classes are made as follows:

- Men Elite 20: ~~made by~~ Men Elite 20 + Men Juniors 20 **and +** second year of



Cadets

- Men Elite 26: ~~made by~~ Men Elite 26+ Men Juniors 26 ~~and~~ +second year of Cadets

~~As well as:~~

- Women Elite: ~~Women Elite + third year of Girls~~
- (text modified on 01.02.12; 18.03.15, 01.01.23)

#### UCI Trials World Cup standings

- 7.3.011** The UCI Trials World Cup standings are drawn up on the basis of the points won by each rider in accordance with the table in article 7.6.006.

The last ~~UCI Trials World Cup world-cup~~ event of the season will be awarded with double ~~world-cup~~ points in accordance with the table in article 7.6.006.

Riders tying on points are ranked by considering the greatest number of first places, second places, etc. taking account only of places for which points are awarded for the world cup. If they are still tied, the points scored in the most recent event are used to separate them.

(article introduced on 01.02.12; 18.03.15; 01.01.23).

- 7.4.009** Each National Federation which registers riders must appoint a national team manager to represent the interests of all of its riders at the UCI Trials ~~W~~orld ~~Y~~outh ~~G~~ames. ~~Entry fees for all categories, due to the UCI, are published in the UCI financial obligations.~~
- (text modified on 18.03.15; 15.10.18, 01.01.23).

- 7.6.005** Unless otherwise announced by the UCI, the UCI trials rankings are updated weekly on Tuesday, and also on 31st December. ~~The UCI Trials ranking will be updated every Tuesday after the World Championships, after each World Cup event, after the National Championships and on 31 December. The dates of ranking updates are published on the UCI website.~~
- (text modified on 01.10.13; 01.01.23).