

PART II - ROAD RACES

Rules amendments applying on 01.01.2027

Chapter II GENERAL PROVISIONS

(numbering of the articles modified on 01.01.05).

Safety

2.2.015

Event safety manager

The organiser shall appoint an event safety manager as part of its organisation staff, whose role is defined in the organisers' guide to road events, **the specifications for organisers for UCI Women's WorldTour, UCI WorldTour and UCI ProSeries Men and Women events (if applicable to the class of the event) and the Event Safety Manager Guide** as published by the UCI.

The event safety manager **is responsible for assessing** the risks of the event and overseeing the observance of the safety regulations set out by both the national authorities and the sporting authorities (UCI, National Federation, etc.).

The organiser shall ensure that the event safety manager has a good knowledge of the organisation and safety procedures of cycling events, has the relevant experience to carry out their duties and successfully passed the UCI course. **The UCI event safety manager certification shall not be limited in time. However, in case of a failure to comply with applicable safety regulations, the UCI may withdraw the certification and/or set conditions for the event safety manager to maintain their certifications.**

The name of the event safety manager must be included in the organisation chart published in the technical guide.

The event safety manager must always be readily and visibly identifiable, distinguished by a clearly marked uniform or badge that sets them apart from other organisation staff members.

The event safety manager shall mandatorily attend the annual information meeting organised by the UCI.

The UCI will set the conditions for which the certification can be maintained.

The course

In general, the course of a road race is defined by the paved road available to road traffic. Riders cannot leave the prescribed course, as per article 1.2.064.

The organiser will physically mark the course (with barriers, tape, etc.) when it is very likely for riders to deviate from it, intentionally or not, for instance when the course is lined by a sidewalk/pavement, a path or a cycle path separated by edges, a verge or a difference in road level that can be easily crossed.

The organiser shall, by way of signs, give sufficient prior notice of any obstacle that he can reasonably be expected to know or anticipate and that presents an abnormal security risk for riders and attendants.

Hence, the organiser shall in particular take care to ensure the lighting of tunnels so that it is possible, at all points in the tunnel and at its entrance, to make out a car number plate at 10 metres and a dark-coloured car at 50 metres with the naked eye.

For stage races, the organiser will systematically indicate in the daily communiqué of the organisation any important information concerning the safety of the next day's stage, for the benefit of the teams, riders and followers.

The use of unpaved roads

If an organiser wishes to include unpaved roads in an event, the UCI must be informed at the time of registering the event on the calendar. Furthermore, the organiser shall make every effort to ensure the safety of the riders, spectators and race followers and that the event runs smoothly in sporting terms and with regards to the equitable treatment of participants. In particular, the organiser shall:

- A. provide the teams with a detailed description of the relevant sections (length, type of surface, degree of difficulty of each section, road width, etc.), if necessary providing photos or videos;
- B. ensure that the course can be traversed at all times (weather conditions, etc.) by a road bicycle as defined by Chapter III of Part I of the UCI Regulations;
- C. ensure the safety of the course (maintenance, sweeping and stabilising the surface, protective measures, signage, etc.);
- D. ensure that the following vehicles are suitable for the course and that the drivers have the necessary skills.

The UCI may refuse to register an event on the calendar and/or refuse the inclusion of an unpaved section.

(N) The elements referred to in the present article shall be indicated in the race programme – technical guide. For one-day races, they shall also be especially mentioned during the meeting of sports directors.

Lead vehicle

The organiser shall have an inspection vehicle lead the race, in which the event safety manager (or another person designated by the latter) shall travel, to point out any possible obstacles and intervene if necessary.

Inflatable structures

(N) Inflatable structures on the road or crossing the road are prohibited, except in order to mark the position of the start line.

(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.18; 1.01.19; 11.02.20; 8.02.21; 1.01.24, 1.01.25, 01.01.27).

Chapter XII RACE INCIDENTS AND SPECIFIC INFRINGEMENTS BY ORGANISERS

§ 1 Race incidents in the context of road events

Yellow cards

- 2.12.003** Commissaires shall issue yellow cards in situations provided for in article
bis 2.12.007 whenever the behaviour concerned is susceptible of causing a risk for safety. The commissaires shall assess the behaviour of the licence-holder concerned to determine if it was susceptible of causing a risk for safety and, if so, shall issue a yellow card. Where the behaviour warrants the other sanctions provided for in the table of race incidents being applied, the yellow card shall be issued in addition to the other sanctions. Where the behaviour does not warrant the other sanctions provided in the table of race incidents being applied, the yellow card shall be issued in isolation.

Yellow cards shall only be issued to individuals. In cases where sanctions are imposed under article 2.12.007 and the person who carried out the relevant action cannot be identified; the Sport Director in charge of the team shall be required to identify such person and inform the commissaires' panel accordingly. In case of failure to do so, a fine of CHF 2'000 shall be imposed on the team or the Sport Director in charge of the team.

Yellow cards shall be noted in the communiqué of the commissaires' panel.

~~Between 1 August 2024 and 31 December 2024, yellow cards may be issued in the context of the following events: UCI WorldTour, and UCI Women's WorldTour.~~ As from 1 January 2027, yellow cards may ~~then~~ be issued at the following events: UCI WorldTour, UCI Women's WorldTour, UCI ProSeries (ME and WE), **Class 1 (ME and WE)**, Olympic Games, UCI World Championships (Elite and U23) and Continental Championships (Elite and U23).

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