

# PART 10 CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND REGIONAL GAMES

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## Chapter I ~~GENERAL REGULATIONS CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS –~~ GENERAL REGULATIONS

### ~~Calendar entry~~ Registration on the UCI International Calendar

- 10.1.001** The Continental Championships are organised each year under the responsibility of the Continental Confederations, at least for the Olympic disciplines and the elite category and are entered on the ~~Continental~~ UCI International Calendar on a fixed date chosen in agreement with the UCI. The application for registration must reach the UCI before 1st June of the previous year. ~~The calendar application shall be submitted by the host National Federation, acting with the approval of the relevant Continental Confederation, for the discipline in question.~~

The cyclo-cross Continental Championships take place on the first weekend of November.

The track cycling Continental Championships (men elite and women elite) shall take place ~~at least six weeks prior to the World Championships~~ in February. The UCI may consider a request for exemption for the seasons outside of the Olympic qualification period. Such request must reach the UCI during the calendar registration period of the competition. ~~shall take place at least six weeks prior to the track cycling World Championships.~~

*(text modified on 01.07.09; 09.11.16; 12.06.20; 01.01.26)*

### ~~Race programme~~ Technical Documentation and UCI Officials

- 10.1.003** The UCI must be informed about the technical guide, the event ~~race~~ programme and the competition schedule ~~at the latest two months before for approval~~ in accordance with the instructions laid down in the registration procedures for UCI International Calendars. For each discipline and specialty in which a Continental Confederation registers a Continental Championships on the UCI International Calendar, the event ~~race~~-programme must at least include the categories of riders which feature in the UCI World Championships for the discipline and specialty in question, as defined in Part IX of the UCI Regulations, "World Championships". Continental Championships for different specialties of the same discipline (if held) may be held in either the same event or in separate events, though in case of separate events, the financial obligations related to registration on the UCI International Calendar must be paid for each.

For track cycling, categories may be combined. However, in the case of a combined event, a title for each category shall be awarded. Only one classification shall be made and published. The distance of the race shall always be the race distance of the older category (longer distance).

*(text modified on 05.03.18; 01.01.26)*

### Technical supervision of races

#### 10.1.04

To ensure the technical supervision of races, the UCI will directly appoint:

- A UCI Technical Delegate, ~~responsible for representing the UCI and for guaranteeing its interests (from 2001)~~
- The ~~Chairman~~ President of the Commissaires Panel (additional UCI international commissaires may also be appointed as required.). For BMX Freestyle events, the Head Judge shall be appointed instead of the President of the Commissaires Panel. Officials are appointed in accordance with the procedures laid out in article 1.2.116 of the UCI Regulations and the UCI Financial Obligations.
- ~~the Antidoping Inspector.~~
- For the Continental Championships in Olympic cycling disciplines, the UCI may, where appropriate, appoint a UCI staff member to attend such the event in support of the Organiser, the UCI Technical Delegate, and the President of the Commissaires' Panel (or the Head Judge for BMX Freestyle events). The associated cost of doing so shall be borne by the UCI, with the exception of accommodation and local transport, which shall be provided and covered for by the Organiser.

*(text modified on 01.01.26)*

### Participation

#### 10.1.005

Only National Federations affiliated to their Continental ~~Association~~ Confederation, can take part in the Continental Championships. In case the Continental Confederation does not define a specific qualification system for each category of rider, by default the maximum number of riders taking part in the various ~~races events~~ for each category of rider will be the same for all participating National Federations.

For Road cycling, Men Under 23 riders who are registered with a UCI WorldTeam or a UCI ProTeam are not authorised to participate in the Men Under 23 category of the Continental Championships. This restriction does not apply to riders registered with development teams affiliated to UCI ProTeams or UCI WorldTeams, unless otherwise specified by the UCI in the discipline-specific regulations.

For Track cycling, the maximum number of riders eligible for points in the Nation Ranking shall be the following. The maximum number of participating riders per nation remains to be decided by the Continental Confederation.

Event	Elite & Juniors M & W By nation
Sprint	2
Individual Pursuit	2
Team Pursuit	4
Km TT	2
Points Race	1
Keirin	2
Team Sprint	3
Scratch Race	1
Omnium	1
Madison	2
Elimination Race	1

M = Men, W = Women, ~~R = rider eligible in the Nation Ranking~~

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## Chapter II REGIONAL GAMES – GENERAL REGULATIONS

(Chapter introduced on 01.01.26)

### Definition

#### 10.2.001

As concerns cycling, Regional Games are multi-sport events which: a) include at least one of the Olympic or Paralympic cycling disciplines, b) are open to participation by athletes from at least two nations, and c) are held under the auspices of a responsible authority which is either a body recognised by the UCI (example. g, a Continental Confederation) or by the International Olympic Committee (based on the list published by the IOC).

The responsible authority for a Regional Games may award the right to organise those Games to an Organising Committee if it does not undertake the organisation of those Games itself.

This classification specifically excludes events already defined elsewhere in the UCI Regulations such as the Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, Olympic Esports Games, UCI World Championships, UCI World Cups, Continental Championships, and National Championships. It also excludes events which combine multiple specialties of the same discipline (e. g. MTB events that include both XCO and DH).

Events taking place within a multi-sport context but having an existing UCI status (e.g. a Continental Championship hosted within a multisport event such as the European Championships) shall retain their original classification and shall be registered as such on the UCI International Calendar for the relevant year.

Multi-sport events which are eligible to be considered as Regional Games may limit participation to a particular group of nations either geographically (continental or sub-continental) or based on other shared criteria as defined by the responsible authority.

Some examples of currently held multi-sport events which may be designated as Regional Games according to this definition include, but are not limited to the following:

- African Games
- Panamerican Games
- Para Panamerican Games
- Junior Panamerican Games
- Bolivarian Games
- Central American and Caribbean Games
- South American Games
- Arab Games
- Asian Games
- Asian Para Games
- Southeast Asian Games
- European Games
- Mediterranean Games
- Games of the Small States of Europe
- The Commonwealth Games

### **Registration on the UCI International Calendar**

#### **10.2.002**

Multi-sport events fulfilling both the above definition and the following conditions may be registered as Regional Games on the UCI International Calendar for each of the Olympic disciplines included in the programme. Registration shall follow the calendar registration procedures for each discipline as published by the UCI each year.

- i. Submission and approval: For events which are organised for entire continents or regional blocs, the relevant Continental Confederation shall approve the application for inclusion on the UCI International Calendar. For other multi-sport events, the responsible authority must make a written request to the UCI for the inclusion of the event on the UCI International Calendar.

For clarity, the host National Federation is responsible for submitting the calendar application for each included discipline following approval by the relevant Continental Confederation or the responsible authority.

- ii. Compliance with the UCI Regulations: The competition for each included discipline and category must comply with the UCI Regulations applicable at the time of the event, including but not limited to discipline-specific formats and distances.
- iii. UCI Financial Obligations: All UCI Financial Obligations in force (including calendar fees) shall apply and must be respected by the event organisers. There is no obligation to provide prize money for Regional Games. However, if awarded, the prize scale must be the same for equivalent men's and women's categories.
- iv. Participation rules: Eligibility to participate as well as any qualification systems and quotas shall be defined and communicated to the eligible nations by either the responsible Continental Confederation or the responsible authority. Invitation-only events are not eligible to be registered as Regional Games.

The UCI is not responsible for managing or arbitrating eligibility disputes nor entry quotas; this responsibility lies with the competent Continental Confederation or the responsible authority. Also, the entire sport entries and accreditation process shall be managed either by the event organiser or the responsible authority, not the UCI.

However, the Commissaires' Panel remains responsible for verifying rider eligibility during riders' confirmation, in line with the UCI Regulations in force at the time.

- v. Categories, gender parity and awards: All categories of riders must respect the UCI Regulations of each included discipline for both Men and Women. For each category included (e.g. Juniors, U23, Elite), both Men's and Women's competitions must be held, and the winners must be equally recognised.

### **Results and UCI Rankings**

#### **10.2.003**

In case the list of nations eligible to participate in the event in question differs in any way from the list of National Federations affiliated with the UCI (e.g. in the case of the Commonwealth Games), results of the event must be compiled and submitted using National Federations affiliated with the UCI.

UCI Ranking points shall be awarded in accordance with the points scale and regulations applicable to the relevant discipline.

### **UCI Officials**

**10.2.004** Appointment of UCI International Commissaires (or Judges for BMX Freestyle): The UCI will appoint the President of the Commissaires' Panel (or the Head Judge for BMX Freestyle events) for each included discipline of a Regional Games in accordance with the article 1.2.116 of the UCI Regulations and the UCI Financial Obligations. Where possible, the same official may serve across multiple disciplines, in line with Commissaire specialisation.

The other Commissaires for each included discipline will be appointed by the host National Federation in compliance with article 1.2.116 of the UCI Regulations.

**10.2.005** Appointment of the UCI Technical Delegate: Upon written request by the organisers the UCI may appoint one or more UCI Technical Delegates whose number and identity will be decided by the UCI and will depend upon the schedule of the event and availability of sufficient suitably skilled officials. Such appointment shall be done only following written agreement of the organisers to pay the daily allowance and expenses of each such UCI Technical Delegate in accordance with the UCI Financial Obligations, including for any agreed pre-event site visits that may be necessary.

In case no request to appoint one or more UCI Technical Delegates is received, the UCI must be informed of the identity of the Technical Delegates who will be appointed either by the responsible Continental Confederation or National Federation, whichever the case may be.

Should no Technical Delegate be appointed for any included discipline, then the President of the Commissaires' Panel (or the Head Judge for BMX Freestyle events) shall assume that role during the event.

Appointed Technical Delegate(s) for a Regional Games shall fulfil all general and discipline-specific responsibilities as defined by UCI Regulations. The appointed Technical Delegate(s) may undertake additional duties requested of them by the responsible authority for a Regional Games, provided that such responsibilities do not conflict with any provisions of the UCI Regulations and the UCI Code of Ethics.