

PART II – ROAD RACES

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Chapter I CALENDAR AND PARTICIPATION

2.1.007 bis Obligatory invitations to events on the international calendar

Provisions for Grand Tours and UCI WorldTour stage races

The organiser must invite the best UCI ProTeams on the UCI World Team Ranking, as considered on the last day of the previous season (under the terms of article 2.1.001) ⁽¹⁾, according to the followings:

Number of UCI WorldTeams	Obligatory Invitation of best UCI ProTeams ^{(2) (4)}	Remaining wild cards for Organisers	
		Grands Tours ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾	Other stage races ⁽⁴⁾
18	2	2	5
17	3	2	5
16	3	3	6

⁽¹⁾ For the purpose of this article, teams registered as UCI ProTeam or UCI WorldTeam during the previous season are taken into consideration.

⁽²⁾ As a matter of exception to article 1.2.049, the UCI ProTeam shall confirm its participation or not to the organiser at the latest 70 days before the event. In case ~~invitations declined by invited~~ the UCI ProTeams declines the invitation or fails to confirm its participation within the aforementioned deadline ~~may be used by~~ the organiser ~~as may issue an~~ additional wild cards.

⁽³⁾ The organiser of a Grand Tour must guarantee the participation in the race of at least one UCI WorldTeam or UCI ProTeam from the country of the organiser amongst the 22 participating teams.

⁽⁴⁾ For the 2023 season, in the event that a UCI ProTeam which lost its UCI WorldTeam status at the end of the 2022 season on the basis of the sporting criterion does not qualify for compulsory invitations according to this table, such a team shall receive compulsory invitations to stage races of the UCI WorldTour, except Grand Tours, in addition to the number of UCI ProTeams provided for herein. In such a case, the number of wild cards for “other stage races” shall be reduced accordingly.

⁽⁵⁾ For the 2024 season, only the 50 best-ranked teams on the UCI World ranking by teams of the 2023 season shall be entitled to receive a “wild-card” invitation from a Grand Tour organiser. For the 2025 season, only the 40 best-ranked teams on the UCI World ranking by teams of the 2024 season shall be entitled to receive a “wild-card” invitation from a Grand Tour organiser. From the 2026 season onwards, only the 30 best ranked teams on the UCI World ranking by teams of the previous season shall be entitled to receive a “wild-card” invitation from a Grand Tour organiser.

UCI ProTeams registered for the first time as UCI ProTeams will be considered based on the addition of the points scored at the end of the previous season by their 20 best riders, according to the list of riders published on the UCI website following the confirmation by the UCI of the registration of the team.

UCI ProTeams that accept the obligatory invitation from the organiser (except wild card) to participate in at least one Grand Tour, shall pay the same contribution to the biological passport as UCI WorldTeams, as published in the International Testing Agency (ITA) financial obligations document available on the UCI website.

Provisions for UCI WorldTour one-day races

The organiser must invite the best UCI ProTeams on the UCI World Team Ranking, as considered on the last day of the previous season (under the terms of article 2.1.001) ⁽¹⁾, according to the followings:

Number of UCI WorldTeams	Obligatory Invitation of best UCI ProTeams^{(2) (3)}	Remaining wild cards for Organisers⁽³⁾
18	3	4
17	4	4
16	4	5

(1) For the purpose of this article, teams registered as UCI ProTeam or UCI WorldTeam during the previous season are taken into consideration.

(2) Invitations declined by invited UCI ProTeams may be used by the organiser as additional wild cards.

(3) For the 2023 season, in the event that a UCI ProTeam which lost its UCI WorldTeam status at the end of the 2022 season on the basis of the sporting criterion does not qualify for compulsory invitations according to this table, such a team shall receive compulsory invitations in addition to the number of UCI ProTeams provided for herein. In such a case, the number of wild cards shall be reduced accordingly.

Provisions for UCI Women's WorldTour events

The organiser must send an invitation to all UCI Women's WorldTeams and to the two best UCI women's continental teams on the basis of the first UCI women's world team ranking published after the last event of the previous season.

In the event that the number of UCI Women's WorldTeams is less than 13, the number of obligatory invitations to the UCI women's continental teams, based on the abovementioned ranking, shall be increased accordingly in order to ensure a minimum number of 15 invitations to the UCI WorldTeams and UCI women's continental teams.

Provisions for ME and MU class2 events of the Europe Tour as well as ME and MU class 1 and class 2 events of the America Tour, Asia Tour and Oceania Tour

The organiser must invite the first 3 UCI continental teams in the classification by team for the relevant continental circuit of the event, on the last day of the previous season (in the sense of Article 2.1.001). For the application of this provision, only teams from the relevant continental circuit of which the event is part and, amongst these, only the best team of each nation is considered.

Provisions for ME and MU class 1 and class 2 events of the Africa Tour

The organiser must invite the first 3 national teams in the classification by nation for the UCI Africa Tour, on the last day of the previous season (in the sense of Article 2.1.001). For stage races, the date to be taken into account is the first racing day.

The organiser must accept entries from above mentioned teams who have responded positively to an invitation.

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