

PART 9 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Chapter ORGANISATION OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

9.1.001 Each year a World Championship shall be held according to the results of which the title of World Champion is conferred on the winners of races included in a programme determined by the Management Committee.

9.1.002 World Championships in all cycling specialities are the exclusive property of the UCI.

All rights relating thereto shall belong exclusively to the UCI, notably those concerning:

- the right to create and to organise World Cycling Championships;
- the right to the denomination “World Championship” in cycling;
- radio and TV broadcasting, advertising and marketing rights;
- the right to the “rainbow” colours.

Furthermore, the UCI may enter into a contract with a sponsor for the supply of vehicles or other equipment for the World Championships. In that case, the National Federations shall be obliged to use these suppliers exclusively.

9.1.003 Races for the allocation of the World Champion title may be distributed over several separately organised events. The Management Committee shall set the number and the programme of such events. Each of those events shall be called “World Championships” qualified by a particular indication determined by the Management Committee depending on the particular speciality (“Road”, “Mountain-Bike”, etc.)

Allocation of organisation

9.1.004 The UCI shall entrust the organisation of World Championships to one UCI member National Federation or, with the agreement of the National Federation of the country where the Championship will take place, to some other organiser.

9.1.005 An organisational guide has been prepared by the Management Committee for each World Championship. It will be sent to any National Federation that actually requests it.

9.1.006 Application to organise a World Championship implies that the applicant will, if selected, accept all the terms of the organisational guide and the commitment to organise the World Championships in accordance with all the provisions applicable thereto and under the exclusive responsibility of the applicant National Federation.

9.1.007 A National Federation applying to organise a World Championship shall submit its application by registered letter addressed to the UCI. With that letter, the National Federation shall provide the UCI with the documents required by the organisational guide.

9.1.008 The application shall reach UCI Headquarters at least three years before 1 January of the year on which the Championships at issue are to be held.

9.1.009 The UCI shall allocate the organisation of the World Championships at its sole discretion.

The Executive Committee will make a preselection of the candidates that it deems the most appropriate for guaranteeing a high level organisation and will submit these candidates to the Management Committee.

The Management Committee will seek a consensus.

Failing a consensus, a vote will be held. A secret ballot will be held upon request of any member.

In the event of a consensus to reject a candidate, such candidate shall not take part in the vote.

If more than two candidates remain, a further vote will be held among the candidates which have obtained the largest number of votes in the first round. If two candidates are tied for the second place in the first round, a further vote will be held among the candidates placed first and second, until only two candidates remain.

The organisation of the World Championships will be allocated on condition that full agreement exists concerning the organisation contract, or any other condition specified by the Management Committee.

(text modified on 1.01.04).

9.1.010 If the Executive Committee considers:

- that the conditions stated in the contract or the organisational guide have not been met, or
- that the state of preparation for the championships does not guarantee that the event will be properly organised or will be of sufficient quality, or
- that serious or unforeseen circumstances exist and will jeopardize the organisation of the championships,

the Executive Committee may cancel or withdraw the right to organise the championships, without any compensation for the parties concerned. The Executive Committee may take any decision it deems appropriate to allocate the organisation of the championships to another organizer.

(text modified on 1.01.04).

Championship Programme

9.1.011 The date, the duration and programme of each World Championships shall be determined by the UCI Management Committee.

9.1.012 The organiser shall ensure that there be no non-sporting events which could prevent a postponement of or alteration to the sporting programme should the need arise (breakdowns, rain, etc.). Decisions on that subject shall be taken by the Commissaires Panel in consultation with the organiser and the UCI.

The National Federation shall be organised in such a way as to be able immediately to inform all parties concerned of any change in the programme.

(text modified on 6.10.97).

- 9.1.013** Any postponement of the World Championships shall be decided upon by the Management Committee after consulting with the organiser.
- 9.1.014** In the case of a postponement of the Championships, riders committed shall still be required to participate, whatever the new dates and places set. Riders shall be fully entitled to cancel any prior engagements that might have been concluded by or for them without their being liable for any form of damages or compensation.
- 9.1.015** In the case of a brief postponement, riders, commissaires and all other persons involved in the event, shall remain at the venue, unless otherwise decided by the Management Committee.

Protection

- 9.1.016** Riders engaged and not replaced 48 hours before the start of competitions in the speciality in question as well as, where applicable, any substitutes may not participate in any cycling race during the two days preceding the start of the competition for which they were entered.

Any breach of this rule will incur a fine of CHF 500 to CHF 10,000.

- 9.1.017** During the period between 11th day before the first race of World Championships and the third day after the last race, no cycling race in any speciality whatsoever offering prizes or premiums or any other type of benefit in return for participation may be held within a radius of 50 km around each venue in which a Championship cycling race is being held, unless expressly authorised by the UCI.

Any organiser contravening that provision shall be liable to a fine of CHF 10,000. Riders participating in such an event shall be liable to a fine of CHF 500 to CHF 10,000.

Participating National Federations

- 9.1.018** Each National Federation shall participate in World Championships in a spirit of friendship and fair play and contribute to the utmost to the success of the Championships.
- 9.1.019** Each National Federation participating in the World Championships shall, register with the UCI, within the deadlines specified by the latter, all riders and other persons that will be on or will accompany its delegation (officials, attendants, guests, etc.).
- 9.1.020** Each National Federation shall provide the organiser with any information relevant especially to accreditation, transport and accommodation.
- 9.1.021** Each National Federation shall designate a Technical Manager for each team with which it participates in the Championships. The Technical Manager shall represent the team and the National Federation. Any contacts with National Federation teams shall be made through the Technical Manager.

9.1.022 In general each National Federation shall co-operate with the organiser and, to the extent possible, facilitate his work.

Meetings

9.1.023 Before the beginning of races in each speciality, the organiser shall convene an information and co-ordination meeting attended by his representatives as well as by the UCI representatives all Technical Managers, commissaires, the official UCI doctor and representatives of the security services. That meeting shall be chaired by a representative of the organiser. For mountain bike disciplines, a maximum of 3 representatives per nation (including, where required, an interpreter) shall be authorised to take part in this meeting.

(text modified on 1.01.98; 1.01.04).

9.1.024 The organiser shall, moreover, make available to the above-mentioned persons adequate facilities for the holding of any other meetings that they might wish to hold to ensure the smooth running of the Championships.

Commissaires Panels

9.1.025 The Commissaires Panel, preferably comprising grade "A" UCI international commissaires designated by the UCI Management Committee.

9.1.026 The National Federation of the country selected to host the Championships shall designate such additional international commissaires as may be necessary for the successful operation of the competitions in such numbers be set by the UCI.

The duties of the Commissaires shall be:

1. To take possession of all equipment for identifying riders and to issue it only after checking enrolments
2. To check enrolments and licences before each race;
3. To check the equipment (riders and machines) of each competitor;
4. To make up, where necessary, the qualifying or eliminatory heats and to set the starting order of teams and riders immediately after the checking deadline has elapsed;
5. To determine the results.

9.1.027 During Track races, access to the commissaires' quarters shall be protected and no-one shall be admitted without preliminary authorisation.

9.1.028 During Road races, three commissaires at least shall supervise the riders' pits. They shall be responsible for order and shall also check the bicycles used and ensure that riders receive no unauthorised supplies.

9.1.029 The Commissaires Panel shall have full powers to take any decisions required by circumstances, in keeping with the Regulations.

9.1.030 to 9.1.035 abrogated on 1st January 2000.

9.1.036 to 9.1.040 abrogated on 1st January 1998.

Classification

- 9.1.041** The official classification shall be drawn up by the Commissaires Panel and recorded in a set of minutes by the secretary of the Commissaires Panel. Those minutes are signed by the secretary and by the Chief Commissaire or some other commissaire designated by him.
- 9.1.042** After the end of Championships, the secretary shall prepare a set of minutes with all the results and classifications. These minutes shall be countersigned by the Chief Commissaire and appended to his report as referred to in article 9.1.054.

Official ceremony

- 9.1.043** An official ceremony shall be held for each World Champion title.
- 9.1.044** Within 10 minutes following the end of each speciality (unless otherwise provided and duly recorded in an official communiqué), the World Champion, the second and the third placed riders shall be ready for the official ceremony that shall be conducted under the responsibility of the President of the Commissaires' Panel.
- 9.1.045** For team pursuit and team sprint, medals and jerseys will be awarded to all riders of each of the three teams on the podium.

(text modified on 1.1.04; 1.10.10).

- 9.1.046** Riders shall appear in racing attire, wearing their national jerseys but bare-headed and without head-band or glasses, until they leave the official ceremony enclosure.
- 9.1.047** That ceremony shall be attended exclusively by:
The UCI President or a member of the Management Committee designated by him who will hand the winner(s) the World Champion jersey(s) and will distribute the of gold, silver and bronze medals;
The President of the Organising Federation or a personality designated by him to present bouquets of flowers;
Six maids-of-honour who will carry on the World Champion jersey(s), medals and bouquets of flowers.
- 9.1.048** The riders' national flags shall be hoisted on the mast of honour.
- 9.1.049** The national anthem of the winner shall be played.
- 9.1.050** A World Champion may not wear the jersey identifying his title and bearing the regulation advertisement of his main sponsor(s) until, at earliest, the day following that on which he received it.

World Championships

- 9.1.051** Any infringement of the provisions of articles 9.1.044 to 9.1.050 above shall be punished by a fine of CHF 2,000 to CHF 10,000 minimum. A higher fine may be imposed depending on the advantage derived from the offence.

If a rider loses the place that entitled him to a medal or a jersey, the medal and/or the jersey will have to be returned within a month starting from the date of the formal demand made by the UCI. If not, the rider will be by right suspended until the medal and/or the jersey are returned and sanctioned by a fine of CHF 2,000 to CHF 10,000.

(text modified on 13.8.04).

Prizes

9.1.052 The Management Committee shall fix the scale of prizes to be awarded to the riders.

Drug test

9.1.053 The UCI official doctor and the drug-test inspector shall ensure that the drug test be conducted according to the UCI Drug-Test Regulations.

Reports

9.1.054 Within 21 days after the end of the Championships, the Chief Commissaire and the official UCI doctor shall provide the UCI Management Committee with a detailed report on how the Championships proceeded and containing, in particular, an account of any irregularities that were observed, points that could be improved and other observations and useful suggestions.

(text modified on 6.10.97).

**Chapter PARTICIPATION IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS****General comments**

9.2.001 National Federations shall select riders to participate in World Championships.

9.2.002 A rider against whom an investigation was opened in relation to a fact which may cause a breach of the UCI Anti-Doping Rules, will not be eligible for the World Championships or is not authorised to participate to the World Championships until the end of the suspension or until his definitive acquittal. In the event of a positive A Sample, this clause applies starting from the notification of the abnormal analysis result to the rider.

Unless otherwise decided by the anti-doping commission, the above paragraph is also applicable in the event of an investigation or a procedure regarding such a fact, opened in pursuance of a law or other regulation.

Specific cases are examined by the anti-doping commission or its president. Their decision is without appeal.

In addition to the disqualification, the licensee and his national federation will be respectively sanctioned by a fine of CHF 2,000 to CHF 10,000.

The present condition for participation, aims to protect the integrity, serenity and reputation of the World Championships. Its application does not prejudice the decision whether an anti-doping violation has occurred and shall not give rise to any claim in the events of acquittal.

(text introduced on 13.8.04).

9.2.003 National Federations shall enter with the UCI via its website.

National Federations which do not have Internet access may enter using the entry forms provided by the UCI.

(text modified on 1.01.03).

9.2.004 The enrolment shall reach the UCI at the latest within the following deadlines:

- Road: Men's Elite Races: eight days before the first race of the championship;
- Cyclo-Cross: eight days before the first race of the championship;
- Track: ten days before the first race of the championship;
- Mountain bike: ten days before the first event in the championship;
- BMX: ten days before the first event in the championship;
- Trials: ten days before the first event in the championship.

(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.04; 30.01.09).

9.2.005 Save in the case of an act of God, a National Federation that has enrolled by returning the enrolment form for a World Championship and that does not participate shall be liable to a fine of CHF 500 to CHF 2,000.

9.2.006 National Federations may substitute up to a maximum of two riders entered for each of the World Champion title competitions provided that it communicate the name of the two substitutes in writing to the UCI at the latest the third day before the beginning of the competition in question. For track races, 48 hours before the first race. For mountain bike racing, 48 hours before the event in question.

Moreover, riders entered for a competition may be declared as those to ride in another competition of the same speciality provided that the deadline for announcing the names of those to ride be respected.

(texte modified on 1.01.04).

9.2.007 Federations shall announce the names of the riders who are to take the start to the Commissaires Panel by noon at the latest on the eve of the first race of the competition. For each road and mountain bike event, the Federations may communicate amendments up to noon on the eve of each race, at the latest;

For Track events, any announcement made to the Commissaires Panel out of the time limit shall be liable to a fine of CHF 2,500.

For the Men Elite's in line race, the federations must announce the names of the riders taking part at noon two days before the competition. They may add the names of two replacements, who may be declared as starters until the evening before the race at 20 hours. The replacements must stay at the team hotel until this time; failing which they cannot take part. A rider declared unfit following an abnormal blood test cannot be replaced.

Only those athletes who have attended the Junior Conference can be declared starters for Men and Women Junior road events.

(text modified on 1.01.00; 1.01.04; 1.10.10).

9.2.008 Unless prevented by an act of God, a rider once announced as taking the start and who fails to present, shall be liable to a fine of CHF 500 to CHF 5,000.

An injury or sickness shall be recognised as an act of God only if the rider is declared incapable of taking the start by the UCI official doctor.

§ 2 Selection of participants by speciality

General provision

9.2.009 In all individual specialities, the outgoing World Champion may take part in addition to the number of starters that the National Federation of such Champions may enter under the qualification regulations.

The same principle is applicable for the Olympic Champion on the occasion of the first World Championship following Olympic Games or, for the mountain bike, the next two mountain bike World Championships.

For the Continental Champion, this facility is limited to the first World Championships following the awarding of the title of Continental Champion.

On the track, for the Omnium, Points Races, and Scratch events as well as for artistic Cycling, the outgoing World and Olympic Champions may take part only if their nation is not already qualified to the World Championships.

However, participation in individual road events for Elite Men and under 23 Men shall be governed solely by articles 9.2.010 and 9.2.012.

(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.10.06; 1.10.10).

Individual Road Races

9.2.010 Men Elite

Every year the Management Committee decides on a participation's system.

(text modified on 1.10.02; 1.01.05).

9.2.011 Men Elite

A National Federation may enter riders of 19 years of age or more in the individual Men Elite's Road race. In that case, such riders may not participate in the individual Under 23s Road race in that same year.

9.2.012 Under 23s

The Management Committee shall determine the selection system each year.

(text modified on 1.10.06).

9.2.013 Under 23 riders who belong to a UCI ProTeam cannot ride the individual road race for Under 23 riders. An under 23 rider who is attached to a UCI ProTeam for the period from 1 August to 31 December under the provisions of article 2.15.110 may ride the Under 23 individual road race.

(text modified on 1.10.06).

9.2.014 Men Juniors

The 10 first nations of the last ranking of the previous Nation's Cup edition will qualify a selection of 12 riders of whom 6 to ride.

The next 5 nations will qualify a selection of 10 riders of whom 5 to start and the other next 5 nations will qualify a selection of 8 riders of whom 4 to start. Nations non ranked shall be entitled to enter 6 riders of whom 3 to start. The organizing nation shall be entitled to enter 10 riders of whom 5 to start.

For the first edition, 2008 qualification system will be established on the last 2007 UCI ranking per nation.

(text modified on 26.06.07).

9.2.015 Women Elite

The 5 first nations in the classification by nation on 15 August of the year of the World Championships will qualify 14 riders of whom 7 to start.

The 10 next nations will qualify 12 riders of whom 6 to start.

The 5 other nations will qualify 10 riders of whom 5 to start.

The other nations and the non ranked nations will have the possibility to qualify 6 riders of whom 3 to start.

(text modified on 1.07.10).

9.2.016 Women Juniors

Each National Federation shall be entitled to enter 8 competitors of whom 4 to ride.

Individual Time-Trial Road Races

9.2.017 Each National Federation may enter 4 riders of whom 2 to ride.

9.2.018 A National Federation shall be entitled to enter riders of 19 years or more in the individual Men Elite's Time-Trial Road race.

9.2.019 Riders referred to on article 9.2.018 and who participate in the Individual Men Elite's Time Trial Road Race may not participate in the Individual Under-23 Time Trial Road Race in the same year.

9.2.020 Under 23 riders who belong to a UCI ProTeam may not ride the Under 23 individual road time trial. An under 23 rider who is attached to a UCI ProTeam for the period from 1 August to 31 December under the provisions of article 2.15.110 may ride the Under 23 individual time trial.

(text modified on 1.10.06).

Track

9.2.022 The maximum participation shall be the following:

Speciality	Elite & Juniors M		Elite & Juniors W	
	By nation		By nation	
	E	R	E	R
Sprint	5	3	5	3
Individual Pursuit	4	2	4	2
Team Pursuit	6	4	5	3
Km TT	4	2		
500 m TT			4	2
Points race	3	1	3	1
Keirin	4	2	4	2
Team Sprint	5	3	4	2
Scratch Race	3	1	3	1
Omnium	3	1	3	1
Madison	4	2		

M = Men, W = Women, E = Entered, R = Riding

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03; 19.09.06; 26.06.07; 13.06.08).

9.2.023 The maximum number of riders qualified through the UCI track individual classification at the end of the last leg of the applicable world cup is shown in the following table:

Speciality	Men Elite	Women Elite
Sprint	50	30
Individual Pursuit	30	24
Team Pursuit	20 ¹⁾	16 ¹⁾
Km TT	30	
500 m TT		24
Points race	24 ²⁾	24 ²⁾
Keirin	28	20
Team Sprint	24 ¹⁾	18 ¹⁾
Scratch Race	24 ²⁾	24 ²⁾
Omnium	24 ²⁾	24 ²⁾
Madison		
Track less than 333,33 m	18 ^{1) 2)}	
333,33 m track or more	20 ^{1) 2)}	

¹⁾ teams

- ²⁾ In the event of additional champions as referred to in articles 9.2.009 and 9.2.027, the number of nations/riders qualified through the UCI track individual classification shall be reduced in order not to exceed the applicable maximum number.

(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.02; 1.10.04; 19.09.06; 26.06.07; 13.06.08; 1.10.10).

9.2.024 Participation in elite track competitions shall be open to riders of 18 and over. It shall be regulated by the qualification system mentioned in article 9.2.026 to 9.2.028 hereafter.

(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.10.04).

9.2.025 [abrogated on 1.10.04].

9.2.026 In their order of the UCI track individual classification, individual riders shall qualify their nations for one place for a rider to ride up to the permitted number of riders per nation set in the table of article 9.2.022 and until the maximum number of qualified riders by speciality set in the table in article 9.2.023.

For team events, nations shall qualify in the order of the total of points of their riders in the UCI track individual classification up to the maximum number of teams by event set in the table in article 9.2.023.

(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.10.04; 29.03.10).

9.2.027 In addition to the riders qualified through the UCI track individual classification, according to the quotas indicated in the articles 9.2.022 and 9.2.023, the following persons will also be qualified for Elite World Championships:

- the Continental Champions (Men and Women) in individual events who won their title after the last Elite World Championship (including for Points Race and scratch race if the riders do not belong to an already qualified nation).

(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.03; 1.10.04).

9.2.027 bis Notwithstanding articles 9.2.026 and 9.2.027, the number of riders that a national federation may enter as starters in all track events is determined as follow:

- In the event of participation to the four (4) legs of the world cup determined by the Track Commission by the average number of riders of this nationality which has participated in the four (4) legs of the world cup determined by the Track Commission, multiplied by two (2), plus one (+1), rounding up to the nearest whole number.
- In the event of participation to more legs of the world cup than the four (4) legs of the world cup determined by the Track Commission by the average number of riders of this nationality which has participated to these legs, multiplied by two (2), plus one (+1), rounding up to the nearest whole number.

- In all cases and regardless a non-participation to any of the four (4) legs of the world cup determined by the Track Commission, a national federation can only enter a maximum of three (3) starters at the world championships.

The track commission may grant dispensation in case of exceptional circumstances preventing in an unpredictable manner one or more riders from taking part and their replacement in one of the four (4) legs of the world cup determined by the Track Commission. The dispensation must be requested within the 3 days following the end of the leg in question.

(text modified on 1.01.03; 4.07.03; 1.10.04; 13.06.08; 30.01.09).

- 9.2.028** The National Federation of the organizer shall be entitled to enter a team for each team race and a rider for each individual race if it cannot enter riders on the basis of the qualification criterias indicated in the articles 9.2.026 and 9.2.027.

A Wild card for individual events (Men and Women) may be granted by the Track Commission at its sole discretion upon justified request of a continental confederation, for riders that were prevented by an unpredictable occurrence to qualify and on condition that they do not belong to an already qualified nation in this event.

(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.10.04; 13.06.08).

- 9.2.028 bis** [abrogated on 4.07.03].

Omnium

- 9.2.029** In addition to the riders qualified through the UCI track individual classification, the Continental Omnium Champions who won their title after the last Omnium World Championships will also be qualified for the subsequent Omnium World Championships if the riders do not belong to an already qualified nation.

In this case, the number of nations / riders qualified through the UCI track individual classification shall be reduced in order not to exceed the number of 24 riders.

For the juniors please refer to article 3.2.247bis.

(article modified on 7.07.06; 13.06.08; 29.03.10; 1.10.10).

Mountain Bike

- 9.2.030** The world mountain bike championships shall comprise five specialties: the Olympic Cross-country (XCO), the Marathon Cross-country (XCM), the Team Relay (XCR), the Individual Downhill (DHI), and the 4-Cross (4X).

(article modified on 1.01.04; 1.01.06).

9.2.031 The categories for which the title of world champion will be awarded are as follows:

XCO	Men Elite (aged 23 and over); Men under 23 (ages from 19 to 22); Women Elite (aged 19 and over); Women under 23 (aged 19 to 22); Men Juniors (aged 17 and 18); Women Juniors (aged 17 and 18);
XCM	Men (aged 19 and over); Women (aged 19 and over);
DHI	Men Elite (aged 19 and over); Women Elite (aged 19 and over); Men Juniors (aged 17 and 18); Women Juniors (aged 17 and 18);
4X	Men (aged 17 and over); Women (aged 17 and over);
XCR	Team (aged 17 and over).

(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 1.01.06).

9.2.032 For the team relay, each nation may enter only a single team.

Each national team shall be made up of 1 Man Elite, 1 Woman Elite, 1 Man under 23 and 1 Man Juniors. However the following substitutions shall be permissible:

- Man Elite by Woman Elite or Man under 23 or Man Juniors or Woman Juniors;
- Woman Elite by Woman under 23 or by Woman Juniors;
- Man under 23 by Woman Elite or Woman under 23 or Man Juniors or Woman Juniors;
- Man Juniors by Woman Juniors.

Each rider selected must already be entered for the individual downhill, 4X, or Olympic cross country events.

(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 1.01.06).

9.2.033 For the World Championship team relay, the team manager must use the form provided to notify the names and categories of the riders making up their team and their start order to the chief commissaire's panel at the end of the team managers' meeting the day before the event. This start order may not be altered subsequently.

The exchange boxes will be allocated on the basis of the results of the team relay event in the preceding world championships. The order of nations not placed will be determined by drawing lots. The first nation will be installed in box number 1 and so on.

(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 1.01.06; 25.09.08).

9.2.034 For the Men Elite, Women Elite, Men Under 23 and Men Juniors XCO events and the Men Elite and Men Juniors DHI events, the maximum number of riders (apart from reserves) for each team is determined on the basis of the classification by nation of the previous year's world championships, as per the table below:

Nations ranked:	Maximum number of riders (except reserves)
1 to 10 and the host nation	7
11 to 20	6
21 to 30	5
31 or after	4
Unranked nations	3

For the Women Under 23 and Women Juniors XCO events, the Women Elite and Women Juniors DHI events and men's and women's 4X events, the maximum number is 7 riders per nation. Each federation shall be permitted to enter 2 reserves in each category.

(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 1.01.06).

9.2.035 For the XCM event, each national federation can enter 15 men and 15 women. The host country may nominate 25 men and 25 women. All participants must obligatorily wear the national equipment. All riders must be registered by their national federation.

(text modified on 1.01.04; 1.01.06; 1.09.06).

9.2.036 The ranking by nations for the World Championships is calculated by adding the points scored by the 3 best placed riders of each nation. The system for awarding points is based on the total number of rider starting in each category, with a maximum of 300. If 100 riders start, the winner will score 100 points while the 100th placed rider would score 1. Should some starters not be given a finishing position, the last rider to be classified shall score the points for his or her position without taking account of the unclassified riders. Example: if 100 riders start and 80 riders are classified, the last of them will score 21 points.

(article introduced on 1.01.04).

9.2.037 Race numbers must be collected at the time stated in the championship programme. The race number for the team relay shall be given the morning of the event in accordance with the instructions given by the commissaires panel at the team managers' meeting held the day before the event.

(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 25.09.08).

9.2.038 The start order is determined as follows:

XCO Men elite, XCO Women elite, XCO Men under 23, XCO Women under 23

1. As per the last published UCI XCO individual ranking.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

XCO Men juniors, XCO Women juniors

1. As per the last published UCI XCO juniors individual ranking.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

DHI Men elite, DHI Women elite

For the official timed session and the final:

1. As per the last published UCI DHI individual ranking. The best rider starting last.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

DHI Men juniors, DHI Women juniors

For the official timed session:

1. As per the last published UCI DHI individual ranking. The best rider starting first.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

For the final, the start order is determined on the basis of the reverse result of the official timed session, the fastest rider starting last.

4X Men, 4X Women (Qualifying Round)

1. As per the last published UCI 4X individual ranking. The best rider starting first.
2. Unclassified riders: by nations in rotation (*).

(*) The start order of the riders within the team must be confirmed by the national federations during the riders confirmation. Taking each nation in turn on the basis of the classification by nation of the concerned category from the most recent world championships, a place is allocated to the next rider in sequence. Unclassified nations take, on the basis of the same rotation system, the next places in an order determined by drawing lots.

For all DHI events (Men elite, Women elite, Men juniors and Women juniors), riders are required to ride in the official timed session on pain of disqualification from the final. All riders who start the official timed session shall qualify for the final.

(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 1.01.06; 25.09.08; 01.01.11; 1.05.11).

- 9.2.039** The reigning World Champion shall be on the first start line in XCO format and shall start first for the 4X qualifying events.

(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 1.01.06; 25.09.08).

- 9.2.040** The start line positions for riders in the world cross-country marathon championship shall be as follows:

- 1) the reigning XCM world champion;
- 2) the reigning XCO Elite and under 23 world champions;
- 3) the reigning Olympic Mountain Bike champion;
- 4) the former XCM and XCO Elite world champions;
- 5) the former Olympic Mountain Bike champions;
- 6) the first 75 of the latest UCI marathon cross-country classification;
- 7) the first 50 of the latest UCI Olympic cross-country classification;

- 8) other riders as per their classification in the latest UCI marathon cross-country individual classification;
- 9) other riders as per their classification in the latest UCI Olympic cross-country individual classification;
- 10) unclassified riders as they are called.

(article introduced on 1.01.04; modified on 1.01.06).

9.2.041 The official languages of team managers' meetings shall be those of the UCI, namely French and English.

(article introduced on 1.01.04).

Cyclo-cross

9.2.042 A World Championship shall be organised for the Men Elite's, Women Elite's, Men Under 23's and Men Juniors' categories.

(article introduced on 1.09.04).

9.2.043 The maximum number of riders per Men Elite's national team shall be determined by the final classification by nation of the UCI Cyclo-cross Classification for the preceding season:

Nation ranked from 1 st to 5 th	9 riders, with 6 to start
All other nations	8 riders, with 5 to start.

In the other categories, the number of riders per team is limited to 8, with 5 to start.

(article introduced on 1.09.04; 25.09.08).

9.2.044 The national federations concerned may additionally enter the outgoing world champions and the leaders of the final UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup standings Men Elite, Men Under 23, Men Junior and Women.

(article modified on 1.09.04; 25.09.08; 1.07.09).

9.2.045 Each federation shall be required to include the following riders in their Men Elite's team, as long as they are in the top 50 of the UCI Cyclo-cross Classification as published after the national championships in Europe:

- federation with a selection of six riders: its first three ranked riders;
- federation with a selection of five riders: its first two ranked riders.

This rule shall not apply to riders who have failed to fulfil their obligations under the regulations. In the event of a dispute on this issue, it shall be the responsibility of the National Federation to decide whether the rider will be selected.

(article introduced on 1.09.04; text modified on 25.09.08).

BMX

(section introduced on 30.01.09).

9.2.046 The BMX world championships shall comprise cruiser and standard bicycle competitions.

Categories

9.2.047 The categories for which the title of world champion will be awarded are as follows:

- a. STANDARD BICYCLES, (male/female riders), championship level:
 - Elite Men - 19 & over;
 - Elite Women - 19 & over;
 - Junior Men - 17 & 18;
 - Junior Women - 17 & 18.
- b. STANDARD BICYCLES (male riders) masters level:
 - Masters - 30 & over.

(text modified on 1.02.11).

9.2.047 bis Competition format of the *world championships* (only for A category outlined in article 9.2.047).

The *world championships* are run in two phases, the first consisting in a time trial event by which the participation in the second phase, i.e. qualifiers stage (including the final) will be determined. **In addition the time trial determines the time trials world champion.**

(article introduced on 1.02.10; modified on 1.02.11).

Time Trials

9.2.047 ter The participation in the qualifiers stage of the *UCI BMX world championships* will be determined by the time trial event. This time trial event consists in a maximum of two single runs for each competitor.

The time trials consist of two single runs with the following purposes:

1. To qualify riders to the qualification stage.
2. To determine the final Time trials results and seeding.

The ranking obtained in the time trial event will be used to determine seeding of the qualifiers stage (including the final), according to article 6.1.079.

The number of entered riders per category at qualification determines how many riders qualify **after the first run of the time trials**, according to the following table:

128+ Entries	Qualify the top 128 (and top 16 into a time trials superfinal) from the time trial to sixteen 8-rider 1/16 finals, featured over one round.
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- 64-128 Entries Qualify the top 64 (and top 16 into a time trials superfinal) from the time trial to eight 8-rider eighth finals, featured over three rounds.
- 48-63 Entries Qualify the top 48 (and top 16 into a time trials superfinal) from the time trial to eight 6-rider eighth finals, featured over three rounds.
- 32-47 Entries Qualify the top 32 (and top 16 into a time trials superfinal) from the time trial to four 8-rider quarter-finals, featured over three rounds.
- 24-31 Entries Qualify the top 24 (and top 16 into a time trials superfinal) from the time trial to four 6-rider quarter-finals, featured over three rounds.
- 16-23 Entries Qualify the top 16 (and top 8 into a time trials superfinal) from the time trial to two 8-rider semi-finals, featured over three rounds.
- 12-15 Entries Qualify the top 12 (and top 6 into a time trials superfinal) from the time trial to two 6-rider semi-finals, featured over three rounds.

In addition, the first run qualifies the top 16 (or as stated above) to a time trials superfinal. In the time trials superfinal run, the result will determine the final result of the time trials and final seeding into the qualifier stage.

A rider who fails to start on his designated start time in the first time trial run will be classified as a Did Not Start (DNS) and will be ineligible to transfer in the qualifiers stage.

A rider who fails to start on his designated start time in the second time trial run will be classified as a Disqualified (DSQ) and will be ineligible to transfer in the qualifiers stage.

Transfer System

The initial qualifiers stage will be featured over three rounds, where the top four riders in each group with the lowest overall points shall transfer, as stated above.

The following qualifiers stage will be featured over one round, where the top four riders in each group shall finally transfer to two 8-rider semi-finals.

The lap time in each run will determine the gate pick for the next run. The rider with the fastest lap time has the first gate pick.

(article introduced on 1.02.10; modified on 1.02.11).

Registration of participants

- 9.2.048** At standard bicycle races, in the Elite and Junior Elite categories, a rider may only be entered if he scored at least one UCI ranking point in the current world championship qualification year or at the preceding world championships.

A national federation may enter up to three riders who do not meet the requirements of the criteria listed above.

Furthermore, each national federation shall be permitted to register up to 16 riders in masters.

Competition format

Class composition according to article 6.1.007.

Transfer system according to appendix 3 in part 6, only for category B and C outlined in article 9.2.047.

Number plates according to articles 6.1.071 and 6.1.072 (part 6).

(text modified on 1.02.10; 1.02.11).

Registration of support staff

- 9.2.049** Each federation must appoint a single (1) team manager – championships classes and one (1) team manager – challenge classes.

In addition to the team managers, three team assistants shall be allowed: Exception is countries with over 100 entries, which will be allowed four team assistants and the host country which are allowed five team assistants.

- 9.2.050** At least five riders must have pre-entered (prior to filling up a class by the host organization as described in article 6.1.007) to constitute a category. Should this minimum number not be obtained, then the entered riders will race in the category above, but with the restriction that no competing category at Championship level can be combined with a competing category at Challenge level and vice versa.

Exception: should this minimum number not be obtained in the cruiser categories 35-39, 40-44, 45 and over, the entered riders will race in the category below. In any case that an under-subscribed class cannot be combined according to the above rules, this category shall not be run.

Trial

(section introduced on 30.01.09).

Allocation of UCI trials world championship event

- 9.2.051** *Application to the UCI for the sanctioning of a trials world championship (in conjunction with the UCI mountain bike world championships) event is open to any national federation. The venue of each year's world championships shall be allocated at least three years in advance of its scheduled date by the UCI management committee, based on business/quality criteria and the recommendations from the UCI trials commission.*

- 9.2.052** *The trials world championships shall be the exclusive property of the UCI.*

- 9.2.053** *The site of a venue shall normally be within the national or territorial boundaries of the national federation which shall serve as the host organization for the event.*

General competition parameters

9.2.054 *UCI trials world championships are a single competition, open to all eligible riders in possession of a UCI license.*

Registration of participants

9.2.055 *Riders wishing to compete in the UCI trials world championships may register only under the auspices and through the agency of their national federation. All competition entry dates must be respected and no late entries will be accepted.*

Pre-registration for the UCI trials world championships is subject to the following restrictions:

- *maximum number of riders per country and per category: eight;*
- *minimum of eight riders per category.*

9.2.056 *Each member organization which registers riders must appoint a national team manager to represent the interests of all of its riders at the UCI trials world championships.*

Categories

9.2.057 *Competition categories at the trials world championships shall be as described in article 7.1.002.*

Age class

9.2.058 *Categories depend on age as stated in article 7.1.002.*

Competition format

9.2.059 *In the women's category, the trials world championships is one single event. The women trials should be determined by **three** rounds of **six** sections. The competition time for women **will be set by the commissaires panel.***

In the men's categories, the world championships shall include a semi-final and a final round. The best eight riders in the semi-final will be eligible to compete in the final.

Semi-final

*The semi-final shall consist of **three** rounds of **six** sections. The competition time **will be set by the commissaires panel.***

Junior finals

The best 8 riders from the semifinal will be eligible to compete in the final. The scores gained in the qualification do not count in the final. Each finalist starts with zero points. All riders will start at the same time.

Finals

The best eight riders in the semi-final will be eligible to compete in the final. The scores gained in the qualification do not count in the final. Each finalist starts with zero points.

*The competition time for the finals **will be set by the commissaires panel.***

Riders will start in a specific order and in a specific section order (Section 1 to 6).

Start time in final:

1st round

Rider in 8th position (½ final) starts first.

Rider in 7th position (½ final) starts + 3 min.

Rider in 6th position (½ final) starts + 6 min.

Rider in 5th position (½ final) starts + 9 min.

Rider in 4th position (½ final) starts + 12 min.

Rider in 3rd position (½ final) starts + 15 min.

Rider in 2nd position (½ final) starts + 18 min.

Rider in 1st position (½ final) starts + 21 min.

Earliest Start time in final (2nd round)

Rider in 8th position (½ final) starts + 24 min.

Rider in 7th position (½ final) starts + 27 min.

Rider in 6th position (½ final) starts + 30 min.

Rider in 5th position (½ final) starts + 33 min.

Rider in 4th position (½ final) starts + 36 min.

Rider in 3rd position (½ final) starts + 39 min.

Rider in 2nd position (½ final) starts + 42 min.

Rider in 1st position (½ final) starts + 45 min.

In case of a tie, the points from the semi-final will act as a tiebreaker.

Competitors taking part in the finals may have two bikes at their disposal. The spare second bike shall remain in the trials office for the duration of the competition and may be retrieved as a replacement for the first bike.

A rider qualified for the final who chooses not to compete in the final shall get 9th placed in the final classification and shall (in the finals) be replaced by the 9th placed rider from the semifinal. Two qualified riders choosing not to compete in the final shall get 9th and 10th placed in the final classification and shall be replaced by the 9th and 10th placed riders from the semifinal (in the finals), etc.

(text modified on 1.02.11).

Number of sections and rounds**9.2.060** *The number of sections and rounds are as indicated below:*

Type of competition	Number of sections	Number of rounds
women <i>Open</i>	6	3
junior men 20" semi-final	6	3
junior men 26" semi-final	6	3
elite men 20" semi-final	6	3
elite men 26" semi-final	6	3
junior men 20" final	6	2
junior men 26" final	6	2
elite men 20" final	6	2
elite men 26" final	6	2

*(text modified on 1.02.11).***Recognition and awards****9.2.061** *Competitors having obtained the highest number of points are declared:*

- 20" trials world champion;
- 26" trials world champion;
- women trials world champion.