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PART 6 BMX RULE BOOK

6.1.006 A rider aged 17 years or over may choose to compete at either Championship, Challenge or Masters (only if aged 30 and over) level at the beginning of the season namely in the appropriate age and gender group.

A rider cannot ride in both Championship and Challenge levels during the same season. [The rider's licence must indicate the category of the rider.](#)

Furthermore, a rider who scored one UCI point, cannot enter the Masters or Challenge levels.

(text modified on 1.02.11; 1.02.12; 1.07.12; [1.10.13](#))

6.1.006bis From 2013 on, the calendar season starts on January 1 and ends on December 31.

(~~article introduced on 1.02.12~~, text modified on [1.02.12](#), 1.07.12).

6.1.007 Combination rules
Five riders shall constitute a category.

If less than five riders register for a category, they will be combined with an older category. However, cruiser categories with a maximum age of more than 34 shall be combined with the next younger category.

In the case that any under-subscribed category cannot be combined according to these rules, this category shall not be run.

If the adequate numbers of five riders are registered and confirmed during the riders confirmation, the category will be run even if less riders show up at the start.

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If five or more riders register for a category and are confirmed during the riders confirmation the category will not be combined in those cases where injury or illness prevents the requisite number from actually engaging in competition.

~~No competing category at Championship level can be combined with a competing category at Challenge level and vice versa.~~

Championships classes or Challenge and Championships classes can be combined during UCI registered races on the following basis:

- The organiser announces in the technical guide and in their communication towards National Federations and riders the combination of classes.
- The results are split into two separate classes based on the results summary.
- Riders get the ranking points that correspond with the place in the separate results.
- The riders are awarded the prize money that correspondcorresponds with the place in the separate Results.

Example class 1 event combination Women Elite and Women Junior:

<u>Result of the race</u>	<u>Category of rider</u>	<u>UCI ranking Points Women Junior</u>	<u>UCI ranking Points Women Elite</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Women junior</u>	<u>30 (1st place WJ)</u>	
<u>2</u>	<u>Women Elite</u>		<u>50 (1st place WE)</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Women junior</u>	<u>20 (2nd place WJ)</u>	
<u>4</u>	<u>Women Elite</u>		<u>45 (2nd place WE)</u>

Except as provided by the combination rules, no rider is permitted to compete outside of his age or gender group during UCI registered races.

~~If less than 8 riders constitute a category, there will be a three moto system where the aggregate score at the end of the three motos defines the final result.~~

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.07.12; [1.10.13](#)).

Calendar

6.1.008 Race classes and date protection
International BMX events are registered on the international calendar in accordance with the following classification:

- Olympic Games (OG)
- *world championships (CM)*

No other international BMX event may be organized on the same dates as the world championships. No continental championships or C1 event may be organized on the weekend prior to the world championships.

- BMX supercross world cup (CDM)

No other international BMX event may be organized on the same dates as the BMX supercross world cup.

- continental championships (CC)

No other C1 or CN on the same continent during the continental championships date may be organized.

- international competition class 1 (C1) . During C1, no CN events may be organised on the same date as the C1 event on the same continent.
- national championships (CN)

[National BMX championships must be run on the first weekend of July.](#)

(article modified on 1.02.10; 1.07.12; [1.10.13](#))

Competition

6.1.014 A BMX race is composed of 3 phases, the motos, the qualifiers (1/32, 1/16, 1/8, 1/4 and 1/2 finals depending on the number of participants) and the final.

The motos are subdivided in 3 rounds, at the end of which the riders with the best overall result shall transfer to the qualifiers.

The qualifiers are the elimination phase of the race. It is subdivided

in several stages, which are distinguished from each other by their degree of removal from the final (1/32, 1/16, 1/8, 1/4 and 1/2 finals depending on the number of participants).

The last phase is the final.

If less than 9 riders constitute a category, there will be a three motos system where the -aggregate score at the end of the three motos determines the final result.

At the end of a BMX race competition, a final classification is made that defines the final results and that is used to attribute UCI ranking points and prize money.

Final classification

The final classification (results summary) of the competition is determined by:

1. The phase reached (Final, ½ final, ¼ final, 1/8 final, 1/16 final, 1/32 final, motos)
2. The rank from this phase
3. The total points from this phase
4. The time in the last run-, in case of ties the time from the previous run is considered

When the tie cannot be broken by time, the riders will share the same rank.

In case of a combination of classes, this results summary will be used to split the results of two classes and to make a separate result per category.-

-A BMX time trial event is composed of 2 phases, the time trial qualification and the time trial super finals. Every phase is composed of one run. The number of riders qualifying for the time trial ~~super~~-super finals depends on the number of registered riders in each category. The time trial super finals are the final phase and define the time trial results.

24+ Entries

top 16 into a time trial super final

16-23 Entries top 8 into a time trial super final

12-15 Entries top 6 into a time trial super final

With less than 12 entries, the time trial qualification may be run and define the time trial results. In that case, the time trial super finals will not be run.

(text modified on 1.07.12; [1.10.13](#)).

- 6.1.018 If applicable, for each moto in which he competes, a rider shall receive a point score equal to his finish position in the race, with the rider in first place earning one point and so on down to the eighth place rider, who will receive eight points. The riders with the lowest total points earned in the motos transfer to the next stage of competition in accordance with the rules set forth in appendix 1.

In qualification phase the top four finishing riders will transfer to the next stage of competition.

A rider who starts but does not complete a moto will be recorded as «Did Not Finish (DNF) and will receive a score equal to the number of riders who started the moto. This rider will be eligible to transfer.

A rider who starts but has been relegated by the commissaires will be recorded as “relegated” (REL) and will receive a score equal to the number of riders who started the moto plus 2. The president of the commissaires panel can judge on the classification of the rider, which can be different from the actual finish position. This rider will be eligible to transfer.

If one rider or more riders fails to start ~~in the final~~ they will be declared as a Did Not Start (DNS).

Order of ranking for IRM's (Invalid Race Method):

1. DNF
2. REL
3. DNS

In case of multiple DNF, REL or DNS, the tiebreaker (within each group) will be as follows:

- 1 Position in previous heat ;
- 2 Lap time in last run of previous heat);
- 3 Time trial results.

(text modified on 18.06.10; 1.02.11; 1.07.12; [1.10.13](#)).

- 6.1.025 In a final, at least two riders need to cross the finish line for a race to be valid.

In case the race is not declared valid, a restart of minimum three riders shall be done within 15 minutes. In the case of no restart, the times or results for the semifinal will be declared the final result.

In case of cancellation prior the final, the results of the previous ~~phase round~~ will be declared the final results.

(article modified on 30.01.09; [1.10.13](#)).

Competition field

Track flags

- 6.1.026 [Green and yellow flags](#) of the colours listed below may be used by track officials as a means of communicating with each other and to riders on the track. [The red flag must be used by one of the track commissaires](#) These flags have the following meanings:

GREEN FLAG: The track is unobstructed and racing can proceed.

YELLOW FLAG: The track is obstructed and racers should be held at the gate.

RED FLAG: Riders on the track should stop immediately and return to the starting gate to await further instruction.

(text modified on 1.02.11; [1.10.13](#))

Starting gate

- 6.1.029 The starting gate shall be a minimum of 7.3 8 metres in width for BMX events on the UCI BMX calendar.

The gate shall have a height of at least 50 cm, with an angle no greater than 90 degrees with the slope of the ramp which supports the bicycles' wheels when they are in their starting position.

Starting positions 1 through 8 must be clearly marked on the gate.

The electronically controlled gate, to be used at all BMX events on the UCI BMX calendar, must be outfitted with a system of appropriately coloured starting lights located so as to be clearly visible from all starting lanes without disadvantage to any rider who is in the "riders ready" position. In case of a failure of the gate release system, the gate shall fall to the dropped position.

A "voice box" system is mandatory at all UCI sanctioned events described in appendix 3.

Whenever a timing scoring system is utilised, the timing system must be activated, whereupon the time starts running, at the moment the gate-start mechanism is activated causing the gate to drop.

(text modified on 1.10.13).

Clothing and safety equipment

Inspection

- 6.1.054 Before official practice, before the start of, or during the course of any competition or event, the rider, his bicycle, helmet and clothing may be subject to inspection by commissaires in order to ascertain whether or not this equipment conforms to these rules. The UCI makes no representation and/or statement of opinion as to the track worthiness of any bicycle, clothing, safety equipment or other gear which may be examined during the course of this inspection.

Any rider whose equipment is unsafe in the opinion of the commissaires, whether or not it fails to comply with a specific provision of these rules, shall not be permitted to ride on the track.

All riders shall wear clothing that is recognizable in trim and style

as a BMX type garment and as such be ~~distinct from~~ distinct from other cycling disciplines.

Any rider who does not comply with all instructions given to him by the commissaires with respect to his equipment shall not be permitted to compete in any event and may be either relegated or disqualified by the ~~P~~resident of the ~~C~~ommissaires' panel if the non-compliance of his equipment is noticed.-

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.10.13).

Jersey

6.1.056

The jersey shall be a loose fitted long-sleeved shirt whose sleeves extend down to the rider's wrists. Lycra is not permitted. The fabric of the jersey must be loose enough to have a minimum of 3 cm doubled up excess material, without stretching the fabric. This shall be measured by pinching the fabric between the index finger and thumb.

. The following is not permitted for BMX jerseys:

- Lycra
- Zippers above the waist
- Back pockets
- Jerseys for Road/track cycling

The jersey must be tucked into the pants before the start to not cause interference.

Each rider that have received a UCI permanent number (as outlined in § 10) and the riders that choose to ride with a world number 1-8, must print their number on the jersey according to the following principles:

- A. The colour of the number must be in strong contrast with the colour of the background.
- B. The distance between the numbers must be 1.5 cm
- C. The minimum height of the number must be 20 centimeters
- D. The width of the numbers shall be;
 - minimum 10 cm for one digit numbers
 - minimum 20 cm for two digit numbers
 - minimum 25 cm for three digit numbers

- E. There should be a minimum of 5 cm of free space without publicity around the number.
- F. As an option, display their last name across the shoulders, above the number.

Only Elite riders who received a permanent career number through the UCI ~~or Elite riders with a world number 1-8,~~ may print a permanent career number ~~or world number 1-8~~ on the back of the jersey. Riders without a permanent career number **shall must** not print a number on the back of their jersey.

According to article 1.3.059 every rider competing in a BMX world championship (Championship, Challenge and Masters level) and at the continental championships (Championship level) must wear a national BMX jersey matching the jerseys of his fellow-countrymen. The only variation allowed shall be advertising on the jersey. The national jersey must be worn whenever a rider is engaged in activities on the track, prize giving ceremonies, press conferences, television interviews, autograph sessions and other occasions during the event, which require a good presentation to the media and the outside world.

(text modified on 1.07.12; ~~1.10.13~~).

Pants

6.1.057

The pants shall be loose fitting long pants made of tear-resistant material. ~~Lycra is not permitted. Except for the ankles where the pants must be tight fitted, the pant fabric must have a minimum of 6 cm of doubled up excess material, without stretching the fabric. This shall be measured by pinching the fabric between the index finger and thumb.~~

Loose fitting short pants made of tear-resistant material are permitted if used together with knee and shin protection with a rigid surface that extends from the knee protection to fully cover the shin, or to just above the ankle. Lycra is not permitted unless for use under the pants and to cover knee-protection. ~~The pant fabric must have a minimum of 6 cm of doubled up excess material, without stretching the fabric. This shall be measured by pinching the fabric between the index finger and thumb.~~

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Pants must be of a single piece construction, separated from the jersey at the waist. ~~One piece skin suits are not permitted.~~

The following items are not permitted for BMX pants:

- One piece skin suits
- Tight fitted pants that needs to be stretched in order to cover the legs
- Lycra pants
- Track and Field pants /jogging pants
- Road/Track cycling pants
- Denim / Jeans

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.07.12; 1.10.13).

International permanent race number system

- 6.1.075 Number 1 – 8 are reserved and will be assigned to the top 8 finishers in the previous years BMX world championships and ~~may must~~ be used for the upcoming season. A rider who is eligible for number 1 – 8 ~~may must~~ ride with his world championships number for the season until the next world championships. The career number will remain and not become available to anyone else.

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Seeding

General Principle

- 6.1.077 SEEDING OF MOTOS ACCORDING TO RIDERS' PLACES IN UCI WORLD BMX RANKINGS OR TIME TRIAL

The UCI may designate certain major international competitions at elite and junior level, to which a moto seeding system shall be applied which is based on:

- The participants' places in the latest UCI BMX rankings as

determined in article 6.1.078

- A separate time trial event hold before the event as determined in article 6.1.079.

- Random seeding

- Seeding according to the results of the qualification motos

For the time being, these competitions are restricted to world championships (20" competing classes at elite and junior level only) and BMX supercross world cup events. Seeding of motos according to riders' places in the UCI BMX rankings or a time trial event shall be carried out according to the principle of keeping the top ranked riders from competing against each other until the semi and main event as per the example below.

Example: number of ~~48-32~~ riders seeded into ~~four eight-6 8~~ rider motos (1 refers to highest placed rider in the rankings, 2 refers to second best placed rider in the rankings, 3 refers to third best placed rider in the rankings, etc.):

Moto 1	Moto 2	Moto 3	Moto 4	Moto 5	Moto 6	Moto 7	Moto 8
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41

Transferring of riders and moto grouping shall be as described in appendix 1, but respecting the seeding system as described above in the motos.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.10.13)

Infringements, Penalties and Protests

Official warning

- 6.1.093 A rider may receive an official, verbal warning for certain misconduct. The first warning issued to a rider at an event carries no specific penalty other than the advice of the warning, however the issuance of a subsequent warning for the same, or any other offence within the same event, ~~on the same day~~ will result in the rider's disqualification from the event.

A warning shall be displayed on the printed output of the results and on the monitors or posted on the moto boards by the secretary.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.10.13).

Relegation

- 6.1.094 A rider may be ~~scored in another place than his actual finish in a race and will be scored~~ "relegated" (REL) and will receive a score equal to the number of riders who started the moto plus 2. ~~The president of the commissaires' panel can decide on the classification of the rider based on the seriousness of the infringement.~~

(text modified on 30.01.09; 1.02.12; 1.07.12; 1.10.13).

Disqualification of a rider

- 6.1.095 A rider may be disqualified and thereby barred from further participation in either the competition category in which the infringement occurred or the entire event. The rider will not be ranked in the results summary and will not receive UCI points for the event.

(text modified on 1.10.13).

Removal of an offender from the competition venue

- 6.1.096 The commissaires' panel shall have the discretion-power to remove, at its sole discretion, an offender from the competition venue for an offence against any of the provisions set down in this rule book.

UCI BMX SUPERCROSS WORLD CUP EVENTS

~~6.3.007 Time Trials Qualification- Race format
Each UCI BMX supercross world cup event will have a time trial qualification event. The time trial qualification will be one qualification run followed by a time trial super finals for the top riders (number of riders qualified for the super finals depends on the number of registered riders) Riders are transferred and seeded according to the position gained in the time trial qualification (and the super finals for those who did the super finals.)-~~

~~The number of entered riders per category determines how many riders qualify after the first run of the time trial, according to the following table:~~

~~64+ Entries — Qualify the top 64 (and top 16 into a time trial super final) 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 trial 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 trial 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 trial 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 trial 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 trial superfinal) from the time trial to two 6-rider semi-finals, featured over three rounds-~~

~~With less than 12 entries, the time trial qualification will decide on the final results~~

Qualification motos

All registered riders have to do 3 qualification motos to qualify for the next stage of the event. The groups for these qualification motos will be composed on a random selection of confirmed riders and will be randomly scrambled into moto groups every run. Gate selection order for run 1 will be randomly generated by the computer. Gate selection for run 2 and 3 will be in order of the fastest finishing times.e.g. fastest rider gets first gate pick. -The riders with the best aggregate score of the first 3 qualification motos qualify for the next

stage of the event (-men top 48 – women top 24). Ties are broken by the time in the 3rd qualification moto. If a tie still remains, then the time of the 2nd moto is considered. If a tie still remains-, the time of the 1st qualification moto is considered.

All registered riders have to participate at the qualification motos except top 8 women and top 16 men that are present of the current UCI BMX Supercross World Cup standing (-final standing of the previous year for the first event of the year-). They are automatically qualified for the Time Trials.-

Time Trials

Top 8 women and top 16 men of the current UCI BMX Supercross World Cup standing that are present at the event (-final standing of the previous year for the first event of the year-) must participate at the Time Trials which will be ran over 1 run. The time in the TT decides on the seeding of these top riders for the 1/8 (men) and ¼ (women) finals. They are seeded as the top 8 for women and top 16 for men followed by the remaining qualified -riders. –The time in the TT decides on gate selection order of these top riders for -the 1/8 (men) and ¼ (women) finals. They choose a combination of fixed gates according to appendix 2 for the 3 runs of 1/8 (men) / ¼ (women) finals. They have gate pick before the remaining qualified riders.

In case of a tie to define the top 8 (women) /16 (men), the best final result of the current World Cup season is considered. If a tie still remains, the 2nd best result is considered. For the first event of the year, the best final result of the previous season is considered.

1/8, ¼, ½ and finals

The initial stage (1/8 finals for men and ¼ finals for women) will- be featured over 3 runs, where the top 4 riders in each group with the lowest overall points shall transfer, as stated above. SeedingThe riders are seeded according to the time in the time trials for automatically qualified riders (top 8 women and top 16 men) -and according to the results of the qualifying motos for all the other riders.– Automatically qualified riders are always seeded before qualification riders. The Ggate selection order accordingis

~~determined by~~ ~~to~~ the time in the time trials for automatically qualified riders and ~~accordingly~~ ~~to~~ the results of the qualification motos. Riders have to choose a gate selection combination according to appendix 2 of the BMX rulebook.

~~The following qualifier stages will be featured over 1 round, where the top 4 riders in each group shall finally transfer. Fastest rider gets first gate pick. Seeding and transfer according to appendix 1 of the BMX rulebook.~~

(text modified on 19.06.09; 1.02.11; 1.07.12; **1.10.13**)

6.3.008 ~~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).~~

A top 8 (women) /16 (men) rider who fails to start on his designated start time in the time trial ~~super finals~~ will be classified as a Disqualified (DSQ) and will be ineligible to transfer.

(text modified on 1.10.13)

~~Transfer system~~

6.3.009 ~~The time trial qualification will be used to determine seeding and the category will be run per article 6.1.079 seeding and transfer rules.~~

~~The initial motos be featured over 3 rounds, where the top 4 riders in each group with the lowest overall points shall transfer, as stated above.~~

~~The following qualifier stage will be featured over 1 round, where the top 4 riders in each group shall finally transfer to two 8-rider semi-finals.~~

~~Start gate positions~~

~~will be determined according to article 6.1.021.~~

[article abrogated on 1.10.13] (text modified on 1.07.12)-

UCI Ranking

6.6.006 A ranking by nation for Men Elite and Women Elite is drawn up for BMX. The ranking by nation is calculated by summing the points of the three best placed riders for men and the two best placed riders for women from each nation. ~~The ranking by nation will be used to determine the qualification quota for the Olympic Games.~~ The ranking of 31st December will determine the number of qualified riders per nation for the next world championships.

A ranking by nation for Men Junior and Women Junior is drawn up for BMX. The ranking by nation is calculated by summing the points of the three best placed riders for men and the two best placed riders for women from each nation. The ranking of 31st December will determine the number of qualified riders per nation for the next world championships.

[To determine the qualification quota for the Olympic games, an Olympic ranking is calculated for men \(3 best ranked Men Elite/Men Junior per nation\) and for women \(2 best ranked Women Elite/junior per nation\)](#)

A rider's points are awarded to the nation of this nationality, even if he is licence holder of the federation of another country.

Tied nations have their relative positions determined by the place of their best rider on the individual ranking.
(article introduced on 1.07.12; [1.10.13](#))

UCI BMX track certificate

[6.7.024](#) [The following tracks need a UCI BMX Track certificate to get authorization to organize a BMX race on the UCI calendar:](#)

- [olympic games](#)
- [world championships](#)
- [world cups](#)
- [continental championships \(from 2015 on\)](#)
- [class 1 events \(from 2016 on\)](#)

[\(article introduced on 1.10.13\)](#)

APPENDIX 1 - SCHEDULE OF RACES ~~and~~ [SEEDING](#) ~~and~~ TRANSFER
SYSTEM

→ NEW: see document attached