

PART 2 ROAD RACES

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Chapter I CALENDAR AND PARTICIPATION

International calendar

- 2.1.001** Road races are registered on the international calendar in accordance with their classification as per article 2.1.005.

UCI WorldTour events are entered on the UCI WorldTour calendar by the Professional Cycling Council.

The UCI Management Committee of the UCI enters the other events of the international calendar in one or another class in accordance with the criteria which it shall draw up.

As a general rule, the international calendar shall start on the day following the conclusion of the previous year's final UCI World Championships event or WorldTour event and end upon conclusion of the final UCI WorldTour or World Championships event of the year in question.

The dates of the international calendar shall be set annually by the UCI Management Committee, which will take into account the above as well as specificities regarding the events registered on the calendar.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.17).

- 2.1.002** A continental circuit is composed of all elite (ME) and all under 23 (MU) men's road races of the continental calendar of each continent. These circuits are respectively known as Africa Tour, America Tour, Asia Tour, Europe Tour and Oceania Tour.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.06; 1.08.13; 1.01.15; 1.03.16; 1.01.17).

- 2.1.003** In order to be registered on the international calendar, a race must guarantee the participation of at least 10 teams, among which 5 foreign teams. A mixed team is regarded as a foreign team if the majority of its riders are of foreign nationality.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03; 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.01.17).

- 2.1.004** A mixed team is composed exclusively of riders belonging to different teams eligible for participation according to article 2.1.005, but whose team is not contracted in the race. Riders shall wear an identical jersey which may bear advertising for their usual sponsor. It may not in any circumstances be a national jersey.

(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.05; 28.04.05; 1.01.07).

2.1.005 International races and participation

International Calendar	Category of event	Class	Participation
Olympic games	ME WE	JO	- As per part XI
World championships	ME WE	CM	- National teams, in accordance with the world championships (see part IX)
Continental championships	MU MJ	CC	- National teams, in accordance with the continental championships (see part X)
Continental games	WJ	JC	- National teams, in accordance with the specific regulations of the event
Regional games		JR	- National teams, in accordance with the regional games (see part X)
UCI WorldTour	ME	UWT	- UCI WorldTeams (see Art. 2.15.127) - Invited UCI professional continental teams - National team of the organising country in events determined by the PCC
UCI Europe Tour	ME MU	1.HC 2.HC	- UCI WorldTeams (max 70%) - UCI professional continental teams - UCI continental teams of the country - UCI foreign UCI continental teams (max. 2) - National teams of the country of the organiser
		1.1 2.1	- UCI WorldTeams (max 50%) - UCI professional continental teams - UCI continental teams - national teams
		1.2 2.2	- UCI professional continental teams of the country - UCI foreign UCI professional continental teams (max. 2) - UCI continental teams - National teams - Regional and club teams
	MU	Ncup 1.2 Ncup 2.2	- National teams - Mixed teams
UCI America Tour UCI Asia Tour UCI Oceania Tour UCI Africa Tour	ME	1.HC 2.HC	- UCI WorldTeams (max 65%) - UCI professional continental teams - UCI continental teams - National teams
		1.1 2.1	- UCI WorldTeams (max 50%) - UCI professional continental teams - UCI continental teams - National teams
		1.2 2.2	- UCI professional continental teams - UCI continental teams - National teams - Regional and club teams - African mixed teams ⁽¹⁾
	MU	1.2 2.2	- UCI professional continental teams of the country - UCI continental teams

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National teams - Regional and club teams - Mixed teams
		Ncup 1.2 Ncup 2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National teams - Mixed teams
Women Elite	WE	WWT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UCI women's continental teams - National team from the country of the organiser - Foreign national team (max 1)
		1.1 2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UCI women's continental teams - National teams ⁽²⁾ - Regional and club teams ⁽²⁾
		1.2 2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UCI women's continental teams - National teams ⁽²⁾ - Regional and club teams ⁽²⁾ - Mixed teams
Men Junior	MJ	1.Ncup 2.Ncup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National teams - Mixed teams
		1.1 2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National teams - Regional and club teams - Mixed teams
Women Junior	WJ	1.Ncup 2.Ncup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National teams - Regional and club teams - Mixed teams
		1.1 2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National teams - Regional and club teams - Mixed teams WJ 1

⁽¹⁾ only for UCI Africa Tour.

⁽²⁾ Women of the second year of junior may be included in these teams, provided they have authorization from the National Federation that issued their license.

In order to compete in a UCI WorldTour race, riders must have submitted accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information to an anti-doping organisation for a minimum period of 6 weeks and have been subject to testing in accordance with the athlete biological passport programme as implemented by the UCI.

(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.05; 1.01.06; 1.10.06; 25.09.07; 1.01.08; 1.1.09; 1.07.09; 1.10.09; 1.10.10; 1.07.11; 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.14; 1.01.15; 1.01.16; 12.01.17; 1.02.17; 1.01.18).

2.1.006 MU riders can participate in races classed as ME. WU riders can participate in races classed WE.

MU Races are reserved exclusively for riders of the MU category.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.07; 1.01.08; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).

2.1.007 Unless prior authorization has been obtained from the UCI Management Committee, organisers may not set other age limits than the ones corresponding to the junior, under 23 and elite categories.

(article introduced on 1.01.05).

2.1.007 bis 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, Africa Tour and Oceania Tour

For events taking place between 1st January and 15th March, the organiser must invite:

- the first 3 UCI continental teams in the rolling 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.

For events taking place between 16th March and 31st December, the organiser must invite:

- the 3 first UCI continental teams in the rolling classification by team for the relevant continental circuit, on the second Sunday of January (based on new team rosters). 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

For events taking place between 1st January and 15th March, the organiser must invite:

- the first 3 national teams in the rolling 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 events taking place between 16th March and 31st December, the organiser must invite:

- the 3 first UCI national teams in the rolling classification by nation for the relevant continental circuit, on the second Sunday of January.

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.

(text modified on 1.01.06; 1.01.07; 1.10.10; 1.02.11; 1.07.11; 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 1.01.17 ; 25.10.17; 22.10.18).

National calendars

2.1.008 The management of the national calendar, its structure, the classification of national races and the participation rules are the responsibility of the respective National Federations, subject to the provisions below.

(article introduced on 1.01.05).

2.1.009 Only the following teams and riders may participate in national events:

Provisions for events in Europe

- UCI professional continental teams of the country with no more than 10 events of the ME category registered on the international calendar with the approval of their National Federation;
- UCI continental teams of the country;
- regional and club teams;
- national teams;
- mixed teams.

Provisions for events outside of Europe

- UCI professional continental teams of the country with the approval of their National Federation;
- UCI continental teams of the country;
- regional and club teams;
- national teams;
- mixed teams.

Only national teams may include riders from a team registered with the UCI.

(article introduced on 1.01.05; modified on 1.08.13; 1.01.15; 25.10.17).

2.1.010 A national event may accept a maximum of 3 foreign teams.

(article introduced on 1.01.05).

2.1.011 National Federations may conclude agreements for the participation of foreign riders residing in border zones; such riders shall not be considered foreign riders. These agreements must be presented to the commissaires' panel presiding over the race.

(article introduced on 1.01.05).

Chapter II GENERAL PROVISIONS

(numbering of the articles modified on 1.01.05).

§ 1 Participation

- 2.2.001** Riders belonging to a team registered with the UCI with the same paying agent or main partner may not compete in the same race except in the case of an individual event. Furthermore, no more than one national team of each nationality may compete in an event.

In addition, the participation of both a UCI WorldTeam and the UCI registered development team supported by this same UCI WorldTeam is prohibited.

Likewise, the participation of both a UCI professional continental team and the UCI registered development team supported by this same UCI professional continental team is prohibited.

National Federations shall declare to the UCI their affiliated club teams that have the same paying agent / team representative or main partner than a team registered with the UCI.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.07.10; 1.10.11; 1.01.13; 1.01.15; 25.10.17).

- 2.2.002** The number of riders starting a road race shall be limited according to the following table:

Category	Maximum
Olympic Games	200
World Championships	
Continental Championships	
Continental Games	
Regional Games	
National Championships	

International Events	Maximum
UCI WorldTour	176
UCI Women's WorldTour	
Women Elite	
UCI Europe Tour	
UCI America Tour	
UCI Asia Tour	
UCI Oceania Tour	
UCI Africa Tour	
UCI Nations' Cups	
Men Junior	
Women Junior	

National Events	Maximum
(N*) National Calendars	176

** within the limit of 200.*

Without prejudice to the minimum of starting riders resulting from any other provision of the UCI Regulations, the minimum number of riders starting a road race is established according to the following table:

Category	Class	Minimum
UCI Europe Tour	1.HC	150
	2.HC	120
UCI America Tour UCI Asia Tour UCI Oceania Tour UCI Africa Tour	1.HC 2.HC	120
Other events	-	No minimum

(text modified on 1.01.18; 22.10.18)

- 2.2.003** Without prejudice to specific provisions of the UCI Regulations (e.g. provisions in Part IX and XI regarding respectively the UCI Road World Championships and Olympic Games), the number of starting riders per team shall be set by the organiser, with a minimum of 4 and maximum of 7. The organiser shall indicate in the programme or technical guide and on the entry form the number of starting riders per team for the event. This number shall be the same for all teams.

The number of starting riders who are registered on the entry form must be equal to the number set by the organiser. No account shall be taken of any riders entered in excess of that number.

Special provisions for UCI WorldTour

In UCI WorldTour events, the number of starting riders per team is 8 for Grand Tours and 7 for other events.

Without prejudice to articles 1.2.053, 1.2.055 and 2.2.003 bis, if a team, without valid justification, starts a UCI WorldTour event with fewer riders than that established by the previous paragraph, the team shall be subject to a fine of CHF 5,000 for each missing rider.

Special provisions for UCI Women's WorldTour

For one-day races, the number of starting riders per team is set at 6.

For stage races, the organiser can set the number of starting riders per team to 6 or 7.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.07; 26.01.08; 1.02.12; 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).

- 2.2.003 bis** For all road races, without prejudice to Article 1.2.053, if the number of starting riders per team is set at 4, 5 or 6, a team may not start with less than 4 riders. If the number of starting riders per team is 7 or 8, a team may not start with less than 5 riders.

A team at the start of an event with fewer riders than the minimum established in the previous paragraph of this article may not start. In the case of a UCI WorldTeam, the team is considered to be absent for the purposes of the application of Articles 2.15.128 and 2.15.129.

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

- 2.2.004** (N) Teams may enter substitutes for the titular riders provided that the number of substitutes does not exceed one-half of the number of titular riders. For class 2 events, only entered substitutes may replace the titular riders.

For other events, a maximum of 2 riders may replace the titular riders and regardless of whether they were entered as substitutes or not.

(text modified on 1.01.16).

- 2.2.005** (N) Teams must confirm in writing to the organiser the names of titular riders and two substitutes no later than 72 hours before the start of the race. Only the riders mentioned in that confirmation will be permitted to take the start.

In the context of Grand Tours and for medical reasons only, a maximum of two riders may be substituted, subject to the common agreement of the president of the commissaires' panel, the organiser of the Grand Tour and the UCI official doctor and the prior remittance of a medical certificate at medical@uci.ch. In order to benefit from this provision, teams must declare two substitute riders to the commissaires at the riders' confirmation.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.05.17).

- 2.2.006** Should the number of riders entered in a team race exceed the number of participants admitted to that race, the number of participants per team shall be reduced to a number that will be equal for all teams. In other races, priority shall be given according to the order in which entry forms were received by the organiser. The organiser shall, as quickly as possible, announce any reduction to all entered teams or to the riders that were not selected.

- 2.2.007** If, three days before the race, the number of riders entered is less than 100, the organiser may authorise entered teams to increase the number of riders per team to a maximum of 8.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.16).

- 2.2.008** Riders belonging to a UCI WorldTour team or to a UCI professional continental team may not take part in cycling for all events unless an exemption is granted by the Professional Cycling Council.
However, without obtaining an exemption, they may participate once a year in a cycling for all event bearing their name.

Riders belonging to a UCI continental team can take part a maximum of 3 times a year in a cycling for all event.

The number of participants belonging to a team registered with the UCI being limited to three, every rider must, however, check with the organiser that this number is not exceeded.

(article introduced on 1.01.05).

Participation allowance

2.2.009 The contribution made by the organiser to the travel and subsistence expenses of the teams or riders in a road race on the international calendar shall be negotiated directly between the parties, except in the following cases:

1. UCI WorldTour races: the organiser must pay a participation allowance of which the amount is determined by the Professional Cycling Council and published in the financial obligation document; this amount shall be increased with CHF 1,550 for those one day races where a team cannot return home on the same day because of the time of arrival of the race;
2. UCI Europe Tour HC, class 1 and Ncup races: the organiser must pay a participation allowance for which the minimum amount is determined by the UCI Management Committee and published in the financial obligation document;
3. UCI Women's WorldTour races: the organiser of a race must pay a participation allowance for which the minimum amount is determined by the UCI Management Committee and published in the financial obligation document.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.06; 1.10.06; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.01.18; 1.01.19).

2.2.010 In all road stage races on the international calendar, the organisers must cover the subsistence expenses of the teams from the night before the start to the final day; riders must stay in the hotels provided by the organiser throughout the entire duration of the race.

Team support staff will be covered up to a number equal to the number of riders per team determined in the specific regulations for the event, without prejudice to any special provision provided in the financial obligation document published by the UCI.

The organisers of the UCI WorldTour, UCI Women's WorldTour or UCI Europe Tour HC and class 1 races must cover the expenses for one more night at the hotel where a team cannot return home on the same day because of the time of arrival of the race.

Teams taking part in a UCI WorldTour race must compulsorily stay in a hotel at the start venue the night before the start.

(article introduced on 1.01.05; text modified on 1.01.09; 19.06.15; 1.01.18).

Exclusion from races

2.2.010 bis Without prejudice to the disciplinary penalties provided for by the regulation, a licence holder or a team may be excluded from a race if he/it seriously blemishes the image of cycling or of the race. This exclusion can occur before or during the race.

The exclusion shall be imposed by joint decision of the president of the commissaires panel and the organiser.

In case of disagreement between the president of the commissaires panel and the organiser, the decision shall be taken by the president of the Professional Cycling Council in the case of a UCI WorldTour event, and by the president of the road commission in other cases, or by the deputies they shall have designated.

The licence holder or the team must be heard.

If the decision is taken by the president of the Professional Cycling Council or by the president of the road commission, he may decide solely on the basis of the report from the president of the commissaires panel.

Unless otherwise provided in this regulation, the results and the bonuses and prizes obtained before the facts on which the exclusion is based shall not be withdrawn.

Special provisions applicable to road events:

The organiser may refuse permission to participate in – or exclude from – an event, a team or one of its members whose presence might be prejudicial to the image or reputation of the organiser or of the event.

If the UCI and/or the team and/or one of its members does not agree with the decision taken in this way by the organizer, the dispute shall be placed before the Court of Arbitration for Sport which must hand down a ruling within an appropriate period. However, in the case of the Tour de France, the dispute shall be placed before the Chambre Arbitrale du Sport [Sports Arbitration Chamber] (Maison du sport français, 1 avenue Pierre de Coubertin, 75640 Paris Cedex 13).

(text introduced on 1.01.03; modified on 1.01.05; 25.09.07; 1.01.09).

§ 2 Organisation

Race programme - technical guide

2.2.011 (N) The organiser shall prepare a programme - technical guide for his race each time it is held.

2.2.012 (N) The programme - technical guide shall cover all details of organisation, and at minimum:

- the specific regulations for the event which, depending on the type of race, shall include the following:
 - mention of the fact that the race will be run under UCI regulations;
 - a statement that only the UCI scale of penalties will apply;
 - where applicable, the local anti-doping legislation which will be applicable in addition to the UCI's anti-doping regulations;
 - the class of event and the UCI points scale applicable;
 - the categories of riders;
 - the number of riders per team (maximum and minimum);
 - the opening hours of the race headquarters;
 - the venue and time for the confirmation of starters and the distribution of identification numbers;
 - the venue and time of the sports directors' meeting;
 - the exact location of race headquarters, the testing station for anti-doping tests;
 - the frequency used for radio-tour;
 - secondary classifications including all the information required (points, tie-break procedures, etc.);
 - the prizes awarded for all classifications;
 - any applicable time bonuses;
 - the finishing time limits;
 - stages with summit finishes for the purposes of article 2.6.027;
 - awards ceremony procedures;
 - the procedures for applying the times recorded during team time trial stages to individual classifications;
 - the presence of the neutral support service via motorcycle, if any;

- feeding points, if any, during time trial events or stages and the relevant procedures;
- the criteria used to determine the starting order of a time trial event or prologue; the criteria shall determine the order of teams; each team shall determine the starting order of its riders.
- a description of the course or the stages with profile (profile if necessary), distances, feeding points and, where applicable, circuits;
- obstacles on the course (tunnels, level crossings, danger points, etc.);
- a detailed route and the schedule anticipated;
- intermediate sprints, mountain primes and special primes;
- the plan and the profile (profile if necessary) of the final three kilometres;
- exact start and finish points;
- the list of hospitals contacted by the organiser in order to receive any injured;
- the composition of the commissaires' panel;
- for UCI WorldTour events, the technical delegate's contact details;
- the name, address and telephone number of the event director and the names of the officials
- in races with time trial stages: whether the use of a specific time trial bicycle is prohibited for time trial stages.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.07; 1.01.09; 1.01.15).

Results

- 2.2.013** (N) The organiser shall provide the commissaires with the equipment necessary for the electronic transmission to the UCI and to the National Federation of the results of the race or the stage together with the list of riders having taken the start.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

- 2.2.014** (N) The National Federation of the organiser shall without delay communicate to the UCI any changes made to the results communicated by the organiser.

Security

The course

- 2.2.015** In general, the course of a road race is defined with the road available to road traffic. Riders cannot leave the prescribed course, as per article 1.2.064.

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

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

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

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

Lead vehicle

The organiser shall have an inspection vehicle lead the race to point out any possible obstacles and intervene if necessary.

Inflatable structures

(N) From 1st January 2022, inflatable structures on the road or crossing the road are prohibited, except in order to mark the position of the start line.

(N) Between 1st January 2018 and 1st January 2022, inflatable structures on the road or crossing the road are permitted only to mark the location of the start line, the last kilometre of the race and the finish line, subject to the following requirements:

- The structure must be equipped with two generators as well as two blowers working simultaneously; the structure must be maintained in a stable position even in case one of the two generators fails;
- At least one technician must stay on alert close to the structure in order to intervene if a problem occurs;
- At least one of the two blowers must be supplied with a thermic petrol generator;
- Petrol must be available next to the structure if necessary;
- The structure must be secured to at least 10 anchor points.

(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.18; 1.01.19).

2.2.016 *(text moved to article 2.2.015 on 1.01.19).*

2.2.017 (N) A zone of at least 300 metres before and 100 metres after the finishing line shall be protected by barriers. It shall be accessible exclusively to representatives of the organiser, riders, paramedical assistants, sports directors and accredited press personnel.

2.2.018 In no case can the UCI be held responsible for any defects in the course or accidents that may occur.

Medical care

2.2.019 Medical care during the race shall be administered exclusively by the doctor(s) designated by the organiser of the race from the moment the riders enter the checking area at the start until they leave that at the finish.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

2.2.020 Should any major treatment be necessary on mountain passes or hill-climbs, the doctor shall stop to administer that treatment. The doctor shall be responsible for his car and its occupants and will tolerate no assistance whatsoever being rendered that might help a rider receiving treatment to remain in or return to the bunch (by towing him or allowing him to ride in the wake of the vehicle, etc.).

Radio-tour

- 2.2.021** (N) The organiser shall provide a «radio-tour» information service from the car of the president of the commissaires' panel. He shall require all vehicles to be equipped with a receiver so that they can continually pick up «radio-tour».

(text modified on 1.01.06).

Finish

- 2.2.022** The organiser must provide space for 3 vehicles per team in the arrival section, in order for teams to meet riders at arrival.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

Equipment and working environment for commissaires

Measuring jig for time-trial bicycles

- 2.2.022 bis** Organisers of events that include a time trial must make a measuring jig for time-trial bicycles at disposal of the commissaires' panel. The jig must comply with the Protocol for the Construction available on the UCI website.

The organiser is solely liable for the compliance of the jig with UCI specifications.

The jig is given to the president of the commissaires' panel who verifies its compliance with UCI specifications.

Support-commissaire

When a support-commissaire is appointed to an event, the organiser must ensure that the commissaire will have a position in a location within the finishing area. This location will be equipped with TV screens that display the live footage (including TV motorbikes, TV helicopters and fixed cameras. This position must be private and ensure the privacy that the mission of the support-commissaire requires.

The organiser must also ensure that a technician will be available to assist the commissaire with operating the video equipment as necessary (rewind, slow motion, zoom in or isolate still images).

(text modified on 1.01.05; in force on 01.01.11; text modified on 1.03.18).

§ 3 Race procedure

Gear ratios

- 2.2.023** During men junior and women junior events, the maximum gear ratio authorised is that which gives a distance covered per pedal revolution of 7.93 metres.

(text modified on 1.01.00; 3.06.16).

In-race communications

- 2.2.024**
1. The use of radio links or other remote means of communication by or with the riders, as well as the possession of any equipment that can be used in this manner, during an event is prohibited except in the following cases:
 - A. Men Elite: UCI WorldTour events, class HC and class 1 events;
 - B. Women Elite: UCI Women's WorldTour and class 1 events;
 - C. time trial events.

In the cases above, a secure communications and information system (the «earpiece») is authorised and may be used for safety reasons and to assist riders under the following conditions:

- the power of the transceiver may not exceed 5 watts;
- the range of the system shall be limited to the space occupied by the race;
- its use is limited to exchanges between riders and the sports director and between riders of a same team.

The use of such a system is subject to any relevant legal provisions and to thoughtful and reasonable use with respect for ethics and the rider's freedom of decision.

2. In addition with the sanctions provided in article 2.12.007, the disciplinary commission may impose the following sanctions:

- riders : fine of CHF 100 to 10,000;
- team : fine of CHF 100 to 10,000;

An infringement committed by a rider leads to the irrefutable presumption of an infringement committed by the rider's team.

The sanctions imposed on a rider and the sanctions imposed on his or her team are cumulative.

An infringement is committed as soon as a rider or team appears at an event in possession of the equipment prohibited by this Article. If the prohibited equipment is removed before the start of the event, the rider or team may start and only the fine may apply. If a further infringement is committed during the same event, sanctions provided in article 2.12.007 apply and a further fine of up to CHF 20,000 for a rider and CHF 200,000 for a team may be applied by the disciplinary commission.

Articles 1.2.130 and 1.2.131 still apply.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.01.10; 1.10.10; 1.02.11; 1.01.13; 1.01.16; 3.06.16; 1.07.18; 1.01.19).

Conduct of riders

2.2.025 Riders may not, without due care, jettison food, bonk-bags, feeding bottles, clothes, etc. in any place whatsoever.

Riders may not jettison anything on the roadway itself but shall draw to the side of the road and safely deposit the object there.

If waste zones are established by the organiser, the rider must safely and exclusively deposit their waste on the sides of the road in this area.

It is forbidden to carry and/or use glass objects.

Riders must not hold onto a vehicle or push off against a vehicle in order to gain a significant advantage. In addition to the sanction provided for in article 2.12.007, the disciplinary commission may impose a suspension of up to one month as well as a fine of CHF 200 to 5'000.

Use of sidewalks, paths, cycle paths or verges

It is strictly prohibited to use sidewalks, paths or cycle paths that do not form part of the course as defined in article 2.2.015, separated by kerbs, verges, level changes or other physical features.

If a dangerous situation is created inter alia for other riders, spectators or race personnel by such action or if such action procures a significant advantage over other riders, the rider will be sanctioned in accordance with article 2.12.007.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.01.18; 1.01.19).

Riders' identification

2.2.026 Riders shall carry two body numbers, save in time trials, where they shall bear just one.

Save in time trials, riders shall affix a frame number, being identical to the body number, to a visible point on the front (or where this is not possible, to some other part) of their bicycle frame.

(text modified on 1.01.17)

2.2.027 Teams are allowed to add the name of the rider on the jersey outside of the areas reserved for the team's principal partners.

(text modified on 1.01.17)

Commissaires' panel

2.2.028 The composition of the commissaires' panel is given in article 1.2.116.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

2.2.028 bis The race director or his representative able to take decisions takes place next to the president of the commissaires' panel in the car driving immediately behind the peloton.

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

Race incidents

2.2.029 In case of an exceptional accident or incident that could impinge upon the normal conduct of a race in general or a particular stage thereof, the race director may, after obtaining the agreement of the commissaires' panel and having informed the timekeepers, at any moment, decide:

- to modify the course;
- to temporarily neutralise the race or stage;
- to stop a race or a stage and restart the race or stage;
- to cancel a race or a stage

The president of the commissaires' panel, after consulting the organiser, may take the following sporting decisions:

- cancel or let the results stand in case the race is temporarily neutralised or stopped, taking account of the gaps recorded at the moment of the incident;
- cancel or let the results stand of an intermediate sprint, mountain sprint or any classifications;
- declare a stage or a race null and void,

If necessary, the commissaires' panel may consult the technical delegate appointed to UCI WorldTour events by the UCI to reach a decision.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.01.18)

- 2.2.029 bis** The Extreme Weather Protocol shall be applied in UCI WorldTour and HC events whenever extreme weather conditions, as per the Protocol, are forecast. All other road cycling events are equally recommended to refer to the procedures set out in the Extreme Weather Protocol when appropriate.

(article introduced on 1.01.16)

Drop-out

- 2.2.030** A rider dropping out of the race shall immediately remove his body number and hand it in to a commissaire or to the broom wagon. He may not cross the finish line.

Unless he is injured or feels seriously sick, he must travel in the broom wagon.

Vehicles

- 2.2.031** Any vehicle having access to the race course shall bear a distinctive sign.

- 2.2.032** Except in time trials, all the vehicles accompanying the race are restricted to a maximum height of 1.66 m (not including roof bars).

(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.10.13; 3.06.16).

- 2.2.032 bis** Windows on all cars in the race caravan must not be marked as to obstruct the view through the vehicle or be significantly obstructed with decals.

*(article introduced on 1.10.13). → Into force on 1.01.15
(text modified on 1.01.16)*

- 2.2.033** Vehicles shall travel on the side of the road required by the domestic legislation of the host country.

- 2.2.034** The organiser shall provide each international commissaire with a car having an opening roof and fitted with a radio transmitter-receiver.

- 2.2.034 bis** (N) The organiser shall organise a briefing which persons following the race on a motorcycle, a representative of the television broadcaster, a representative of the police, and the commissaires' panel shall attend.

At UCI WorldTour races the briefing shall be held, in the presence of the technical **advisor**, the day before the race after the sports directors' meeting, or on the morning of the race.

(text modified on 1.01.06; 1.01.07; 1.01.15; 1.01.19).

Followers

- 2.2.035** It is of the organiser's responsibility to make sure that all persons in a race convoy, except for accredited journalists and guests of honour who are not vehicle drivers, are licence holders.

Before the start of the race, the organiser must provide the president of the commissaires' panel with a list of followers in the race convoy. This list must include the contact details of the followers as well as their national licence number and UCI ID.

Team cars shall carry a sports director who holds the appropriate licence, who shall be responsible for the vehicle. For vehicles of teams registered with the UCI, this sports director shall also be registered as such with the UCI.

(text modified on 1.01.98; 1.01.05; 1.01.13; 1.01.18).

- 2.2.035 bis** In UCI WorldTour events, a holder of a «licence for a vehicle driver in a road event» (section 1.8 of Art. 1.1.010) must also hold a driver's certificate delivered by the UCI in accordance with the directives established and published on this subject, in order to be allowed to drive a following vehicle in the race convoy. The holders of other licences are not subject to this requirement.

(article introduced on 1.07.13).

- 2.2.036** Followers may not jettison anything at all on the course.

- 2.2.037** Riders may not be sprayed from a vehicle.

§ 4 Circulation during the race

(numbering of the paragraph modified on 4.05.16)

Drivers

- 2.2.038** Drivers (of both cars and motor cycles) must respect the relevant provisions of the Highway Code applicable in the country in which the event is being run and in particular they shall:

- ensure that their vehicle is in good condition and roadworthy;
- ensure that they are fit to drive and not impaired in any way, for example by fatigue or the consumption of alcohol, drugs, medication or any other substances that may influence driving skills;
- drive in a prudent manner to safeguard the safety of riders in the race, spectators and other vehicles;
- withhold from undertaking any action likely to distract their attention from the road and traffic.

Drivers must also comply with:

- instructions given to them by race commissaires, the race organiser and with any relevant rules or guidelines issued by the UCI.

Drivers must never:

- allow riders to hold onto their vehicle;
- pass a barrage without prior permission from a commissaire.

(text modified on 4.05.16).

- 2.2.039** Any infringements of the provisions of article 2.2.038 may lead to **a sanction as defined in article 2.12.007**.

A refusal to leave the race may be penalised by the Disciplinary Commission.

Whether the infringement was penalised by the Commissaires' Panel or not, the UCI may refer the case to the Disciplinary Commission, which may impose a suspension of up to one year as well as a fine of CHF 200 to 10'000.

(text modified on 4.05.16; 1.01.19).

- 2.2.040** Should the exclusion occur during a UCI WorldTour event, the driver shall not be allowed to take part in the next UCI WorldTour event.

(text modified on 1.01.05 ; 4.05.16; 1.01.19).

Passengers

- 2.2.041** All passengers of vehicles shall equally ensure that they act in a prudent manner to safeguard the safety of riders in the race, spectators and other vehicles.

(text modified on 4.05.16).

- 2.2.042** **In addition to the sanctions provided in article 2.12.007**, any infringements of article 2.2.041 may be referred by the UCI to the Disciplinary Commission, which may impose a suspension of up to one year as well as a fine of CHF 200 to 10'000.

(text modified on 4.05.16; 1.01.19).

- 2.2.043** All licence-holders shall be liable for their own actions with regard to article 2.2.041.

In the event the passenger of a team car is not a licence-holder, the sports director shall be liable for any infringement of article 2.2.041.

In the event the passenger of any other vehicle is not a licence-holder, the driver shall be liable for infringements of article 2.2.041.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.13; 4.05.16).

§ 5 Press specifications (N)

(numbering of the paragraph modified on 4.05.16)

Definition

- 2.2.044** These specifications shall concern any representative of the written, audio or visual press and press photographers, exercising their functions from a motor car or motor-cycle.

Accreditation

- 2.2.045** The organiser of the event shall send all press institutions an accreditation request form according to the model in article 2.2.085.
- 2.2.046** Persons regularly accredited by their press institutions shall hold a card recognised by one of the following associations:
- a national press association;
 - the International Sporting Press Association;
 - the International Association of Cycling Journalists.
- 2.2.047** Anyone not previously accredited may not obtain accreditation until agreement has been reached on the matter between the organiser and the designated IACJ delegate whose name shall have been communicated to the organiser.
- 2.2.048** The organiser shall provide each person accredited with a green badge bearing the name of the event and the dates thereof.

Information prior to the race

- 2.2.049** The organisers shall, during the days preceding the event, provide the various press institutions with a maximum of information regarding their event: itinerary, list of riders participating, starting procedures, etc. They shall, in particular, provide all accredited persons with the lists of the riders entered for the event (at race headquarters by fax and/or email) and shall do so no later than Friday at noon for an event run over the week-end or no later than noon on the day preceding a race run during the week.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

Information during the race

- 2.2.050** Accredited persons shall, in the place to which they have been assigned by the race administration, be given information and instructions on the progress of the race.
- 2.2.051** Should the race administration, for the sake of safety, have directed the press vehicles onto a parallel road or several kilometres ahead of the race, accredited persons shall be kept permanently informed of the progress of the race.
- 2.2.052** Information shall be conveyed in French or English and the language of the country in which the event is taking place.

Press motorcade

- 2.2.053** Each press institution may not, without first having obtained the agreement of the organiser, have more than one car and one motor-cycle keeping up with the race.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

- 2.2.054** Such vehicles shall bear an accreditation plate front and rear which will permit them to circulate at race level.
All vehicles shall be equipped with a radio receiver so that they may permanently receive reports from radio-tour.
- 2.2.055** Should the nature of the terrain and considerations of safety be such as to make it necessary to limit the number of vehicles, the organiser may not impose any such limitation until having obtained the agreement of the UCI and the IACJ office.

- 2.2.056** The organisers shall demand that press vehicles be driven by experienced drivers, familiar with cycle races and knowing how to manoeuvre. It is of the organiser's responsibility to make sure that these drivers hold the licence of a vehicle driver for a road event.

Before the start of the race, the organiser must provide the president of the commissaires' panel with a list of press vehicles in the race convoy. This list must include the contact details of the drivers as well as their national licence number and UCI ID.

Each press institution shall be responsible for the driving skill of the drivers it appoints. If a driver does not hold the licence required in the first paragraph, the press institution concerned shall be excluded from the race convoy of all road events, for a period of one to six months.

(text modified on 1.01.13 ; 4.05.16; 1.01.18).

Press Cars

- 2.2.057** The press motorcade, situated ahead of the field, may not include any advertising or team vehicles.
- 2.2.058** Within the press motorcade, press vehicles shall have priority over the vehicles of any guests that may be there on the invitation of the organiser.
- 2.2.059** Photographing and filming from a moving press car shall be prohibited.
- 2.2.060** Press vehicles may not form a double file except in order to move away more rapidly after having received permission to do so or at the request of the president of the commissaires panel.

(text modified on 4.05.16).

Photographers' motor-cycles

- 2.2.061** Ahead of the race, motor-cyclists shall keep ahead of the leading commissaires' car thus forming a mobile «screen».
- 2.2.062** To take photos, they shall, in turn, move slowly up to the front of the race; the photographer shall then take his photo and the motor-cyclist shall immediately move back into the "screen".
- 2.2.063** No motor-cycle may remain between the head of the field and the leading commissaires' car.
- In exceptional cases, where the motor-cycle may inadvertently be too close to the riders, it shall let the riders overtake it. It shall not return to its position until authorised so to do by a commissaire.
- 2.2.064** To the rear of the race, motor-cyclists shall ride in single-file behind the car of the president of the commissaires panel and shall make way for vehicles that have to attend the bunch or wish to overtake the riders.
- 2.2.065** In the mountains and on climbs, motor-cyclists shall take care not to hinder the riders or the official cars and, in principle, photographers shall be stationary when taking their photos.

- 2.2.066** At the finish, photographers wearing a distinguishing garment (a cape) shall line up on either side of the road, as shown in the plan in article 2.2.086.

Radio and TV reporters' motor-cycles

- 2.2.067** At the front of the race, these motor-cycles shall keep ahead of the photographers' "screen" and shall never position themselves between the commissaires' car and the riders.

They may not move in between two groups of riders unless authorised to do so by the commissaire.

- 2.2.068** At the rear, they shall keep level with the sports directors' cars in single-file and shall make way for vehicles that have to attend the bunch or wish to overtake the riders.

- 2.2.069** Riders may not be interviewed as they race. Sports directors may be interviewed except during the last 10 kilometres and provided that the interview is conducted from a motor-cycle.

(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.19).

Cameramen's motorcycles

- 2.2.070** 5 motor-cycle mounted cameras and 2 motor-cycle mounted sound recorder shall be permitted. These motor-cycles shall manoeuvre in such a way as neither to help nor hinder the progress of the riders.

(text modified on 1.01.98; 1.01.16).

- 2.2.071** Motor-cyclists shall make way for vehicles that have to attend the bunch or wish to overtake the riders.

- 2.2.072** Cameramen shall film in profile or 3/4 rear view. They may not film as they overtake the bunch unless the road is wide enough.

In the mountains and on climbs, filming shall be carried out from behind.

- 2.2.073** Motor-cycles may not manoeuvre in the proximity of riders when their passengers are not filming or recording.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

- 2.2.074** Filming from a motor-cycle shall be forbidden in the last 500 metres.

Finish

- 2.2.075** The organisers shall provide a sufficiently large area beyond the finishing line to permit accredited persons to work correctly. That area shall be accessible solely to the persons responsible for organisation, riders, paramedical assistants, sports directors and accredited press personnel. The organisers shall undertake to keep the officials responsible for order informed of these arrangements.

(text modified on 1.01.00).

Press room

2.2.076 The press room shall be as close as possible to the finishing line. If it has to be some distance away, it shall be accessible along a clearly signposted road, closed to normal traffic.

2.2.077 The organisers shall provide a sufficiently large and well-equipped place for accredited press personnel to work (with tables, chairs, electric outlets and telephone points, etc.).

(text modified on 1.01.05).

2.2.078 The press room shall be accessible exclusively to accredited press personnel and members of the organisational team.

2.2.079 The press room shall be open at least two (2) hours before the finish (for UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour events, no later than one (1) hour after the start) and be equipped with TV sets. It may not be closed until all press personnel have finished their work.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

Telecommunications

2.2.080 The organisers shall make available to press personnel such means of transmission as they require (telephone, fax, Internet). The press shall make their requirements known on the accreditation request form.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

Press conference

2.2.081 The first three riders placed shall attend a press conference, accompanied by the organisers, either in the press room or in a designated place reserved for press personnel if the press room is too far away.

2.2.082 After the official ceremony of UCI Women's WorldTour events, the leader of the individual general classification and the winner of the event shall go to the press room for a maximum of 20 minutes accompanied by an escort acting under the authority of the doping control officer who shall then accompany them to the anti-doping test room.

The organisers of elite men's UCI WorldTour events and events on the continental calendars may also apply this arrangement to their events, provided it is included in the specific regulations for the event.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.09; 1.10.13).

List of starters and results

2.2.083 The list of starters and complete results, set out according to the UCI model shown in articles 2.2.087 and 2.2.088, shall be made available to the press as soon as possible.

(text modified on 1.01.98).

Accreditation application for press

2.2.084 Accreditation requests shall be filled out as shown in the model in article 2.2.085.

2.2.085 Accreditation application for press

Firm – Publication– Agency :

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Special representatives:

Surname and first name

Position

Press card No.
(attach photocopy)

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Car - Make

Registration No.

Driver(s)

Licence number

Motorcycle – Make

Registration No.

Driver(s)

Licence No

Press room:

No. of places required:

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Transmission media required:

- Telephone

yes/no

- Fax

yes/no

- Internet access point

yes/no

Firm – Publication – Agency seal:

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Date + signature:

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Information regarding our event is to be sent to the following address:

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Deadline:

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Questionnaire to be returned no later than:

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(text modified on 1.01.05; 4.05.16).

Positioning of press photographers

2.2.086

The space for photographers behind the finish line shall not extend for more than 40% of the width of the road. The photographers must be positioned at a distance from the line of at least 15 meters and beyond. This distance will be fixed by the organiser with the president of the commissaires panel and a representative of the photographers, on the basis of the characteristics of the event.

(text modified on 1.01.07).

2.2.087 Sample start list
Communiqué No...

**Name of event - Date
Start list**

Organiser:

Number	Surname, First name	UCI ID
VCM	VELO CLUB MEDITERRANÉE	FRA
1	GRANDGIRARD Stéphane	100 008 415 57
2	DUPONT Laurent	100 191 497 03
3	DURANT Claude	100 283 114 52
4	MAURAS Edouard	100 541 820 59
5	PONS Fabrice	100 694 242 94
6	FAZAN Jonathan	100 023 382 86
Sports Director:	ROSSONE Jean	100 525 577 15
CAP	CLUB AZZURE PIEMONTE	ITA
11	BRINES Pablo	100 780 196 09
12	POGGI Alessandro	100 648 886 37
13	RICCI Filippo	100 619 281 17
14	PIZZO Dario	100 034 052 86
15	LEROY Christian	100 061 405 85
16	GUSTOVAS Ignas	100 456 900 14
Sports Director:	CASARO Paolo	100 025 943 28
MUN	MUNCHEN TEAM	GER
21	SCHNIDER Hans	100 263 332 58
22	MULLER Uwe	100 019 572 59
23	KELLER Tobias	100 574 914 76
24	SCHÖLL Mathias	100 394 057 27
25	ESPOSITO Filippo	100 582 136 23
26	BAUMANN Andreas	100 522 204 37
Sports Director:	BECKER Karl	100 010 402 07
HCT	HOOGEVEEN CLUB TEAM	NED
31	VAN ISSUM Peter	100 616 422 68
32	POELMAN Erick	100 765 487 44
33	VAN GLIEST Thomas	100 160 979 40
34	BERGER Jorg	100 514 735 37
35	SUMIAN Christophe	100 694 238 90
36	BAUMANN Andreas	100 244 193 28
Sports Director:	KOOIMAN Joop	100 741 260 67

(text modified on 1.01.98; 1.01.07; 1.01.08).

2.2.088 Sample classification
Communiqué No...

Name of event
Final / general / stage no ...
(course)

Date:

Organiser:

Number of km:

Average speed of the winner:

Place	No.	UCI ID	Surname, name	Team code	Time/gap
1	4	100 741 260 67	MAURAS Edourad	VCM	4h32'05"
2	21	100 694 238 90	SCHNIDER Hans	MUN	at 10"
3	15	100 023 382 86	LEROY Christian	CAP	at 22"
4	1	100 619 281 17	GRANDGIRARD Stéphane	VCM	at 26"
5	32	100 072 599 27	POELMAN Erick	HCT	at 1'46"

etc.

Number of starters:

Riders finishing out of time limits:

Riders abandoning the race:

(text modified on 1.01.07; 1.01.08)

§ 6 Terms of reference for organisers

2.2.089 In addition to the regulations, the organisers of UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour events must also respect the provisions of the terms of reference for UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour organisers.

(article introduced on 1.01.15; modified 1.01.17)

§ 7 Technical delegate

2.2.090 The technical delegate evaluates the conformity of the organisation of UCI WorldTour events with the regulations and the terms of reference for organisers.

The technical delegate may attend events in order to carry out this task. In this case, the organiser shall provide the technical delegate with a pass allowing free access to the event as well as an accreditation plate for the technical delegate's vehicle granting entry to reserved parking at the race start and finish as well as permission to drive on the event route.

(article introduced on 1.01.15)

2.2.091 For the UCI WorldTour, the technical delegate draws up a detailed evaluation report of the event, taking into account the terms of reference for organisers, using an evaluation grid provided for this purpose by the UCI administration. The organiser receives a copy of this report.

(article introduced on 1.01.15)

- 2.2.092** For UCI WorldTour events, the technical delegate may also conduct a prior inspection of the event route, paying particular attention to safety issues, the danger points indicated by the organiser and arrangements relating to the terms of reference for organisers.

If such an inspection is to be conducted, the technical delegate contacts the organiser and draws up a report for the attention of the UCI administration which then takes appropriate decisions as necessary.

(article introduced on 1.01.15)

§ 8 Team managers' meeting

- 2.2.093** (N) In accordance with article 1.2.087, the organiser must convene a team managers' meeting.

Provisions for Women and Men events of class HC and class 1 as well as for the UCI Nations' Cup events and UCI Womens' WorldTour events

The meeting must take place at the following times:

- event starting before 12:00: the evening before at 17:00;
- event starting after 12:00: at 10:00 on the day of the race.

Provisions for the UCI WorldTour

The meeting must take place the day before the race at 16:00

For Grand Tours, this meeting can take place earlier in the day.

If several races take place on the same day, the organiser will adapt the schedule of the meetings accordingly.

Moreover, for UCI WorldTour events and HC events, the meeting will be held with the presence of the UCI technical advisor as well as the teams' and riders' representatives designated in the extreme weather protocol as per article 2.2.029 bis.

(article introduced on 1.01.18)

Chapter III ONE-DAY RACES

Method

2.3.001 (N) One-day races are competitions that take place on one day with only one start and only one arrival.

One-day races are only contested by teams and - when authorised by the present regulations – by mixed teams.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.09).

Distances

2.3.002 The maximum distance for one-day road races shall be as follows:

International Calendar	Category	Class	Distance
Olympic games and world championships	ME WE MU MJ WJ		From 250 to 280 km From 130 to 160 km From 160 to 180 km From 120 to 140 km From 60 to 80 km
Continental championships, continental games, regional games and national championships	ME MU WE WU MJ WJ		Maximum 240 km Maximum 180 km Maximum 140 km Maximum 120 km Maximum 140 km Maximum 80 km
UCI WorldTour	ME	UWT	Distance determined by the Professional Cycling Council
UCI Continental Circuits	ME ME ME MU	1.HC 1.1 1.2 1.2	Maximum 200 km* Maximum 200 km* Maximum 200 km Maximum 180 km
Women Elite	WE WE WE WE	WWT HC 1.1 1.2	Maximum 160 km Maximum 140 km Maximum 140 km Maximum 140 km
Men Junior	MJ MJ	1. Ncup 1.1	Maximum 140 km Maximum 140 km
Women Junior	WJ WJ	1.Ncup 1.1	Maximum 80 km Maximum 80 km

* Except prior permission of the UCI Management Committee.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.07.12; 1.10.13 ; 1.01.16; 1.01.17; 1.01.18).

2.3.003 For international events outside Europe, exemptions may be granted by the UCI Management Committee or, for UCI WorldTour events, by the Professional Cycling Council.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

Course

2.3.004 The organiser shall place permanent panels indicating: kilometre zero (the real start), the **thirtieth** kilometre and then the last 25, 20, 10, 5, 4, 3 and 2 km points. In races ending

on a circuit, only the last 3, 2 and 1 km points and the laps remaining to be covered are to be displayed.

The organiser shall also indicate the following distances from the finishing line: 500 m, 300 m, 200 m, 150 m, 100 m and 50 m.

(text modified on 1.01.06; 1.01.19).

2.3.005 The last kilometre shall be marked by a red triangle. Apart from the finish banner, no banner may be put up after the red triangle.

2.3.006 The organiser shall, before the finish line, provide a detour which all vehicles (including motorbikes) must follow other than those of the event management, the commissaires and the official doctor.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.18).

2.3.007 If the race is run on a circuit, it shall be at least 10 km long.

On circuits between 10 and 12 km, per team only one vehicle with an official sportive function is permitted to follow the race.

The race organiser may request that the UCI make exemptions to this provision. He must send such a request to the UCI via his National Federation, to be received not less than 90 days before the start of the race. This request shall include a detailed description of the course and a supporting statement giving reasons for the exemption requested.

(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.10.10).

2.3.008 One part of an event may take place on a circuit under the following conditions:

- The length of the circuit shall be at least 3 km;
- The maximum number of laps on the circuit shall be:
 - 3 for circuits of between 3 and 5 km;
 - 5 for circuits of between 5 and 8 km;
 - 8 for circuits of between 8 and 10 km.

The commissaires shall take all measures indicated to ensure the race be properly run, particularly in the case of a change in the race situation after entry to the circuit.

(text modified on 1.10.10).

Team presentation

2.3.009 A teams' presentation may be organised the day before the race or the first stage (or prologue). This presentation shall be included in the specific regulations for the event and the organiser shall cover any additional subsistence costs that may be incurred in relation to such presentation. Unless the organiser has explicitly agreed otherwise, the presence of all riders and sports directors registered for the race shall be compulsory.

During the complete teams' presentation, the riders will be wearing their team clothing or official team clothes.

The teams' presentation cannot last more than one hour and should not interfere with the training period and dinnertime of the riders.

Signature of the starting sheet

The organiser can set the team order for team presentation and to sign the starting sheet for one day events and for the first **road race** stage of stage races

The organiser can also set the riders or teams order for all the other stages according to provisions to be detailed in a **communiqué**.

For the signature of the starting sheet, riders will wear their team clothing.

The **signature** of the starting sheet **will take place one hour and 10 minutes before the start time at the assembly point and will end** ten minutes before the **start** time.

Riders shall be required to sign on the starting sheet.

Riders and their sports directors shall assemble at the place where the starting sheet is to be signed.

They shall be present and ready at least fifteen minutes before the time of the start from the assembly point.

In case of failure to respect the above provisions, the rider and the team manager will be penalised in accordance with article **2.12.007**.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.10.10; 1.10.11; 1.01.15; 1.01.19).

Start of the race

2.3.010 The real start will be given - flying or standing - at a point no more than 10 km from the assembly point.

2.3.011 *At world championships and olympic games, identification numbers shall be distributed on the day before the road race or two days before. The numbering of the start list will be as follows:*

Men Elite

- 1. the nation which won the world champion title at the previous world championships and the olympic champion title at the previous olympic games;*
- 2. the other nations in the order of the last published men's UCI world ranking by nation;*
- 3. the start order of nations which are not ranked in the men's UCI world ranking shall be determined by drawing lots.*

Women Elite

- 1. the nation which won the world champion title at the previous world championships and the olympic champion title at the previous olympic games;*
- 2. the other nations in the order of the last published women's UCI world ranking by nation;*
- 3. the start order of nations which are not ranked in the women's UCI world ranking shall be determined by drawing lots.*

Men Under 23

- 1. for the world championships only, the nation which won the previous world champion title;*
- 2. the nations ranked according to the latest standings of the Under 23 nations' cup ;*

3. *the start order of nations which are not ranked in the Under 23 nations' cup shall be determined by drawing lots.*

Men Junior

1. *the nation which won the previous world champion title;*
2. *the nations ranked according to the latest standings of the men junior nations' cup;*
3. *the start order of nations which are not ranked in the men junior nations' cup shall be determined by drawing lots.*

Women Junior

1. *the nation which won the previous world champion title;*
2. *the nations ranked according to the latest standings of the women junior nations' cup;*
3. *the start order of nations which are not ranked in the women junior nations' cup shall be determined by drawing lots.*

The number one bib shall be allotted to the outgoing world champion for the world championships and the outgoing olympic champion for the olympic games.

The numbers of the nations shall be allotted according to the riders' alphabetical order.

The nations shall be called to the starting line according to the numbering of the start list.

(text modified on 1.01.00; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.08.13; 1.01.16; 1.07.18).

Rights and duties of riders

- 2.3.012** All riders may render each other such minor services as lending or exchanging food, drink, spanners or accessories.

The lending or exchanging of tubular tyres or bicycles and waiting for a rider who has been dropped or involved in an accident shall be permitted only amongst riders of the same team. The pushing of one rider by another shall in all cases be forbidden, on pain of disqualification.

- 2.3.013** Riders may, while riding, jettison their waterproof capes, over-garments, etc. by handing them in to their sports director's car which shall remain behind the car of the president of the commissaires panel.

One member of a team may perform this service for his team-mates under the same conditions.

- 2.3.014** When the finish is on a circuit, riders may help one another where permitted only if they have covered the same distance in the race.

Following vehicles

- 2.3.015** The order of vehicles is determined by the table in article 2.3.047.

- 2.3.016** (N) Technical support for every mixed team will be provided by a neutral vehicle. The organiser must ensure that there are at least 3 other adequately equipped neutral technical support vehicles (cars or motorcycles) and a broom wagon.

(text modified on 1.01.02).

- 2.3.017** Only one vehicle per team will be permitted to circulate at race level.

However, in the UCI WorldTour events (except in circuit races or in final circuits) it is allowed to have a second vehicle per team subject to the following conditions:

- the organiser will provide the first vehicle with a red number and the second vehicle with a black number to define the position of the vehicles in the race convoy;
- the second vehicle will have the choice to circulate:
 - minimum 5 minutes ahead of the lead car opening the race, in front of the race convoy; or
 - behind the race, in the second sports directors line.

If the second vehicle circulates ahead of the race, following instructions and conditions will need to be respected before inserting behind a group of break-away riders:

- the sports director of the main team vehicle will ask for the approval from the President of the Commissaires Panel for the second vehicle to be able to insert behind a group of break-away riders; or
- the President of the Commissaires Panel will be able to inform the teams of their right to insert through radio-tour;

If the second vehicle is inserted behind a group of riders, as per article 2.3.021, when the gap is not considered sufficient by the commissaire, upon instructions from the commissaires, the second vehicle will be able to:

- pass the break-away riders and continue circulating ahead of the lead car opening the race, outside the race convoy; or
- stop and come back in the second sports directors line.

Teams vehicles authorised to drive in the race convoy cannot leave the race course, unless they have instructions from the organisation direction or the president of the commissaires panel.

Infringements to the provisions of this article are sanctioned as per article 2.2.039 related to the circulation of vehicles in race, without prejudice of any other applicable sanction.

In any case, article 2.2.035 applies.

(text modified on 1.01.19).

2.3.018 The order of team cars in the race will be determined as follows:

UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour events

1. the cars of the teams represented at the sports directors' meeting referred to in article 1.2.087 in the order of the ranking of starting riders on the last UCI World **men** individual **ranking (for UCI WorldTour events) or UCI Women's WorldTour individual ranking (for UCI Women's WorldTour events)** of the current season;
2. the cars of the other teams represented at the meeting whose starting riders have not yet earned points in the UCI **World men** individual ranking **or in the UCI Women's WorldTour individual ranking**;
3. the cars of teams which failed to confirm their starting riders within the time limits set out in article 1.2.090;
4. the cars of teams not represented at the meeting.

Criterion 1 is not applicable for the first **UCI Women's WorldTour** event of the season, the **UCI Women's WorldTour** individual **ranking** not having been established yet.

In groups 2 to 4 the order is determined by drawing lots.

The car of a team covered by point 1 or 2, but which falls into the categories covered by points 3 or 4, will be placed in group 3 or 4 as appropriate.

Other events

1. the cars of UCI teams and of national teams represented at the sports directors' meeting and having confirmed their starters within the time limits set out in article 1.2.090;
2. the cars of other teams represented at the sports directors' meeting which confirmed their starters within the time set;
3. the cars of teams represented at the sports directors' meeting which failed to confirm their starters within the time set;
4. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within each group, the order of cars will be determined by drawing lots at the sports directors' meeting.

In all events, the drawing of lots shall use a slip of paper bearing the name of the teams entered. The first name drawn shall be given the 1st place, the second name drawn the 2nd place, etc.

In all events, when required, the order of cars may be rectified by the president of the commissaires' panel; any change shall be communicated to all followers through "radio-tour".

(text modified on 1.01.01; 1.01.03; 1.01.05; 1.01.09; 1.10.09; 1.10.11; 1.01.15; 3.06.16; 1.01.18; 1.01.19).

2.3.019 In the race, the vehicles shall take up position behind the car of the president of the commissaires panel or of the commissaire delegated by him.

Occupants of vehicles shall, in all circumstances, comply with the instructions given by the commissaires who shall, in turn, do their utmost to facilitate the manoeuvres of the vehicles.

- 2.3.020** Any driver wishing to overtake a commissaires' vehicle on his own initiative shall draw level with those vehicles, state his intention and proceed only once granted official permission by the commissaire. He shall then complete his business as expeditiously as possible and return without delay to his place in line.

Only one vehicle at a time shall be allowed to penetrate the bunch regardless of the size of the bunch.

- 2.3.021** If a group of riders breaks away from the bunch, their follower vehicles may not slip in between the break-away riders and the following group without the authorisation of the commissaire, if and for as long as he considers the gap sufficient.

- 2.3.022** No vehicle may overtake the riders in the last 10 kilometres.

- 2.3.023** *During world championships, only the vehicles mentioned below shall be authorised to drive in the race:*

1. *the car of the president of the commissaires panel;*
2. *the second commissaire's car;*
3. *the third commissaire's car;*
4. *the fourth commissaire's car;*
5. *six UCI cars;*
6. *the doctor's car;*
7. *two ambulances;*
8. *the police car, if necessary;*
9. *the nations' cars plus four cars and one motorcycle providing neutral support;*
10. *a maximum of three camera motor-cycles and one sound motor cycle;*
11. *the two commissaire's motorcycles;*
12. *the two photographers' motorcycles;*
13. *the regulator(s)' motorcycle(s);*
14. *the two information motorcycles;*
15. *the doctor's motorcycle;*
16. *the time board motorcycle;*
17. *the police motor-cycles;*
18. *the broom wagon;*

During Olympic Games, only the vehicles mentioned below shall be authorised to drive in the race:

1. *the car of the president of the commissaires panel*
2. *the second commissaire's car*
3. *the third commissaire's car*
4. *the fourth commissaire's car*
5. *the organizing committee manager's car*
6. *the UCI technical delegate's car*
7. *the doctor's car*
8. *two ambulances*
9. *the police car*
10. *the nations' cars, plus four neutral support cars and one neutral support motor-cycle*
11. *a maximum of three camera motor-cycles and one sound motor cycle*
12. *the two commissaire's motorcycles*
13. *the two photographers' motorcycles*
14. *the regulator(s)' motorcycle(s);*
15. *the two information motorcycles*
16. *the doctor's motorcycle*

17. *the time board motorcycle*
18. *the police motor-cycles.*
19. *the broom wagon*

Vehicles must circulate according to the diagram of the race convoy of article 2.3.047.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 30.01.04; 1.01.05, 1.01.08; 1.08.13; 1.05.17).

2.3.024 *During world championships, the order of the nations' vehicles shall be determined as follows:*

Men elite event

1. *vehicles of nations entering nine riders;*
2. *vehicles of nations entering seven to eight riders;*
3. *vehicles of nations entering fewer than seven riders grouped according to the number of riders entered.*

Within each group, the order is determined by the most recently published UCI World ranking by nations. In a second phase, the order of the remaining unclassified nations is determined by the number of UCI points in the most recently published continental circuit ranking by nations. For vehicles representing more than one nation, the highest ranked nation will be taken into account.

Women elite event

1. *vehicles of nations entering at least six riders;*
2. *vehicles of nations entering less than six riders grouped according to the number of riders entered.*

In each group, the order shall be determined by the last elite women classification by nation published.

For the vehicles grouping several nations, account shall be taken of the highest ranked nation.

Men Under 23 event

1. *vehicles of nations entering at least five riders;*
2. *vehicles of nations entering less than five riders grouped according to the number of riders entered.*

In each group, the order shall be determined firstly by the latest Under 23 Men Nation Cup classification by nation published and secondly the order of the remaining nations shall be determined by the number of UCI points in the latest classification by nation published for the continental circuits.

For the vehicles grouping several nations, account shall be taken of the highest ranked nation.

Men Junior event

1. *vehicles of nations entering at least five riders;*
2. *vehicles of nations entering less than five riders grouped according to the number of riders entered.*

In each group, the order shall be determined firstly by the latest Men Junior Nations' Cup classification by nation published and secondly the order of the remaining nations shall be determined by drawing lots. For the vehicles grouping several nations, account shall be taken of the highest ranked nation.

Women Junior event

1. vehicles of nations entering at least five riders;
2. vehicles of nations entering less than five riders grouped according to the number of riders entered.

In each group, the order shall be determined firstly by the latest Women Junior Nations' Cup classification by nation published and secondly the order of the remaining nations shall be determined by drawing lots. For the vehicles grouping several nations, account shall be taken of the highest ranked nation.

During Olympic Games, the order of the nations' vehicles shall be determined as follows:

Men elite event

1. vehicles of nations entering five riders;
2. vehicles of nations entering four riders;
3. vehicles of nations entering less than four riders grouped according to the number of riders entered.

*In the first group, the order is determined by the latest UCI **World ranking** by nations published. For groups 2 and 3, the order is determined by the number of UCI points in the latest classification by nation published for the continental circuits. For the vehicles grouping several nations, the highest ranked nation will be taken into consideration.*

Women elite event

1. vehicles of nations entering at least three riders;
2. vehicles of nations entering less than three riders grouped according to the number of riders entered.

In each group, the order shall be determined by the last elite women's classification by nation published. For the vehicles grouping several nations, the highest ranked nation will be taken into consideration.

*(text modified on 30.01.04; 1.01.05, 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.08.13; 3.06.16; 1.05.17; **1.01.19**).*

Feeding

- 2.3.025** In events or stages over a distance not exceeding 150 km, it is recommended that riders be supplied with refreshments only from the team car. The refreshments may be provided either in bonkbags or flasks.

Riders shall move slowly up level with their sports director's car and he shall supply them from the vehicle. Food and drink shall be provided exclusively behind the commissaire's car and in no case in or behind the bunch.

If a group of 15 riders or less has broken away from the bunch, food and drink may be supplied at the rear of that group.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

- 2.3.026** In other events or stages the organisers may also provide food and drink in areas set aside for that purpose. The feeding zones will be signposted. They shall be of sufficient length to allow supply operations to proceed smoothly.

Each feeding zone should be accompanied by a zone for waste situated just before and just after the feeding zone where riders can get rid of their waste.

Organisers should also have a waste zone of sufficient length situated before the final 20 kilometres of each race or stage where riders have the opportunity to get rid of their waste.

The food and drink shall be distributed on foot by the staff accompanying the team and by no-one else. They shall be positioned on one side of the road only, which must be the side on which road traffic circulates in the country concerned.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.15).

2.3.027 All feeding (from a car and on foot) is strictly forbidden:

- during the 30 first and last 20 kilometres;
- in the last kilometre before a sprint counting for a secondary classification (points classification, king of mountain classification or others), bonus sprint, feeding zone;
- in the 500 meters after a sprint counting for a secondary classification (points classification, king of mountain classification or others), bonus sprint, feeding zone;
- on descents of mountains listed on the mountain classification;
- in any other area specified by the organiser or the commissaires panel.

The commissaires panel may reduce the distances mentioned above, depending on atmospheric conditions and the category, type and length of the race. Such a decision must be communicated to the followers through radio-tour.

(text modified on 1.01.01; 1.08.13; 1.01.19).

2.3.028 During world championships and Olympic Games, feeding is only permitted from the team cars and at the permanent pit(s) set up for that purpose along the course and from the time set by the UCI for each course individually.

(text modified on 1.01.00; 1.01.19).

Technical support

2.3.029 Riders may only receive technical support from the technical personnel of their team or from one of the neutral support cars or else from the broom wagon.

In the event of any change of bicycle during a race, the bicycle abandoned by the rider must in all cases be recovered either by vehicles accompanying the race, team vehicles, a neutral service vehicle or by the sag-wagon.

Mechanical assistance at fixed locations on the course is limited to wheel changes only except for races on a circuit where bike changes can be made in the authorized zones.

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.10.10; 1.01.19).

- 2.3.030** Whatever the position of a rider in the race, he may receive such assistance and mechanical check (brakes for example) only to the rear of his bunch and when stationary. The greasing of chains from a moving vehicle shall be forbidden.

In case of a fall, the implementation of this disposal is left to commissaire's discretion.

(text modified on 1.07.11).

- 2.3.031** No equipment for riders may be prepared or held ready outside the following vehicle. Persons riding in vehicles shall not reach or lean out.

- 2.3.032** If technical support via motorcycle is permitted, the motorcycle may carry only spare wheels.

- 2.3.033** *During world championships and Olympic Games, repairs and wheel or bicycle changes may be effected either by the personnel in the following technical vehicle, or at the equipment pits set up for that purpose.*

(text modified on 1.01.01).

Level crossings

- 2.3.034** It shall be strictly forbidden to cross level crossings when the barrier is down or closing, the warning signal ringing or flashing.

Apart from risking the penalty for such an offence as provided by law, offending riders shall be **sanctioned as provided in article 2.12.007**; besides, the disciplinary commission may impose a suspension of up to one month as well as a fine of CHF 200 to 5'000.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.16; 1.01.18; 1.01.19).

- 2.3.035** The following rules shall apply:

1. One or more riders who have broken away from the field are held up at a level crossing but the gates open before the field catches up. No action shall be taken and the closed level crossing shall be considered a mere race incident;
2. One or more riders with more than 30 seconds' lead on the field are held up at a level crossing and the rest of the field catches up while the gates are still closed. In this case the race shall be neutralised and restarted with the same gaps, once the official vehicles preceding the race have passed;
If the lead is less than 30 seconds, the closed level crossing shall be considered a mere race incident;
3. If one or more leading riders make it over the crossing before the gates shut and the remainder of the riders are held up, no action shall be taken and the closed level crossing shall be considered a race incident;
4. If a group of riders is split into two groups following the closure of a level crossing, the first group will be slowed down or stopped in order to allow the delayed riders to return to the first group;
5. Any other situation (prolonged closure of the barrier, etc.) shall be resolved by the commissaires.

This article shall apply equally to similar situations (mobile bridges, obstacles on the route, etc.).

(text modified on 1.01.16).

Sprints

- 2.3.036** Riders shall be strictly forbidden to deviate from the lane they selected when launching into the sprint and, in so doing, endangering others.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

Finishes and timekeeping

- 2.3.037** The classification shall be always determined according to the order of crossing the finishing line. The classification shall determine the allocation of prizes and points.

The finish classification shall be used to separate tied riders in the individual secondary classifications.

(text modified on 1.01.02).

- 2.3.038** (N) Photo-finish with an electronic timing tape shall be mandatory.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

- 2.3.039** Any rider finishing in a time exceeding that of the winner by more than 8% shall not be placed. The time limit may in exceptional circumstances be increased by the commissaires panel in consultation with the organiser.

At the world championships and at the Olympic Games, any rider who is dropped and lapped by the lead riders before they start their final lap shall be eliminated and must leave the race. All other riders shall be classified in accordance with their position.

(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.05; 1.01.13).

- 2.3.040** All riders in a given bunch shall be credited with the same time when they cross the finishing line.

Timekeeper-commissaires shall continue to officiate until the broom wagon arrives. They shall also record the times of riders that finish after the set deadlines and shall hand the list of recorded times to the president of the commissaires panel.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

- 2.3.041** All times recorded by the timekeeper-commissaires shall be rounded down to the nearest second.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

- 2.3.042** In case of track finishes, the whole surface of the track may be used.

Riders' times may be recorded as they enter the track. Moreover, the commissaires may decide on a neutralisation at the entrance to the track in order to avoid the mixing of riders from different bunches.

If the track is impracticable, the finishing line shall be moved off the track and riders shall be informed by all available means.

- 2.3.043** *If, after all technical means available have been exhausted, it is still not possible to separate riders for one of the first three places at the world championships or Olympic Games, these riders shall each be awarded the placing in question. No award shall be made for the following placing, or, where there is a three-way tie, for the following two placings.*

(text modified on 1.01.04).

- 2.3.044** The team classification shall be optional. It shall be based on the sum of the three best individual times for each team.

In the event of a tie, teams shall be separated on the basis of the sums of the placings obtained by their three best placed riders.

In the event that the positions are still tied, the teams shall be separated by the placing of their best rider.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03).

Disqualification

- 2.3.045** If a rider is disqualified before the result of the race is sanctioned, the individual classification and, where applicable, the team classification shall be adjusted.

If a rider is disqualified after the result of the race has been sanctioned, the individual classification shall be adjusted, if applicable, for the first 20 places only. For the rest the place of the disqualified rider shall be left open. If applicable, the team classification shall be adjusted completely.

(article introduced on 1.01.05).

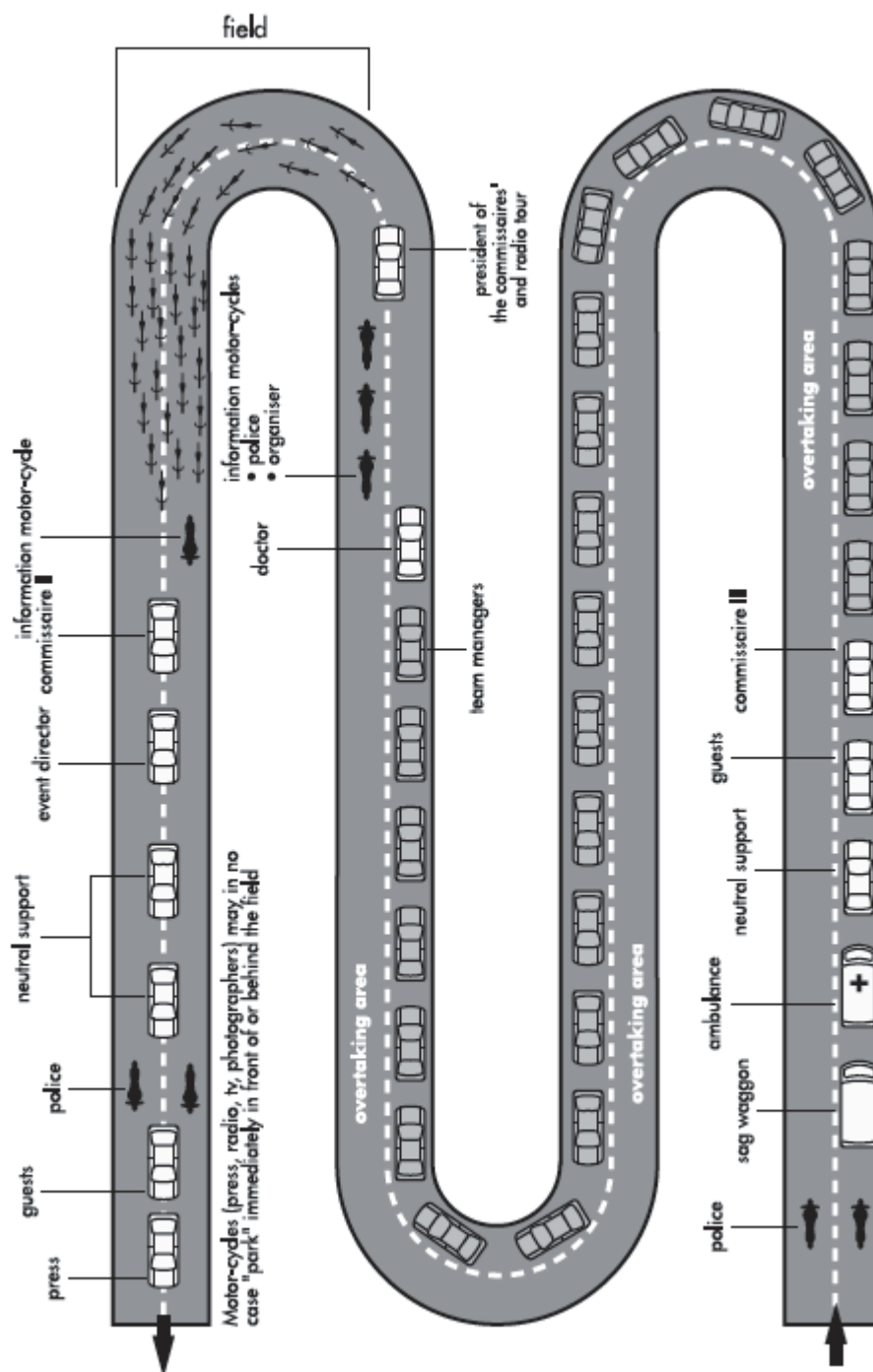
Official award ceremony

- 2.3.046** Riders must take part in the official award ceremony based on the various classifications established by the organiser. The official ceremony will take place in the following order:
- The three first riders of the race;
 - The other winners of the various other optional classifications;
 - The leaders of UCI cups or UCI series.

No leader's jersey of the race can be awarded during the official award ceremony.

(article introduced on 1.01.18)

2.3.047 Diagram of the race convoy



Chapter IV INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIALS

Distances

2.4.001 The distances shall be the following:

Category		Maximum distance	
		<i>World championships and olympic games</i>	Other events
Men	Elite	40-50 km	80 km
	Under 23	30-40 km	40 km
	Junior	20-30 km	30 km
Women	Elite	20-30 km	40 km
	Junior	10-15 km	15 km

(text modified on 1.01.05, 1.01.07).

Course

2.4.002 The course shall be safe and perfectly signposted.

2.4.003 From the start of the race, the circuit may be used only by the riders in the race and the vehicles following such riders.

2.4.004 The distances remaining to be ridden shall be indicated clearly every 5 km at least. For uphill races, each kilometre shall be indicated.

2.4.005 (N) The organiser shall provide a warm-up circuit of at least 800 metres in the vicinity of the start.

Starting order

2.4.006 The starting order shall be determined by the organiser of the event in accordance with objective criteria that are to be resumed in the programme - technical guide of the race.

2.4.007 Riders shall set off at identical intervals. Nevertheless this interval may be increased between riders starting last.

2.4.008 The starting order of time trial stages during stage races shall be governed by article 2.6.023.

2.4.009 *At world championships and Olympic Games, the starting order shall be determined by the UCI.*

(text modified on 1.01.98).

Start

2.4.010 All riders must present themselves for checks on their bicycles no later than 15 minutes before their start time.

Before the start, an additional check can be done.

(text modified on 1.01.04; 1.07.11; 1.07.12).

2.4.011 The rider shall start from a stationary position. He shall be held and then released, without being pushed, by a holder. The same holder shall perform the task for each rider.

If the start time is recorded using an electronic strip, the distance between the point of contact of the front tyre with the ground and the electronic strip must be 10 cm.

(N) The start shall be taken from a starting ramp.

(text modified on 1.09.00; 1.01.04).

Timekeeping

- 2.4.012** The rider shall start his ride under the orders of the timekeeper-commissaire who shall count down to the starting time, following which the timing of the ride shall start. The time of any rider who reports late to the start shall be calculated from that rider's scheduled starting time.

(text modified on 1.09.00; 1.01.05).

- 2.4.013** The start may be determined by the front tyre making contact with an electronic timing strip on the start line. If the rider starts fractionally before the countdown reaches 0 or in the following 5 seconds the time it is triggered is used. If the rider starts after this 5 second delay has elapsed or in the event of problems with the electronic timing, the rider's time shall be counted as from the start of manual timing following the countdown.

(text modified on 1.09.00; 1.01.04).

- 2.4.014** (N) Timekeeping shall be conducted at several points along the distance, so distributed as to ensure that riders and spectators alike be continually informed of the progress of the race.

(text modified on 1.09.00; 1.01.04).

- 2.4.015** Finishing times shall be taken to the nearest one-tenth of a second at least.

- 2.4.016** For UCI WorldTour events, world championships and Olympic Games times shall be taken and communicated to the nearest one-hundredth of a second.

(text modified on 1.09.00; 1.01.04; 1.01.17).

Racing procedure

- 2.4.017** If one rider is caught up by another, he may neither lead nor follow in the slipstream of the rider who caught up.

- 2.4.018** A rider, upon catching up with another shall leave a lateral gap of at least 2 metres between himself and the other rider.

After 1 km, the rider caught up shall ride at least 25 m away from the other.

- 2.4.019** If necessary, the commissaire shall force the riders to leave the 2 metre lateral gap and the distance of 25 metres respectively, without prejudice to the penalties provided for in the scale of penalties (article **2.12.007**).

- 2.4.020** Riders may not help one another.

- 2.4.021** The specific regulations for the event shall indicate if feeding is permitted and which conditions apply.

Following vehicles

- 2.4.022** [abrogated on 1.01.03].
- 2.4.023** The following vehicle shall follow at least 10 metres behind the rider, shall never overtake him nor draw up level with him. In the case of a breakdown, technical support may be rendered only with the rider and vehicle stationary and the following vehicle shall not hinder anyone else.
- 2.4.024** The following vehicle of a rider who is about to be caught shall, as soon as the distance between the two riders drops below 100 metres, drop back behind the vehicle of the other rider.
- 2.4.025** The vehicle of a rider who catches another may not take up position between the riders until they are at least 50 metres apart. Should this gap subsequently be reduced, the vehicle shall drop back behind the second rider.
- 2.4.026** The following vehicle may carry equipment necessary for changing wheels or cycles.
- 2.4.027** No equipment for the riders may be prepared or held ready outside the following vehicle. Persons riding in vehicles shall not reach or lean out.
- 2.4.028** If technical support via motor-cycle is permitted, the motorcycle may carry only spare wheels.
- 2.4.029** Megaphones or loud-hailers may be used.

Participation

- 2.4.030** For an individual time trial open to teams, the organiser must invite and contract the teams rather than their individual riders.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05).

Disqualification

- 2.4.031** If a rider is disqualified before the result of the race is sanctioned, the classification shall be adjusted.
If a rider is disqualified after the result of the race has been sanctioned, the classification shall be adjusted, if applicable, for the first 20 places only. For the rest the place of the disqualified rider shall be left open.

(article introduced on 1.01.05).

Chapter V TEAM TIME TRIALS

(numbering of the articles modified on 1.01.05, former article 2.5.012 was abrogated on 1.01.04; and former article 2.5.020 was abrogated on 1.01.03).

Participation

- 2.5.001** The number of riders per team is determined in the programme - technical guide - and must be at least 2 and no more than 10. **For mixed relay events, the number of riders per gender must be at least 2 and no more than 6. The maximum team size for mixed relay events shall be no more than 12.**

Mixed teams **as defined in article 2.1.004** are forbidden.

*There are six riders per team for the world championships, **composed of three men and three women of the same nationality.***

The participating teams are defined in Article 9.2.021.

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.06; 1.10.06; 1.07.12; **1.01.19**).*

Distances

- 2.5.002** The distances for team time trial races shall be:

Category		Maximum distance	
		World championships	Other events
Men	Elite		100 km
	Under 23		80 km
	Junior		70 km
Women:	Elite		50 km
	Junior		30 km
Mixed relay	Elite Under 23	25 km per gender	50 km per gender

*(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.07; 1.07.12; 1.08.13; **1.01.19**).*

Course

- 2.5.003** The course shall be safe and perfectly signposted.

It shall be sufficiently wide and avoid excessively sharp bends.

From the start of the race, the circuit may be used only by the riders in the race and the vehicles following such riders.

A training session on the circuit must be organised the day before the mixed relay at world championships.

*(text modified on **1.01.19**).*

- 2.5.004** The distances remaining to be ridden shall be indicated clearly every 10 km at least. The last kilometre shall be signalled by a red triangle. For uphill races, each km shall be indicated.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

- 2.5.005** (N) The organiser shall provide a warm-up circuit of at least 800 metres in the vicinity of the start.

Starting order

- 2.5.006** The starting order shall be determined by the organiser of the race in accordance with objective criteria that are to be resumed in the programme - technical guide of the race.

The UCI establishes the starting order of teams at the world championships.

At mixed relay world championships, men start first and relay to their women teammates.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.19).

- 2.5.007** The starting order of team time trial stages during stage races shall be governed by article 2.6.024.

- 2.5.008** Teams shall set off at identical intervals. Nevertheless this interval may be increased between the teams starting last.

Start

- 2.5.009** The riders of each team shall present at the bike check point no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled start time **of the team**.

Before the start, an additional check can be done.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.07.12; 1.01.19).

- 2.5.010** The time of any team reporting late to the start shall be calculated from its scheduled starting time.
If a rider arrives late at the start, the team may either wait and have the lost time deducted, or start at the scheduled time. The late rider will start alone and have the lost time deducted.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

- 2.5.011** At the start, the riders shall be held side by side on the starting line and then released, not pushed, by «holders» who shall be the same for all teams.

This procedure will apply to the first gender that starts a mixed relay.

(text modified on 1.01.19).

Relay zone for mixed relay

- 2.5.011 bis** The gender that will receive the relay shall line up in the start lanes defined on the start line. At least two start lanes shall be provided.

Three start lanes shall be provided at world championships.

The riders will start with their feet on the ground or if barriers are provided, they will be allowed to hold on to the barriers with both feet on their pedals.

Riders must respect the instructions given by the Commissaires who will supervise the relay zone. In case of a false start, a penalty of 10 seconds will be added directly to the final results.

A false start consists of at least one rider who takes the relay before the relevant teammate crosses the relay line as per Article 2.5.014.

A false start will be sanctioned according to the table of sanctions in Article 2.12.007.

(article introduced on 1.01.19).

Timekeeping and classification

2.5.012 (N) Timekeeping shall be conducted at several points along the distance, so distributed as to ensure that riders and spectators alike be continually informed of the progress of the race.

2.5.013 Finishing times shall be taken to the nearest one-tenth of a second at least.

For UCI WorldTour events and world championships, times shall be taken and communicated to the nearest one-hundredth of a second.

(text modified on 1.01.17).

2.5.014 The specific regulations for the event shall specify on which rider of a team crossing the finishing line the classification of teams will be timed for the finish.

In UCI Women's WorldTour team time trials the time shall be taken on the fourth rider.

The relay and start of the women riders will be given by the second male rider crossing the finish line. The overall finishing time will be taken on the second female rider at the world championships.

For mixed team relay the classification of teams will be the continuous time of both genders.

(text modified on 1.01.06; 1.07.12; 1.01.19).

Team conduct during the race

2.5.015 If a team is caught, it may neither lead, nor take advantage of riding in the slipstream of the team that catches it. This clause shall equally apply to riders that drop behind. A rider that has dropped behind may not join another team, nor receive or provide assistance.

2.5.016 A team, upon catching another, shall leave a lateral gap of at least 2 metres between them.

In mixed relay events, teams that take their relay at the same time must respect the lateral gap of 2 metres between them.

After 1 km, the team caught shall ride at least 25 m away from the other.

In mixed relay events, the commissaire will decide which team will ride at least 25 m away from the other based on their position after 1 kilometre.

(text modified on 1.01.19).

2.5.017 If necessary, the commissaire shall force the riders to leave the 2 metres lateral gap and the distance of 25 metres respectively, without prejudice to the penalties provided for in the scale of penalties (article **2.12.007**).

2.5.018 Riders, even of the same team, may not push one another.

2.5.019 The exchange of food, drinks, small items of equipment, wheels and bicycles and help with running repairs shall be permitted between riders of the same team.

2.5.020 The specific regulations for the event shall indicate if feeding is permitted and which conditions apply.

Following vehicles

2.5.021 The following vehicle shall follow at least 10 metres behind the last rider of the team, shall never overtake it nor draw up level with it. In the case of a breakdown, technical support may be rendered only with the rider and vehicle stationary.

2.5.022 The vehicle may not take up position between the team and any rider(s) that has/have dropped behind unless they are at least 50 metres apart. The riders that have dropped behind may under no circumstances ride in the slipstream of a vehicle.

2.5.023 The following vehicle of a team that is about to be caught up shall, as soon as the distance between the two teams drops below 100 metres, drop back behind the vehicle of the other team.

2.5.024 A vehicle following a team that catches up another may not take up position between the teams unless there are at least 60 metres between them. Should that gap subsequently reduce, the vehicle shall return to its position behind the last rider of the 2nd team.

2.5.025 The following vehicle may carry equipment necessary for changing wheels or cycles.

No equipment for the riders may be prepared or held ready outside the following vehicle. Persons riding in vehicles shall not reach or lean out.

2.5.026 If technical support via motorcycle is permitted, the motorcycle may carry only spare wheels.

2.5.027 Megaphones or loud-hailers may be used.

Disqualification

2.5.028 If a rider is disqualified his team shall be disqualified and the classification shall be adjusted.

(article introduced on 1.01.05).

Chapter VI STAGE RACES (N)

(numbering of the articles modified on 1.01.05; articles 2.6.003 bis and 2.6.003 ter abrogated on 1.01.05).

Method

2.6.001 Stage races shall be run over a minimum of two days with a general time classification. They shall be run in road race stages and time trial stages.

2.6.002 Unless otherwise stipulated hereafter, road race stages shall be run in the same manner as one-day races and time trial stages shall be governed by the provisions governing time trials.

2.6.003 Team time trial stages shall take place during the first third of the race.

(article introduced on 1.01.05).

Participation

2.6.004 Stage races shall be run solely by teams and, where authorized by these regulations, by mixed teams.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

2.6.005 [article abrogated on 1.07.10].

Prologue

2.6.006 A prologue may be included in stage races on condition that:

1. it must not exceed 8 km; for an elite or juniors women's or juniors men's race, the prologue must be less than 4 km;
2. the prologue must be run as an individual time trial. If more than 60 riders are involved, the interval between the start of any two riders shall not exceed one minute;
3. it counts towards the individual general classification;
4. any rider who suffers an accident during the prologue and is unable to complete the distance shall nevertheless be permitted to race the following day and be credited with the time of the last ranked rider;
5. no rider may participate or be made to participate in a second race on the same day as the prologue;
6. the prologue shall count as a race day.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

Duration

2.6.007 The durations indicated below correspond to the total number of days occupied on the calendar, i.e. both days of competition, including any prologue, and rest days.

UCI WorldTour

The duration of the events is determined by the Professional Cycling Council.

For Grands tours, the duration must be between 15 and 23 days.

For all UCI WorldTour events, the organiser may ask, every four years, for one additional day in order to organise the start in a non-adjacent territory to the country of the event and/or requiring a long transfer. Any such request must be submitted at least one year before the event and will be reviewed at the Professional Cycling Council's discretion.

Continental circuits

The duration of existing events can be reduced by the UCI Management Committee. In that event, the organiser has the right to be heard by the UCI Management Committee. The duration of new events in classes HC, 1 and 2 is limited to 5 days, unless an exemption is made by the UCI Management Committee.

Elite women's world circuit

The duration of new events of classes 1 and 2 is limited to 6 days, unless an exemption is made by the UCI Management Committee.

Junior men's and women's world circuits

The duration of new events is limited to 4 days, unless an exemption is made by the UCI Management Committee.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.07.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 1.07.18).

2.6.008 Stage distances

Calendar	Max. average daily distance *	Max. distance per stage	Max. distance per ITT stage	Max. distance per TTT stage
UCI WorldTour	180 km	240 km	60 km	60 km
Men Elite and Under 23 (continental circuits, classes HC, 1 and 2)	180 km	240 km	60 km	60 km
Men Under 23 (continental circuits, class 2)	150 km	180 km	40 km half-stage 15 km	50 km half-stage 35 km
Men Junior	100 km	120 km	30 km half-stage 15 km	40 km half-stage 25 km
Men Junior Nations' Cup	120 km	140 km	30 km half-stage 15 km	40 km half-stage 25 km
UCI Women's WorldTour	140 km	160 km	40 km	50 km
Women Elite	120 km	140 km	40 km	50 km
Women Junior	60 km	80 km	15 km	20 km

* The distance and the day of the prologue are not taken into consideration for calculating the average daily distance.

The riders must complete the entire distance of each stage to be included in the classification and to be allowed to continue in the event.

(text modified on 1.01.05, 1.01.06; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.07.09; 1.01.16; 1.01.17; 1.01.18).

2.6.009 With a special waiver from the executive committee or, for UCI WorldTour events, from the Professional Cycling Council, organisers may be authorised to include:

- a maximum of two stages of over 240 km in races of 10 days and more for elite men;
- a single stage of no more than 230 km in races for under-23 men;
- in elite women's races one stage only of 150 km maximum;
- in junior men's races one stage only of 130 km maximum.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.08).

2.6.010 The number of half-stages is limited as follows (without taking account of the prologue) :

Calendar	Number of half-stages authorised	
	Races of fewer than 6 days	Races of 6 days or more
UCI WorldTour	Half-stages forbidden	
Men Elite	2	4
Under 23	2	4
Women Elite	2	half-stages forbidden
Junior	2	half-stages forbidden

(text modified on 1.01.01; 1.01.06; 26.06.07; 1.01.09).

Grand tours

2.6.011 The maximum length of grand tours is 3500 km.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.08).

Rest days

2.6.012 In events with more than 10 days of competition, at least one rest day must be allowed for and fall after at least 5 days of racing.

In the major tours two rest days are obligatory and must be distributed evenly.

Unless the UCI makes a derogation to that effect, a transfer cannot be considered as a rest day.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.10.10).

Classifications

2.6.013 Various classifications may be drawn up; they must be based exclusively on sporting criteria.

The individual general classification on time and the team general classification on time are obligatory in events of the UCI WorldTour and of the continental circuits for the men elite and under 23 in classes HC, 1 and 2.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.01.16; 1.01.18).

- 2.6.014** The times as recorded by the timekeeper-commissaires shall be entered in the general time classifications.

Bonuses are only taken into consideration for the individual general classification.

(text modified on 1.01.04; 1.01.05).

- 2.6.015** Where two or more riders make the same time in the general individual time placings, the fractions of a second registered during individual time trials (including the prologue) shall be added back into the total time to decide the order.

If the result is still tied or if there are no individual time trial stages the placings obtained in each stage, except team time trial stages, shall be added and, as a last resort, the place obtained in the last stage ridden shall be taken into consideration.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.16).

- 2.6.016** The team classification for the day shall be calculated on the basis of the sum of the three best individual times from each team except the team time trial that is governed by the specific regulation of the event. In the event of a tie, the teams shall be separated by the sum of the places acquired by their three best times on the stage. If the teams are still tied, they shall be separated by the placing of their best rider on the stage classification.

The team general classification shall be calculated on the basis of the sum of the three best individual times from each team in each stage ridden. In the event of a draw, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the teams are separated:

1. number of first places in the daily team classifications;
2. number of second places in the daily team classifications;
3. etc.

If there is still a draw, the teams shall be separated by the placing of their best rider in the general individual classification.

Any team reduced to fewer than three riders shall be eliminated from the general team classification.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03; 1.01.08; 1.07.11).

- 2.6.017** In the event of a tie in the general individual classification by points, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the riders are separated:

1. number of stage wins;
2. number of wins in intermediate sprints counting for the general classification on points;
3. general individual classification by time.

In the event of a tie in the general individual mountains classification, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the riders are separated:

1. number of first places in the highest category climbs;
2. number of first places on climbs in the next inferior category and so on;
3. general individual classification by time.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03; 1.01.05).

Leader's jersey of the race and distinctive signs

2.6.018 On the basis of the classifications, only 4 leader's jerseys of the race can be issued in events of the UCI WorldTour and continental circuits of classes HC and 1 for the men elite and under 23, and a maximum of 6 jerseys in other events. Only the leader's jersey for the individual general classification by time is compulsory.

The leader of each classification, except the team classification, shall be required to wear the corresponding distinctive jersey.

If a rider is leading more than one classification, the order of priority of the distinctive jerseys shall be as follows:

1. general classification by time;
2. general classification by points;
3. general climber's classification;
4. others (young rider, combined, etc.); the order of priority among these other jerseys shall be set by the organiser.

In this situation, the organiser may require another rider next on the relevant classification to wear a jersey which is not being worn by the leader of that classification. However, if this rider must wear his world or national champion's jersey, or the leader's jersey of a UCI cup, circuit, series or classification, he shall wear that jersey.

In the situation where the leader of a classification does not take the start of a stage, the virtual leader of the relevant classification is allowed to wear the related distinctive jersey, subject to the consent of both the organiser and the president of the commissaires' panel.

The riders of the team leading the team classification shall be required to wear the corresponding distinctive bib number if required by the organiser.

The presentation of a team leader jersey is prohibited both in the protocol and in the race.

No leaders' jersey of the race or distinctive sign can be worn by a rider during the first day (prologue or stage) of a stage race.

Wearing a leader's jersey or distinctive sign is prohibited in the case referred to in article 1.3.055 bis, point 5.

(text modified on 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.09.05; 1.01.16; 3.06.16; 1.01.18).

Award ceremony

2.6.018 bis Riders must take part in the official award ceremony (prizes, jersey and distinctive signs) based on the various classification established by the organiser. The official ceremony will take place in the following order:

After each stage

- The winner of the stage;
- The leader of the general classification by time;
- The leaders of other classifications (except classification by teams);

After the last stage

- The winner of the stage;
- The winners of the other classifications (including classification by teams);

- The three first riders of the general classification by time;
- The leaders of UCI cups or series;
- All riders wearing a leader's jersey.

Subject to prior information of the president of the commissaires' panel, the organiser can modify the order for operational needs.

(article introduced on 1.01.18)

Bonuses

2.6.019 Bonuses may be awarded under the following conditions:

Intermediate sprints:

- half-stages: 1 sprint maximum
- stages: 3 sprints maximum

Bonuses

- intermediate sprints: 3" - 2" - 1"
- finish:
 - half-stage: 6" - 4" - 2"
 - stage: 10" - 6" - 4"

(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.06; 1.02.12; 1.07.12; 1.01.16).

2.6.020 No bonuses may be awarded during stages or half-stages unless a bonus is also awarded at the finish.

2.6.021 Bonuses shall be shown only in individual general classification by time. No bonuses shall be awarded for individual or team time trial events.

(text modified on 1.01.04).

Prizes

2.6.022 Prizes shall be awarded for each stage and half-stage as well as for all classifications, without prejudice to the power the UCI Management Committee or, for UCI WorldTour events, the Professional Cycling Council, to impose minimum prizes.

(text modified on 2.03.00; 1.01.05).

Individual time trial stages

2.6.023 The starting order for individual time trial stages shall be the reverse order of the general time classification. Nevertheless, the commissaires panel may modify that order to avoid two riders of the same team riding consecutively.

For the prologue, or if the first stage is an individual time trial race, the starting order for each team shall be determined by the organiser in agreement with the commissaires panel; each team shall determine the order in which its riders shall start.

(text modified on 1.01.03).

Team time trial stages

- 2.6.024** The starting order of team time trial stages shall be the inverse order of the general team classification, to the exception of the leader's team which starts last. Where no such classification exists, the starting order shall be determined by drawing lots.

(text modified on 1.07.11).

- 2.6.025** The classification of these stages shall only count towards the general individual time classification and the general team classification. The race regulations shall determine how times be recorded, including those of riders who drop behind.

(text modified on 1.01.16).

Drop-out

- 2.6.026** A rider dropping out of the race may not compete in any other cycling events for the duration of the stage race that he abandoned, on pain of a 15 day suspension and a fine of CHF 200 to 1,000.

After consulting the event directors and the president of the commissaires panel, the UCI may, however, grant exceptions at the request of a rider and with the agreement of his sports director.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.10.11).

Finish

- 2.6.027** In the case of a duly noted incident in the last three kilometres of a road race stage, the rider or riders affected shall be credited with the time of the rider or riders in whose company they were riding at the moment of the incident. His or their placing shall be determined by the order in which he or they actually cross the finishing line.

Is considered as an incident, any event independent from the physical capacity of the rider (fall, mechanical problem, puncture) and his will of remaining with the riders in whose company he was riding at the moment of the incident.

Riders affected by an incident are asked to make themselves known to a commissaire by rising their hand and report to a commissaire after the finish of the stage.

If, as the result of a duly noted fall in the last three kilometres, a rider cannot cross the finishing line, he shall be placed last in the stage and credited with the time of the rider or riders in whose company he was riding at the time of the fall.

This article shall not apply where the finish is at the top of a hill-climb.

Decisions related to this article are taken independently by the commissaires' panel.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.10.11; 1.02.12; 1.01.18).

- 2.6.028** In the case of a duly noted fall, puncture or mechanical incident beyond the red triangle in a team time trial stage, the rider or riders involved shall be credited with the time of the teammate(s) in whose company he was/they were riding at the moment of the incident.

If, as the result of a duly noted fall beyond the red triangle, a rider cannot cross the finishing line, he shall be credited with the time of the teammate(s) in whose company he was riding at the time of the accident.

This article shall not apply where the finish is at the top of a hill-climb.

Decisions related to this article are taken independently by the commissaires' panel

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.01.18).

2.6.029 [article abrogated on 1.01.18]

Finishes on a circuit

2.6.030 Even if a stage finishes on a circuit, times shall always be taken on the finish line.

2.6.031 In stage races, the number of laps may exceed 5 for circuits of between 5 and 8 km, but only during the final stage of the race. In this instance, the total distance ridden on the circuit may not exceed 100 km.

(text modified on 1.01.00).

Finishing deadline

2.6.032 The finishing deadline shall be set in the specific regulations for each race in accordance with the characteristics of the stage.

In exceptional cases only, unpredictable and of force majeure, the commissaires panel may extend the finishing time limits after consultation with the organiser.

In case riders actually out of the time limit are given a second chance by the president of the commissaires panel, all points awarded in the general classifications of the various secondary classifications shall be withdrawn.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.09; 1.10.09; 1.07.10; 1.02.12; 1.01.18).

Team vehicles

2.6.033 Only one vehicle per team will be permitted to circulate at race level.

However, in races of the UCI WorldTour and of the continental circuits of the classes HC, and 1, a second car per team is allowed (except in circuit races and on final circuits), **as per provisions defined in Article 2.3.017.**

During team time trials of Grand Tours, a third car per team is allowed.

In any cases, the article 2.2.035 does apply.

(text modified on 1.01.98; 1.01.05; 01.01.08; 1.01.09; 1.10.10; 3.06.16; 1.01.19).

2.6.034 For the first road race stage, the order in which team vehicles drive shall be determined according to the position of the first rider of each team in the general individual time classification at the end of the prologue or the first stage if the latter is an individual time trial or a team time trial and, where no such classification exists, **as per the following provisions:**

1. the cars of UCI teams and of national teams represented at the sports directors' meeting and having confirmed their starters within the time limits set out in article 1.2.090;
2. the cars of other teams represented at the sports directors' meeting which confirmed their starters within the time set;
3. the cars of teams represented at the sports directors' meeting which failed to confirm their starters within the time set;
4. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within each group, the order of cars will be determined by drawing lots at the sports directors' meeting.

In all events, the drawing of lots shall use a slip of paper bearing the name of the teams entered. The first name drawn shall be given the 1st place, the second name drawn the 2nd place, etc.

For the following stages, the driving order shall be determined according to the position of the first rider of each team in the general individual time classification.

(text modified on 3.06.16; 1.01.19).

Reporting results

2.6.035 (N) The organiser must distribute the results to teams at the finish or, failing that, send them by fax as soon as possible.

(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.05).

2.6.036 [article transferred to art. 2.2.010 bis].

Disqualification

2.6.037 If a rider is disqualified before the result of the race is sanctioned, all classifications shall be adjusted.

If a rider is disqualified after the result of the race has been sanctioned, the general individual classification shall be adjusted, if applicable, for the first 3 places only. The 4th place remains vacant.

If a rider is disqualified because of a violation committed during a stage that he won, the second rider on the stage takes the first place.

If the winner of another classification than the general individual classification is disqualified, the second rider on that classification takes the first place.

For the rest the place of the disqualified rider shall be left open.

(article introduced on 1.01.05; 1.08.13).

2.6.038 If a rider is disqualified because of a violation committed during a team time trial stage, the team shall be relegated to the last place on the stage with its real time and with a 10 minutes penalty on the general classification of teams.

If more than one rider on the team is disqualified because of any violation committed during the same team time trial stage, the team is disqualified.

All team classifications shall be adjusted.

(article introduced on 1.01.05).

Chapter VII CRITERIUMS

- 2.7.001** For any aspect not covered below, the general provisions as well as the special provisions for one-day races shall apply by analogy.

Methods

- 2.7.002** The criterium is a road race run on a circuit closed to traffic and that is run according to one of the following methods:
1. classification at the finish of the last lap;
 2. classification on the basis of the number of laps covered and the number of points obtained during the intermediate sprints.

- 2.7.003** If the criterium comprises several races, the individual race shall always be ridden last.

Organisation

- 2.7.004** It shall not be permissible to organise a criterium on the day preceding an international event without an individual contract being signed between the organiser and each rider involved.

(text modified on 1.01.02).

- 2.7.005** The National Federations shall submit their criterium calendar to the UCI no later than 1st September for the following year.

Organisers whose criterium is not included on this calendar may not invite riders from a team registered with the UCI or allow them to ride.

If the national criterium calendar is not received by the UCI before the deadline, the organisers in question may not invite riders from a team registered with the UCI or allow them to ride.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.07.10).

- 2.7.006** An organiser may not contract a rider from a UCI WorldTeam unless if at least 50% of riders participating belong to a team registered with the UCI. The organiser's National Federation may increase this percentage.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05; 1.01.15).

- 2.7.007** A zone of at least 150 metres before and 50 metres after the finish line will be protected by barriers. It will be accessible only to those working for the organisation, the riders, the paramedical assistants, the sports directors and accredited press.

The zone before the finish line will be protected by barriers from the beginning of the final corner, if the length of the finishing straight is less than 300 metres.

(text modified on 1.01.02).

- 2.7.008** If an event finishes after sunset, the circuit must be adequately lit. If not, the event shall be cancelled or stopped.

(text modified on 1.01.02).

- 2.7.009** If the event finishes after 10pm, the organiser must provide riders from teams registered with the UCI with a hotel bedroom and breakfast.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.05).

- 2.7.010** The organiser must provide changing rooms for the riders.

(text modified on 1.01.02).

Prizes and payments

- 2.7.011** The organiser shall, with the invitation, send out a list of prizes before accepting any enrolments.

- 2.7.012** If, in addition to prizes awarded according to the results, a fixed payment be made for participation in the race, the amount of that payment shall be set down in an individual contract between the organiser and each rider concerned. For riders who are part of a team registered with the UCI, the contract must be countersigned by a representative of the team.

(text modified on 1.01.05).

- 2.7.013** The contractual amount shall be paid by the organiser even in case of cancellation or interruption of the race. This amount is decided by mutual agreement between the organiser and each rider concerned.

(text modified on 1.07.10).

- 2.7.014** Prize money shall be paid exclusively to the riders that won it.

- 2.7.015** Prizes and contractual amounts shall be paid within one hour following the finish of the race.

Distances

- 2.7.016** The circuit shall measure between 800 and 10,000 metres.

- 2.7.017** The maximum distance for the race shall be set as follows:

Length of circuit	Maximum distance
800 m - 1599 m	80 km
1600 m - 2999 m	110 km
3000 m - 3999 m	132 km
4000 m - 10000 m	150 km

Method with intermediate sprints

- 2.7.018** The programme - technical guide of the race shall specify the intermediate sprint system and the allocation of points, by taking account of the following provisions that shall automatically apply.

- 2.7.019** Intermediate sprints shall take place on the finish line and after a number of laps that shall always be the same between two sprints.

- 2.7.020** Points may be awarded to the first rider to cross the finish line during laps without any intermediate sprint. The number of such points may not exceed 40% of the points awarded the winner of an intermediate sprint.
- 2.7.021** Any rider or group of 20 riders or less who drop behind and are lapped by the lead riders shall be eliminated and must leave the race.
- If such a group involves more than 20 riders, the commissaires panel shall decide whether those riders may continue or be eliminated.
- 2.7.022** In the case of a recognised mishap as defined in the provisions governing track races (article 3.2.021), the rider shall be entitled to a neutralisation of one or two laps to be determined by the commissaires according to the length of the circuit. After the neutralisation, the rider shall resume the race but shall not earn any points in the following sprint.
- 2.7.023** The classification shall be as follows:
- the winner shall be the rider who covered the greatest number of laps;
 - in the case of a tie on laps, the number of points won shall decide;
 - in the case of a tie on laps and points, the number of wins during the intermediate sprints shall decide;
 - if the riders are still tied, the place during the final sprint shall decide.
- 2.7.024** A rider shall be deemed to have gained a lap when he catches up with the tail of the main bunch.

Chapter VIII INDIVIDUAL RACES

- 2.8.001** For any aspect not covered below, please refer to the general provisions as well as to the special provisions for one-day races that shall apply by analogy.
- 2.8.002** An individual race is a road race in which participate exclusively individual riders.
- 2.8.003** An individual race may be registered only on a national calendar and on the following conditions:
1. riders enter on an individual basis;
 2. riders of a UCI WorldTeam can take part a maximum of 3 times a year in an individual race;
 3. a maximum of 3 riders of the same team registered with the UCI can take part in an individual race;
 4. the minimum prize money shall be CHF 8000;
 5. the maximum distance shall be 170 km for men and 120 km for women;
 6. if the race is ridden on a circuit, that circuit shall be at least 10 km long;
 7. technical support shall be provided by neutral cars;
 8. team vehicles shall not be admitted to the race.

(text modified on 26.01.07; 1.01.15).

Chapter IX OTHER RACES

- 2.9.001** Other road races, such as races behind pacers, hill-climbs and marathon road races, may be organised if their entry on the continental or national calendar is accepted as appropriate, by the UCI management committee, the Professional Cycling Council or the National Federation.

(text modified on 2.03.00).

- 2.9.002** For these races, please refer to the general provisions as well as to the specific one-day race provisions that shall apply by analogy.

Chapter X UCI RANKINGS

(chapter replaced on 1.01.09 ; modified on 1.01.16).

§ 1 Elite and Under 23 Men's UCI World Ranking

- 2.10.001** The UCI has created an annual UCI World Ranking of riders and nations on account of results in men elite and under 23 men UCI events on the international calendar. This ranking is the exclusive property of the UCI.

Elite and under 23 men shall be listed in the same ranking. In the individual UCI World Ranking, under 23 riders shall be identified by a distinctive mark.

(article introduced on 1.01.16)

Individual UCI World Ranking

- 2.10.002** The individual UCI World Ranking is a 52-week rolling ranking and shall be drawn up at least once a week.

If necessary, the ranking for the preceding weeks shall be corrected. The new ranking comes into force on the day of publication and stands until the publication of the subsequent ranking.

Riders score points on the individual ranking in accordance with the scale in article 2.10.008.

Points awarded for stages are included in the ranking drawn up following the final day of a stage race.

(article introduced on 1.01.16)

Individual UCI World Ranking - one-day races

- 2.10.002 bis** The individual UCI World Ranking – one day races is a 52-week rolling ranking and shall be drawn up at least once a week.

If necessary, the ranking for the preceding weeks shall be corrected. The new ranking comes into force on the day of publication and stands until the publication of the subsequent ranking.

Riders score points on the individual ranking in accordance with the scale in article 2.10.008 only taking into account one-day races.

(article introduced on 1.01.19).

Individual UCI World Ranking - stage races

- 2.10.002 ter** The individual UCI World Ranking – stage races is a 52-week rolling ranking and shall be drawn up at least once a week.

If necessary, the ranking for the preceding weeks shall be corrected. The new ranking comes into force on the day of publication and stands until the publication of the subsequent ranking.

Riders score points on the individual ranking in accordance with the scale in article 2.10.008 only taking into account one-day races.

Points awarded for stages are included in the ranking drawn up following the final day of a stage race.

(article introduced on 1.01.19).

- 2.10.003** Ties on points between riders **in one of the world rankings** shall be resolved by counting up the greatest number of 1st places on the **corresponding** ranking. If there is still a tie, it will be resolved by the greatest number of 2nd places, then 3rd places etc. **in the corresponding ranking** taking into account only places for which UCI World Ranking points are allocated.

In the event of there still being a tie, the highest-placed rider in each of their most recent races **counting for the ranking** shall take precedence.

In the case of a tie in the final ranking, the rider with the greatest number of 1st places on the **corresponding** ranking of races in the current year shall take precedence. If there is still a tie, it will be resolved by the greatest number of 2nd places, then 3rd places etc., whatever the rider's placing.

Concerning stage races, only the final individual general classification on time shall be taken into account for the application of this article.

(article introduced on 1.01.16; 1.01.19)

UCI World Ranking by nations

- 2.10.004** The UCI World Ranking by Nations is a 52-week rolling ranking. The UCI World Ranking by Nations shall be drawn up on the basis of the points obtained by the first eight riders of each nationality in the Individual UCI World Ranking.

The tiebreaker for equally-ranked nations shall be the position of their best-placed rider on the Individual UCI World Ranking.

(article introduced on 1.01.16)

UCI world ranking by teams

- 2.10.004 bis** The UCI world ranking by teams shall be drawn up at least once a week by adding the points of their 10 best placed riders in the individual world ranking.

Special provision for riders transferred during the course of a season:

Points obtained until the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the former team if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the 10 best placed riders of the former team in the individual ranking; points obtained from the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the new team if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the 10 best placed riders of the new team in the individual ranking.

Special provision concerning trainees:

During his training period, regarding rankings, a trainee is still considered as a member of his usual team. Points potentially obtained by the trainee during the training period, shall in no instance be added to the points of the host team.

Ties between teams in the UCI world ranking by teams shall be resolved by counting the greatest number of 1st places on the (final general) classification (on time) of their best 10 riders on the individual world ranking during races run in the course of the last year.

If there is still a tie between teams, it will be resolved by the greatest number of 2nd places, then 3rd places, etc.

(article introduced on 1.01.19).

Updates

2.10.005 The rankings shall be updated every week immediately after receipt by the UCI of the final classification of a (or the various) UCI WorldTour event(s) ending on a Sunday or the road race of the Men Elite UCI Road World Championships.

If no UCI WorldTour event ends on a given Sunday, the rankings shall be updated on that Sunday at 6pm CET.

The final result of any other event, received by the UCI after the stated deadlines will be included in the next weekly update.

As a general rule, a same event will not be taken into account more than once in a single ranking; the following provisions apply:

- If a same event takes place less than 52 weeks after the previous edition, only the most recent event will be taken into account in the ranking;
- If a same event takes place more than 52 weeks after the previous edition or does not take place, no point will be taken into account beyond the 52-week period.

The aforementioned provisions apply to all events, including world championships, continental championships and national championships.

Organisers or National Federations must immediately notify the UCI of any facts or decisions which could result in a change to points obtained by any rider or nation. Where necessary, rankings will be amended.

The ranking established on the last day of continental circuits as per article 2.1.001 will determine the winners of the season.

(article introduced on 1.01.16; text modified on 3.06.16; 25.10.17)

Trophies and prizes

2.10.006 The UCI shall award trophies to the winners of the UCI World Rankings. The UCI may award prizes to riders according to their classification, in accordance with such criteria as it may establish.

(article introduced on 1.01.16)

2.10.007 If the classification is corrected, prizes and trophies already awarded shall be returned and handed over to the entitled party.

(article introduced on 1.01.16).

2.10.008 Scale of points
General provisions

For team time trial events and stages the points on the scale shall be awarded to the team. These points shall be divided equally between the riders finishing the event or the stage. Calculations shall be rounded to a hundredth of a point.

Final results in UCI WorldTour events

Position	Tour de France	Giro d'Italia, La Vuelta Ciclista a España	Santos Tour Down Under, Paris - Nice, Tirreno - Adriatico, Milano - Sanremo, Gent – Wevelgem in Flanders Fields, Ronde van Vlaanderen - Tour des Flandres, Paris - Roubaix, Amstel Gold Race, Liège – Bastogne - Liège, Critérium du Dauphiné, Tour de Romandie, Tour de Suisse, Grand Prix Cycliste de Québec, Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal, Il Lombardia	Volta Ciclista a Catalunya, E3 BinckBank Classic, Itzulia Basque Country, La Flèche Wallonne, Clasica Ciclista San Sebastian, Tour de Pologne, Binck Bank Tour, EuroEyes Cyclassics Hamburg, Bretagne Classic – Ouest-France	Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, UAE Tour, Omloop Het Nieuwsblad Elite, Strade Bianche, Driedaagse Brugge - De Panne , Dwars door Vlaanderen / A travers les Flandres, Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey, Eschborn-Frankfurt, Amgen Tour of California, Prudential RideLondon-Surrey Classic, Gree – Tour of Guangxi
1	1000	850	500	400	300
2	800	680	400	320	250
3	675	575	325	260	215
4	575	460	275	220	175
5	475	380	225	180	120
6	400	320	175	140	115
7	325	260	150	120	95
8	275	220	125	100	75
9	225	180	100	80	60
10	175	140	85	68	50
11	150	120	70	56	40
12	125	100	60	48	35
13	105	84	50	40	30
14	85	68	40	32	25
15	75	60	35	28	20
16	70	56	30	24	20
17	65	52	30	24	20
18	60	48	30	24	20
19	55	44	30	24	20
20	50	40	30	24	20

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21	40	32	20	16	12
22	40	32	20	16	12
23	40	32	20	16	12
24	40	32	20	16	12
25	40	32	20	16	12
26	30	24	20	16	12
27	30	24	20	16	12
28	30	24	20	16	12
29	30	24	20	16	12
30	30	24	20	16	12
31	25	20	10	8	5
32	25	20	10	8	5
33	25	20	10	8	5
34	25	20	10	8	5
35	25	20	10	8	5
36	25	20	10	8	5
37	25	20	10	8	5
38	25	20	10	8	5
39	25	20	10	8	5
40	25	20	10	8	5
41	20	16	10	8	5
42	20	16	10	8	5
43	20	16	10	8	5
44	20	16	10	8	5
45	20	16	10	8	5
46	20	16	10	8	5
47	20	16	10	8	5
48	20	16	10	8	5
49	20	16	10	8	5
50	20	16	10	8	5
51	15	12	5	4	2
52	15	12	5	4	2
53	15	12	5	4	2
54	15	12	5	4	2
55	15	12	5	4	2
56	10	8	3	2	1
57	10	8	3	2	1
58	10	8	3	2	1
59	10	8	3	2	1
60	10	8	3	2	1

Prologue and stages in UCI WorldTour events

Position	Tour de France	Giro d'Italia, La Vuelta Ciclista a España	Santos Tour Down Under, Paris - Nice, Tirreno - Adriatico, Tour de Romandie, Critérium du Dauphiné, Tour de Suisse	Volta Ciclista a Catalunya, Itzulia Basque Country, Tour de Pologne, Binck Bank Tour	UAE Tour, Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey, Amgen Tour of California, Gree – Tour of Guangxi
1	120	100	60	50	40
2	50	40	25	20	15
3	25	20	10	8	6
4	15	12			
5	5	4			

Final position in Grand Tours secondary classifications (points and mountains classifications)

Position	Tour de France	Giro d'Italia, La Vuelta Ciclista a España
1	120	100
2	50	40
3	25	20

Wearing the race leader's jersey in a UCI WorldTour event (per stage)

Position	Tour de France	Giro d'Italia, La Vuelta Ciclista a España	Santos Tour Down Under, Paris - Nice, Tirreno - Adriatico, Tour de Romandie, Critérium du Dauphiné, Tour de Suisse	Volta Ciclista a Catalunya, Itzulia Basque Country, Tour de Pologne, Binck Bank Tour	UAE Tour, Presidential Cycling Tour of Turkey, Amgen Tour of California, Gree – Tour of Guangxi
1	25	20	10	8	6

Final results in continental calendar events

Position	HC	Class 1	Class 2	1.2U et 2.2U	Ncup Tour de l'Avenir	Ncup
1	200	125	40	30	140	70
2	150	85	30	25	110	55
3	125	70	25	20	80	40
4	100	60	20	15	60	30
5	85	50	15	10	50	25
6	70	40	10	5	40	20

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7	60	35	5	3	30	15
8	50	30	3	1	20	10
9	40	25	3	1	10	5
10	35	20	3	1	6	3
11	30	15			3	
12	25	10			3	
13	20	5			3	
14	15	5			3	
15	10	5			3	
16	5	3			1	
17	5	3			1	
18	5	3			1	
19	5	3			1	
20	5	3			1	
21	5	3				
22	5	3				
23	5	3				
24	5	3				
25	5	3				
26	5					
27	5					
28	5					
29	5					
30	5					
31	3					
32	3					
33	3					
34	3					
35	3					
36	3					
37	3					
38	3					
39	3					
40	3					

Prologue, stages and half-stages in continental calendar events

Position	HC	Class 1	Class 2	2.2U	Ncup Tour de l'Avenir	Ncup
1	20	14	7	5	15	12
2	10	5	3	1	9	8
3	5	3	1		5	4

Wearing the race leader's jersey in a continental calendar event (per stage)

Position	HC	Class 1	Class 2	2.2U	Ncup Tour de l'Avenir	Ncup
1	5	3	1	1	2	1

Final results of national championships

Position	Men Elite				Men Under 23	
	Road Race A*	Road Race B*	Ind. Time Trial A*	Ind. Time Trial B*	Road Race	Ind. Time Trial
1	100	50	50	25	50	25
2	75	30	30	15	30	15
3	60	20	20	0	20	10
4	50	15	15	5	15	5
5	40	10	10	3	10	3
6	30	5	5		5	
7	20	3	3		3	
8	10	3	3		3	
9	5	1	1		1	
10	3	1	1		1	
11	3					
12	1					
13	1					
14	1					
15	1					

* Category A corresponds to the Men Elite national championships of nations that **qualified had** at least one rider **starting for** the road race of the Men Elite UCI Road world championships in the previous season. Category B corresponds to the Men Elite national championships of all nations not included in Category A.

Where Elite and Men Under 23 compete in their national championships in the same event, points shall be awarded according to their position in the event classification according to the Men Elite points scale.

When two or three nations are organising joint National Championships, results will be however considered distinctively.

Final results of continental championships and continental games*

Position	Men Elite		Men Under 23	
	Road Race	Ind. Time Trial	Road Race	Ind. Time Trial
1	250	70	125	50
2	200	55	85	30
3	150	40	70	20
4	125	30	60	15
5	100	25	50	10

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6	90	20	40	5
7	80	15	35	3
8	70	10	30	3
9	60	5	25	1
10	50	3	20	1
11	40		15	
12	35		10	
13	30		5	
14	25		5	
15	20		5	
16	15		3	
17	10		3	
18	5		3	
19	5		3	
20	5		3	
21	5			
22	5			
23	5			
24	5			
25	5			
26	5			
27	5			
28	5			
29	5			
30	5			
31	3			
32	3			
33	3			
34	3			
35	3			
36	1			
37	1			
38	1			
39	1			
40	1			

** The UCI Management Committee will annually determine which continental games will receive points.*

Where elite and under 23 men compete in their continental championships in the same event, points shall be awarded according to the elite points scale.

Final results of team time trial Continental Championships

	Continental Championships
<i>Position</i>	<i>Elite Team Time Trial</i>
1	70
2	55
3	40
4	30
5	25
6	20
7	15
8	10
9	5
10	3

If a continental confederation organises a separate team time trial event for the Men Under 23 category, no UCI points shall be awarded for that event.

Final results in the Olympic Games and UCI Road World Championships

	Olympic Games and World Championships		World Championships	
Position	Elite Road Race	Elite Time Trial	U23 Road Race	U23 Time Trial
1	600	350	200	125
2	475	250	150	85
3	400	200	125	70
4	325	150	100	60
5	275	125	85	50
6	225	100	70	40
7	175	85	60	35
8	150	70	50	30
9	125	60	40	25
10	100	50	35	20
11	85	40	30	15
12	70	30	25	10
13	60	25	20	5
14	50	20	15	5
15	40	15	10	5
16	35	10	5	3
17	30	5	5	3
18	30	5	5	3
19	30	5	5	3
20	30	5	5	3
21	30		5	
22	20		5	
23	20		5	
24	20		5	
25	20		5	
26	20		5	

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27	20		5	
28	20		5	
29	20		5	
30	20		5	
31	20		3	
32	10		3	
33	10		3	
34	10		3	
35	10		3	
36	10		3	
37	10		3	
38	10		3	
39	10		3	
40	10		3	
41	10			
42	10			
43	10			
44	10			
45	10			
46	10			
47	10			
48	10			
49	10			
50	10			
51	5			
52	5			
53	5			
54	5			
55	5			
56	3			
57	3			
58	3			
59	3			
60	3			

Final results in the team time trial mixed relay of the UCI Road World Championships

<i>Position</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	300
2	250
3	200
4	150
5	125
6	100

7	85
8	75
9	60
10	50
11	40
12	30
13	25
14	15
15	10
16	10
17	10
18	10
19	10
20	10
21	5
22	5
23	5
24	5
25	5

Points shall be split between finishing male riders based on final mixed relay classification. Calculations shall be rounded to a hundredth of a point.

(article introduced on 1.01.16; modified on 1.01.17; 25.10.17; 22.10.18; 1.01.19).

§ 2 Elite and Under 23 Women's UCI World Ranking

(paragraph moved from Chapter XII on 1.01.16)

2.10.009 There shall be an individual ranking, a ranking by teams and a ranking by nation for elite women.

The UCI shall be the exclusive owner of these classifications.

Updates

2.10.010 The rankings shall be updated every week immediately after receipt by the UCI of the final classification of a (or the various) UCI Women's WorldTour event(s) ending on a Sunday.

If no UCI Women's WorldTour event ends on a given Sunday, the rankings shall be updated on that Sunday at 6pm CET.

The final result of any other event, received by the UCI after the stated deadlines will be included in the next weekly update.

(text modified on 25.10.17).

Elite and Under 23 Women's UCI World Individual ranking

2.10.011 The individual ranking is a 52 week rolling ranking and shall be drawn up at least once a week.

Where applicable, the ranking for preceding weeks shall be corrected. The new ranking comes into force on the day of publication and stands until the publication of the subsequent ranking.

Riders score points on the individual ranking in accordance with the scale in article 2.10.017.

Points awarded for stages are included in the ranking drawn up following the final day of a stage race.

As a general rule, a same event will not be taken into account more than once in a single ranking; the following provisions apply:

- If a same event takes place less than 52 weeks after the previous edition, only the most recent event will be taken into account in the ranking;
- If a same event takes place more than 52 weeks after the previous edition or does not take place, no point will be taken into account beyond the 52-week period.

The aforementioned provisions apply to all events, including world championships, continental championships and national championships.

(text modified on 1.01.16; 3.06.16; 25.10.17)

2.10.012 Ties on points between riders shall be resolved by counting up the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places etc. on the classification of the races run in the course of the last year, taking into account only places for which elite women's ranking points are allocated.

In the event of a new tie, the highest-placed rider in the most recent race shall take precedence, whichever his placing.

Concerning stage races, only the final individual general classification on time shall be taken into account for the application of this article.

2.10.013 The UCI Management Committee may award prizes to riders according to their classification, in accordance with such criteria as it may establish.

Team ranking

2.10.014 The ranking of UCI women's continental teams shall be obtained by adding together the points of their 8 best placed riders in the individual ranking.

Special provision for riders transferred during the course of a season

Points obtained until the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the former team if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the 4 best placed riders of the former team in the individual ranking; points obtained from the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the new team if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the 4 best placed riders of the new team in the individual ranking.

Special provision concerning trainees

During his training period a trainee is still considered as a member of his regular team with regards to rankings. Points potentially obtained by the trainee during the training period, shall in no instance be added to the points of the host team.

Ties between teams shall be resolved by counting the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places etc. on the (final general) classification (on time) of their best 4 riders on the individual elite women's ranking during races run in the course of the last year.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.17; 1.01.19; 1.02.19).

Women Elite and Under 23 UCI World ranking by nation

2.10.015 The ranking by nation shall be obtained by adding the points of the 5 best placed Women Elite and Under 23 riders of each nation in the individual ranking.

Ties between nations shall be resolved by counting up the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places etc. on the (final general) classification (on time) of the races run in the course of the last year obtained by their best 5 riders on the UCI World individual ranking.

(text modified on 25.10.17)

Women Under 23 UCI World ranking by nation

2.10.015 bis The ranking by nation shall be obtained by adding the points of the 5 best placed Women Under 23 riders of each nation in the individual ranking.

Ties between nations shall be resolved by counting up the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places etc. on the (final general) classification (on time) of the races run in the course of the last year obtained by their best 5 under 23 riders on the UCI World individual ranking.

(article introduced on 25.10.17)

2.10.016 A rider's points shall be awarded to the nation of her nationality, even if she is a licence holder of the federation of another country.

2.10.017 Points scale Women Elite

General provisions

Points awarded for stages shall be recorded on the last day of the event.

For team time trial events and stages the points on the scale shall be awarded to the team. These points shall be divided equally between the riders finishing the event or the team time trial stage. Calculations shall be rounded to a hundredth of a point.

One-day events and stage races (final classification)

Position	WWT	Class 1	Class 2
1	200	125	40
2	150	85	30
3	125	70	25
4	100	60	20
5	85	50	15
6	70	40	10
7	60	35	5
8	50	30	3

9	40	25	3
10	35	20	3
11	30	15	
12	25	10	
13	20	5	
14	15	5	
15	10	5	
16	5	3	
17	5	3	
18	5	3	
19	5	3	
20	5	3	
21	5	3	
22	5	3	
23	5	3	
24	5	3	
25	5	3	
26	5		
27	5		
28	5		
29	5		
30	5		
31	3		
32	3		
33	3		
34	3		
35	3		
36	3		
37	3		
38	3		
39	3		
40	3		

Stages and half-stages

Position	WWT	Class 1	Class 2
1	25	16	8
2	20	12	5
3	18	8	3
4	16	6	1
5	14	5	
6	12	4	
7	10	3	
8	8	2	
9	6		
10	4		

Wearing the race leader's jersey (per stage)

Position	WWT	Class 1	Class 2
Leader	5	3	1

Wearing the leader's jersey of the UCI Women's World Tour (per round)

Position	WWT
Leader	6

National Championships

Position	Women Elite				Women Under 23	
	Road Race A*	Road Race B*	Ind. Time Trial A*	Ind. Time Trial B*	Road Race	Ind. Time Trial
1	50	25	25	10	25	10
2	30	15	15	6	15	6
3	20	10	10	3	10	3
4	15	5	5		5	
5	10	3	3		3	
6	5					
7	3					
8	3					
9	1					
10	1					

* Category A corresponds to the women elite national championships of nations that ~~qualified had~~ at least one rider ~~starting for~~ the road race of the women elite UCI Road World Championships in the previous season. Category B corresponds to the women elite national championships of all nations not included in Category A.

Where Elite and Under 23 compete in their national championships in the same event, points shall be awarded according to their position in the event classification according to the Women Elite points scale.

When two or three nations are organising joint National Championships, results will be however considered distinctively.

Olympic games and world championships

Position	Road Race	Time Trial
1	250	125
2	200	85
3	150	70
4	125	60
5	100	50
6	90	40
7	80	35
8	70	30
9	60	25

10	50	20
11	40	15
12	35	10
13	30	5
14	25	5
15	20	5
16	15	3
17	10	3
18	5	3
19	5	3
20	5	3
21	5	3
22	5	3
23	5	3
24	5	3
25	5	3
26	5	
27	5	
28	5	
29	5	
30	5	
31	3	
32	3	
33	3	
34	3	
35	3	
36	1	
37	1	
38	1	
39	1	
40	1	

Continental championships and continental games*

Position	Women Elite		Women Under 23	
	Road Race	Ind. Time Trial	Road Race	Ind. Time Trial
1	150	75	75	30
2	100	40	40	25
3	85	30	30	15
4	70	20	20	10
5	60	15	15	5
6	50	10	10	
7	40	5	5	
8	35	3	3	
9	30	3	3	
10	25	1	1	

11	20			
12	15			
13	10			
14	5			
15	3			

* The UCI Management Committee will annually determine which Continental games will receive points.

Where Elite and Under 23 compete in their continental championships or continental game in the same event, points shall be awarded according to the Women Elite points scale.

Final results of team time trials continental championships

Position	Points
1	50
2	30
3	20
4	15
5	10
6	5
7	3
8	3
9	1
10	1

If a continental confederation organises a separate team time trial event for the Under 23 category, no UCI points shall be awarded for that event.

Team time trial *mixed relay* world championships

Position	Points
1	300
2	250
3	200
4	150
5	125
6	100
7	85
8	75
9	60
10	50
11	40
12	30
13	25
14	15
15	10
16	10
17	10

18	10
19	10
20	10
21	5
22	5
23	5
24	5
25	5

The points shall be split between finishing female riders based on final mixed relay classification. Calculations shall be rounded to a hundredth of a point.

(text modified on 1.01.06; 1.01.09; 1.07.12; 1.09.12; 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 1.01.16; 1.01.17; 24.03.17; 25.10.17; 22.10.18; 1.01.19).

§ 3 Elite and Under 23 Men's Continental Rankings

(paragraph moved from chapter XI on 1.01.16)

2.10.018 For each continental circuit, there shall be an individual ranking, a ranking by team and a ranking by nations of the elite and under 23 men.

The UCI shall be the exclusive owner of these rankings.

(text modified on 1.01.16).

Updates

2.10.019 The rankings shall be updated every Sunday at 6pm CET.

The final result of any event, received by the UCI after the stated deadline will be included in the next weekly update.

The ranking drawn up on the last day of the continental circuits as per article 2.1.002 will designate the winners of the season.

(text modified on 1.01.16; 25.10.17).

2.10.020 [Article abrogated on 1.01.16]

Individual ranking

2.10.021 Riders are ranked in the individual ranking of the continent of their nationality. They can only appear in the ranking of one continent.

(text modified on 25.10.17; 1.01.19).

2.10.022 Elite and under 23 men shall be listed in the same ranking. In the ranking, under 23 riders shall be identified by a distinctive mark.

2.10.023 The individual ranking is a 52-week rolling ranking for continental circuits and shall be drawn up at least once a week.

Where applicable, the ranking for preceding weeks shall be corrected. The new ranking comes into force on the day of publication and stands until the publication of the subsequent ranking.

Riders score points on the individual ranking in accordance with the scale in article **2.10.008**.

Points awarded for stages are included in the ranking drawn up following the final day of a stage race.

As a general rule, a same event will not be taken into account more than once in a single ranking; the following provisions apply:

- If a same event takes place less than 52 weeks after the previous edition, only the most recent event will be taken into account in the ranking;
- If a same event takes place more than 52 weeks after the previous edition or does not take place, no point will be taken into account beyond the 52-week period.

The aforementioned provisions apply to all events, including world championships, continental championships and national championships.

(text modified on 1.01.06; 24.01.15; 1.01.16; 3.06.16; 25.10.17; 1.01.19).

2.10.024 Ties on points between riders shall be resolved by counting up the greatest number of 1st places, on the classification of the races run in the course of the last 52 weeks. If there is still a tie, it will be resolved by the greatest number of 2nd places, then 3rd places, etc. taking into account only places for which the respective classification points are allocated.

In the event of a new tie, the highest-placed rider in each of their most recent races shall take precedence, whichever his placing.

Concerning stage races, only the final individual general classification on time shall be taken into account for the application of this article.

(text modified on 1.01.16).

Team ranking

2.10.025 The ranking of UCI continental teams and UCI professional continental teams shall be drawn up at least once a week by adding the points of their **10** best placed riders in the individual **world** ranking.

Teams are ranked in the team ranking of the continent of their nationality. They can only appear in the ranking of one continent.

Special provision for riders transferred during the course of a season:

Points obtained until the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the former team if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the **10** best placed riders of the former team in the individual ranking; points obtained from the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the new team if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the **10** best placed riders of the new team in the individual ranking.

Special provision concerning trainees:

During his training period, regarding rankings, a trainee is still considered as a member of his usual team. Points potentially obtained by the trainee during the training period, shall in no instance be added to the points of the host team.

Ties between UCI continental teams and UCI professional continental teams shall be resolved by counting the greatest number of 1st places on the (final general) classification (on time) of their best 10 riders on the individual continental ranking during races run in the course of the last year. If there is still a tie between teams, it will be resolved by the greatest number of 2nd places, then 3rd places, etc.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.16; 1.01.17; 1.01.19).

Ranking by nation

2.10.026 The ranking by nation is a 52-week rolling ranking of continental circuits. Besides a ranking by nation for men elite and under 23 men, a distinct ranking by nation for under 23 men shall be drawn up at least once a week. Such rankings by nation for each continent shall be obtained by adding the points of the 8 best placed riders of each nation in the same continent in all the individual continental rankings:

- 1 the points of each rider of a given nation in the individual ranking of each continent shall be totalled;
- 2 the points of the 8 best riders shall be added together;
- 3 the total for the 8 best placed riders determines the position of the nation in the ranking;

(text modified on 1.01.07; 1.01.16).

2.10.027 A rider's points shall be awarded to the nation of his nationality, even if he is a licence holder of the federation of another country.

2.10.028 Ties between nations shall be resolved by counting up the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places etc. on the (final general) classification (on time) of the races run in the course of the last 52 weeks obtained by their best 8 riders on the individual continental ranking.

(text modified on 1.01.16).

2.10.029 [article abrogated on 24.01.15].

2.10.030 The UCI Management Committee may award prizes to riders according to their classification, in accordance with such criteria as it may establish.

2.10.031 [article abrogated on 1.01.19].

§ 4 UCI Women's WorldTour ranking
(paragraph moved from chapter XIII on 1.01.19).

Overall individual classification

2.10.032 UCI Women's WorldTour points are awarded for the final classification of each event according to the following scale:

Points awarded for stages shall be recorded on the last day of the event.

For team time trial events and stages the points on the scale shall be awarded to the

team. These points shall be divided equally between the riders finishing the event or the stage. Calculations shall be rounded to a hundredth of a point.

Points scale

2.10.033 Final classification of each event

Position	Points
1	200
2	150
3	125
4	100
5	85
6	70
7	60
8	50
9	40
10	35
11	30
12	25
13	20
14	15
15	10
16	5
17	5
18	5
19	5
20	5
21	5
22	5
23	5
24	5
25	5
26	5
27	5
28	5
29	5
30	5
31	3
32	3
33	3
34	3
35	3
36	3
37	3
38	3
39	3
40	3

Stages and half stages

Position	Points
1	25
2	20
3	18

4	16
5	14
6	12
7	10
8	8
9	6
10	4

Wearing the race leader's jersey per stage

Position	Points
Leader	5

Best young rider classification

2.10.034 On the basis of the final classification of each UCI Women's WorldTour event, best young rider points are awarded to the first 3 riders Under 23 according to the following scale:

Position	Points
1	6
2	4
3	2

Team classification

2.10.035 The team classification shall only include UCI women's continental teams.

The team classification is obtained by adding the individual classification points scored by all the riders of the team in the UCI Women's WorldTour individual ranking.

Special provision for riders being transferred during the season:

Points obtained until the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the former team if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the 4 best placed riders of the former team in the individual ranking; points obtained from the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the new team if this amount of points would allow this rider to be ranked within the 4 best placed riders of the new team in the individual ranking.

Special provision concerning trainees:

During his training period, regarding rankings, a trainee is still considered as a member of his usual team. Points potentially obtained by the trainee during the training period, shall in no instance be added to the points of the host team.

(article introduced on 1.01.06; modified on 1.01.17; 25.10.17).

2.10.036 In the event of a tie on overall individual and best young rider classification at the end of each event, the riders shall be placed on the basis of the larger number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc. in their respective classification only taking account places for which points shall be awarded.

As a subsidiary criterion, the best classification in the most recent event shall be decisive.

In the event of a tie in the final classification, riders shall be placed on the basis of the larger number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc.

Concerning stage races, only the final individual general classification on time shall be taken into account for the application of this article.

(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.01.05; 1.10.13; 1.01.15; 1.01.16; 25.10.17).

§ 5 Technical and qualifying rankings

(paragraph introduced on 1.01.19)

2.10.037 The UCI has created various rankings that can be used to qualify teams in an event or a series. These rankings may also be used as a sporting criterion as part of the registration process of teams with the UCI.

The UCI is the exclusive owner of these rankings. These rankings for internal use only may not be published.

UCI world ranking for men UCI teams – 3 years

2.10.038 The UCI world ranking for men UCI teams – 3 years shall be drawn up at least once a week by adding the points of each men UCI team in the UCI world ranking for men UCI teams of the “n-2” and “n-1” years established at the end of their respective season (as per article 2.1.001), with the points of each men UCI team in the UCI world ranking by men UCI teams of the current “n” season that was reset to zero at the beginning of the aforementioned season.

Ties between teams shall be resolved by counting the greatest number of 1st places on the (final general) classification (on time) of their best 10 riders on the UCI individual world ranking during races run in the course of the current season. If there is still a tie between teams, it will be resolved by the greatest number of 2nd places, then 3rd places, etc.

Qualifying ranking for men’s UCI teams

2.10.039 The qualifying ranking for men’s UCI teams shall be drawn up at least once a week. The final ranking is calculated on the last day of the season as per article 2.1.001. The ranking for each season will begin at zero.

Men’s teams registered with the UCI are classified in the ranking with the exception of UCI WorldTeams.

The ranking is calculated by adding the points of the 10 best riders of each team taking into account the points scored by riders between the first day of the current season until the date of publication of the ranking.

Riders score points in accordance with the points scale in Article 2.10.008.
Points awarded for stages are counted on the final day of the race.

Special provision for riders being transferred during the season

Points obtained until the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the former team; points obtained from the date of the transfer, by a rider transferred during the season, are added to the points of the new team.

Special provision concerning trainees:

During his training period, regarding rankings, a trainee is still considered as a member of his usual team. Points potentially obtained by the trainee during the training period, shall in no instance be added to the points of the host team.

Tiebreaker

Ties between teams shall be resolved by counting the greatest number of 1st places on the (final general) classification (on time) of their best 10 riders during races run from the beginning of the season. If there is still a tie between teams, it will be resolved by the greatest number of 2nd places, then 3rd places, etc.

Chapter XI

[chapter replaced on 1.01.05 ; moved to chapter X on 1.01.16].

Chapter XII RACE INCIDENTS AND SPECIFIC INFRINGEMENTS BY ORGANISERS

(chapter introduced on 1.01.19).

§ 1 Race incidents concerning riders, teams and other licence holders in the context of road events

General provisions

2.12.001 The infringement related to race incidents observed in the context of road events are sanctioned as set out in the table of race incidents defined in article 2.12.007, in accordance with article 12.4.001.

Sanctions given by commissaires shall be noted in the communiqué of the commissaires' panel and will be sent to the UCI.

2.12.002 The provisions of Part 12 of the UCI Regulations apply to infringements committed in the context of road events.

Warnings

2.12.003 Every individual commissaire may issue a warning when noting an irregularity during a race. The licence holder is directly informed of warnings verbally, by gestures or by Radio-Tour at the time of the infringement. The Commissaires' Panel shall decide to impose a sanction if the irregularity for which a warning was issued during the race turns out to be an infringement related to a race incident.

Warnings shall be noted in the communiqué of the commissaires' panel and will be sent to the UCI.

Penalties and sanctions imposed by the Commissaires' Panel

2.12.004 Without prejudice to the sanctions of the table below, any licence holder who is involved in a serious race incident may be immediately disqualified by a commissaire.

In the case of behaviour which represents an infringement that can be referred to the Disciplinary Commission under the terms of articles 12.4.002 and subsequent, the licence holder may be summoned to appear before the Disciplinary Commission.

2.12.005 Without prejudice to the competence of the Disciplinary Commission to impose sanctions for the same circumstances, if applicable, in the case of the infringement of articles 12.4.002 and subsequent, the race incidents described by the table below shall be sanctioned by the commissaires.

2.12.006 The table below applies to all road events. However, for national calendar races, the respective national federations can set lower fines than those stipulated in Column 3 of the table, which includes "other races".

2.12.007 Table of race incidents relating to road events

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	Olympic Games Elite World Championships UCI WorldTour	Under-23 and Junior World Championships Continental Championships Continental Games UCI Women's WorldTour Class HC and Class 1 Men Elite <u>Para-cycling:</u> Paralympic Games World Championships World Cups	Class 2 Men Elite Class 1 and 2 Women Elite Under-23 Nations' Cup Under-23 events Men Junior Nations' Cup Women Junior Nations' Cup Men Junior events Women Junior events National events Other events <u>Para-cycling:</u> Other events
1. Procedures at the start and finish and official ceremonies			
1.1 Starting without signing on	<u>Rider:</u> 1,000 fine and 20 points from UCI rankings per rider involved <u>Sport Director:</u> 1,000 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine and 10 points from UCI rankings per rider involved <u>Sport Director:</u> 500 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine and 5 points from UCI rankings per rider involved <u>Sport Director:</u> 100 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)
	In addition to the above provisions, in serious cases, in cases of repeated infringement or aggravating circumstances or if an infringement offers an advantage, the Commissaires' Panel may eliminate or disqualify a rider.		
1.2 Failing to respect the order or timing of signing the signing-on sheet or the team presentation	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine and 20 points from UCI rankings per rider involved <u>Sport Director:</u> 1,000 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine and 10 points from UCI rankings per rider involved <u>Sports Director:</u> 500 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)	<u>Rider:</u> 50 fine and 5 points from UCI rankings per rider involved <u>Sport Director:</u> 100 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)

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1.3	Failing to attend official ceremonies (including press conference, etc.) or failing to respect the 10-minute deadline after the rider crosses the finish line	<u>Rider:</u> 1,000 fine and forfeiture of prizes and points for UCI rankings earned during the race or stage. <u>Sport Director in charge:</u> 1,000 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine and forfeiture of prizes and points for UCI rankings earned during the race or stage. <u>Sport Director in charge:</u> 500 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine and forfeiture of prizes and points for UCI rankings earned during the race or stage. <u>Sport Director in charge:</u> 200 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)
1.4	Attending official ceremonies not wearing competition clothing	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine per rider involved <u>Sport Director in charge:</u> 500 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine per rider involved <u>Sport Director in charge:</u> 200 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine per rider involved <u>Sport Director in charge:</u> 100 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)
1.5	Rider who has abandoned or been eliminated crossing the finish line while displaying a body number or frame number	<u>Rider:</u> 1,000 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine
1.6	Recrossing the finish line in the direction of the race while still displaying body number or frame number	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 50 fine
2. Equipment and innovations				
2.1	Rider attempting to start a race or stage with a bicycle that does not comply with the regulations	<u>Rider:</u> Start refused	<u>Rider:</u> Start refused	<u>Rider:</u> Start refused

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2.2	Use of a bicycle that does not comply with the regulations	<u>Rider:</u> Elimination or disqualification <u>Team:</u> 1,000 fine	<u>Rider:</u> Elimination or disqualification <u>Team:</u> 500 fine	<u>Rider:</u> Elimination or disqualification <u>Team:</u> 200 fine
2.3	Use or presence of a bicycle that does not comply with article 1.3.010 (cf. art. 12.4.003)	<u>Rider:</u> Elimination or disqualification <u>Team:</u> Elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> Elimination or disqualification <u>Team:</u> Elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> Elimination or disqualification <u>Team:</u> Elimination or disqualification
2.4	Use of a prohibited remote communication system by a rider	<u>Rider:</u> Start refused, elimination or disqualification <u>Sport Director:</u> Exclusion <u>Team vehicles:</u> Exclusion	<u>Rider:</u> Start refused, elimination or disqualification <u>Sport Director:</u> Exclusion <u>Team vehicles:</u> Exclusion	<u>Rider:</u> Start refused, elimination or disqualification <u>Sport Director:</u> Exclusion <u>Team vehicles:</u> Exclusion
2.5	Use of a technical innovation, innovative clothing or equipment not yet approved by the UCI during an event	<u>Rider:</u> Start refused, elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> Start refused, elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> Start refused, elimination or disqualification
2.6	Evading, refusing or obstructing an equipment check	<u>Rider:</u> Elimination or disqualification <u>Other team member:</u> Exclusion	<u>Rider:</u> Elimination or disqualification <u>Other team member:</u> Exclusion	<u>Rider:</u> Elimination or disqualification <u>Other team member:</u> Exclusion
3. Riders' clothing and rider identification				
3.1	Failure to wear the race leader's jersey or skinsuit or distinctive sign	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine and start refused, elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine and start refused, elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 50 fine and start refused, elimination or disqualification
3.2	Use of a non-compliant clothing	<u>Rider:</u> Start refused or disqualification or elimination	<u>Rider:</u> Start refused or disqualification or elimination	<u>Rider:</u> Start refused or disqualification or elimination

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3.3	Rider at the start without mandatory helmet	<u>Rider</u> : Start refused	<u>Rider</u> : Start refused	<u>Rider</u> : Start refused
3.4	Rider taking off mandatory helmet during the race	<u>Rider</u> : 200 fine and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider</u> : 100 fine and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider</u> : 50 fine and elimination or disqualification
3.5	Identification number replicated on a medium other than that provided by the organiser	<u>Rider</u> : Start refused	<u>Rider</u> : Start refused	<u>Rider</u> : Start refused
3.6	Identification number (body number or frame number) missing, not visible, modified, incorrectly positioned or not recognisable	<u>Rider</u> : 200 to 1,000 fine * <u>Sport Director</u> : 100 to 500 fine * per rider involved	<u>Rider</u> : 100 to 500 fine * <u>Sport Director</u> : 50 to 200 fine * per rider involved	<u>Rider</u> : 1 st infringement: 50 fine 2 nd infringement: 100 fine 3 rd infringement: 200 fine <u>Sport Director</u> : 50 fine per rider involved
3.7	Failure to return a body number to a commissaire or the broom wagon after abandoning or failure to inform a commissaire or the broom wagon of abandoning	<u>Rider</u> : 200 fine <u>Sport Director</u> : 200 fine per rider involved	<u>Rider</u> : 100 fine <u>Sport Director</u> : 100 fine per rider involved	<u>Rider</u> : 50 fine <u>Sport Director</u> : 50 fine per rider involved
3.8	Putting on or taking off clothing contrary to the regulations	<u>Rider</u> : 200 fine <u>Sport Director</u> : 500 fine	<u>Rider</u> : 100 fine <u>Sports Director</u> : 200 fine	<u>Rider</u> : 50 fine <u>Sports Director</u> : 100 fine
3.9	Non-compliant rain jacket (different design to that of the standard team jersey or non-transparent material) or team name does not appear on rain jacket	<u>Rider</u> : 500 fine per rider involved <u>Team</u> : 500 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)	<u>Rider</u> : 200 fine per rider involved <u>Team</u> : 200 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)	<u>Rider</u> : Warning <u>Team</u> : Warning

3.10	Different clothing (jersey, shorts, rain jacket) for the different riders of a team	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine per rider involved <u>Team:</u> 500 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine per rider involved <u>Team:</u> 200 fine (regardless of the number of riders involved)	<u>Rider:</u> Warning <u>Team:</u> Warning
4. Irregular assistance, repairs or feeding				
4.1	Irregular mechanical assistance towards a rider of another team			
	One-day race	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine and elimination or disqualification of the riders involved	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine and elimination or disqualification of the riders involved	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine and elimination or disqualification of the riders involved
	Stage race	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine and 2 to 10 minute penalty* per infringement <u>Other licence holder:</u> 500 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine and 2 to 10 minute penalty* per infringement <u>Other licence holder:</u> 200 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 1 st infringement: 50 fine and 2 minute penalty 2 nd infringement: 100 fine and 5 minute penalty 3 rd infringement: 100 fine and 10 minute penalty 4 th infringement: 100 and elimination <u>Other licence holder:</u> 100 fine
		In addition to the above provisions, in serious cases, in cases of repeated infringement or aggravating circumstances or if an infringement offers an advantage, the Commissaires' Panel may eliminate or disqualify the riders involved and/or exclude a licence holder.		

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4.2 Hand sling			
4.2.1 Between teammates			
One-day race	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine per rider involved and per infringement	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine per rider involved and per infringement	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine per rider involved and per infringement
In addition to the above provisions, in the case of an infringement at the end of a race, the rider(s) involved may be eliminated or disqualified by the Commissaires' Panel.			
Stage race	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine, 10 seconds and 20%** penalty in points and mountains classifications per rider involved and per infringement.	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine, 10 seconds and 20%** penalty in points and mountains classifications per rider involved and per infringement.	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine, 10 seconds and 20%** penalty in points and mountains classifications per rider involved and per infringement.
In addition to the above provisions, in the case of an infringement in the last kilometre of the stage, the rider(s) will be sanctioned by an additional 20-second penalty and a further 80%** penalty in the points and mountains classifications and relegated to last place in their group.			
4.2.2 Between riders from different teams	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine per rider involved and elimination or disqualification of the riders involved	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine per rider involved and elimination or disqualification of the riders involved	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine per rider involved and elimination or disqualification of the riders involved
4.3. Pushing off against car, motorcycle, rider			
One-day race	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine per infringement	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine per infringement	<u>Rider:</u> 50 fine per infringement
Stage race	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine, 20%** penalty in points and mountains classifications and 10 seconds penalty per infringement	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine, 20%** penalty in points and mountains classifications and 10 seconds penalty per infringement	<u>Rider:</u> 50 fine, 20%** penalty in points and mountains classifications and 10 seconds penalty per infringement

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4.4 Prohibited assistance between riders during a circuit race or a circuit finish (riders not at the same distance in the race)			
One-day race	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine per rider involved and elimination or disqualification of the riders involved	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine per rider involved and elimination or disqualification per of the riders involved	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine per rider involved and elimination or disqualification per of the riders involved
Stage race	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine per rider involved and relegation of the riders involved to last place on the stage	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine per rider involved and relegation of the riders involved to last place on in the stage	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine per rider involved and relegation of the riders involved to last place on in the stage
	In addition to the above provisions, in serious cases, in cases of repeated infringement or aggravating circumstances or if an infringement offers an advantage, the Commissaires' Panel may eliminate or disqualify the riders involved		
4.5 Rider not completing the race entirely through his or her own effort and without the assistance of any other person	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine, 100 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine, 50 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine, 20 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification
4.6 Rider holding on to own team vehicle, or vehicle of another team or other motor vehicle, or being pushed/towed/held by a vehicle passenger, or a mechanical intervention on the rider's bike from a moving vehicle	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine, 100 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine, 50 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine, 25 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification
	<u>Driver:</u> 500 fine and exclusion	<u>Driver:</u> 200 fine and exclusion	<u>Driver:</u> 100 fine and exclusion
	<u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 500 fine and exclusion	<u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 200 fine and exclusion	<u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 100 fine and exclusion
	<u>Other licence holder involved:</u> 500 fine and exclusion	<u>Other licence holder involved:</u> 200 fine and exclusion	<u>Other licence holder involved:</u> 100 fine and exclusion

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	<u>Other person involved:</u> Exclusion <u>Vehicle:</u> exclusion of the vehicle until the end of the event without the possibility of replacement	<u>Other person involved:</u> Exclusion <u>Vehicle:</u> exclusion of the vehicle until the end of the event without the possibility of replacement	<u>Other person involved:</u> Exclusion <u>Vehicle:</u> exclusion of the vehicle until the end of the event without the possibility of replacement
4.7 Sheltering behind or taking advantage of the slipstream of a vehicle			
One-day race	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine per infringement <u>Driver:</u> 500 fine per infringement <u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 500 fine per infringement	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine per infringement <u>Driver:</u> 200 fine per infringement <u>Sport director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 200 fine per infringement	<u>Rider:</u> 1 st infringement: 50 fine 2 nd infringement: 100 fine <u>Driver:</u> 1 st infringement: warning 2 nd infringement: 100 fine <u>Sport director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 1 st infringement: warning 2 nd infringement: 100 fine
	In addition to the above provisions, in serious cases, in cases of repeated infringement or aggravating circumstances, the Commissaires' Panel may eliminate or disqualify a rider and/or exclude a licence holder.		
Stage race	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine, 20%** penalty in the points and mountains classifications and 20 second to 5 minute penalty per infringement <u>Driver:</u> 500 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine, 20%** penalty in the points and mountains classifications and 20 second to 5 minute penalty per infringement <u>Driver:</u> 200 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 50 fine, 20%** penalty in the points and mountains classifications and 20 second to 5 minute penalty per infringement <u>Driver:</u> 100 fine

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	<u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 500 fine	<u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 200 fine	<u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 100 fine
	In addition to the above provisions, in serious cases, in cases of repeated infringement or aggravating circumstances or if an infringement offers an advantage, the Commissaires' Panel may eliminate or disqualify a rider and/or exclude a licence holder.		
4.8 Changing a bike other than from team vehicles, neutral service or the broom wagon or outside authorised zones	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine and elimination or disqualification
4.9 Follower leaning out of a vehicle or holding equipment outside a vehicle	<u>Driver:</u> 500 to 1,000 fine *	<u>Driver:</u> 200 to 500 fine *	<u>Driver:</u> 200
	<u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 1,000 to 2,000 fine* <u>Other licence holder involved:</u> 500 to 1,000 fine *	<u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 500 to 1,000 fine * <u>Other licence holder involved:</u> 200 to 500 fine *	<u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 1 st infringement: 200 fine 2 nd infringement: 500 fine 3 rd infringement: 500 fine and exclusion <u>Other licence holder involved:</u> 1st infringement: 100 fine 2nd infringement: 200 fine 3rd infringement: 500 fine and exclusion
	In addition to the above provisions, in serious cases, in cases of repeated infringement or aggravating circumstances or if an infringement offers an advantage, the Commissaires' Panel may exclude a licence holder.		

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4.10 Unauthorised feeding			
4.10.1 One-day race, in the first 30 km	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 1,000 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 1,000 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 50 fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 150 fine
4.10.2 One-day race, in the last 20 km	<u>Rider:</u> 1,000 fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 1,000 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 1,000 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 50 fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 150 fine
4.10.3 Stage race, in the first 30 km of the stage	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 1,000 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 1,000 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 50 fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 150 fine
4.10.4 Stage race, in the last 20 km of the stage	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine and 20 second penalty per infringement <u>Other licence holder:</u> 1,000 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine and 20 second penalty per infringement <u>Other licence holder:</u> 1,000 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 50 fine and 20 second penalty per infringement <u>Other licence holder:</u> 150 fine
4.10.5 Stage race, from the 3 rd infringement (during the same event)	<u>Rider:</u> 1,000 fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 1,000 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 1,000 fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 1,000 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 150 fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 150 fine
4.11 Irregular feeding ("sticky bottle" for a short distance, feeding outside feed zone, etc.)	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine per infringement <u>Other licence holder:</u> 200 fine per infringement	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine per infringement <u>Other licence holder:</u> 100 fine per infringement	<u>Rider:</u> 50 fine per infringement <u>Other licence holder:</u> 50 fine per infringement

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5. Intermediate sprints and final sprint			
5.1 Deviation from the chosen line that obstructs or endangers another rider or irregular sprint (including pulling the jersey or saddle of another rider, intimidation or threat, blow from the head, knee, elbow, shoulder, hand, etc.).			
One-day race	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine and elimination or disqualification
Stage race	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine, 100%** penalty in the points classification and a 30 second to 1 minute penalty* In the case of infringement during the final sprint, the rider will also be relegated to the last place in his or her group.	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine, 100%** penalty in the points classification and a 30 second to 1 minute penalty* In the case of infringement during the final sprint, the rider will also be relegated to the last place in his or her group.	<u>Rider:</u> 1 st infringement: 100 fine, 100%** penalty in the points classification and 30 second penalty In the case of infringement during the final sprint, the rider will also be relegated to the last place in his or her group.
	In addition to the above provisions, in serious cases, in cases of repeated infringement or aggravating circumstances or if an infringement offers an advantage, the Commissaires' Panel may eliminate or disqualify a rider		2 nd infringement in the same event: 100 fine, 100%** penalty in the points classification and 1 minute penalty In the case of infringement during the final sprint, the rider will also be relegated to the last place on the stage. 3 rd infringement in the same event: 200 fine and elimination or disqualification

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6. Circulation of vehicles (cars and motorbikes) and riders in the race			
6.1 Obstruction by a rider or vehicle in order to prevent or delay the movement of another rider or vehicle			
One-day race	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine and elimination or disqualification <u>Other licence holder:</u> 1,000 fine and exclusion	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine and elimination or disqualification <u>Other licence holder:</u> 500 fine and exclusion	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine and elimination or disqualification <u>Other licence holder:</u> 200 fine and exclusion
Stage race	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine, 20-100%** penalty in the points and mountains classifications and 10 to 30 seconds penalty per infringement* <u>Other licence holder:</u> 1,000 fine per infringement	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine, 20-100%** penalty in the points and mountains classifications and 10-30 seconds penalty per infringement* <u>Other licence holder:</u> 500 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 1st infringement: 50 fine, 20%** penalty in the points and mountains classifications and 10 second penalty 2nd infringement: 100 fine and elimination or disqualification
	In addition to the above provisions, in serious cases, in cases of repeated infringement or aggravating circumstances or if an infringement offers an advantage, the Commissaires' Panel may eliminate or disqualify a rider and/or exclude a licence holder.		Infringement during the last kilometre: 100 fine, 50%** penalty in the points and mountains classifications, 30 second penalty and relegation to last on the stage Infringement during the final stage: 100 fine and elimination or disqualification Infringement against one of the top 10 riders in a classification: 100 fine and elimination or disqualification

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			<u>Other licence holder:</u> 200 fine per infringement
6.2 Spraying a rider with liquid from a vehicle	<u>Driver:</u> 200 fine per infringement <u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 200 fine per infringement	<u>Driver:</u> 100 fine per infringement <u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 100 fine per infringement	<u>Driver:</u> 50 fine per infringement <u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 50 fine per infringement
6.3 Breach of regulations or guidelines concerning vehicle movements during the race or failure to comply with the instructions of commissaires and/or the organisation	<u>Driver:</u> 500 to 2,000 fine * <u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 500 to 2,000 fine * <u>Team vehicle:</u> Relegation in the convoy of sport directors, exclusion for one or more stages or definitive exclusion <u>Other vehicle:</u> exclusion for one or more stages or definitive exclusion	<u>Driver:</u> 200 to 1,000 fine * <u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 200 to 1,000 fine * <u>Team vehicle:</u> Relegation in the convoy of sport directors, exclusion for one or more stages or definitive exclusion <u>Other vehicle:</u> exclusion for one or more stages or definitive exclusion	<u>Driver:</u> 100 fine <u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 100 fine <u>Team vehicle:</u> Relegation in the convoy of sport directors, exclusion for one or more stages or definitive exclusion <u>Other vehicle:</u> exclusion for one or more stages or definitive exclusion
	In addition to the above provisions, in serious cases, in cases of repeated infringement or aggravating circumstances or if an infringement offers an advantage, the Commissaires' Panel may exclude a licence holder.		
6.4 Interviewing a rider during the race	<u>Media driver:</u> 500 fine and exclusion <u>Journalist:</u> Exclusion <u>Media vehicle:</u> Exclusion	<u>Media driver:</u> 200 fine and exclusion <u>Journalist:</u> Exclusion <u>Media vehicle:</u> Exclusion	<u>Media driver:</u> 100 fine and exclusion <u>Journalist:</u> Exclusion <u>Media vehicle:</u> Exclusion

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6.5	Interviewing a sport director during the last 10 kilometres of a race or conducting the interview from a car rather than a motorbike	<u>Sport Director:</u> 500 fine <u>Media driver:</u> Exclusion <u>Journalist:</u> Exclusion <u>Media vehicle:</u> Exclusion	<u>Sport Director:</u> 200 fine <u>Media driver:</u> Exclusion <u>Journalist:</u> Exclusion <u>Media vehicle:</u> Exclusion	<u>Sport Director:</u> 100 fine <u>Media driver:</u> Exclusion <u>Journalist:</u> Exclusion <u>Media vehicle:</u> Exclusion
7. Irregular behaviour, in particular behaviour that affords a team or rider a sporting advantage or that is dangerous				
7.1	Deviation from the race route constituting an advantage, attempting to be placed without having covered the entire race route	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine, 100 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine, 50 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine, 20 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification
7.2	Resuming the race after having been transported by car or motorbike	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine, 100 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification <u>Driver:</u> 500 to 2,000 fine* <u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 500 to 2,000 fine* <u>Team vehicle:</u> One-day race: Exclusion Stage race: Exclusion for one or more stages or definitive exclusion	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine, 50 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification <u>Driver:</u> 200 to 1,000 fine* <u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 200 to 1,000 fine* <u>Team vehicle:</u> One-day race: Exclusion Stage race: Exclusion for one or more stages or definitive exclusion	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine, 20 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification <u>Driver:</u> 100 fine <u>Sport Director responsible for the vehicle:</u> 100 fine <u>Team vehicle:</u> One-day race: Exclusion Stage race: Exclusion for one or more stages or definitive exclusion

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	<u>Other vehicle:</u> One-day race: Exclusion Stage race: Exclusion for one or more stages or definitive exclusion	<u>Other vehicle:</u> One-day race: Exclusion Stage race: Exclusion for one or more stages or definitive exclusion	<u>Other vehicle:</u> One-day race: Exclusion Stage race: Exclusion for one or more stages or definitive exclusion
7.3	Attitude or behaviour that has the objective of avoiding elimination	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine, 100 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine, 20 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification
7.4	Rider refusing to quit the race after being eliminated by a commissaire	<u>Rider:</u> 200 to 1,000* fine and 100 points from UCI rankings	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine and 25 points from UCI rankings
7.5	Rider undertaking part of the race route on foot, or crossing the finish line on foot, without his or her bicycle	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine and elimination or disqualification
7.6	Use of sidewalks/pavements, paths or cycle lanes that do not form part of the race route	<u>Rider:</u> 200 to 1,000* fine and 25 points from UCI rankings Furthermore, for stage races, a 20 second penalty and 80%** penalty in the points and mountains classifications	<u>Rider:</u> 50 to 100 and 5 points from UCI rankings Furthermore, for stage races, a 20 second penalty and 80%** penalty in the points and mountains classifications
In addition to the above provisions, in serious cases, in cases of repeated infringement or aggravating circumstances or if an infringement offers an advantage, the Commissaires' Panel may relegate the rider to last place on the stage or eliminate or disqualify the rider			

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7.7	Passing through a level crossing that is closed or in the process of closing (lights flashing and/or audible warnings)	Rider: 1,000 fine, 50 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification	Rider: 500 fine, 25 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification	Rider: 200 fine, 10 points from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification
7.8 Cheating, attempted cheating, collusion between riders of different teams or other licence holders who are involved or complicit				
	One-day race	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine and elimination or disqualification of each rider involved <u>Other licence holder:</u> 500 fine and exclusion	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine and elimination or disqualification of each rider involved <u>Other licence holder:</u> 200 fine and exclusion	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine and elimination or disqualification of each rider involved <u>Other licence holder:</u> 100 fine and exclusion
	Stage race	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine and 100%** in the points and mountains classifications and 10 minute penalty per rider involved <u>Other licence holder:</u> 500 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine and 100%** in the points and mountains classifications and 10 minute penalty per rider involved <u>Other licence holder:</u> 200 fine	<u>Rider:</u> 100 fine and 100%** in the points and mountains classifications and 10 minute penalty per rider involved <u>Other licence holder:</u> 100 fine
		In addition to the above provisions, in serious cases, in cases of repeated infringement or aggravating circumstances or if an infringement offers an advantage, the Commissaires' Panel may eliminate or disqualify a rider and/or exclude a licence holder.		
8. Failure to respect instructions, improper, dangerous or violent behaviour; damage to the environment or the image of the sport				
8.1	Failing to respect the instructions of the organiser or commissaires	<u>Rider:</u> 100 to 500* fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 200 to 500* fine	<u>Rider:</u> 50 to 100* fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 100 to 200* fine	<u>Rider:</u> 50 to 100* fine <u>Other licence holder:</u> 50 to 200* fine

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8.2 Assault, intimidation, abuse, threats, insults, unseemly behaviour improper conduct (including pulling the jersey or saddle of another rider, blow with the helmet, knee, elbow, shoulder, foot or hand, urinating in public, etc.), or behaviour that is indecent or that endangers others			
8.2.1 Between riders or directed at a rider	<u>Riders:</u> 200 to 2,000* fine per infringement and 10 to 100 points* from UCI rankings	<u>Riders:</u> 100 to 1,000* fine per infringement and 10 to 50 points* from UCI rankings	<u>Riders:</u> 50 to 500* fine per infringement and 10 to 25 points* from UCI rankings
	<u>Other licence holder:</u> 2,000 to 5,000* fine and exclusion	<u>Other licence holder:</u> 1,000 to 2,000* fine and exclusion	<u>Other licence holder:</u> 500 fine and exclusion
In addition to the above provisions, in serious cases, in cases of repeated infringement or aggravating circumstances or if an infringement offers an advantage, the Commissaires' Panel may eliminate or disqualify a rider			
8.2.2 Directed at any other person (including spectators)	<u>Rider:</u> 500 to 2,000* fine per infringement, 10 to 100 points* from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 100 to 1,000* fine per infringement, 10 to 50 points* from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification	<u>Rider:</u> 50 to 500* fine per infringement, from 10 to 25 points* from UCI rankings and elimination or disqualification
	<u>Other licence holder:</u> 5,000 fine	<u>Other licence holder:</u> 5000 2,000 fine	<u>Other licence holder:</u> 1,000 fine
In addition to the above provisions, in serious cases, in cases of repeated infringement or aggravating circumstances or if an infringement offers an advantage, the Commissaires' Panel may exclude a licence holder.			
8.3 Throwing of objects in a careless or dangerous manner onto the road or spectators	<u>Rider or any other licence holder:</u> 200 to 1,000* fine	<u>Rider or any other licence holder:</u> 100 to 500* fine	<u>Rider or any other licence holder:</u>
	<i>(the penalty is applied to the team if the licence holder cannot be specifically identified)</i>	<i>(the penalty is applied to the team if the licence holder cannot be specifically identified)</i>	1 st infringement: 50 fine Subsequent infringements: 100 fine <i>(the penalty is applied to the team if the licence holder cannot be specifically identified)</i>

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8.4	Discarding litter outside the authorised litter zones	<u>Rider or any other licence holder:</u> 200 to 500* fine <i>(the penalty is applied to the team if the licence holder cannot be specifically identified)</i>	<u>Rider or any other licence holder:</u> 100 to 500* fine <i>(the penalty is applied to the team if the licence holder cannot be specifically identified)</i>	<u>Rider or any other licence holder:</u> 1 st infringement: 50 fine Subsequent infringements: 100 fine <i>(the penalty is applied to the team if the licence holder cannot be specifically identified)</i>
8.5	Carrying, using or discarding a glass object	<u>All licence holders:</u> 500 fine and exclusion	<u>All licence holders:</u> 100 fine and exclusion	<u>All licence holders:</u> 50 and exclusion
9 Specific sanctions for time trials				
9.1.1	Starting on a bicycle that has not been checked by the commissaires in an individual time trial	<u>Rider:</u> Elimination or disqualification <u>Team:</u> 1,000 fine	<u>Rider:</u> Elimination or disqualification <u>Team:</u> 500 fine	<u>Rider:</u> Elimination or disqualification <u>Team:</u> 200 fine
9.1.2	Starting on a bicycle that has not been checked by the commissaires in a team time trial	<u>Team:</u> 1,000 fine and elimination or disqualification	<u>Team:</u> 500 fine and elimination or disqualification	<u>Team:</u> 200 fine and elimination or disqualification
9.2	Bicycles and equipment not presented for checking at least 15 minutes before a rider's or team's start time in a time trial.	<u>Rider:</u> 500 fine per rider involved <u>Sport Director:</u> 500 fine per rider involved	<u>Rider:</u> 200 fine per rider involved <u>Sport Director:</u> 200 fine per rider involved	<u>Rider:</u> 50 fine per rider involved <u>Sport Director:</u> 50 fine per rider involved

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9.3 Rider or team failing to respect regulation distances and gaps during a time trial	<u>Rider</u> : 200 fine per infringement <u>Team</u> : 200 fine per infringement	<u>Rider</u> : 100 fine per infringement <u>Team</u> : 200 fine per infringement	<u>Rider</u> : 30 50 fine per infringement <u>Team</u> : 200 fine per infringement
9.3.1 Slipstreaming (individual time trial)	<u>Rider</u> : 200 fine per infringement and time penalty in accordance with the table in article 2.12.007 ter	<u>Rider</u> : 100 fine per infringement and time penalty in accordance with the table in article 2.12.007 ter	<u>Rider</u> : 50 fine per infringement and time penalty as in accordance with the table in article 2.12.007 ter
9.3.2 Slipstreaming (team time trial)	<u>Rider</u> : time penalty in accordance with the table in article 2.12.007 ter for each rider of the teams involved <u>Team</u> : 200 fine per infringement	<u>Rider</u> : time penalty as in accordance with the table in article 2.12.007 ter for each rider of the teams involved <u>Team</u> : 100 fine per infringement	<u>Rider</u> : time penalty as in accordance with the table in article 2.12.007 ter for each rider of the teams involved <u>Team</u> : 50 fine per infringement and
9.4 Following vehicle failing to respect a distance of 10 m during an individual time trial	<u>Rider</u> : 20 seconds per infringement <u>Sport Director</u> : 500 fine per infringement	<u>Rider</u> : 20 seconds per infringement <u>Sport Director</u> : 200 fine per infringement	<u>Rider</u> : 20 seconds per infringement <u>Sport Director</u> : 100 fine per infringement
9.5 Assistance of any kind (nudging [poussette], guiding or pushing) among riders of the same team during a team time trial, except in cases of imminent danger			
One-day race	<u>Rider</u> : 500 fine per rider involved <u>Team</u> : 1 minute penalty	<u>Rider</u> : 200 fine per rider involved <u>Team</u> : 1 minute penalty	<u>Rider</u> : 50 fine per rider involved <u>Team</u> : 1 minute penalty
Stage race	<u>Rider</u> : 500 fine per rider involved and 1 minute penalty in stage result for each rider of the team	<u>Rider</u> : 200 fine per rider involved and 1 minute penalty in stage result for each rider of the team	<u>Rider</u> : 50 per rider involved and 1 minute penalty in stage result for each rider of the team

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9.6 Following vehicle failing to respect a distance of 10 m during a team time trial			
One-day race	<u>Team</u> : 20 second penalty <u>Sport Director</u> : 500 fine	<u>Team</u> : 20 second penalty <u>Sport Director</u> : 200 fine	<u>Team</u> : 20 second penalty <u>Sport Director</u> : 100 fine
Stage race	<u>Rider</u> : 20 second penalty for each rider of the team <u>Sport Director</u> : 500 fine	<u>Rider</u> : 20 second penalty for each rider of the team <u>Sport Director</u> : 200 fine	<u>Rider</u> : 20 second penalty for each rider of the team <u>Sport Director</u> : 100 fine
9.7 False start less than 3 seconds during a mixed relay event	<u>Team</u> : 10-second penalty	<u>Team</u> : 10-second penalty	<u>Team</u> : 10-second penalty
9.8 False start more than 3 seconds during a mixed relay event	<u>Equipe</u> : Elimination or disqualification	<u>Equipe</u> : Elimination or disqualification	<u>Equipe</u> : Elimination or disqualification

** When there is a scale of sanctions, the commissaire must take into account any extenuating or aggravating circumstances, including:*

- *The level of the team of the licence holder involved (club team, UCI WorldTeam, etc.);*
- *Whether the sanction follows a warning;*
- *Whether the licence holder has already been sanctioned for the same infringement during the same event;*
- *Whether the infringement afforded the licence holder an advantage;*
- *Whether the infringement led to a dangerous situation for the licence holder or others;*
- *Whether the infringement happened at a key moment of the race (final kilometres of the race, feed zone, intermediate sprint, etc.);*
- *Any other extenuating or aggravating circumstances according to the commissaire's judgement.*

*** When concerning a "penalty in the points classification", the number of points deducted is a percentage of the points allocated to the winner of the stage in question. When concerning a "penalty in the mountains classification", the number of points deducted is a percentage of the points allocated to the first rider to reach the summit of a climb of the highest category in the stage in question. The penalties are rounded up to the nearest whole number.*

Clarifications

2.12.007 bis Unless otherwise stated, sanctions are to be applied “per infringement” and “for the licence holder involved”.

When a penalty is imposed regarding “points from UCI rankings”, the points will be removed from all UCI individual rankings in which the rider may be ranked. As a consequence, the sanction will also impact other UCI rankings (by team, by nation, etc.) that are calculated on the basis of the points scored by the rider in an individual ranking.

When a “time penalty” or “points penalty” is imposed, the penalty is applied to the general classification (time or points) of the event. The penalty is rounded up to the nearest whole number.

The word “poussette” in French equates to “nudge” in English and refers to the action of one rider touching another in order to indicate how to move. “Pushing” is one rider assisting the movement of another in order to gain an advantage.

Unless otherwise stated, sanctions for a “Sport Director” are given to the Sport Director in charge of the team.

If a licence holder cannot be specifically identified by the commissaire(s), a fine may be imposed directly on the team or the Sport Director in charge of the team.

In stage races, all sanctions and penalties relate to individual general classifications. These may, depending on their severity, and upon the decision of the Commissaires’ Panel, also be applied to the individual stage results. If the Commissaires’ Panel considers that the infringement committed by a rider benefits his or her team in the general classification on time, a further 30 second penalty is applied.

Upon the request of the sanctioned licence holder, the Commissaires’ Panel will provide the reasoning behind the sanction applied.

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2.12.007 Table of time penalties in time trials

Dist. en metres	SPEED IN KM/H																														
	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
100	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	5
150	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6
200	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7
250	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	9
300	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	9	9	9	10	10	11	12
350	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	9	9	10	11	11	12	13	14	15
400	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	8	9	9	9	10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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1000	8	9	11	12	13	14	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	34	36	38	40	43	46	49	52	56	60	64	68	72	77	82	90

§ 2 Specific infringements by organisers of road events

General provisions

2.12.008 The infringements described are sanctioned by the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with article 12.4.013 on the basis of the table of sanctions defined in article 2.12.012.

2.12.009 Without prejudice to the sanctions set out by the table, an organiser committing a serious infringement or repeated infringement over several editions of the event may be sanctioned by the Professional Cycling Council or UCI Management Committee as follows:

- The withdrawal or refusal to register one or more editions of the event on the calendar;
- The demotion of the event to a lower class;
- The supervision of the event by a Technical Delegate appointed by the UCI, at the organiser's expense;
- Any other measure considered appropriate in light of the circumstances.

2.12.010 Disciplinary procedure

A. In accordance with article 12.6.019, if the organiser acknowledges the allegations against it and the infringement is punishable by a fine, the UCI may propose that the accused party accepts the consequences.

The organiser is afforded a period of 15 days to pay the fine. The disciplinary procedure is closed upon payment within 15 days.

B. In other cases, in particular if the organiser does not pay the fine within the established deadline, does not acknowledge the allegations or makes observations on the matter, the UCI may refer to the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with article 12.4.013.

2.12.011 The table set out in article 2.12.012 applies to all international road events. For national calendar events, National Federations may set fines at an amount equal to or lower than that established for class 2 events.

The following weightings apply to the amounts of the fines set out in the table of sanctions in article 2.12.012:

	Group 1 Federation	Group 2 Federation	Group 3 Federation	Group 4 Federation
UCI WorldTour UCI Women's WorldTour	100%	100%	100%	100%
Men Elite - Class HC	80%	80%	80%	80%
Men Elite - Class 1	70%	56%	28%	14%
Women Elite - Class 1 Men Elite - Class 2 Men Under-23 - Nations' Cup & Class 2 Men Junior - Nations' Cup	60%	48%	24%	12%
Women Elite - Class 2 Men Junior - Class 1 Women Junior - Nations' Cup & Class 1 Other events	50%	40%	20%	10%

2.12.012 Table of sanctions relating to the organisation of events

	Applicable sanctions
1 Administrative management of the event and financial obligations	
1.1 Infringements or non-compliance with administrative provisions and in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - failure to respect administrative deadlines and the calendar registration procedure; - failure to respect the event date approved by the UCI; - event format or name does not comply with regulations, event is part of a classification or cup that is not authorised by the UCI; - refusal by the organiser to issue accreditation to an entitled party. 	Fine of CHF 1,000 to 10,000
1.2 Infringements or non-compliance with provisions relating to ethical principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - association with brands prohibited under the terms of the UCI Regulations; - failure to respect the prohibition of demanding participation fees from riders or teams: "pay to play". 	Fine of CHF 10,000 to 50,000
1.3 Infringements or non-compliance relating to insurance obligations and obligations to secure administrative authorisations to organise events.	Fine of CHF 10,000 to 100,000
1.4 Infringements or non-compliance with provisions relating to financial obligations (including for previous editions) with regards to the UCI, its members, any licence holder or organisation subject to UCI Regulations; <p>Non-respect of mutual commitments made by the organiser with regards to teams;</p> <p>The infringement or non-compliance may concern taxes, riders' prizes, teams' travel or boarding expenses, team accommodation, contracts and any other financial obligations scheduled by the UCI Regulations or the Financial Obligations published by the UCI.</p>	Fine of CHF 1,000 to 10,000

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2	Event format and technical and sporting preparation	
2.1	<p>Infringements or non-compliance with provisions relating to the technical guide and events' special regulations, and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - deadlines, approval procedure and communication; - provisions concerning the form of the technical guide and the special regulations (language, etc.); - failure to respect the comments and requests of the President of the Commissaires' Panel relating to the content of the document; - Absence of obligatory elements in the document content. 	Fine of CHF 1,000 to 10,000
2.2	<p>Infringements or non-compliance with provisions relating to the race route and the event format, and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - distances of events, stages, circuits, neutralised section; - provisions relating to the duration of stage races, number of stages, half-stages, rest days and transfer days; - format of events, distribution of rest days and time trials. 	Fine of CHF 5,000 to 50,000
2.3	<p>Infringements or non-compliance with provisions relating to the event participation rules, and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - number of riders in the race, number of foreign teams, number of riders per team, number of national teams, a limit to an age category that is not recognised by the UCI; 	Fine of CHF 5,000 to 50,000
2.4	<p>Infringements or non-compliance with provisions relating to the procedures of inviting and registering teams and riders for events, and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - respect of the scheduled procedures and deadlines, use of official documents and forms; - dispatch of entry forms to the commissaires; - compliance with obligatory team invitations; - refusal to allow the start of a rider or team duly entered for the event. 	Fine of CHF 1,000 to 10,000
3	Logistics and operational management of an event	
3.1	<p>Infringements or non-compliance with obligations relating to the logistics of an event and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the equipment necessary for the organisation of the event; - establishing a race headquarters and area for checking licences; - respecting the established opening hours of the organisation headquarters; - managing and organising the event start area, start line or start ramp; - the dimensions of the finish line, obligations relating to the finish area, structures associated with the finish line (banner, podium, etc.), intermediate sprints, the top of KoM climbs and other points of sporting interest; 	Fine of CHF 10,000 to 50,000

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - failure to respect the obligatory sporting signs (signposts on the race route, distances, red kite flag at one kilometre to go, feed zones, etc.) - obligations relating to Radio Tour; - obligations relating to establishing litter collection zones; - obligations relating to the reception of teams. 	
3.2	<p>Infringements or non-compliance with obligations relating to the technical and sporting management of an event and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - non-compliance with obligations relating to the reception and working conditions of commissaires; - obligations relating to the organisation of the sport directors' meeting; - obligations relating to establishing and applying the protocol for extreme weather conditions; - obligations relating to the procedures for the start check of riders as well as for the start order and starts of riders during time trials; - organisation of the podium ceremony, press conference and all other procedures at the end of the event. 	Fine of CHF 10,000 to 50,000
3.3	<p>Infringements or non-compliance with obligations relating to the photo-finish, timing, results, bonuses and classifications and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - failure to respect or non-compliance in terms of the distribution or electronic transmission of classifications and the associated deadlines; - failure to respect the format of results and classifications; - failure to respect requirements or non-compliance regarding timing devices, equipment and procedures; - failure to respect the principles of drawing up classifications. 	Fine of CHF 1,000 to 10,000
3.4	<p>Infringements or non-compliance with the obligations relating to organisation and media vehicles and to the movement of race vehicles, as well as to the guidelines for the movement of vehicles in the race convoy published by the UCI, and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - obligations relating to vehicle dimensions, distinctive signs, unobstructed windows, the presence of a sunroof and Radio Tour receivers; - failure by the organiser to respect the directions or instructions of the commissaires; - checking the licences and skills of drivers and race personnel; - the lack of a deviation point before the finish line or an unsuitable deviation point; - obligations relating to neutral service vehicles and motorbike service. 	Fine of CHF 10,000 to 50,000
3.5	<p>Infractions or non-compliance with obligations relating to leader jerseys and the identification of riders (leader jerseys, body numbers, frame numbers, etc.) in terms of dimensions, quantity, quality or procedures.</p>	Fine of CHF 1,000 to 10,000

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4	Event safety	
4.1	<p>Infringements or non-compliance with obligations relating to medical provision and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - obligations relating to establishing a medical service; - implementing mobile resources during the race and arrangements for rapid transfers to hospital; - obligation to communicate the list of hospitals contacted by the organiser to the teams. 	Fine of CHF 10,000 to 50,000
4.2	<p>Infringements or non-compliance with obligations relating to event safety and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - obligation to provide sufficient security staff to ensure the safety of the race; - obstacle or danger that is not indicated or not made sufficiently safe; - race route not entirely closed and road traffic not stopped on the route; - obstacles representing a risk and tunnels not indicated or insufficiently lit; - obligations relating to the protection of the race route by the appropriate use of barriers; - race route used by vehicles or persons other than riders or following vehicles during a time trial. 	Fine of CHF 10,000 to 50,000
5	Television production; Reception of media and communication resources	
5.1	<p>Infringements or non-compliance with obligations relating to the TV production and distribution of events and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - obligations relating to human and technical resources for TV production; - obligations relating to minimum TV broadcasting requirements. 	Fine of CHF 1,000 to 10,000
5.2	<p>Infringements or non-compliance with obligations relating to the media and the communication of an event and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - obligations concerning the media accreditation procedure; - obligations relating to the reception of the media at the event (press centre, reception area at the finish, mixed zone, etc.); - obligations relating to equipment and the means of transmission made available to the media; - obligations relating to the visual identity of the UCI series. 	Fine of CHF 1,000 to 10,000

Chapter XIII UCI WOMEN'S WORLDTOUR

§ 1 UCI Women's WorldTour

General observations

- 2.13.001** The UCI Women's WorldTour is a series of high level road events registered on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar in which the UCI Women's WorldTeams and a number of UCI women's continental teams are eligible for participation.

(article introduced on 1.01.18; text modified on 1.01.19).

- 2.13.002** The UCI Women's WorldTour shall be the exclusive property of the UCI.

- 2.13.003** The UCI Women's WorldTour will take place over a number of one-day races and stages races designated each year by the UCI Management Committee.

(text modified on 1.1.06; 1.01.07; 1.01.16).

- 2.13.004** The organisers of UCI Women's WorldTour events shall act in compliance with and fully respect the terms of reference for UCI Women's WorldTour organisers.

(text modified on 1.01.17; 1.01.19).

Participation

- 2.13.005** The UCI Women's WorldTour events shall be open to UCI Women's WorldTeams and UCI women's continental teams in accordance with article 2.1.005 of the UCI Regulations. The maximum number of teams at the start of a UCI Women's WorldTour event is set at 24 teams.

- 2.13.006** For the 2019, 2020 and 2021 seasons, the organiser of a UCI Women's WorldTour event must invite 15 teams, as described below. From the 2022 season onward, all UCI Women's WorldTeams must be invited by the organiser.

For the 2019 season, the first 15 UCI women's continental teams in the first UCI women world ranking by teams – calculated on the second Sunday of January - must be invited by the organiser.

For the 2020 and 2021 seasons, the UCI Women's WorldTeams must be invited by the organiser. A number of UCI women's continental teams corresponding to the remaining number of required invitations, based on the UCI women world ranking by teams - calculated on the second Sunday of January - must also be invited by the organiser.

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

(text modified on 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.1.06; 1.01.07; 1.01.09; 1.07.10; 1.07.11; 1.07.12; 1.01.16; 1.01.18; 1.01.19).

§ 2 UCI Women's WorldTour calendar
(paragraph introduced on 1.07.17).

2.13.007 The UCI Women's WorldTour calendar shall be made up of a certain number of events known as UCI Women's WorldTour events. The UCI Women's WorldTour calendar is established by the UCI Management Committee on a yearly basis, **based on** the criteria it determines.

(text modified on 1.01.19).

Candidature for first registration on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar

2.13.008 The conditions for the registration on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar for an event which is not, the previous season, registered ~~in~~ **on** the UCI Women's WorldTour Calendar shall be specified in the candidates guide established by the UCI Management Committee.

To be considered, the candidature will have to fulfil all conditions established by the candidates guide **and include a** complete bid file **as well as** all additional documents required. The documents required in the candidates guide shall be taken into consideration by the UCI Management Committee **when** deciding to accept or refuse a candidature.

(text modified on 1.01.19).

2.13.009 The entity applying for registration of an event on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar shall be the owner of **a class 1** event held the year preceding the registration, **without prejudice to exceptional authorisations granted** by the UCI Management Committee.

(text modified on 1.01.19).

2.13.010 By applying for registration on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar, the owner of the event acknowledges being bound by the UCI Regulations as from the submission of the application and for the duration of the registration as a UCI Women's WorldTour event. The owner of the event shall be entirely responsible for its event **with regard to** the UCI and the UCI regulations.

(text modified on 1.01.19).

Registration for current UCI Women's WorldTour events

2.13.011 All events registered **on** the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar during the current season shall submit **its** application for registration for the next season by completing and returning the form prepared by the UCI.

2.13.012 The UCI Management Committee shall examine the applications for registration on the basis of documentation consisting of the following elements:

1. the registration application form;
2. any additional documents required by the UCI;
3. the opinion of the UCI administration and/or any entity created for reviewing applications.

Common provisions for candidature and registration on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar

2.13.013 The deadline for submission **of** registration **applications** and candidatures is set in the candidates guide. The UCI Management Committee shall have no obligation to examine applications sent to the UCI passed the deadline.

- 2.13.014** The approval of a registration application or candidature is granted for a specific event for a defined season. The registration grants UCI Women's WorldTour status to the event.

(text modified on 1.01.19).

- 2.13.015** The decisions of the UCI Management Committee in relation to applications for registration on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar are final and not subject to appeal.

Calendar fee

- 2.13.016** An annual calendar fee is determined by the UCI Management Committee. The amount of the fee must be paid by UCI Women's WorldTour events annually within 15 days after receiving the invoice from the UCI.

If the UCI account has not been credited within 15 days after the receipt of the invoice, the registration on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar is automatically revoked.

Independence

- 2.13.017** A UCI Women's WorldTour event may have no link with a UCI Women's WorldTeam likely to challenge or be perceived to challenge the integrity of the competition or sporting fairness. In particular, it would be considered that any common ownership structure, shareholding or senior managers between a UCI Women's WorldTour event and a UCI Women's WorldTeam challenges the integrity of the competition and/or sporting fairness.

(article introduced on 1.01.19).

- 2.13.018** During the registration procedures for the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar, it shall be the duty of the organiser to indicate the presence or potential existence of a link with a UCI Women's WorldTeam as described in the previous article.

(article introduced on 1.01.19).

- 2.13.019** In the event that the UCI should discover the presence of such a link as referred to in article 2.13.017, the UCI Women's WorldTour event concerned shall be subject to a fine of CHF 3,000 to 10,000. The UCI administration may either set a time limit for the situation to be rectified or refer the case to the UCI Management Committee to enforce measures related to the registration of the event.

(article introduced on 1.01.19).

§ 3 Miscellaneous

Award ceremonies

- 2.13.020** The leader of the individual general classification of the UCI Women's WorldTour, the leader of the best young rider classification of the UCI Women's WorldTour and the first three riders of the final classification from each event shall be present at the podium for the final awards ceremony.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.10.13; 5.02.15; 1.01.16; 1.01.19).

- 2.13.021** After the awards ceremonies, the leader of the individual UCI Women's WorldTour general classification, the leaders of the best young rider classification, and the winner of the event shall be required to **appear in the press room along with the organiser.**

(text modified on 1.10.13; 1.01.16; 1.01.19).

Leaders' jerseys of the series

- 2.13.022** The UCI awards UCI Women's WorldTour leader's jerseys to the leaders of the individual classification and best young rider classification. Where applicable, the jersey shall carry the name and/or logo of the sponsor of the UCI Women's WorldTour. **Unless otherwise specified,** the jersey must be worn in UCI Women's WorldTour events and in no other event.

If a rider is the leader of both the UCI Women's WorldTour individual classification and the best young rider classification, the rider will wear the UCI Women's WorldTour leader's jersey.

The order of priority established in article 1.3.071 must be respected.

(text modified on 1.01.05; 1.09.05; 1.10.13; 1.01.16; 1.01.17; 1.01.19).

Prizes

- 2.13.023** **At the end of each season of the UCI Women's WorldTour, the UCI awards a trophy to the first three riders in the UCI Women's WorldTour as well as to the best young rider and the best team in the UCI Women's WorldTour.**

(text modified on 1.01.19).

- 2.13.024** The UCI Management Committee may award prizes to riders according to their classification, in accordance with such criteria as it may establish.

- 2.13.025** Where applicable, **in the event the classification is corrected,** the prizes and trophy issued must be returned and will be transferred to the rightful winner.

(text modified on 1.01.19).

§ 4 UCI Women's WorldTour Licence

(paragraph introduced on 1.01.19).

- 2.13.026** **The UCI Women's WorldTour licence is the right conferred by the UCI to high-level women's professional cycling teams, giving these teams the right to participate in events registered on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar and to benefit from the designation as "UCI Women's WorldTeam".**

- 2.13.027** **The UCI Women's WorldTour licence is held and operated by the paying agent of the UCI Women's WorldTeam. The UCI Women's WorldTour licence must be operated without interruption throughout its duration. It obliges the holder to manage a UCI Women's WorldTeam.**

- 2.13.028** **Applications for UCI Women's WorldTour licences are examined and licences issued by the UCI licence commission.**

- 2.13.029** **By applying for a licence, the applicant acknowledges that the UCI alone has the right to issue UCI Women's WorldTour licences and undertakes not to participate in cycle sport**

competitions, formulas or organisations other than those governed by the UCI's regulations and authorities.

- 2.13.030** The application for a licence shall imply the applicant's acceptance of the rules and conditions governing the UCI Women's WorldTour and the UCI's regulations in general.

Licence commission

- 2.13.031** The licence commission issues decisions on the award and withdrawal of licences and any other measures set out by the regulations with regard to UCI Women's WorldTour licences, the registration of UCI Women's WorldTeams and on other disputes regarding UCI Women's WorldTeams as set out in the present chapter and as per the terms of reference of the licence commission.

Application for a licence

- 2.13.032** The number of UCI Women's WorldTour licences that may be issued and held is as follows:
- 5 during the 2020 season;
 - 10 during the 2021 season;
 - 15 during the 2022 season.

If justified by the circumstances, the UCI may decide to authorise the licence commission to award up to three additional licences for the 2020 and 2021 seasons, on top of the quotas stated above.

Beyond the 2022 season, it will be possible to issue a certain number of licences up to a maximum of 15 UCI Women's WorldTour licences.

- 2.13.033** A licence may be issued to an applicant fulfilling all the conditions set out in the regulations.
- 2.13.034** Any team wishing to apply for a licence must be registered as a UCI Women's WorldTeam or a UCI women's continental team during the current year.

In this regard, the UCI will undertake any verification and make any request for the production of necessary documents so as to determine if the licence applicant may be considered as an existing team or not. If the UCI considers that the team may not be considered as the continuation of an existing team, the application for a licence shall not be taken into account.

- 2.13.035** The licence commission awards licences on the basis of the following cumulative criteria:
- administrative;
 - financial;
 - ethical.

From the 2021 season onwards, the following criterion will be added to the three aforementioned criteria:

- organisational.

If the number of candidate teams (UCI Women's WorldTeam and UCI women's continental teams) that meet the criteria set out above (administrative, financial, ethical and organisational) is greater than the number of licences available, the licence

commission will decide between them in accordance with articles 2.13.041 or 2.13.042 and 2.13.042 bis.

[Note: the administrative, financial, ethical and organisational criteria are examined during licence applications as well as during annual registration applications according to article 2.13.069. As for the sporting criterion, this is only examined during licence applications.]

Duration of validity of the licence

2.13.036 On the condition that all criteria stipulated in article 2.13.035 are met, and without prejudice to article 2.13.069, licences shall be issued for the following periods:

- 2020 to 2023 for four calendar years;
- 2021 to 2023 for three calendar years;
- 2022 to 2023 for two calendar years.

For the 2024 season and thereafter, the licences issued to teams already registered as UCI Women's WorldTeams will be valid for the periods indicated below, on the basis of the classification established by cumulating points:

1. in the final UCI women world ranking by teams of the previous year ; and
2. in the UCI women world ranking by teams calculated on 1st October of the current season.

Based on the classification hence established, UCI Women's WorldTeams ranked:

- from 1 to 5 will be granted a four-year licence;
- from 6 to 10 will be granted a three-year licence;
- from 11 to 15 will be granted a two-year licence.

Also for the 2024 season and thereafter, the duration of the licences issued to UCI women's continental teams accessing UCI Women's WorldTour status will be two calendar years.

2.13.037 The licence commission may automatically reduce the duration of validity of the licence to three, two or one years if, in the opinion of the commission and for the reasons it will provide, such a reduction is justified with regard to the criteria set out in articles 2.13.039 to 2.13.042bis. The applicant who does not accept a licence of reduced validity may renounce the licence under the conditions provided for in article 2.13.076.

2.13.038 A holder whose licence expires may apply for a new licence using the procedure in place for licence applications, including the payment of the application fee.

No renewal application may be made before the expiry of a current UCI Women's WorldTour licence.

Criteria

2.13.039 The administrative criterion takes particular account of the compliance of the application and registration documentation (contracts, insurance, bank guarantee, etc.), the professionalism and rapidity with which this documentation is assembled and respect for deadlines.

2.13.039 bis The financial criterion is assessed on the basis of the report by the auditors appointed by the UCI, taking particular account of financial resources and stability; it corresponds to the examination undertaken in virtue of articles 2.13.079 and thereafter.

- 2.13.039** The ethical criterion takes particular account of the compliance of the team and/or its members with:
- A. the UCI regulations, particularly with regard to anti-doping, sporting conduct and the image of cycling;
 - B. the Code of Ethics and related statement of recognition from members of team staff;
 - C. their contractual obligations;
 - D. their legal obligations, particularly with regard to matters of taxes, social security and accounting;
 - E. principles of transparency and good faith.

2.13.039 From the 2021 season onward, the organisational criterion will be assessed on the basis of the report by the organisational auditor appointed by the UCI, taking account of the UCI Women's WorldTeam's compliance with the following rules:

1. The teams shall organise the physical preparation of riders:
 - a. Either by employing a coach on a full-time basis, for eight to ten riders maximum, who will be entrusted with organising and managing their preparation and recovery via a training plan supported by written documents and able to use the team's communication procedure. In this case, the riders shall compulsorily be assigned to a team coach;
 - b. Or by employing a "performance manager" on a full-time basis who may moreover be a coach entrusted with supervising the work of the coaches of the riders whether or not employed by the team. Their supervisory role implies that they necessarily have access to all training data related to riders, including and especially those produced by coaches who are external to the team but employed by the riders. These data must be communicated by the coaches of the riders to the "performance manager":
 - in the form of a training plan;
 - in the form of personalised and confidential data files sent systematically and frequently so as to facilitate effective supervision;
 - external coaches must have access to the team's communication procedure and take action with regard to their rider(s) at all times.
2. Each rider must have their preparation managed via a training plan formalised in writing indicating, in particular, the nature of the preparation work, recovery periods and competitions. This training plan must be drawn up in consultation with the sports director(s) and coach of the rider. It must be understood by all persons concerned;
3. A team must have the number of sports directors provided for in article 2.13.210. The sports directors may only take on the role of coach on the condition that they are qualified as such. Should this be the case, they must provide evidence of their double certification. The role of the sports directors is to direct the riders in competition. Ideally, they also draw up the competition programme for the riders in consultation with both the riders and their personal coach so as to ensure coherence between race preparation and the race programme. Each sports director must ensure compliance with Rule no. 7;
4. The team shall employ a doctor responsible for the organisation of care (the "chief medical officer"). In particular, the chief medical officer is entrusted with ensuring the compliance of the team's care activities with the UCI's Medical Rules, in Part XIII of the UCI Regulations. The teams may employ one or more additional doctor(s) in addition to the chief medical officer, but the doctor(s) in question must comply with the requirements of Rule no. 9 among others. Any staff member employed by a team as a doctor may not take on a role other than that of doctor within the team. The chief medical officer is the sole authority in

terms of health within the team and assumes responsibility for this. All doctors employed by a team are subject to strict confidentiality with regard to the medical data in their possession;

5. Each rider must have a referring doctor identified by the team whether or not employed by the latter. They are subject to strict confidentiality with regard to the medical data in their possession;
6. The team must have internal medical regulations describing terms and conditions of care for riders as well as, in particular, access to medical data;
7. The UCI Women's WorldTeam riders must not ride more than 75 days per season in road events (exclusive of events with their respective National Federation and individual races) registered on the UCI Women's WorldTour calendar or the UCI International Calendar. The sports director charged with following the rider is responsible for compliance with this rule and is authorised to oblige the rider to comply. If a rider exceeds 75 days of competition and/or wishes to commit to a significant number of other events, the sports director in charge may be asked to prove that the rider in question has had sufficient care and rest;
8. The team will have to use a communication mechanism that may involve the use of an IT communication platform. The UCI Women's WorldTeam shall provide detailed explanations of the method of communication put in place within the team and will be obliged to apply it;
9. The sports directors, coaches (including the performance manager and analysts) and doctors — as well as any other role for which the UCI Regulations provide for a licence — may only be employed by a UCI Women's WorldTeam or a rider on a personal basis (for the coaches) on the condition that they hold the licence required for their role in accordance with article 1.1.010 of the UCI Regulations, and in accordance with the requirements of the National Federation of the country of residence at the time of the licence application;

In addition, the sports directors must hold the certification required by the UCI for the competences related to their function. The doctors must, in addition, provide the following information:

- a. a copy of their original medical diploma(s) translated into French or English;
- b. a full CV including the details of their experience in elite sport and training and, where applicable, their qualifications in sports medicine;
- c. a "certificate of good standing" (which must have been produced in the previous three months) from the medical board of the country of residence or a certified declaration from the country's medical authority testifying that no problem has had an impact on the doctor's competences in exercising their role;
- d. a declaration that stipulates the following: "I attest that I have read and I fully accept compliance with the UCI Medical Rules."

[Note: any reference in this chapter to the organisational criterion and organisational audit shall apply beginning with the licence and/or registration procedure in anticipation of the 2021 season.]

2.13.040 When the sporting criterion applies in virtue of article 2.13.035, the UCI Women's WorldTeams whose licence is expiring, if any, and the UCI women's continental teams that are candidates for UCI Women's WorldTeam status are taken into account for the assessment of the criterion.

2.13.041 For the seasons 2020 to 2023, a ranking is established between the candidate teams for UCI Women's WorldTeam status by totalling the points of the UCI women's continental teams in the UCI women world ranking by teams up until October 1st of the season underway.

Depending on the number of licences available, the best teams of this classification are deemed to fulfil the sporting criterion. The team(s) beyond the position that corresponds to the number of licences available shall not fulfil the sporting criterion.

2.13.042 For the 2024 season and thereafter, in the first instance, a classification is established by totalling the points of the UCI Women's WorldTeams

- a. in the final UCI women world ranking by teams of the previous year ; and
- b. in the UCI women world ranking by teams calculated on 1st October in the current season.

All the UCI Women's WorldTeams teams in this classification are deemed to satisfy the sporting criterion, with the exception of the last team, which will be assessed on the basis of article 2.13.042 bis.

2.13.042 bis Subsequently, a classification is established including the UCI Women's WorldTeam which does not meet the sporting criterion as per article 2.13.042 as well as the UCI women's continental teams that are candidates for the status of UCI Women's WorldTeam, on the basis of the UCI women world ranking by teams calculated on 1st October in the current season.

Depending on the number of licences available, the best teams of this classification are deemed to fulfil the sporting criterion. The team(s) beyond the position that corresponds to the number of licences available shall not satisfy the sporting criterion.

2.13.043 The criteria referred to in articles 2.13.039 to 2.13.042bis may also be used to refuse the award of a license, to submit the license to the respect of conditions and/or measures considered appropriate, to reduce the duration of validity of the license or to withdraw it, even if the regulatory conditions are otherwise fulfilled.

Submission of application

2.13.044 The licence application shall be made by the paying agent of the team who must submit to the UCI administration via the UCI's electronic platform all the information and documents that are requested and within the set deadlines.

2.13.045 The deadline for the transmission of licence applications is set by the UCI administration.

2.13.046 On the date indicated in the field related to the licence application, the applicant shall pay the UCI the application fee, the amount being set by the UCI Management Committee. Failing this, the application shall not be taken into consideration.

Examination by the licence commission

2.13.047 The licence commission shall examine the licence application on the basis of documentation consisting of the following elements:

1. the information contained in the licence application and its enclosures;
2. the report or any other opinion of the auditor appointed by the UCI;
3. the report drawn up by the UCI;
4. any other document or information provided by the applicant or requested by the UCI or by the licence commission to assess the application;
5. the report or any other opinion of the organisational auditor appointed by the UCI (from the 2021 season onwards).

The licence commission may also take account of acknowledged facts.

The documentation must be drawn up in French or in English. Documents produced by third parties and written in another language must be accompanied by a translation into the language of the documentation.

The licence applicant is solely responsible for assuring the quality and complete nature of the information transmitted with their application. In particular, they may not invoke the fact that they have not been asked by the UCI, the auditor, the organisational auditor or the licence commission to provide information or documents or that their attention has not been called to gaps or other factors which may be regarded as negative when their application comes to be judged by the licence commission. The paying agent remains entirely responsible for the accuracy of the data transmitted, regardless of the form of presentation in the UCI's electronic system, and shall ensure compliance of the information with the team's situation in the coming season.

2.13.048 The UCI, the auditor and the organisational auditor must forward their opinion or report to the licence commission 15 days before the date of the hearing referred to in article 2.13.049. At the same time, a copy shall be forwarded to the applicant.

The UCI, the auditor and the organisational auditor may submit further opinions or reports insofar as the applicant adds new elements to their documentation or new elements come to their knowledge in any other way.

2.13.049 The licence applicant will be invited, within a time period of 10 days, to explain and defend their application for a licence before the licence commission at a hearing held for this purpose.

2.13.050 The applicant must submit any statement in support of their application to the commission in four copies, at least 3 days before the date of the hearing, with a copy to the UCI, the auditor and the organisational auditor. Any statement received after this deadline shall automatically be disregarded.

2.13.051 At least 3 days before the date of the hearing, the applicant shall notify the licence commission and the UCI of the identity of those persons who will represent them or attend the hearing. The licence commission may refuse to hear any persons not announced within this deadline.

2.13.052 The UCI may participate in the hearing. The auditor and organisational auditor may be heard at the request of the applicant, the UCI or the licence commission.

2.13.053 The date of the hearing may not be delayed, unless otherwise decided by the president of the licence commission.

If the applicant, the UCI, the auditor or the organisational auditor fails to attend the hearing, the licence commission shall give its ruling in their absence.

2.13.054 During the hearing or subsequent deliberations, the licence commission may set a final deadline for the applicant to provide all exhibits or information which the commission may require. The applicant shall send a copy to the UCI and to the auditor at the same time. Exhibits or information submitted after the deadline shall be disregarded.

2.13.055 The commission shall render its decision as promptly as possible and, when possible, before 20 November prior to the first year of the licence.

2.13.056 The awarding of a UCI Women's WorldTour licence shall be deemed to constitute registration for the first year of that licence.

2.13.057 If the licence commission rejects an application for a licence, it shall pass on the application documentation to the UCI administration for the latter to assess the possibility of registering the team as a UCI women's continental team if it so wishes, subject to the agreement of the National Federation and subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 2.17 of the UCI Regulations.

Appeal before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

2.13.058 Unless otherwise specified, the decisions of the licence commission may only be appealed to the CAS.

2.13.059 The applicant or the team's licence holder for which the licence or registration application was rejected shall have a right of appeal.

2.13.060 A UCI Women's WorldTour licence holder or applicant may not appeal against a decision of the licence commission regarding another applicant or licence holder.

Fees

2.13.061 On the granting of a licence, a registration fee as well as a contribution to the anti-doping programme of a sum to be determined by the UCI Management Committee shall be payable. It is due within 21 days after the licence has been granted. The UCI's accounts must be credited within this time.

If payment is not made within this time the licence shall be automatically revoked. In addition, a fine of CHF 5,000 shall be payable.

Expiry of the licence

2.13.062 Unless renewed, the licence shall expire automatically at the end of the period for which it was issued.

2.13.063 The licence shall expire before its term under the following circumstances:

1. if one of the conditions for automatic revocation set out in this chapter is fulfilled;
2. if the licence is withdrawn;
3. if the team does not obtain registration for the following season as per article 2.13.096.

- 2.13.064** In the event of bankruptcy, dissolution or ceasing of activity of the paying agent, the licence is automatically withdrawn; the licence may be returned by the licence commission if the paying agent can be replaced in the short term and the continuity of the UCI Women's WorldTeam can be ensured.

In the event of bankruptcy, dissolution or ceasing of activity of the paying agent, the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall announce its dissolution or the end of its activity as soon as possible to its riders, other members and the UCI administration.

- 2.13.065** In the event of the revocation or withdrawal of the licence, no reimbursement shall be made. Any sums due remain payable and may not be offset.

Referral to the licence commission

- 2.13.066** The UCI may refer a case to the licence commission at any time upon simple written request, a copy of which is sent to the paying agent. The request should indicate the UCI's conclusions which may be amended as the proceedings progress.

- 2.13.067** The measures set out in article 2.13.043 may be imposed by the licence commission in the following cases:

1. if the information taken into account in granting the licence or the registration of the UCI Women's WorldTeam was erroneous and the commission considers that the actual situation did not justify the granting of a licence or registration;
2. if the information taken into account in granting the licence or the registration of the UCI Women's WorldTeam has changed such that the conditions for issuance are no longer fulfilled, or the commission considers that the new situation does not justify the issuance of a licence or registration;
3. if the situation of the UCI Women's WorldTeam, the paying agent, the principal partners or other sponsors is affected or weakened, due in particular to financial problems, health problems, death, dysfunction, disputes or other causes, such that the continuity of the UCI Women's WorldTeam is seriously compromised;
4. if a UCI Women's WorldTeam, as a whole, does not meet or no longer meets all the conditions set out in this chapter;
5. in the event of failure to comply with the UCI's regulations or contractual obligations towards the UCI or members of the UCI Women's WorldTeam, committed by or imputable to the management of the UCI Women's WorldTeam (paying agent, principal partner, manager, sports director, accountant, team doctor and any other person in a comparable position), without prejudice to any other penalties under the regulations;
6. in the event of acts committed by or imputable to the UCI Women's WorldTeam or one or more of its members as a result of which the continuation of the licence would seriously harm the interests or reputation of the UCI Women's WorldTour.

- 2.13.068** The holder shall be heard after summons by the licence commission with a minimum of 10 days' notice.

Before rendering its decision, the licence commission may, if it deems useful and appropriate, set an additional deadline for the UCI Women's WorldTeam to rectify its situation.

§ 5 Annual registration

(paragraph introduced on 1.01.19)

2.13.069 Every year, the UCI Women's WorldTeams must apply for registration for the following year, hereinafter the "registration year", in accordance with the procedures set out below.

Registration is decided on the basis of an assessment conducted by the UCI administration in accordance with the criteria set out in articles 2.13.039 to 2.13.039 quater.

2.13.070 With the exception of the provisions set out in article 2.13.088, the UCI will make no automatic statements regarding the progress of the registration procedure. It is for the interested parties, including the riders and organisers, to request information from the UCI.

2.13.071 By being registered, the UCI Women's WorldTeam commits to participate in the anti-doping programme defined by the CADF.

Preliminary procedure

2.13.072 On 1st August preceding the registration year, all UCI Women's WorldTeams or licence applicants which do not have a valid bank guarantee transmitted by SWIFT for the following season must:

1. Obtain a confirmation from their bank that it shall be able to issue, either directly or through a correspondent bank, a SWIFT message to UBS Switzerland (UBSWCHZH12A);
2. Obtain a confirmation from their bank that the bank guarantee shall be issued in accordance with the model guarantee provided in article 2.13.127 and shall fully correspond to the relevant text;
3. Provide the UCI with the name and contact details of the bank that will issue the bank guarantee and confirm that the text shall fully comply with the model provided in article 2.13.127.

2.13.073 In addition, the UCI reserves the right to request teams to submit the text, in French or English, of their standard contract(s) with riders by 1 August.

2.13.074 The documents in question are submitted for information only. The UCI is under no obligation to examine them at this stage. However, without prejudice to other reasons for rejection, if a contract signed with a rider does not correspond to the standard contract specified in article 2.13.180, it shall be rejected during the registration procedure.

The UCI Women's WorldTeam shall remain solely responsible for compliance of its documents with the requirements of the regulations and, where applicable, any compulsory legal requirements.

Registration fee and anti-doping contribution

2.13.075 Every year, the UCI Women's WorldTeam must pay into the UCI's account a sum to be determined annually by the UCI Management Committee, as a registration fee and contribution to the anti-doping programme.

- The first instalment of this sum is due on 1st September preceding the registration year;
- No later than 21 days after the granting of registration, the UCI Women's WorldTeam must pay the remaining sum into the UCI account.

In the event of delay, the registration fee shall be automatically increased by CHF 500 per day. If the sum due, including increases, are not paid in full by 31st January,

registration will be refused and the licence automatically revoked. In addition, a fine of CHF 2,500 shall be payable.

2.13.076 No reimbursement shall be made if the registration or licence application is refused or if the applicant withdraws their application. However, if the team is subsequently registered as a UCI women's continental team, no other registration fee is due for the same registration year.

2.13.077 The dates mentioned above with regard to the registration fee are the dates on which the UCI account must be credited.

Audits related to the registration procedure

2.13.078 On 1st October preceding the registration year, each UCI Women's WorldTeam or applicant for a licence must:

1. Ensure that the issuing bank submits to the UCI's bank (UBSWCHZH12A), by SWIFT messaging, a bank guarantee, an amendment to an existing bank guarantee or an additional guarantee in accordance with articles 2.13.104 and thereafter;
2. Submit to the UCI via the UCI's electronic platform a list including:
 - A. the exact name of the UCI Women's WorldTeam;
 - B. the address (including telephone number and e-mail) to which all communications to the team can be sent;
 - C. the names, UCI IDs and addresses of the paying agent, manager, principal partners, accountant, sports director, assistant sports director and team doctor;
 - D. the surnames, first names, addresses, nationalities, dates of birth and UCI IDs of the riders;
 - E. the list of the division of tasks referred to in article 1.1.082;
 - F. the name and details of the person responsible for the team's registration and accounting. This will be the person nominated by the paying agent as responsible for the registration process on behalf of the team.

In the event of delay, the registration fee will automatically be increased by CHF 500 per day. In addition, the examination of the application will not start until all information has been provided. The risk that the examination may not be completed in good time is the responsibility of the team.

Financial audit

2.13.079 In the context of licence and registration applications, the paying agent must provide the following financial documentation to the auditor in an electronic form:

1. the audited accounts for the last financial year, with the audit report;
2. interim accounts to 30 June of the current year;
3. profit-and-loss account forecast for the current year;
4. forecast cash flow plan to the end of the current year;
5. annual budget for the registration year with explanatory notes;
6. monthly cash flow budget for the registration year;
7. financial plan for the period covered by the licence application or the remainder of the licence period.

The documents required must be drafted in accordance with the models and instructions drawn up by the UCI administration.

- 2.13.080** The documents required for the audit will also include all the contracts signed with riders. The number of these contracts, approved by the auditor, must be at least 5 by 1st September and 11 by 20th October. All the contracts, corresponding as a minimum to the number of riders required by article 2.13.166, must be submitted to and approved by the auditor no later than 1st December.

Concerning rider and staff contracts, a copy must be sent electronically to the auditor. The original document must be kept by the team and made available at any time if requested by the auditor.

- 2.13.081** The budget and the bank guarantee to be submitted by 1st October must take account of all the riders that the UCI Women's WorldTeam or applicant intends to recruit.

Organisational audit

- 2.13.082** For the 2021 season and thereafter, in the context of licence and registration applications, the paying agent must provide the following documentation to the organisational auditor:

1. a list of riders;
2. a list of other persons and the division of tasks;
3. the team's internal regulations;
4. the team's medical regulations;
5. the team's organisational chart;
6. a description of the system used to formalise each rider's training plan;
7. a description of the communication procedures;
8. a copy of the doctor's medical diploma, full CV, certificate of good standing and statement.

The documents required must be drafted in accordance with the models and instructions drawn up by the UCI administration.

[Note: any reference in this chapter to the organisational criterion and organisational audit shall apply beginning with the licence and/or registration procedure in anticipation of the 2021 season].

- 2.13.083** The UCI Women's WorldTeam must provide any documents, information or other items required by the organisational auditor within 15 days. The organisational auditor may pose any questions and ask for any information they consider necessary from the UCI Women's WorldTeam.

- 2.13.084** The UCI Women's WorldTeam shall inform the organisational auditor without delay of:
1. any significant change in the organisation of its team that is likely to influence the team's compliance with the organisational specifications;
 2. any event that is likely to put at risk the team's compliance with the organisational specifications;
 3. any non-compliance, for any reason whatsoever, with obligations set out in the organisational specifications.

In the event of a breach of this article, a fine of between CHF 1,000 and 10,000 may be imposed, without prejudice to the application of article 2.13.066 in the event of a serious offence.

- 2.13.085** Without prejudice to the consequences provided for shortcomings observed during the licence application or registration process, any non-compliance with the organisational specifications observed in the context of random audits, or otherwise brought to the attention of the UCI, may be sanctioned by a fine of between CHF 500 and CHF 25,000 payable by the UCI Women's WorldTeam.

In the case that the information or documentation submitted by the UCI Women's WorldTeam during the licence application or registration process, or otherwise, is found to be incorrect (in light of facts at the time) and the actual circumstances did not comply with the organisational specification(s) concerned, a fine of CHF 10,000 to CHF 50,000 may be imposed against the UCI Women's WorldTeam.

In case of reoccurrence of an infringement, the fine imposed may be doubled and a suspension of up to one month may be imposed on the person responsible for such infringement and/or the UCI Women's WorldTeam.

Common provisions to the financial audit and organisational audit

- 2.13.086** The paying agent or, where applicable, the licence applicant must provide to the auditor and the organisational auditor all the documents and information required for the audits no later than 1st October preceding the registration year.

In the event of delay, the registration fee will automatically be increased by CHF 1,000 per day. This increase shall not be cumulative with that provided for under article 2.13.078 where it applies to the same period. The audit concerned will be postponed until the documentation is in order. The risk that the audit may not be completed in good time is the responsibility of the UCI Women's WorldTeam or, where applicable, of the licence applicant.

- 2.13.087** After the deadline of 1st October, the auditor and the organisational auditor shall each forward to the UCI their opinion on the registration documentation submitted by the UCI Women's WorldTeam or by the licence applicant. The opinion shall indicate whether the file contains the documents necessary for the examination of the financial audit and the organisational audit as well as the following essential documents in particular: the sponsorship contracts duly signed with the principal partners, the bank guarantee and, for the new teams only, a description of the structure of the team together with a copy of the deed of incorporation of the paying agent.

The opinions do not constitute a validation of the conformity of said documents with the requirements of the applicable laws and regulations.

The UCI Women's WorldTeam or the licence applicant shall receive a copy of the opinion of the auditor and the opinion of the organisational auditor.

- 2.13.088** The UCI shall then publish a list of the UCI Women's WorldTeams or licence applicants which have submitted a registration file containing all the essential documents on its website.

- 2.13.089** A failure to submit all the essential documents will give the riders the right to terminate their contracts as provided for under article 9.1.f of the model contract under article 2.13.180.
This right of termination lapses upon the registration of the UCI Women's WorldTeam in the first division.

2.13.090 In the event of a failure to submit all the essential documents, the penalties for lateness provided for in articles 2.13.078 and 2.13.086 remain applicable.

2.13.091 The UCI Women's WorldTeams or licence applicants that have not submitted all the essential documents listed in article 2.13.087 by 20 October will not be registered and will be excluded from the UCI Women's WorldTour licence application process or registration process.

2.13.092 All expenses resulting from additional work, carried out by the auditor or the organisational auditor on a UCI Women's WorldTeam, or a team that is a candidate for this status, may be invoiced to the team as additional audit costs.

Assessment

2.13.093 On 1st November, the UCI administration will issue its assessment of the UCI Women's WorldTeams and licence applicants.

For each registration, the UCI will determine if the team can be considered, on the basis of the criteria it deems relevant, as the continuation of an active team during the current season. The UCI may ask for any additional information it deems appropriate to determine whether the applicant can be considered as the continuation of an existing team.

2.13.094 The documentation for the licence application will be passed over to the licence commission. Should the commission grant a UCI Women's WorldTour licence, it shall approve the team's registration for the first year of the licence at the same time.

2.13.095 The UCI Women's WorldTeams that hold a UCI WorldTour licence whose documentation is found to be in order by the UCI administration shall be registered directly for the following registration year.

2.13.096 If the UCI administration decides that it is unable to register the UCI Women's WorldTeam, it will notify the paying agent. Unless the paying agent renounces the licence, the UCI administration will refer the case to the licence commission:

1. the licence commission summons the UCI Women's WorldTeam to a hearing with a minimum of 10 days' notice, unless otherwise agreed with the UCI Women's WorldTeam;
2. the UCI Women's WorldTeam must ensure that it forwards any documents in support of its registration application to the commission and to the UCI at least 5 days before the date of the hearing. Documents submitted after this deadline shall be automatically disregarded;
3. at least 5 days before the date of the hearing, the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall notify the licence commission and the UCI of the identity of those persons who will represent them or attend the hearing. The licence commission may refuse to hear any persons not announced within this deadline;
4. the UCI may participate in the hearing. The auditor and organisational auditor may be heard at the request of the UCI Women's WorldTeam, the UCI or the licence commission;
5. the licence commission shall apply the assessment criteria set out in articles 2.13.039 to 2.13.039 quater.

The licence commission may apply the measures set out by article 2.13.043. Should the licence commission refuse the registration, the UCI Women's WorldTeam licence is automatically withdrawn and the licence commission will pass on the application documentation to the UCI administration for the latter to assess the possibility of registering the team as a UCI women's continental team if it so wishes, subject to the

agreement of the National Federation and subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 2.17 of the UCI Regulations

Reporting requirements

- 2.13.097** For each rider and for any other persons contracted by the UCI Women's WorldTeam after its registration, the auditor must issue an additional report.

An additional report is also required if total contractual benefits increase without additional commitments.

Where applicable, an additional bank guarantee must be established or an amendment made to the existing bank guarantee.

- 2.13.098** The UCI Women's WorldTeam must inform the UCI administration within the week when one of the persons or bodies under article 2.13.078 points 2.C and 2.D leaves the UCI Women's WorldTeam for any reason whatsoever.

Similarly, any change in the information on the list in article 2.13.078 must be reported within a week to the UCI administration for approval.

Where applicable, this approval may only be given after receipt of additional reports from the auditor and/or the organisational auditor as well as an additional bank guarantee or an amendment to the existing bank guarantee.

Only the riders appearing on the list approved by the UCI administration can take part in the cycling events as members of their UCI Women's WorldTeam.

- 2.13.099** The act of registering UCI Women's WorldTeams shall not compensate for any failings in the registration documentation nor breaches committed by the team or its members. Checks and audits carried out by the UCI are of necessity limited and the UCI shall not be liable.

Random audits

- 2.13.100** During the season, the UCI may require the UCI Women's WorldTeams to undergo a random audit within the framework of which the team's compliance with the financial, administrative and/or organisational requirements covered in this chapter will be examined.

The random audit will be undertaken by the competent bodies for the assessment of the different relevant elements (the UCI, the auditor and the organisational auditor).

- 2.13.101** The UCI Women's WorldTeam shall be obliged to undergo the random audit required by the UCI subject to advance notification of 30 days.

- 2.13.102** The costs related to the random audit will be assumed by the UCI when no infringements of the UCI Regulations are noted.

- 2.13.103** In the case of infringements noted during the random audit and without prejudice to the application of article 2.13.066 in the case of serious infringements, the costs of the random audit may be charged to the team and a fine may be imposed under the relevant provisions.

Bank guarantee

- 2.13.104** Each UCI Women's WorldTeam must establish a first-demand (abstract) bank guarantee in favour of the UCI in accordance with the model in article 2.13.127.
- 2.13.105** The bank guarantee must be established by the paying agent and submitted by the issuing bank on behalf of the paying agent.
- 2.13.106** The guarantee shall be drawn up in English by a banking institution which can, either directly or through a correspondent bank, transmit a SWIFT message to the UCI's bank (UBSWCHZH12A).
- 2.13.107** The guarantee must be drawn up and payable in either Swiss francs, euros or US dollars, depending on the currency which is most used by the UCI Women's WorldTeam for the payment of salaries (including remuneration to self-employed riders). The exchange rate to be applied in establishing the guarantee is that at 1 September preceding the registration year.
- 2.13.108** The purpose of the bank guarantee is:
1. to defray the debts, related to the registration year, in accordance with the procedure set out below, incurred by the paying agent and the sponsors towards riders and persons under contract for the operation of the UCI Women's WorldTeam or team applying for this status in consideration of their services for the operation of the UCI Women's WorldTeam;
 2. to defray the payment of fees, expenses, indemnities, fines and sanctions or sentences imposed by or in virtue of the regulations of the UCI or related to their application.
- 2.13.109** For the application of provisions regarding the bank guarantee:
1. the following are considered as debts incurred in consideration of services by the licence-holder for the operation of the team:
 - at the moment of the request to draw on the bank guarantee: unpaid sums due under contract;
 - in case of breach of the contract: sums due under contract not exceeding those corresponding to services anticipated within the remaining period of the contract. These sums constitute a contractual debt at the moment of the breach of the contract;
 - late payment interest on the sums mentioned above up to a maximum of 5%.

The following are not considered as debts incurred in consideration of services by the rider for the operation of the team, in particular:

 - other benefits in case of breach of contract, prize monies, fees and costs of proceedings
 2. debts contracted by any other party in return for the services of a rider or any other member under contract for the benefit of the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall be considered as debts contracted by the paying agent and the sponsors and covered by the guarantee, in particular debts contracted under the contracts referred to in articles 2.13.185 and 2.13.186;
 3. the companies through which the licence holders concerned, apart from the riders, carry out their activities for the operation of the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall be considered as members of the UCI Women's WorldTeam;
 4. the definitions above are without prejudice to the question of whether a request is founded in any particular case.

- 2.13.110** The creditor may not benefit from the guarantee for a contract if a copy of said contract has not been passed to the auditor appointed by the UCI no later than 1st January of the registration year or within a month of signature for contracts signed after 1st December prior to the registration year.

However, the right to the guarantee will apply:

1. to any contract passed to the auditor by another party;
2. subsequently, insofar as the guarantee has not been exhausted on its expiry date.

- 2.13.111** For the 2020 season, the amount of the guarantee shall represent 15% of all the gross sums due by the UCI Women's WorldTeam to riders and persons under contract for the operation of the team during the registration year. In no case may the amount of the bank guarantee be less than CHF 20,000.

For the 2021 season, the amount of the guarantee shall represent 20% of all the gross sums due by the UCI Women's WorldTeam to riders and persons under contract for the operation of the team during the registration year plus the amount of CHF 15,000. In no case may the amount of the bank guarantee be less than CHF 65,000.

From the 2022 season onward, the amount of the guarantee shall represent 25% of all the gross sums due by the UCI Women's WorldTeam to riders and persons under contract for the operation of the team during the registration year plus the amount of CHF 15,000. In no case may the amount of the bank guarantee be less than CHF 130,000.

- 2.13.112** If the total contractual benefits increase following the establishment of the guarantee, the total sum of the bank guarantee must be increased proportionately. The UCI Women's WorldTeams must immediately inform the UCI administration of this increase, indicating the amount and the reason. They must also forward without delay, to the auditor appointed by the UCI, all documentation relating to the increase including, in particular, the additional bank guarantee or amendment to the existing bank guarantee. The auditor shall issue a supplementary report to the UCI administration.

- 2.13.113** If the amount of the contractual benefits diminishes after a guarantee has been set up, an adjustment of the guarantee with effect from 1st April of the registration year for which the reduction has occurred is possible only in the event of a multi-year bank guarantee, provided that the conditions set out below are satisfied:

- The amount of the contractual benefits diminishes from one registration year to the next;
- The reduction will apply to the full year of registration;
- The reduction is acknowledged by the UCI auditor during the registration procedure.

Upon the conditions above being fulfilled, the UCI Women's WorldTeam may submit a request for the UCI to instruct its bank of the reduction, with effect on 1st April of the registration year, of the amount of the bank guarantee.

2.13.114 If the bank guarantee proves to be inadequate, the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall be liable for a fine of between CHF 1,000 and 10,000. In addition, the UCI Women's WorldTeam will be automatically suspended if it fails to establish the additional or amended guarantee within one month of the date of the decision to impose the fine and for so long as it fails to do so. In the event of persistent default, the UCI may refer the case to the licence commission in accordance with article 2.13.066.

2.13.115 The UCI may not be held responsible for the inadequacy of the guarantee.

2.13.116 The term of the guarantee may vary between one and four years depending on the duration of validity of the team's UCI Women's WorldTour licence. In any case, it must remain valid until 31st March after the last registration year covered by the guarantee.

For the first registration year covered by the licence, the guarantee must be available from 1st January of the registration year.

Should the bank guarantee for the first registration year of the licence period not cover the totality of that period, the bank guarantee provided from the second registration year may stipulate that it may be called up at the latest as of 1st April of the registration year, including for the sums due in January, February and March.

Calling up the guarantee

2.13.117 The creditor must introduce their application to the UCI for the guarantee to be called up by 1st March of the year following the date on which their claim falls due. Documentary evidence must be provided with the application.

Failing this, the UCI shall not be obliged to call up the guarantee.

2.13.118 The UCI will call up the bank guarantee in favour of the creditor mentioned in article 2.13.108 unless the claim is manifestly unfounded. The UCI Women's WorldTeam will be informed of the creditor's request and of the call on the guarantee.

2.13.119 For any call on the bank guarantee, the UCI shall draw, in addition to the amount claimed by the creditor, the sum of CHF 500 as costs. This sum is drawn for each creditor claiming the bank guarantee, up to a maximum of CHF 15,000 per bank guarantee. In case of payment by the UCI of a seized amount from a bank guarantee, all bank fees shall exclusively be at the expense of the beneficiary.

2.13.120 The actual payment to the creditor shall not take place until one month after the implementation of the guarantee. If, in the interim, the UCI Women's WorldTeam raises a written objection to the payment of the money to the creditor, the UCI shall pay the disputed sum into a special account and shall subsequently distribute it in accordance with any agreement reached between the parties or according to an enforceable judicial or arbitral decision.

2.13.121 If the creditor has not introduced their claim against the paying agent before the body designated in their contract or the body which they regard as competent on some other basis during the three months following the date of their call on the guarantee, the paying agent may apply to the UCI to have the blocked funds released in their favour. The funds shall be released should the creditor fail to take proceedings within one month of the despatch of notice by the UCI. The creditor then has 15 days to provide the UCI with proof that they have commenced proceedings. If the body before which the creditor has commenced proceedings declares that it is not competent, the creditor must take fresh proceedings within one month of learning of this decision. Should this not be the

case, the paying agent may call on the UCI to release the funds in their favour. The funds shall be released should the creditor fail to take further proceedings within one month of the despatch of notice by the UCI. The creditor then has 15 days to provide the UCI with proof that they have recommenced proceedings.

However, the funds will only be released in favour of the paying agent when the bank guarantee has been reconstituted.

- 2.13.122** Any creditor having called-up the bank guarantee shall keep the UCI informed of all follow-up action and proceedings initiated before the competent decision-making body. If the creditor fails to provide the UCI with information regarding the status of proceedings before the competent decision-making body during a period of three years as from blocking of the funds by the UCI or as from the last notification from the creditor, the UCI shall release the funds in favour of the paying agent after having deducted any amounts due to the UCI in accordance with article 2.13.119 and, if applicable, article 2.13.124.

In the event that, at the time of release of the funds, the paying agent has undergone dissolution or the UCI is not reasonably capable of returning the funds to the paying agent, the UCI may use the funds for projects related to the development of cycling, which must be agreed upon by the UCI Management Committee.

- 2.13.123** Should the debt claimed exceed the amount corresponding to the share of contractual benefits covered under article 2.13.111 (15% in 2020, 20% in 2021 and 25% from 2022 onwards), only a sum equal to a share of contractual benefits may be paid in the first instance, provided that the conditions for payment are fulfilled. The acknowledged balance of the debt may be paid from the global guarantee on condition that the latter is not exhausted at the end of its period of validity. In the event that there are several creditors, the available balance of the guarantee will be allocated proportionally between them.

- 2.13.124** The UCI may call up the bank guarantee in the event of non-payment of fees, expenses, indemnities, fines and penalties or sentences imposed by or in virtue of the UCI regulations or related to their application, provided that the guarantee is not exhausted at the end of its period of validity, where applicable after application of article 2.13.123.

- 2.13.125** In the event of payment to a creditor or to the UCI from funds obtained from the bank guarantee, the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall automatically be suspended if the guarantee is not fully reconstituted within one month of the request from the UCI to do so.

In the event of persistent default, the UCI may refer the case to the licence commission in accordance with article 2.13.066.

The part of the blocked funds which, under the agreement reached between the parties or according to the final judicial or arbitral decision, does not accrue to the creditor, will be released in favour of the paying agent after having deducted the sums due to the UCI according to article 2.13.119 and, where applicable, article 2.13.124 and solely after full reconstitution of the bank guarantee.

- 2.13.126** When a competent authority pronounces the opening of liquidation or bankruptcy proceedings against a paying agent, the UCI may release the bank guarantee in favour of the liquidation or bankruptcy administration, upon request from the competent authority.

2.13.127 Bank guarantee model

(To be issued by swift: UBSWCHZH12A – by swift MT760)

Guarantee type: Performance bond

Guarantor: **[INSERT NAME & ADDRESS OF THE PAYING AGENT BANK]**
("GUARANTOR")

Applicant: **[INSERT NAME & ADDRESS OF THE PAYING AGENT]** ("APPLICANT")

Beneficiary: UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE, CHEMIN DE LA MELEE 12, 1860
AIGLE, SWITZERLAND ("BENEFICIARY")

Underlying relationship: The APPLICANT's obligation in respect of the cycling regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE for the purpose of guaranteeing, within the limits set in those regulations, the payment of sums due by the UCI Women's WorldTeam **[INSERT NAME OF THE TEAM]** (paying agent: **[INSERT NAME OF THE PAYING AGENT]**) to riders and other creditors covered by said regulations as well as the payment of fees, expenses, indemnities, fines and sanctions or sentences imposed by or in virtue of the regulations of the UCI or related to their application.

Guarantee amount and currency: **[INSERT AMOUNT & CURRENCY]** (in words: **[INSERT AMOUNT & CURRENCY]**) ("GUARANTEE AMOUNT")

Form of Presentation ("FORM OF PRESENTATION"): Paper form or transmitted in full by authenticated swift through one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks.

For the purpose of identification, the BENEFICIARY's demand and supporting statement must bear or be accompanied by a signed confirmation of one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks stating that the latter has verified the BENEFICIARY's signature(s) appearing thereon. In case of a swift transmission through one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks, the latter has to confirm having verified the BENEFICIARY's signature(s) appearing on the demand and supporting statement.

In case that at the time of a demand under this guarantee, there is a client relationship between BENEFICIARY and a branch of the GUARANTOR in **(INSERT COUNTRY OF GUARANTOR)** with a valid list of authorized signatures regarding the persons signing for the BENEFICIARY, the verification of signature(s) by a third bank is not required. In such case, BENEFICIARY's demand and supporting statement must be presented to the GUARANTOR duly signed in paper form (swift excluded).

Place for presentation: GUARANTOR's address as stated above or swift **[INSERT GUARANTOR'S SWIFT ADDRESS]**, respectively ("PLACE FOR PRESENTATION")

Expiry: **[INSERT EXPIRY DATE]** ("EXPIRY")

As GUARANTOR, we hereby irrevocably undertake to pay the BENEFICIARY any amount up to the GUARANTEE AMOUNT upon presentation of the BENEFICIARY's complying demand, in the FORM OF PRESENTATION indicated above, supported by the BENEFICIARY's statement, whether in the demand itself or in a separate signed document accompanying or identifying the demand, indicating that the amount claimed is demanded according to the cycling regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE.

Any demand under this guarantee must be received by us on or before EXPIRY at the PLACE FOR PRESENTATION indicated above.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees (URDG) 2010 Revision, ICC Publication No. 758, the supporting statement under article 15 a. being expressly excluded.

§ 6 UCI Women's WorldTeams
(paragraph introduced on 1.01.19).

2.13.128 UCI Women's WorldTeams are teams of high-level professional women cyclists, holders of a UCI Women's WorldTour licence and benefiting from the designation as "UCI Women's WorldTeam", which is recognised as the first division of women's road cycling teams.

2.13.129 The UCI shall be the exclusive owner of the "UCI Women's WorldTeam" concept and name.

Identity

2.13.130 A UCI Women's WorldTeam consists of the paying agent, the riders registered with the UCI as members of the team, the sponsors and any other persons contracted by the paying agent to ensure the operation of the team (manager, sports director, coach, team doctor, paramedical assistant, mechanic, accountant, etc.).

2.13.131 The name of the UCI Women's WorldTeam must be either that of the company or brand name of one or several principal partners, or the name of its paying agent. Upon specific request, the UCI may authorize another designation which is linked to the UCI Women's WorldTeam project.

The licence commission may refuse the licence because of a resemblance of the name of a new UCI Women's WorldTeam, its paying agent or its principal partners which is likely to create confusion with another UCI Women's WorldTeam.

2.13.132 The nationality of the UCI Women's WorldTeam is determined, at the choice of the UCI Women's WorldTeam, by:

1. the country of the registered office of the paying agent; or
2. a country where a product or service is marketed by the or a main sponsor under the name of the UCI Women's WorldTeam or of a component of this name.

The UCI administration must be informed of this choice at the latest by 1st October before the first year of the licence. Failure to do so will result in the nationality of the UCI Women's WorldTeam being determined by the country of the registered office of the paying agent.

2.13.133 The choice of the nationality of the country of the registered office of the paying agent is valid for the entire duration of the licence and cannot be changed, subject to the approval of a new paying agent having their registered office in another country, in accordance with article 2.13.160. In the latter case, the UCI Women's WorldTeam may make another choice in accordance with article 2.13.132. The choice of the nationality of a country where a product or service is marketed by the or a main sponsor under the UCI Women's WorldTeam's name or a component of this name is valid for the entire duration of the licence and cannot be changed except if the main sponsor concerned no longer holds this status. In the latter case, the UCI Women's WorldTeam may make another choice in accordance with article 2.13.132.

The change of nationality comes into effect on 1st January following its notification to the UCI administration.

- 2.13.134** The members of UCI Women's WorldTeams may have no link with the members of other UCI Women's WorldTeams or with UCI women's continental teams likely to challenge or be perceived to challenge the integrity of the competition or sporting fairness. In particular, it would be considered that any common main sponsor, ownership structure, shareholding or senior managers between these teams challenges the integrity of the competition and/or sporting fairness.
- 2.13.135** The members of UCI Women's WorldTeams may have no link with a UCI Women's WorldTour event likely to challenge or be perceived to challenge the integrity of the competition or sporting fairness. In particular, it would be considered that any common ownership structure, shareholding or senior managers between a UCI Women's WorldTour event and a UCI Women's WorldTeam challenges the integrity of the competition and/or sporting fairness.
- 2.13.136** During the licence application and registration procedures it shall be the duty of the team to indicate the presence or potential existence of a link with a team or an organiser as described in the previous articles.
- 2.13.137** In the event that the UCI should discover the presence of such a link as referred to in articles 2.13.134 or 2.13.135, the UCI Women's WorldTeam concerned shall be subject to a fine of CHF 3,000 to 10,000. The UCI administration may either set a time limit for the situation to be rectified or refer the case to the licence commission in accordance with article 2.13.066.

Accounts and finances

- 2.13.138** The paying agent must keep complete accounts of the UCI Women's WorldTeam's activities.
- 2.13.139** If a principal partner acts as paying agent or if the paying agent has another activity authorised by the licence commission, the paying agent must keep separate accounts for the activities of the UCI Women's WorldTeam. In this case, the paying agent must on each occasion submit the documents corresponding to their general accounts with the accountancy documents regarding the activities of the UCI Women's WorldTeam.

The obligations set out in articles 2.13.152 and 2.13.153 must also be fulfilled in respect of all the paying agent's activities.

- 2.13.140** The UCI Women's WorldTeam must designate an accountant responsible for the accounts relating to all the activities of the UCI Women's WorldTeam. Any person in possession of documents providing evidence of professional accountancy training and/or experience recognised as such by the auditor appointed by the UCI may be appointed as accountant to the UCI Women's WorldTeam. In particular, the accountant is responsible for keeping the UCI Women's WorldTeam's accounts and for the preparation of the documents required for the financial audit for the purposes of annual registration.

- 2.13.141** The UCI Women's WorldTeam must propose to the UCI-appointed auditor, for prior approval, a company auditor approved by the State. The auditor must be independent of the UCI Women's WorldTeam, its members and associated persons or bodies. In this respect, they will sign a declaration that there is no conflict of interests.

This proposal must be made by 1st July at the latest. It must be renewed annually before the same date. However the UCI Women's WorldTeam may propose, and the UCI-appointed auditor may accept, the same company auditor for a period not exceeding four years.

- 2.13.142** The company auditor shall audit the annual accounts in accordance with the national legislation applicable to fixed-capital companies in the country of the UCI Women's WorldTeam's registered office, even if such an audit is not required by law. The company auditor shall also audit the intermediate accounts at 30th June. They must draft a written report on the result of their audits and address a copy directly to the UCI-appointed auditor.

- 2.13.143** The accounting year must correspond to the calendar year.

- 2.13.144** The annual accounts shall be established and the accounts kept in accordance with the national legislation applicable to fixed-capital companies in the country of the paying agent's registered office. The annual accounts shall consist of the balance sheet, the profit-and-loss account, a financing table, and an explanatory appendix. These annual accounts shall be expressed in Swiss francs, euros or US dollars and shall be signed by the paying agent and the UCI Women's WorldTour licence holder. If the financial accounting must be carried out in another currency under national law, the annual accounts must be converted into Swiss francs, euros or US dollars at the rate current at the end of the accounting period.

- 2.13.145** The accounts of the UCI Women's WorldTeam must also include the other documents required for the financial audit for the purposes of annual registration.

- 2.13.146** The UCI administration may draw up instructions and models for the keeping of accountancy documents.

- 2.13.147** The UCI Women's WorldTeam must inform the UCI-appointed auditor without delay of any significant changes in the annual budget or in the budget corresponding to the period for which the UCI Women's WorldTour licence has been issued, the cash flow plan or the financial planning following a reduction in capital.

- 2.13.148** The UCI Women's WorldTeam must provide any documents, information or other items required by the UCI-appointed auditor within 15 days. He must provide, on simple request, any declarations or other documents from the tax or social security authorities in the country in which the paying agent has his registered office within 30 days of receipt of the request.

The auditor will pose any questions and ask for any information they deem necessary from the UCI Women's WorldTeam's company auditor, who must supply all the information requested.

- 2.13.149** Without having to request them, the UCI-appointed auditor must receive each year, no later than 30th June, a copy of the annual accounts and the State-approved company auditor's report. However, the UCI may require these documents for 1st March at the earliest, by request sent two months in advance.

These documents must be provided in French or English.

- 2.13.150** The UCI Women's WorldTeam must inform the UCI-appointed auditor without delay of:
1. any significant changes in the annual budget, the cash flow plan or the financial planning or of insolvency or risk of insolvency;
 2. any risk, dispute or other circumstance liable to endanger financial stability;
 3. the nonfulfillment, for any reason whatsoever, of an obligation to a rider or another member of the team.

In the event of a breach of this regulation, a fine of between CHF 500 and 5,000 may be imposed, without prejudice to the application of article 2.13.066 in the event of a serious offence.

- 2.13.151** The auditor shall inform the UCI administration of any anomalies or irregularities observed in the course of their audit in the context of licence and registration applications as well as random audits.

- 2.13.152** The financial stability of the UCI Women's WorldTeam must be ensured at all times, in particular by adequate owner's equity. The income deriving from the activities of the UCI Women's WorldTeam must be allocated exclusively to its operations or to the development of cycling. The available profit in the balance sheet must be used in accordance with the legal provisions in force in the country of the UCI Women's WorldTeam. The allocation of the profit must be decided after the annual accounts have been established and audited.

No advance payment of profits may be made to beneficiaries during the course of the year.

- 2.13.153** The cash flow situation of the UCI Women's WorldTeam must be balanced at all times, taking account of the credit facilities obtained.

The UCI Women's WorldTeam must always avoid any arrears of payment.

Paying agent

- 2.13.154** The paying agent acts as the licence holder and person responsible for managing the UCI Women's WorldTeam.

- 2.13.155** If the paying agent is not a principal partner of the team, the management of a cycling team will be the paying agent's sole activity, unless an exemption is granted by the licence commission.

- 2.13.156** The paying agent shall represent the UCI Women's WorldTeam for all purposes as regards the UCI Regulations.

- 2.13.157** The paying agent must be a trading company or other legal entity authorised by the law in the country in which the company has its registered offices.

- 2.13.158** The paying agent may only act through the intermediary of the physical persons holding a personal licence as set out in article 1.1.010.

- 2.13.159** The paying agent shall sign the contracts with the riders and the other persons under contract for the operation of the team. They shall also sign contracts related to the team's income.
- 2.13.160** The paying agent must remain the same throughout the period of validity of the UCI Women's WorldTour licence, including during the period of any renewals, except with the agreement of the UCI. The UCI may, if it deems necessary, refer them to the licence commission in accordance with article 2.13.066.
- 2.13.161** The paying agent must manage all the operations of the UCI Women's from a single registered office. The registered office of the paying agent shall be established in the country where the paying agent is subject to income tax and social security as an employer for all activities related to the UCI Women's WorldTeam. If the registered office is moved to another country, the approval of the licence commission must be obtained in advance.
- 2.13.162** The paying agent and the principal partners must inform the UCI and the auditor without delay of the following: a change of registered offices, reduction in capital, change of legal form or identity (due, for example, to merger or takeover), request for or implementation of any agreement or any measure concerning all creditors.

Sponsors and principal partners

- 2.13.163** The sponsors are the persons, firms or bodies who contribute to the funding of the UCI Women's WorldTeam. Among the sponsors, a maximum of three are designated as the principal partners of the UCI Women's WorldTeam.
- 2.13.164** The principal partner or partners must enter into a commitment to the UCI Women's WorldTeam for a number of complete calendar years corresponding to the duration of validity of the licence. In the event the partnership contracts do not cover the entirety of the licence period, the paying agent must obtain commitments from partners enabling the operation of the UCI Women's WorldTour licence for its full duration.
- 2.13.165** Any contract relating to the income of the UCI Women's WorldTeam must be signed directly between the paying agent and the actual debtor of that income.

Riders

- 2.13.166** For the 2020 and 2021 seasons, the number of riders in each UCI Women's WorldTeam may not be fewer than 9. From the 2022 season onwards, the number of riders in each UCI Women's WorldTeam may not be fewer than 10.

For the 2020 and 2021 seasons, the maximum number of riders per UCI Women's WorldTeam is restricted to 16. From the 2022 season onwards, the maximum number of riders per UCI Women's WorldTeam is restricted to 20.

The riders taken into account must be contracted on a full-time basis and for the whole registration year.

Without prejudice to article 2.13.168, only elite and under 23 riders may be members of UCI Women's WorldTeams.

2.13.167 If the number of riders proves to be less than the stipulated minimum, the UCI shall issue a warning to the UCI Women's WorldTeam and allow it a grace period of 30 days to rectify the situation. In case of failure to do so, the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall be liable for a fine of between CHF 2,000 and 20,000. To determine the fine, the UCI shall take account in particular of the reduction of the payroll costs from which the team benefits during the period for which its numbers fall short of the required minimum.

Payment of the fine does not release the UCI Women's WorldTeam from the obligation to enlist the minimum number of riders again.

If the failure to comply persists, the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall be suspended.

2.13.168 In addition, in the period between 1st August* and 31st December, each UCI Women's WorldTeam may register two trainees, who may be of elite, under 23 or junior category (second year only), on the following conditions:

1. in the case of an elite or under-23 rider, they shall not previously have belonged to any UCI Women's WorldTeam or UCI women's continental team;
2. the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall notify the UCI of the rider's identity before 1st August;
3. the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall obtain the authorisation of the National Federation of the rider's nationality and, if applicable, the authorisation of the National Federation of the team with which the rider is registered;
4. the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall obtain the authorisation of the parents or legal representative if the rider is a minor;
5. a rider may join only one UCI Women's WorldTeam during this period;
6. the rider may not take part in UCI Women's WorldTour events;
7. the rider in question may continue to take part in events with their club team or National Federation and, if appropriate, their UCI women's continental team;
8. the rider will be paid on the basis of a flat-rate payment for each race day or day of participation in an event with the UCI Women's WorldTeam. The amount of the flat-rate payment will correspond to at least 50% of the amount of the minimum salary (calculated on a daily pro-rata of the minimum salary of article 2.13.177). The payment will be made to the team which will pay the rider, after deducting sums for which they are contractually responsible towards the rider.

** Upon justification of the participation in a stage race starting in July and ending in August, the registration of these riders may occur in July no earlier than the day before the first race day of the aforesaid event.*

In all other respects, the relationship between the rider and the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall be mutually agreed between the parties.

Contract

2.13.169 A rider's membership with a UCI Women's WorldTeam requires a written contract of employment to be entered into, which must contain, as a minimum, the provisions of the standard contract in article 2.13.180.

2.13.170 The provisions of the standard contract shall be applied as of right. Any clause agreed between the rider and the paying agent that impinges on the rights of riders as provided for in the standard contract is null and void.

2.13.171 Any contract between a UCI Women's WorldTeam and a rider must be drawn up and typed in three original copies, at least one of which must be given to the rider. A copy shall be sent electronically to the auditor, and an original shall be kept by the team and made available at any time if requested by the auditor.

2.13.172 The parties must sign each page of the contract. Clauses of the contract which are on a page not signed by the rider cannot be invoked against them; the rider may take advantage of such clauses.

The name of the person who signs the contract on behalf of the UCI Women's WorldTeam must be given on the final page of the contract alongside the signature.

2.13.173 Without prejudice to article 2.13.185, the employment contract between the rider and the UCI Women's WorldTeam must govern all the services provided by the rider for the benefit of the paying agent and the sponsors, and all remuneration relating thereto. All remuneration and payment methods must be set out in writing.

2.13.174 A contract coming into force before 1st July in the registration year will be valid at least until 31st December of the same year. A contract coming into force from 1st July will be valid at least until 31st December of the following registration year.

2.13.175 The employment contract may not provide for a trial period.

2.13.176 Upon expiry of the term of the contract, the rider is free to leave the UCI Women's WorldTeam and join another team.
All transfer payment systems are prohibited.

2.13.177 The riders of the UCI Women's WorldTeams are entitled to a fixed minimum salary, of which the annual gross amount is fixed as follows for the years 2020-2022:

	Employee	Self-employed (164%)
2020 Season	€15,000	€24,600
2021 Season	€20,000	€32,800
2022 Season	€27,500	€45,100

The salary for the following years will be covered in an amendment to these regulations.

From the 2023 season onwards, the minimum salary will correspond to the minimum salary defined for the UCI Professional Continental teams.

2.13.178 Any bonus, payment, prize or any other cash benefit and benefit in kind are considered to be in addition to the fixed salary and may not be attributed to the latter or taken into consideration for its calculation.

2.13.179 The UCI Women's WorldTeam must cover the travel costs incurred by riders as a result of their work. These costs include, at a minimum, train and plane tickets as well as parking, taxi and petrol costs.

2.13.180 Standard contract between a rider and a UCI Women's WorldTeam
Between the undersigned,

(name and address of the employer)

paying agent for the UCI Women's WorldTeam (name) for whom the principal partners are:

1. (name and address) (where applicable, the employer itself)
2. (name and address)

hereinafter "the Employer"

ON THE ONE HAND

And: (name and address of the rider)
born in on

of..... nationality
holding a licence issued by
hereinafter "the Rider"

ON THE OTHER HAND

Whereas:

- the Employer is engaged in setting up a cycling team who, within the UCI Women's WorldTeam.... and under the management of (name of manager or sports director), intend to take part, during the duration of the present contract, in cycle road races governed by the regulations of the Union Cycliste Internationale;
- the Rider wishes to join the team (name of the UCI Women's WorldTeam);
- both parties are acquainted with and declare that they will abide wholly by the UCI constitution, codes and regulations, and those of its affiliated National Federations.

It is thus agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - Employment

The Employer hereby employs the Rider, who accepts the position, as a full-time rider in cycling road races.

Participation by the Rider in events in other disciplines shall be decided by the Parties on a case-by-case basis.

The employment shall be subject to the registration of the team as a UCI Women's WorldTeam with the UCI. Should such registration not be obtained, the Rider may terminate the present contract without notice or compensation.

ARTICLE 2 - Duration

This contract shall be entered into for a fixed period commencing on ... and expiring on 31st December....

Unless the contract has already been renewed, each party shall notify the other in writing, no later than the 30 September preceding the termination of the contract, of their intentions as to the renewal of the contract.

ARTICLE 3 - Salary

1. The Rider is entitled to a gross annual salary of....

This pay may not be less than the higher of the two following amounts:

- A. The legal minimum wage of the country of residence of the Rider;
- B. The minimum salary provided for in article 2.13.177 of the UCI Regulations.

ARTICLE 4 – Payment of the salary

1. The Employer shall pay the salary determined under article 3 in equal monthly payments on or before the fifth day of the following month;
2. Should the Rider be suspended under the terms of the UCI regulations or those of one of its affiliated federations, the Rider shall not be entitled to the said salary referred to in article 3 for the part of the suspension exceeding one month;
3. In the event of a failure to make payment of the net sums of remuneration on their due date as per article 3 or of any other sum which is due, the Rider shall be entitled, without notice, to interest and increases of 5% per year.
4. The salary, or any other sum due by the Employer to the Rider, shall be paid by transfer to the bank account n° ... of the Rider at the (name of the bank) at (branch where the account is held). Only the proof of the execution of the bank transfer shall be accepted as proof of payment.
5. A detailed payslip must be sent to the Rider for each payment.

ARTICLE 5 - Prizes and bonuses

The Rider shall be entitled to prizes won during cycling competitions in which she participated for the UCI Women's WorldTeam, in accordance with the Regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations.

Furthermore, the Rider shall have the right to the following bonuses:

- ☐ none
- ☐ 1...
- ☐ 2...

(mark as appropriate)

ARTICLE 6 - Miscellaneous obligations

1. The Rider may not, for the duration of the present contract, work for any other team or advertise for any other sponsors than those belonging to the UCI Women's WorldTeam, save in such cases as are provided for in the regulations of the UCI;
2. The Employer hereby undertakes to allow the Rider to properly perform her occupation by providing her with the necessary equipment and clothing and by permitting her to participate in a sufficient number of cycling events, either as a member of the team or individually;
3. The Rider may not compete in a race as an individual without the express consent of the Employer and under the conditions set by the latter. The Employer shall be deemed to have given its consent if it has not replied within a period of ten days from the date of the request. In no case may the Rider take part in a road race as a member of any other structure or of a mixed team if (name of the UCI Women's WorldTeam) is already entered in that race;
4. The Parties undertake to respect the riders' health protection programme;
5. The Employer undertakes to reimburse the Rider for reasonable travel costs incurred as a result of her work as mentioned in article 2.13.179.

In the event of selection for a national team, the Employer shall be required to permit the Rider to participate in such races and preparatory programmes as may be determined by the National Federation. The Employer shall authorise the National Federation to give the Rider any instructions it may deem necessary in connection with and for the duration of the selection provided that it does so solely in connection with sporting matters, in its own name and on its own behalf.

In none of the aforementioned cases shall this contract be suspended.

ARTICLE 7 - Calendar and Holidays

The Employer shall set the number of days of annual competition and plan the competition programme by taking into account a maximum of 75 race days. The Employer shall take into account the recovery periods needed for the Rider to enjoy the rest necessary for their physical balance.

The Rider shall be entitled to a minimum of 30 days of holiday per year. The parties to this contract shall decide on the holiday periods by mutual agreement, depending on the competition schedule and training courses. In no case may the holiday period be replaced by financial compensation. Selections for national teams and individual races may in no case be included in the holiday periods.

ARTICLE 8 - Transfers

On the expiry of the present contract, the Rider shall be entirely free to leave the UCI Women's WorldTeam and sign a contract with a third party, without prejudice to the provisions of the UCI Regulations.

ARTICLE 9 - Termination of the contract

Without prejudice to the legislation governing this contract, it may be terminated before expiry, in the following cases and on the following conditions:

1. The Rider may terminate this contract, without notice or liability for damages:
 - A. if the Employer is declared bankrupt or insolvent or goes into liquidation;
 - B. if the UCI Women's WorldTour licence for the team expires, is withdrawn, or if the UCI Women's WorldTeam is suspended for a period of three months or more;
 - C. if the name of the UCI Women's WorldTeam or its principal partners is changed during the calendar year without the approval required under article 2.13.133 of the UCI Regulations;
 - D. if the Employer or a principal partner withdraws from the UCI Women's WorldTeam and the continuation of the UCI Women's WorldTeam is not guaranteed or else if the UCI Women's WorldTeam announces its dissolution, the winding up of its activities or its inability to meet its commitments; should this be announced for a given date, the Rider shall continue to perform the contract until that date
 - E. in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Employer. Serious misconduct is considered to include a failure to permit the Rider, despite her repeated requests, to participate in 5 consecutive competitions in which the team participates.
Where relevant, the Employer shall be required to prove that the Rider was not in a condition to take part in a race;
 - F. if, on 1st October of the year preceding a year of registration covered by this contract, the UCI Women's WorldTeam has not submitted a registration file containing the essential documents listed in article 2.13.087, this right of termination lapses upon the registration of the UCI Women's WorldTeam in the first division.

2. The Employer may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for damages, in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Rider and suspension under the terms of the UCI Regulations for the remaining duration of this present contract.

Serious misconduct is considered to include refusal to participate in cycle races, despite being repeatedly called on to do so by the Employer.

Where relevant, the Rider shall have to prove that they were in no state to compete in a race.

3. Either party shall be entitled to terminate this contract, without notice or liability, should the Rider be rendered permanently unable to exercise the occupation of professional cyclist.
4. The contract can be terminated by common agreement of both parties before its full term.

ARTICLE 10 - Defeasance

Any clause agreed upon between the Parties that runs counter to the terms of the standard contract between a Rider and a UCI Women's WorldTeam, and/or to the provisions of the UCI Constitution or Regulations and which would in any way restrict the rights of the Rider shall be null and void.

ARTICLE 11 - Arbitration

Any dispute between the Parties arising from the present contract shall be submitted to arbitration without prejudice to the compulsory jurisdiction of ordinary courts. This body may be the UCI Arbitral Board, the arbitral court of the National Federation of the Rider or the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

The parties shall agree to submit any dispute related to this contract to the following body: ...

ARTICLE 12 – Submitted contracts

The Rider shall have the right to ascertain from the UCI-appointed auditor the contract(s) which has/have been submitted to the latter by the paying agent. The contract(s) shall be covered by the bank guarantee subject to the conditions and restrictions set out in articles 2.13.104 to 2.13.126 of the UCI Cycling Regulations.

2.13.181 Compulsory declaration for any contract for riders or other members

The parties declare that, apart from this contract,

☐ no other contract has been entered into concerning the Rider's activities for the benefit of the UCI Women's WorldTeam in the sense of articles 2.13.185 or 2.13.186 of the UCI Cycling Regulations

Signed in ... on ...

In 3 original copies

The Rider

For the UCI Women's WorldTeam
Paying agent
[signatory's name]

Rider's agent

☐ only the contracts below have been entered into in connection with the Rider's activities for the benefit of the UCI Women's WorldTeam:

1. Contract Title:

Parties:

1. ...

2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total salary and other benefits:

2. Contract Title:

Parties:

1. ...

2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total salary and other benefits:

3. ...

Signed in ... on ...

In 3 original copies

The Rider

For the UCI Women's WorldTeam

Rider's agent

Paying agent

[signatory's name]

Contract between a self-employed rider and a UCI Women's WorldTeam

2.13.182

The rider may contract with the UCI Women's WorldTeam as a self-employed worker and be registered as a member of the UCI Women's WorldTeam, subject to the following conditions:

1. Self-employed status complies with the applicable legislation. The paying agent of the UCI Women's WorldTeam is, to the exclusion of the UCI and the auditor, responsible for the verification of such compliance and of the consequences of any non-compliance, without prejudice to the liability of the sponsors.
2. The rider's remuneration must be at least 164% of the total amount payable under article 2.13.177;
3. For the rest, the contract must comply with articles 2.13.168 to 2.13.181 of the UCI Regulations. Should the legally applicable social security regime not provide for the insurances mentioned in articles 2.13.190 to 2.13.193, the rider must take out such insurance;
4. The rider must have taken out the insurance mentioned in articles 2.13.190 to 2.13.193.
5. The contract with the rider must require the latter to provide evidence of the social benefit or insurance cover mentioned above, without which the rider may not be registered as a member of the UCI Women's WorldTeam. This evidence must be submitted to the UCI Women's WorldTeam, which will pass it on to the auditor with the audit documentation;

the first page of the contract must be headed in a striking manner, “contract for a SELF-EMPLOYED rider” and summarise the principal obligations of the parties as regards remuneration, tax and social security, as per the standard contract in article 2.13.180 and, for the rest, comply with articles 2.13.169 to 2.13.180.

2.13.183 The paying agent shall be responsible for ensuring that the status of a self-employed rider is authorised according to the law applicable to the contract.

2.13.184 Model for the first page of the “contract for a SELF-EMPLOYED rider”

Contract for a SELF-EMPLOYED rider

Rider:

Paying agent:

Contract in force from... to...

Contractual monthly pay:

Deductions made by the paying agent:

Taxes:

VAT:

Social security:

Other:

Effective monthly earnings payable:

The rider is required to issue invoices: YES
NO

If YES: - total sum to be invoiced monthly excluding VAT
- total VAT to be invoiced
- total payable to be invoiced.

Legal obligations of the rider in the country of the paying agent:

1. VAT: no/yes: amount:
2. Taxes: no/yes
3. Social security: no/yes

Bank details of the account to which the sums due by the team shall be transferred:

Other contracts

2.13.185 In addition to the employment contract, only an image contract may be entered into, subject to the following conditions:

- the person of the rider must represent a commercial value clearly distinct from the rider's sporting value as a member of the team;
- the remuneration granted for image rights must be in return for rights or services that are distinct from the activities of a professional rider; these rights and services shall be set out in a precise manner;
- the remuneration for the activity as a professional rider must correspond to the sporting value of the rider and must in any event exceed double the minimum salary;
- the remuneration payable under the image contract may not exceed 30% of the total remuneration paid to the rider.

- 2.13.186** Without prejudice to articles 2.13.173 and 2.13.185, the parties must declare, under all circumstances and for every contract submitted to the auditor appointed by the UCI, any other contract entered into regarding the services of the rider to the benefit of the UCI Women's WorldTeam, whatever the nature of the services and whatsoever the parties to these other contracts.

The following would be covered, for example:

1. image, advertising or sponsorship contracts;
2. contracts signed, directly or indirectly, with a principal partner of the UCI Women's WorldTeam or with a person, company or other entity linked with the paying agent or a principal partner;
3. contracts signed with a spouse, a relative, an agent, a representative or other intermediary of the rider, with a company in which they have a holding, hold an office or have any form of interest.

The declaration must be drawn up in line with the model and include the elements set out in article 2.13.181.

- 2.13.187** The obligation to complete this declaration and submit it to the UCI-appointed auditor is applicable at any time, even if the relevant agreement intervenes after the signature of the employment contract and its filing with the auditor.

All contracts must be included in the budget and in the calculations of the sum for the bank guarantee.

In the event of infringement of this article, the parties concerned shall be penalised by a suspension of between one and six months and/or a fine of between CHF 2,000 and 50,000.

- 2.13.188** The UCI Women's WorldTeam shall attach to each contract, on the form drawn up by the UCI administration, a list of the legal or contractual insurance benefits to which the rider will, or will not, be entitled.

- 2.13.189** The contract must be entered into for a fixed term ending on 31st December.

Insurance

- 2.13.190** The UCI Women's WorldTeam must take out a civil liability insurance policy for all damages that the riders or other team members may cause in the course of their professional activities, taking account of the insurance policies previously entered into by the person in question and/or by their National Federation.

- 2.13.191** A rider temporarily prevented from exercising their activity as a cyclist through no fault of their own, following an illness, injury, or accident, shall be entitled to 100% of their salary for a period of 3 months and 50% of their salary for another period of 5 months, although the amount due shall not be less than the minimum salary according to article 2.13.177.

This entitlement shall cease at the end of the incapacity or contract. It is renewed for a new incapacity having a different cause to the previous incapacity.

The entitlement to the salary shall be assumed by the UCI Women's WorldTeam, after deduction of social insurance benefits for loss of revenue to which the rider may be entitled for this risk. Where applicable, the rider will do whatever is required to enable action against the liable third parties.

The incapacity for work shall be duly established. The UCI Women's WorldTeam may require that the rider undergoes an examination, either with a doctor designated by mutual agreement or with an occupational doctor recognised by the applicable social security scheme.

- 2.13.192** A rider temporarily prevented from exercising their activity as a cyclist, due to pregnancy, shall be entitled to 100% of their salary for a period of 3 months and 50% of their salary for another period of 5 months, although the amount due shall not be less than the minimum salary stipulated in article 2.13.177.

This entitlement shall cease at the end of the pregnancy or contract.

The entitlement to the salary shall be assumed by the UCI Women's WorldTeam, after deduction of social insurance benefits for loss of revenue to which the rider may be entitled for this situation.

The pregnancy shall be duly established. The UCI Women's WorldTeam may require that the rider undergoes an examination, either with a doctor designated by mutual agreement or with an occupational doctor recognised by the applicable social security scheme.

2.13.193

1. The UCI Women's WorldTour Team shall ensure its compliance with the applicable social security legislation in its capacity as an employer, so that the rider will be entitled to the benefits granted by law to full-time workers;
2. In the event a rider is not a beneficiary of a legal social security system, the UCI Women's WorldTeam must take out and cover the costs of the following types of insurance:
 - For the 2020 and 2021 seasons:

Type of insurance	Description
Health insurance	Insurance covering healthcare costs (doctor, medicine, etc.) for the rider for an amount of €100,000 per year
Maternity insurance	Insurance covering maternity-related costs (examinations and costs during pregnancy and birth)

- From the 2022 season onwards:

Type of insurance	Description
Health insurance	Insurance covering healthcare costs (doctor, medicine, etc.) for the rider for an amount of €100,000 per year
Maternity insurance	Insurance covering maternity-related costs (examinations and costs during pregnancy and childbirth)
Pension plan	Insurance providing for the payment of a pension, annuities or a capital at the end of the professional cycling career at the earliest, with a premium that will represent at least 12% of gross annual salary, limited to €115,000 per year

3. The UCI Women's WorldTeam shall cover half of the insurance premiums set out in point two:
 - if the rider has been able to become affiliated, as a free policyholder for example, with another legal social security system to that to which the UCI Women's WorldTeam is subject;
 - if the affiliation of the rider to this other legal system is compulsory.
4. It is the responsibility of the UCI Women's WorldTeam to prove the cover referred to in this article by producing the necessary certificates as part of the team's licence and registration applications.

2.13.194 Independently of the benefits referred to in article 2.13.193, the UCI Women's WorldTeam shall take out and cover the costs:

- For the 2020 season:

Type of insurance	Description
Hospitalisation and repatriation insurance	This insurance must cover all costs not covered by social security linked to the rider's hospitalisation for an amount of €100,000– per incident and per individual; All expenses for repatriation for medical reasons or due to death, related to professional travel.
Accident insurance	Accident insurance must cover costs in the event of an accident as in a work situation (training, competition, travel, promotion etc.).
Life insurance	A life insurance policy pursuant to which an amount of €100,000 will be paid to the beneficiaries designated by the rider in the policy. The following may be excluded from cover: risks linked to high-risk sports or sporting activities unrelated to the preparation, maintenance or recovery of the cyclist's physical condition, such as air sports, motorsports (including motorised vehicles, on land or not), ice sports, combat sports, caving, rafting, sport climbing, SCUBA diving, as a participant, instructor, official or in any role other than that of spectator.

- From the 2021 season onwards:

Type of insurance	Description
Hospitalisation and repatriation insurance	This insurance must cover all costs not covered by social security linked to the rider's hospitalisation for an amount of €100,000– per incident and per individual; All expenses for repatriation for medical reasons or due to death, related to professional travel

Accident insurance	Accident insurance must cover costs in the event of an accident as in a work situation (training, competition, travel, promotion etc.).
Life insurance	<p>A life insurance policy pursuant to which an amount of €100,000 will be paid to the beneficiaries designated by the rider in the policy.</p> <p>The following may be excluded from cover: risks linked to high-risk sports or sporting activities unrelated to the preparation, maintenance or recovery of the cyclist's physical condition, such as air sports, motorsports (including motorised vehicles, on land or not), ice sports, combat sports, caving, rafting, sport climbing, SCUBA diving, as a participant, instructor, official or in any role other than that of spectator.</p>
Permanent disability insurance	<p>An insurance policy pursuant to which a minimum amount of €250,000 will be paid to the rider in the event of absolute and permanent disability due to an accident (24/7); permanent disability resulting from illness or disorders caused by the practice of cycling must not be covered by this policy.</p> <p>The following may be excluded from cover: risks linked to high-risk sports or sporting activities unrelated to the preparation, maintenance or recovery of the cyclist's physical condition, such as air sports, motorsports (including motorised vehicles, on land or not), ice sports, combat sports, caving, rafting, sport climbing, SCUBA diving, as a participant, instructor, official or in any role other than that of spectator.</p>

2.13.195 The UCI Women's WorldTeam shall attach to each contract a list of the legal or contractual insurance benefits to which the rider will, or will not, be entitled.

The UCI Women's WorldTeam shall be responsible for any benefits it has erroneously indicated on said list as a rider's entitlement.

2.13.196 The UCI Women's WorldTeam should be able at any time to show evidence of the insurance cover referred to in articles 2.13.193 and 2.13.194 on the simple request of the riders that it employs, the UCI or the UCI-appointed auditor.

2.13.197 A lack of insurance or cover is the responsibility of the party with the obligation of taking it out. The UCI is exempt from any responsibility. The UCI's power to ask for evidence is merely an option, implying no obligation or liability.

Transfers and registration

2.13.198 A registration period exists and applies to all changes of team, whether between two UCI Women's WorldTeams or between a UCI Women's WorldTeam and a UCI women's continental team.

The registration period for any change of team during the season extends from 1st June to 15 July.

For any change of team between two seasons, the registration period extends from 1st July to 1st November.

2.13.199 The UCI Women's WorldTeams may only register riders during the registration periods.

2.13.200 Should a UCI Women's WorldTeam or its paying agent wish to engage a rider contracted to another UCI Women's WorldTeam or a UCI women's continental team such that the rider would begin to ride for the UCI Women's WorldTeam before the expiry of the scheduled term of the contract with their current team, it shall firstly inform the rider's current paying agent of this intention before contacting the rider.

Furthermore, the transfer of the rider requires a written and global agreement between the three parties concerned, namely the rider, their current paying agent and the new paying agent.

In all circumstances, such a transfer may only take effect during the transfer periods.

If the rider is already registered with another UCI Women's WorldTeam or another UCI women's continental team, the UCI will not proceed with the registration of the rider with the new team if their contract with their current team has not been terminated.

2.13.201 The UCI Women's WorldTeam or its paying agent that approaches or engages, even conditionally, a rider from another UCI Women's WorldTeam or a UCI women's continental team for the purpose of registering them after the expiry of their current contract without having notified their current paying agent, shall be subject to a fine of CHF 1,000 to 5,000. Individual licence-holders involved in such practices shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 1,000 and 5,000.

2.13.202 The UCI Women's WorldTeam or its paying agent that approaches or engages, even conditionally, a rider from another UCI Women's WorldTeam or a UCI women's continental team for the purpose of registering them before the expiry of their current contract without the prior agreement of the current paying agent, shall be subject to a fine of CHF 10,000 to 100,000. Individual licence-holders involved in such practices shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 1,000 and 20,000.

Moreover, the UCI Women's WorldTeam in question shall pay the rider's current paying agent compensation equivalent to the remuneration for the remaining period of the

contract with said current paying agent, and in any case not less than an amount corresponding to six months' salary.

2.13.203 For the application of UCI Regulations, any move to another UCI Women's WorldTeam shall be deemed to constitute a new contractual relationship, for which a new contract will have to be entered into in accordance with articles 2.13.169 to 2.13.180, even if, under applicable legislation, the transfer is effected by an assignment of contract, the pursuance of the contract by other parties, the secondment of the rider or any other similar method.

2.13.204 Riders and UCI Women's WorldTeams may not reveal that they are involved in negotiations about transfers outside the transfer periods.

Upon complaint by a prejudiced team or any third party with a legitimate interest, the rider is liable to a fine of CHF 1,000 and the UCI Women's WorldTeam to a fine of CHF 3,000.

Other team members

2.13.205 The other members of the UCI Women's WorldTeam consist of all the UCI Women's WorldTeam staff contracted for the operation of the team, other than the riders and the paying agent. These members must all have a contract with the UCI Women's WorldTeam and be regular licence-holders with their National Federation so as to be registered as a member of the UCI Women's WorldTeam.

Contracts

2.13.206 All contracts between a UCI Women's WorldTeam and another member of the team must be drawn up and typed in three original copies, at least one of which must be given to the member of the team. A copy shall be sent electronically to the auditor, and an original shall be kept by the team and made available at any time if requested by the auditor.

2.13.207 The parties must sign each page of the contract. Clauses of the contract which are on a page not signed by the other member of the team cannot be invoked against them; the other member of the team may take advantage of such clauses.

The name of the person who signs the contract on behalf of the UCI Women's WorldTeam must be given on the final page of the contract alongside the signature.

2.13.208 The employment contract between the other member of the team and the UCI Women's WorldTeam must govern all the services provided for the benefit of the paying agent and the sponsors, and all remuneration relating thereto. All remuneration and payment methods must be set out in writing.

2.13.209 Any dispute between the UCI Women's WorldTeam and a member of the team with regard to their working relationship shall be submitted, without prejudice to the compulsory jurisdiction of ordinary courts, to the body specifically designated by the jurisdiction clause provided for in the contract. This body may be the UCI Arbitral Board, the arbitral court of the National Federation of the team member or the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Compulsory staff

- 2.13.210** For the 2020 season, each UCI Women's WorldTeam must employ at least 1 sports director and 2 other staff members (coaches, doctors, paramedical assistants, mechanics, etc.) on a full-time basis and for the whole registration year. The sports director and 2 other staff members must be paid for their activity.

For the 2021 season, each UCI Women's WorldTeam must employ at least 1 sports director and 3 other staff members (coaches, doctors, paramedical assistants, mechanics, etc.) on a full-time basis and for the whole registration year. The sports director and at least 2 of the other staff members must be paid for their activity.

For the 2022 season, each UCI Women's WorldTeam must employ — on a full-time basis and for the whole registration year — at least 2 sports directors and 5 other staff members, who must all be paid for their activity (coaches, doctors, paramedical assistants, mechanics, etc.).

- 2.13.211** From 2020 onwards, all UCI Women's World Team sports directors must hold the UCI Sports Director Diploma in accordance with the provisions of article 1.1.077.

Supervision and penalties

- 2.13.212** Each licence-holder and each UCI Women's WorldTeam must give to the UCI, upon first request, any document or information which it deems useful for verifying compliance with the regulations and the rights and interests of members of the UCI Women's WorldTeam. In the event of refusal, without prejudice to other consequences, the licence-holder shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 500 and 2,000 and the UCI Women's WorldTeam to a fine of CHF 5,000. Furthermore, the offending party may be suspended in accordance with article 12.4.017.

- 2.13.213** When necessary for referral to the Disciplinary Commission, the UCI is entitled to demand copies of contracts, financial records and other documents, in full or in part, from the rider, the UCI Women's WorldTeam or auditor, insofar as these are relevant to the case.

UCI Women's WorldTour Promotion

- 2.13.214** The UCI Women's WorldTeam shall take part in the promotion of the UCI Women's WorldTour label in accordance with the promotion and merchandising policy to be contractually agreed between the UCI and the UCI Women's WorldTeam.

- 2.13.215** The UCI Women's WorldTeam and the UCI shall collaborate in the implementation of a marketing policy particularly with regard to any UCI Women's WorldTour sponsors in order to protect the interests of each party.

- 2.13.216** The UCI Women's WorldTeam will use the UCI Women's WorldTour logo in accordance with the graphics specifications to be provided by the UCI and to respect the conditions and restrictions of use of the logo and the brand as defined in the contract entered into with the UCI.

§ 7 General provision

(paragraph introduced on 1.01.19)

- 2.13.217** Public holidays and non-working days are included in the calculation of the deadlines set in this chapter. If the last day of the deadline falls on a public holiday or non-working day in Switzerland, the deadline shall expire at the end of the first following working day.

Chapter XIV UCI CUPS

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§ 1

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2.14.014 [article moved to chapter XIII on 1.01.16]

§ 2 UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup

(paragraph introduced on 1.01.07).

General

2.14.015 The UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup shall be the exclusive property of the UCI.

2.14.016 The UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup consists of a number of events selected each year by the UCI Management Committee.

2.14.017 The organisers must sign a contract with the UCI, governing, inter alia, the audio-visual broadcasting rights, marketing rights and the material organisation of the events.

Participation

2.14.018 The UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup is reserved for men from 19 to 22 years of age.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.01.16).

- 2.14.019** UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup events are open to national teams (one team per nation) and mixed teams.

(text modified on 1.10.10).

- 2.14.020** The organiser of events which take place during the 1st January to 30 June, must send an invitation to 26 countries as follows:

- to the first African nation based on the UCI Africa Tour's under 23 final nations ranking of the year before the race takes place;
- to the first 3 American nations based on the UCI America Tour's under 23 final nations ranking of the year before the race takes place;
- to the first 2 Asian nations based on the UCI Asia Tour's under 23 final nations ranking of the year before the race takes place;
- to the 18 first European nations based on the UCI Europe Tour's under 23 final nations ranking of the year before the race takes place;
- to the first 2 Oceanian nations based on the UCI Oceania Tour's under 23 final nations ranking of the year before the race takes place.

- 2.14.021** The organiser of an event which takes place from July on, must invite the first 15 nations ranked in the UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup ranking published 60 days before the event of the year in question.

(text modified on 1.01.08; 26.01.08; 1.01.15; 22.10.18).

- 2.14.022** The organiser must accept the participation of the above-mentioned nations which have accepted the invitation.

- 2.14.023** UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup events are raced in teams of 6 riders. No team may take part with less than 4 riders.

UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup ranking

- 2.14.024** The UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup awards points, but only to nations.

- 2.14.025** Only the first rider from each nation scores points based on his place in the event.

- 2.14.026** In a one-day race, points are awarded to the first 15 riders of the race, according to the following scale:

Position	Points
1	20
2	17
3	15
4	13
5	11
6	10
7	9
8	8
9	7
10	6
11	5
12	4
13	3
14	2

15	1
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Both the road race and individual time trial of the Men Under 23 Continental Championships award points for the UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup ranking according to the following scale:

CC Europe

Position	Points
1	10
2	8
3	6
4	5
5	4
6	3
7	2
8	1

CC Asia, Africa, America, Oceania

Position	Points
1	8
2	5
3	3
4	1

(text modified on 1.07.11; 1.01.17).

2.14.027 In stage races, points are awarded to the first 20 riders of the final general ranking, according to the following scale:

Position	Points
1	30
2	25
3	20
4	17
5	16
6	15
7	14
8	13
9	12
10	11
11	10
12	9
13	8
14	7
15	6
16	5
17	4
18	3
19	2
20	1

For each stage, points are awarded to the first 3 riders of the ranking, according to the following scale:

Position	Points
1	3
2	2
3	1

2.14.028 At the end of each event, if there is a tie between nations in the general ranking, this will be decided by the most 1st and 2nd places etc., and by taking into consideration only the places that award points.

If there is still a tie, it will be their best ranking in the most recent race which will determine the ranking.

A nations tie in the final ranking will be decided by the most 1st and 2nd places, etc.

2.14.029 For one-day races, the leading nation of the UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup ranking must be present on the podium for the awards ceremony.

For stage races, the leading nation of the UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup ranking must be present on the podium at the start of the stage the following day and on the award ceremony podium for the last stage.

2.14.030 The UCI grants a distinctive emblem to riders from the leading nation of the UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup ranking and riders must wear this emblem during podium ceremonies, according to the UCI's instructions.

(text modified on 1.01.08; 1.01.17).

2.14.031 The UCI grants a trophy to the first three nations of the final UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup ranking.

(text modified on 1.01.08).

2.14.032 The order of cars will be as follows:

- First race of the year:
 1. the car of the team which has won the previous UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup;
 2. the cars of the national teams represented at the sports directors' meeting;
 3. the cars of mixed teams;
 4. the cars of teams which failed to confirm their starting riders by the deadline set under article 1.2.090;
 5. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 the order shall be determined by drawing lots.

The car of a team covered by point 1, 2 or 3, but which falls into the categories covered by points 4 or 5, will be in group 4 or 5 as appropriate.

- Other events:
 1. the cars of the teams represented at the sports directors' meeting in the order of the ranking of the UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup, as established the day before the race;
 2. the cars of the teams represented at the sports directors' meeting which have not yet earned any points in the UCI Men Under 23 Nations' Cup ranking;
 3. the cars of the teams that have not confirmed their starting riders by the deadline set in article 1.2.090;
 4. the cars of the teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

In groups 2, 3 and 4, the order is fixed by drawing lots.

The car of a team covered by point 1 or 2, but which falls into the categories covered by points 3 or 4, will be in group 3 or 4 as appropriate.

The rules above shall apply to the first stage of a stage race. The order of cars for subsequent stages shall be determined by the individual general classification by time.

(text modified on 1.01.08; 26.01.08).

§ 3 UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup *(paragraph introduced on 01.01.08).*

General

2.14.033 The UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup is the exclusive property of the UCI.

2.14.034 The UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup will consist of a number of one-day events and stage races determined each year by the UCI Management Committee. Points shall also be awarded for the road race of the UCI Men Junior Road World Championships in accordance with article 2.14.040. This championship shall not count towards the 5 events mentioned in article 2.14.037.

(text modified on 26.01.08).

Participation in the UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup

2.14.035 The UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup is reserved for junior men riders.

(text modified on 26.01.08).

2.14.036 The events of the UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup are open to national teams and mixed teams.

2.14.037 [article abrogated on 22.10.18].

2.14.038 The organiser must send an invitation to the leading 25 National Federations in the final UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup ranking of the previous season.

The organiser must accept entries from nations that accept the invitation.

(text modified on 01.01.08; 1.10.10; 22.10.18).

- 2.14.039** Events in the UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup are to be ridden by teams of maximum 6 riders. No team may start with fewer than 4 riders.

UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup ranking

- 2.14.040** The points for the UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup are awarded only to nations by totalling the individual points scored. Only a classification by nations is kept.

For a one-day event, points are awarded to the first 15 riders as per the scale below:

Position	Points
1	20
2	17
3	15
4	13
5	11
6	10
7	9
8	8
9	7
10	6
11	5
12	4
13	3
14	2
15	1

The same number of points shall be awarded for road race and the individual time trial of the UCI Men Junior Road World Championships towards the UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup ranking.

Both the road race and individual time trial of the Men Junior Continental Championships award points for the UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup ranking according to the following scale:

CC Europe

Position	Points
1	10
2	8
3	6
4	5
5	4
6	3
7	2
8	1

CC Asia, Africa, America, Oceania

Position	Points
1	8
2	5
3	3
4	1

For a stage race, points are awarded to the first 20 riders in the general classification as per the scale below:

Position	Points
1	30
2	25
3	20
4	17
5	16
6	15
7	14
8	13
9	12
10	11
11	10
12	9
13	8
14	7
15	6
16	5
17	4
18	3
19	2
20	1

For each stage points are awarded to the first six riders classified as per the scale below:

Position	Points
1	6
2	5
3	4
4	3
5	2
6	1

(text modified on 1.01.08; 1.07.11; 1.08.13; 1.01.17).

2.14.041 Only the national teams which participated in the event are included in the classification.

Only the first rider from each nation scores points based on his place in the event.

(text modified on 26.01.08; 25.10.17).

- 2.14.042** Following each event, nations that are tied on points in the general classification shall be separated by the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc. considering only the places for which points are awarded.

If there is still a tie, the best place in the most recent event shall decide the nations' rankings.

Nations tied on points in the final classification shall be ranked on the basis of the largest number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc.

- 2.14.043** For one-day events, the leading nation in the men junior nations cup classification shall appear on the podium for the official ceremony.

For stage races, the nation leading the UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup ranking shall be presented on the start podium for each stage and the podium for the official ceremony after the final stage.

- 2.14.044** The UCI shall award a distinctive mark to the riders of the nation which is leading the UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup classification and riders must wear this emblem during podium ceremonies, according to the UCI's instructions guidelines.

(text modified on 26.01.08; 1.01.17).

- 2.14.045** The UCI shall award a trophy to the nation which wins the final classification of the UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup.

- 2.14.046** The order of cars will be as follows:

- First event of the year:
 1. the car of the team which won the preceding UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup; for the first year of the competition, the car of the winner of the last UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup ranking for the preceding year;
 2. the cars of national teams represented at the sports directors' meeting;
 3. the cars of mixed teams;
 4. the cars of teams which failed to confirm their starting riders by the deadline set under article 1.2.090;
 5. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 the order is determined by drawing lots.

The car of a team covered by point 1, 2 or 3, but which falls into the categories covered by points 4 or 5, will be in group 4 or 5 as appropriate.

- For the other events:
 1. the cars of the teams represented at the sports directors' meeting in the order of the UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup ranking, as established the day before the race;
 2. the cars of the teams represented at the sports directors' meeting which have not yet earned any points in the UCI Men Junior Nations' Cup ranking;
 3. the cars of teams which failed to confirm their starting riders by the time limit set under article 1.2.090;
 4. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within groups 2, 3 and 4 the order is determined by drawing lots.

The car of a team covered by point 1 or 2, but which falls into the categories covered by points 3 or 4, will be in group 3 or 4 as appropriate.

The rules above shall apply to the first stage of a stage race. The order of cars for subsequent stages shall be determined by the individual general classification by time.

(text modified on 1.01.08; 26.01.08).

§ 4 UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup
(paragraph introduced on 01.01.16).

General

2.14.047 The UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup is the exclusive property of the UCI.

2.14.048 The UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup will consist of a number of one-day events and stage races determined each year by the UCI Management Committee. Points shall also be awarded at the road race and individual time trial of the UCI Women Junior Road World Championships, in accordance with article 2.14.054.

Participation

2.14.049 The UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup is reserved for riders of the women junior category.

2.14.050 The events of the UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup are open to national teams (one team maximum per nation), mixed teams as well as club and regional teams.

2.14.051 The organiser must ~~send an invitation to invite~~ the leading ~~5~~ 12 National Federations in the ~~final~~ UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup ranking ~~of the previous season~~.

The organiser must accept entries from nations which have accepted the invitation.

(text modified on 22.10.18).

2.14.052 Events of the UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup are to be ridden by teams of maximum 6 riders. No team may start with fewer than 4 riders.

UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup ranking

2.14.053 Only nations will be ranked in the UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup ranking. There is no individual ranking.

Only the first rider from each nation scores points based on his place in the event.

(text modified on 1.01.17; 25.10.17).

2.14.054 Points scale

For a one-day event, points are awarded to the first 15 riders as per the scale below:

Position	Points
1	20
2	17
3	15
4	13
5	11
6	10
7	9
8	8
9	7
10	6
11	5
12	4
13	3
14	2
15	1

The aforementioned points scale shall also be applied for the road race and individual time trial of the UCI Women Junior Road World Championships.

The road race and individual time trial of the Women Junior Continental Championships award points towards the UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup ranking according to the following scale:

CC Europe

Position	Points
1	10
2	8
3	6
4	5
5	4
6	3
7	2
8	1

CC Asia, Africa, America, Oceania

Position	Points
1	8
2	5
3	3
4	1

For a stage race, points are awarded to the first 20 riders in the general classification as per the scale below:

Position	Points
1	30
2	25

3	20
4	17
5	16
6	15
7	14
8	13
9	12
10	11
11	10
12	9
13	8
14	7
15	6
16	5
17	4
18	3
19	2
20	1

For each stage, points are awarded to the first six riders classified as per the scale below:

Position	Points
1	6
2	5
3	4
4	3
5	2
6	1

- 2.14.055** Following each event, nations that are tied on points in the general ranking shall be separated by the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc. considering only the places for which points are awarded.

If there is still a tie, the best place in the most recent event shall decide the nations' rankings.

Nations tied on points in the final ranking shall be ranked on the basis of the largest number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc.

- 2.14.056** For one-day events, the leading nation in the UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup ranking shall appear on the podium for the official ceremony.

For stage races, the nation leading the UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup ranking shall be presented on the start podium for each stage and on the finish podium for the official ceremony after the final stage.

- 2.14.057** The UCI shall award a distinctive mark to the riders of the nation which is leading the UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup ranking and riders must wear this emblem during podium ceremonies, according to the UCI's instructions guidelines.

(text modified on 1.01.17)

2.14.058 The UCI shall award a trophy to the nation which wins the final ranking of the UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup.

2.14.059 The order of team cars in the race will be determined as follows:

- First event of the year:
 1. the car of the team which won the preceding UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup (for the first year of the competition, the car of the winner of the last UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup ranking for the preceding year);
 2. the cars of national teams represented at the sports directors' meeting;
 3. the cars of mixed teams;
 4. the cars of teams which failed to confirm their starting riders by the deadline set under article 1.2.090;
 5. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 the order is determined by drawing lots.

The car of a team covered by point 1, 2 or 3, but which falls into the categories covered by points 4 or 5, will be in group 4 or 5 as appropriate.

- For the other events:
 1. the cars of the teams represented at the sports directors' meeting in the order of the UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup ranking, as established the day before the race;
 2. the cars of the teams represented at the sports directors' meeting which have not yet earned any points in the UCI Women Junior Nations' Cup ranking;
 3. the cars of teams which failed to confirm their starting riders by the time limit set under article 1.2.090;
 4. the cars of teams not represented at the sports directors' meeting.

Within groups 2, 3 and 4 the order is determined by drawing lots.

The car of a team covered by point 1 or 2, but which falls into the categories covered by points 3 or 4, will be in group 3 or 4 as appropriate.

The rules above shall apply to the first stage of a stage race. The order of team cars for subsequent stages shall be determined by the individual general classification by time.

Chapter XV UCI WORLDTOUR

(chapter replaced on 1.09.04).

§ 1 UCI WorldTour

- 2.15.001** In the UCI WorldTour a number of high level men's professional cycling teams holding UCI WorldTour licences compete in a series of high level road events registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar.

(text modified on 12.01.17; 24.03.17).

- 2.15.002** The UCI is the exclusive owner of the UCI WorldTour concept and trademark, without prejudice to the exclusive ownership rights of the organisers.

§ 2 UCI WorldTour Licence

- 2.15.003** The UCI WorldTour licence is the right conferred by the UCI to take part in the events registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar, with a team of professional riders, known as a "UCI WorldTeam".

(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.004** A UCI WorldTour licence may be issued to a physical person or to a body such as an association or company.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.005** Applications for UCI WorldTour licences are examined and licences issued by the UCI licence commission.

- 2.15.006** By applying for a licence, the applicant acknowledges that the UCI alone has the right to issue UCI WorldTour licences and undertakes not to participate in cycle sport competitions, formulas or organisations other than those governed by the UCI's regulations and authorities.

- 2.15.007** The application for a licence shall imply the applicant's acceptance of the rules and conditions governing the UCI WorldTour and the UCI's regulations in general.

- 2.15.008** The holder of the licence shall remain responsible for his team.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

Application for a licence

- 2.15.009** All teams wishing to apply for a UCI WorldTour licence shall declare their intention to the UCI at the latest on 1 January of the year during which the award shall be made. For UCI WorldTour licences for the period 2020-2022, such declaration shall be submitted at the latest on 1 April 2019. The UCI reserves its right not to take into consideration applications for which such declaration was not submitted within the applicable deadline.

The maximum number of UCI WorldTour licences that may be issued is 18.

For the period 2020-2022, up to two additional UCI WorldTour licences may be issued in the event existing UCI WorldTeams fulfil the sporting criterion via article 2.15.011b, without prejudice to other applicable conditions.

(text modified on 12.01.17; 5.02.19).

- 2.15.010** A licence may be issued to an applicant fulfilling all the conditions set out in the regulations.

Any team wishing to apply for a UCI WorldTour licence must be registered as a UCI WorldTeam or a UCI professional continental team at the time of the application.

(text modified on 5.02.19)

- 2.15.011** The licence commission awards licences on the basis of the following criteria:
- ethical;
 - financial;
 - administrative;
 - organisational.

If the number of candidate teams (UCI WorldTeams and UCI professional continental teams) that meet the criteria set out above is greater than the number of licences available, the licence commission will decide between them in accordance with articles 2.15.011a and 2.15.011b.

In order to obtain a UCI WorldTour licence, applicants must fulfil each of the applicable criteria.

(text modified on 12.01.17; 5.02.19).

Criteria

- 2.15.011** The sporting criterion is evaluated with regard to the position of the UCI WorldTeam or applicant team on the UCI world ranking for men UCI teams – 3 years, as defined in article 2.10.036.

The UCI WorldTeams and applicant teams ranked within the top 18 teams of the above-mentioned ranking shall be considered to satisfy the sporting criterion. For the sake of clarity, UCI WorldTeams and other applicant teams which do not satisfy the applicable criteria laid down in articles 2.15.011c to 2.15.011f shall not be taken into consideration for assessment of the present article.

(text modified on 1.07.11; 1.07.12; 27.03.14; 24.09.14; 1.01.15; 12.01.17; 1.07.17; 5.02.19).

- 2.15.011** For the UCI WorldTour licences issued for the period 2020-2022, the team(s) ranked 19th and/or 20th of the ranking referred to in article 2.15.011a shall also be considered to satisfy the sporting criterion in case such team(s) was/were registered as UCI WorldTeam(s) in 2019.

For the sake of clarity, UCI WorldTeams and other applicant teams which do not satisfy the applicable criteria laid down in articles 2.15.011c to 2.15.011f shall not be taken into consideration for assessment of the present article.

(text modified on 1.07.13; 27.03.14; 1.07.14; 1.01.15; 12.01.17; 1.07.17; 5.02.19).

- 2.15.011** The ethical criterion takes account inter alia of the respect by the team or its members for:
- c**
- A. the UCI regulations, inter alia as regards anti-doping, sporting conduct and the image of cycling;
 - B. its contractual obligations;
 - C. its legal obligations, particularly as regards payment of taxes, social security and keeping accounts;
 - D. the principles of transparency and good faith.
- 2.15.011** The financial criterion is assessed on the basis of the report by the auditor appointed by the UCI, taking account primarily of resources and financial stability.
- d**
- 2.15.011** The administrative criterion primarily covers the compliance of the application and registration documentation (contracts, insurance, bank guarantee, etc.) and the professionalism and rapidity with which this documentation is assembled, and respect for deadlines.
- e**
- 2.15.011** The organisational criterion is assessed on the basis of the report by the organisational auditor appointed by the UCI, taking account of compliance with the organisational specifications, published as an annexe to the UCI Regulations.
- f**

(text modified on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.012** The criteria in article 2.15.011 may also be used to refuse the award of a license, to submit the license to the respect of conditions and/or measures considered appropriate, to reduce the duration of the license or to withdraw it, even if the regulatory conditions are otherwise fulfilled.

(text modified on 1.04.11; 1.11.15).

- 2.15.013** The application for a licence shall be made by submitting a form drafted by the administration of the UCI with all the information and documents requested. The applicant must obtain the form from the administration of the UCI.

- 2.15.014** The deadline for submission of applications for the available licences shall be set by the UCI administration. Applications submitted after this date shall not be considered unless the maximum number of licences, has not been reached.

However, the UCI administration may set a different deadline for the replacement of the paying agent or of a main partner figuring in an application already made or for a new application made by the paying agent or by a main partner who withdraws from an application already made.

- 2.15.015** On the date indicated on the licence application form, the applicant must pay the UCI an application fee in the sum determined by the Professional Cycling Council. If this payment is not received on time the application shall not be considered.

- 2.15.016** If a licence is awarded, the registration fee shall be paid within 21 days following the registration announcement. No reimbursement shall be made if the licence is refused or if the applicant withdraws his application. However, if the team is subsequently registered as a UCI professional continental team or UCI continental team, no other registration fee is due for the same year of registration.

(text modified on 1.04.11; 24.09.14; 12.01.17).

Examination by the licence commission

2.15.017 The licence commission shall examine the licence application on the basis of documentation consisting of the following elements:

1. the licence application form and its enclosures;
2. the report or any other opinion of the auditor appointed by the UCI;
3. the report or any other opinion of the organisational auditor appointed by the UCI ;
4. the report drawn up by the UCI;
5. any other document or information provided by the applicant or requested by the UCI or by the licence commission to assess the application.

The licence commission may also take account of acknowledged facts.

The documentation must be drawn up in French or in English. Documents produced by third parties and written in another language must be accompanied by a translation into the language of the documentation.

The licence applicant has sole responsibility for assuring the quality and complete nature of his documentation. He may not, in particular, invoke the fact that he has not been asked by the UCI, the auditor, the organisational auditor or the licence commission to provide information or documents or that his attention has not been called to gaps or other factors which may be regarded as negative when his application comes to be judged by the licence commission.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

2.15.018 The UCI, the auditor and the organisational auditor must forward their opinion or report to the licence commission 15 days before the date of the hearing referred to in Article 2.15.019. At the same time, a copy shall be forwarded to the applicant.

The UCI, the auditor and the organisational auditor may submit further opinions or reports to the extent that the applicant adds new elements to his documentation or new elements come to their knowledge in any other way.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

2.15.019 The licence applicant will be invited within a time limit of 10 days to explain and defend his application for a licence before the licence commission at a hearing held for this purpose.

2.15.020 The applicant must lodge any statement in support of his application to the commission in four copies, at least 3 days before the date of the hearing, with a copy to the UCI, the auditor and the organiser auditor. A statement lodged after this deadline shall automatically be disregarded.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

2.15.021 At least 3 days before the date of hearing, the applicant shall notify the licence commission and the UCI of the identity of those persons who will represent him or attend the hearing. The licence commission may refuse to hear any persons not notified within this time.

- 2.15.022** The UCI may participate in the hearing. The auditor and organisational auditor may be heard at the request of the applicant, the UCI or the licence commission.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.023** The date of the hearing may not be delayed, save where otherwise decided by the president of the licence commission.

If the applicant, the auditor or the organisational auditor fail to attend the hearing, the licence commission shall give its ruling in their absence.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.024** During the hearing or subsequent deliberations, the licence commission may set a final deadline for the applicant to provide all exhibits or information which the commission may require. The applicant shall at the same time forward a copy to the UCI and to the auditor.

Exhibits or information forwarded after the deadline shall automatically be disregarded.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.025** The commission shall render its decision as rapidly as possible and, as far as possible before 20 November prior to the first year of the licence.

- 2.15.026** The awarding of a UCI WorldTour licence shall be deemed to constitute registration for the first year of that licence.

(text modified on 1.07.13).

- 2.15.026** If the licence commission rejects an application for a licence, it shall pass on the
a application documentation to the UCI administration in order that the latter can assess the possibility of registering the team as a UCI professional continental team if it so wishes.

Registration fee

- 2.15.027** On the granting of a licence, a registration fee of a sum to be determined by the Professional Cycling Council shall be payable. It is due within 21 days after the licence has been granted. The UCI's accounts must be credited within this time.

If payment is not made within this time the licence shall be automatically revoked. Further, a fine of CHF 7,500 shall be payable.

(text modified on 24.09.14).

- 2.15.028** [article abrogated on 24.09.14]

- 2.15.029** [article abrogated on 24.09.14]

- 2.15.030** [article abrogated on 24.09.14]

Duration of validity of the licence

- 2.15.031** Without prejudice to article 2.15.064, the licence shall, in principle, be valid for three calendar years. However, at the reasoned request of the applicant, the licence commission may grant a licence for two years. This request must be made in the licence application; it will otherwise be inadmissible.

UCI WorldTour licences that may be awarded during the term of licences held by other UCI WorldTeams shall have a duration corresponding to the residual period of the licences held by the other UCI WorldTeams.

(text modified on 1.04.11; 27.03.14; 8.11.16; 12.01.17; 1.07.18; 5.02.19).

- 2.15.032** The licence commission may automatically reduce the duration of validity of the licence to 2 or 1 year if, in the opinion of the commission and for the reasons it must provide, such a reduction is justified with regard to the criteria set out in article 2.15.011. The decision of the commission may be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The applicant who does not accept a licence of reduced validity may renounce the licence under the conditions set out in article 2.15.016.

(text modified on 8.11.16; 1.07.18).

- 2.15.033** A holder whose licence expires may apply for a new licence using the procedure laid down for the application for a licence, including the payment of the application fee.

- 2.15.034** [article abrogated on 1.07.10].

Expiry of the licence

- 2.15.035** Unless renewed, the licence shall expire automatically at the end of the period for which it was issued.

- 2.15.036** The licence shall expire before its term under the following circumstances:
1. if one of the conditions for automatic revocation set out in the present section is fulfilled;
 2. if the licence is withdrawn;
 3. the team is not registered for the following season according to article 2.15.064.

(text modified on 1.01.17)

- 2.15.037** The licence shall be automatically revoked in the event that the licence holder files for bankruptcy or is declared bankrupt, or in the event that any other measure or regime is applied under which the holder loses control of the licence.

- 2.15.038** In the event that the paying agent is declared bankrupt the licence is automatically withdrawn; the licence may be returned by the Professional Cycling Council if the paying agent can be replaced in the short term and the continuity of the UCI WorldTeam can be ensured. In the event of dispute, the president of the Professional Cycling Council shall refer the case to the licence commission which shall decide whether the licence is to be definitively withdrawn or restored.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

- 2.15.039** In the event of the revocation or withdrawal of the licence, no reimbursement shall be made. Any sums due remain payable and may not be offset.

(text modified on 24.09.14; 12.01.17)

- 2.15.039 bis** The Professional Cycling Council may suspend the licence of a UCI WorldTeam if this is considered necessary to protect the image of the UCI WorldTour.

In the event that its licence is suspended, the UCI WorldTeam and its members are prohibited from taking part in any events on the UCI WorldTour.

Suspension is not a sanction and carries no implication that the UCI rules have been broken. It is a precautionary measure intended to protect the image of the UCI WorldTour, and may be justified by any circumstance which, in the opinion of the Professional Cycling Council, is serious, and is or could be prejudicial to the image of the UCI WorldTour. No claims are admitted in respect of a suspension.

The Professional Cycling Council shall allow the paying agent to state his position, by telephone if necessary, before taking its decision.

Suspension is imposed either for a fixed period of no longer than one month, or, if appropriate, until such time as the conditions placed upon the UCI WorldTeam by the Professional Cycling Council to resolve the situation have been met. Nevertheless, if the case is referred to the licence commission in accordance with article 2.15.040, the Professional Cycling Council may extend the suspension until such time as the licence commission has reached a decision, the paying agent having been invited to state his position, by telephone if necessary.

Any Professional Cycling Council decisions taken in application of the present article shall be made by a panel comprising:

- The president of the Professional Cycling Council or a replacement designated by him from among the members designated by the UCI Management Committee;
- One of the two riders' representatives;
- One of the two members designated by the UCI WorldTeams;
- One of the two members designated by the events registered on the UCI WorldTour;
- Three of the members designated by the UCI Management Committee.

The panel may legitimately deliberate and take decisions in the absence of duly invited members.

The team, represented by its paying agent, can file an appeal against the decision taken by the Professional Cycling Council, solely before the CAS.

The appeal will be heard by the accelerated procedure in accordance with articles 2.15.229 to 2.15.242 except article 2.15.240.

(article introduced on 27.09.07; text modified on 1.01.09; 1.02.12; 1.01.15 ; 1.11.15; 12.01.17).

Referral to the licence commission

2.15.040 The UCI may refer a case to the licence commission upon simple written request, a copy of which is sent to the licence holder. The request should indicate the UCI's conclusions which may be amended as the proceedings progress.

(text modified on 1.11.15)

(article switched with article 2.15.041 on 1.11.15)

2.15.041 The measures set out by article 2.15.012 may be imposed by the licence commission in the following cases:

1. if the information taken into account in granting the licence or the registration of the UCI WorldTeam was erroneous and the commission considers that the actual situation did not justify the grant of a licence or registration;
2. if the information taken into account in granting the licence or the registration of the UCI WorldTeam has changed such that the issue conditions are no longer fulfilled, or the commission considers that the new situation does not justify the issue of a licence or registration;
3. if the situation of the UCI WorldTeam, the licence holder, the paying agent, the main partners or other sponsors is affected or weakened, due inter alia to financial problems, health problems, death, dysfunction, disputes or other cause, such that the continuity of the UCI WorldTeam is seriously compromised;
4. if a UCI WorldTeam, as a whole, does not meet or no longer meets all the conditions set out in the present chapter;
5. in the event of failure to comply with the UCI's regulations or contractual obligations towards the UCI or members of the UCI WorldTeam, committed by or imputable to the management of the UCI WorldTeam (licence holder, paying agent, main partner, manager, sports director, accountant, team doctor and any other person in a comparable position), without prejudice to any other penalties under the regulations;
6. in the event of acts committed by or imputable to the UCI WorldTeam or one or more of its members as a result of which the continuation of the licence would seriously harm the interests or reputation of the UCI WorldTour.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.11.15)

(article switched with article 2.15.040 on 1.11.15)

2.15.042 The holder shall be heard after summons by the licence commission with a minimum of 10 days' notice.

Before rendering its decision the licence commission may, if it deems useful and appropriate, set an additional deadline to the UCI WorldTeam in order to sort out its situation.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.11.15).

Transfer of licence

2.15.043 The holder may transfer its licence to a third party accepted by the licence commission. To this end the third party must follow the licence application procedure, including the payment of the application fee.

2.15.044 The holder may only transfer his licence after two years.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

2.15.045 A transferred licence shall expire at its original term.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

2.15.046 [article abrogated on 24.09.14]

§ 3 UCI WorldTeams

2.15.047 The UCI WorldTour licence must be operated without interruption throughout its duration. It obliges the holder to manage a UCI WorldTeam and for this UCI WorldTeam to participate in events of the UCI WorldTour in accordance with article 2.15.127.

(text modified on 1.04.11; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

Identity

2.15.048 A UCI WorldTeam is a team holding a licence issued by the UCI for participation in the UCI WorldTour events. A UCI WorldTeam is designated by a particular name.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

2.15.049 A UCI WorldTeam consists of the holder of the UCI WorldTour licence, the riders registered with the UCI as members of the team, the paying agent, the sponsors and any other parties contracted by the paying agent to ensure the operation of the team (manager, sports director, coach, team doctor, paramedical assistant, mechanic, accountant etc.).

Each UCI WorldTeam must employ at least 23 riders, 4 sports directors and 10 other staff (coaches, doctors, paramedical assistants, mechanics, etc.) on a full time basis for the whole registration year.

(text modified on 15.11.08; 1.02.12; 1.01.15; 12.01.17; 24.03.17).

2.15.050 The name of the UCI WorldTeam must be either that of the company or brand name of one or several principal partners, or the name of its paying agent. Upon specific request, the Professional Cycling Council may authorize another designation which is linked to the UCI WorldTeam project.

The licence commission may refuse the licence because of a resemblance of the name of a new UCI WorldTeam, its paying agent or its principal partners which is likely to create confusion with another UCI WorldTeam.

(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 1.11.15).

2.15.051 The nationality of the UCI WorldTeam is determined, at the UCI WorldTeam's choice, by:

1. the country of the registered office of the paying agent; or
2. the country of the registered office of the holder of the licence; or
3. a country where a product or service is marketed by the or a main sponsor under the name of the UCI WorldTeam or of a component of this name.

The UCI administration must be informed of this choice at the latest by 1st October before the first year of the licence. Failure to do so will result in the nationality of the UCI WorldTeam being determined by the country of the registered office of the paying agent.

The choice of the nationality of the country of the registered office of the paying agent is valid for the entire duration of the licence and cannot be changed, except if the Professional Cycling Council approves a new paying agent which has its registered office in another country, in accordance with article 2.15.061. In the latter case, the UCI WorldTeam may make another choice in accordance with the first paragraph.

The choice of the nationality of a country where a product or service is marketed by the or a main sponsor under the UCI WorldTeam's name or component of this name is valid for the entire duration of the licence and cannot be changed except if the main sponsor concerned no longer holds this status.

In the latter case, the UCI WorldTeam may make another choice in accordance with the first paragraph.

The change of nationality comes into effect on 1st January following its notification to the Professional Cycling Council.

(text modified on 20.08.08; 1.07.10; 1.02.12; 1.01.15).

- 2.15.052** The members of a UCI WorldTeam may have no link with the members of another UCI WorldTeam, with a continental professional team or with an organiser of a UCI WorldTour event likely to influence the sporting course of events or to be perceived as so doing. In exceptional cases, which do not challenge the integrity of the competition or the sporting fairness, the UCI Management Committee may grant an exception.

It is the duty of the licence applicant to indicate the presence or potential existence of such a link during the licence application procedure.

After the first registration of the UCI WorldTeam, it shall be the duty of the paying agent to report the existence or potential existence of such a link to the UCI administration immediately, and within 10 days at the latest.

The UCI administration and the UCI WorldTeam shall consult and where applicable, the UCI administration will give the UCI WorldTeams concerned a deadline in which to regularise the situation.

In the event of dispute, this shall be submitted to the licence commission. Where applicable, the commission shall give the UCI WorldTeam or the UCI WorldTeams concerned a deadline in which to regularise the situation in the manner it shall indicate. In the event that this situation is not regularised within this deadline, the licence commission may impose the measures provided for under article 2.15.012.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.07.12; 1.01.15; 1.11.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.053** Where the UCI learns of the existence of a link as indicated in the first paragraph of article 2.15.052 and which is not authorised by the UCI Management Committee, through the intervention of any third party other than the licence holder, the paying agent or a main partner of the UCI WorldTeams concerned, such teams shall each be fined the sum of CHF 10,000.00. The UCI administration may either set a time limit for the situation to be brought into order, or refer the case to the licence commission in accordance with article 2.15.040.

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.07.12; 1.01.15; 1.11.15; 8.11.16).

UCI WorldTour licence holder

- 2.15.054** A sponsor, the paying agent or any other member of the team accepted by the licence commission may simultaneously be the holder of the UCI WorldTour licence.

Sponsors and principal partners

- 2.15.055** The sponsors are the persons, firms or bodies who contribute to the funding of the UCI WorldTeam. Among the sponsors, a maximum of three are designated as the principal partners of the UCI WorldTeam.

The partner or partners must enter into a commitment to the UCI WorldTeam for a number of complete calendar years.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.11.15).

- 2.15.056** Any contract relating to the income of the UCI WorldTeam must be signed directly with the actual debtor of that income.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

Paying agent

- 2.15.057** The licence must be operated exclusively and directly by a paying agent.

The licence holder may himself act as paying agent.

If the holder entrusts the operation of the licence to a third party acting as paying agent, the holder is held jointly and severally liable for all the paying agent's obligations relating to the UCI WorldTour.

- 2.15.058** If the paying agent is not a principal partner of the team, the management of the UCI WorldTeam will be the paying agent's sole activity, unless an exemption is granted by the licence commission.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

- 2.15.059** Subject to the provisions for representation before the licence commission, the paying agent shall represent the UCI WorldTeam for all purposes as regards the UCI regulations.

(text modified on 18.06.07; 1.01.15).

- 2.15.060** The paying agent must be a trading company or other legal person authorised by the law in the country in which the company has its registered offices. It shall sign the contracts with the riders and the other persons under contract for the operation of the team.

The paying agent may only act through the intermediary of the physical persons holding a personal licence as set out in article 1.1.010.

- 2.15.061** The paying agent must remain the same throughout the period of validity of the UCI WorldTour licence issued for the team, including during the period of any renewals, except with the agreement of the Professional Cycling Council.

- 2.15.062** The paying agent must manage all the operations of the UCI WorldTeam from a single registered office. The registered office of the paying agent shall be established in the country where the paying agent is subject to income tax and social security as employer

for all the activities relative to the UCI WorldTeam. If the registered office is moved to another country, the licence is automatically cancelled.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

- 2.15.063** The paying agent and the principal partners must inform the Professional Cycling Council without delay and within 10 days of the following factors: transfer of the company's registered office, reduction in capital, change of legal form or identity (for example by merger or takeover), any request for or implementation of any agreement or any measure concerning all creditors.

The information referred to in the present article must be sent simultaneously to the auditor appointed by the UCI.

Registration

- 2.15.064** Each year the UCI WorldTeams must apply for registration for the following year, hereinafter the "registration year", in accordance with the procedures set out below.

Registration is decided on the basis of an assessment conducted by the UCI administration in accordance with the criteria set out in articles 2.15.011c to 2.15.011f.

By being registered, the UCI WorldTeam commits to participate in the biological passport programme.

(text modified on 18.06.07; 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 12.01.17; 1.07.17; 5.02.19).

- 2.15.065** By 1 August preceding the registration year, all UCI WorldTeams or licence applicants which do not have a valid bank guarantee transmitted by SWIFT for the following season must:

1. Obtain a confirmation from their bank that it shall be able to issue, either directly or through a correspondent bank, a SWIFT message to UBS Switzerland [UBSWCHZH12A];
2. Obtain a confirmation from their bank that the bank guarantee shall be issued in accordance with the model guarantee provided in article 2.15.141 and shall fully correspond to the relevant text;
3. Provide the UCI with the name and contact details of the bank that will issue the bank guarantee and confirm that the text shall fully comply with the model provided in article 2.15.141.

In addition, the UCI reserves itself the right to request from the team the submission of the text, in French or English, of the standard contract or contracts with its riders by 1 August.

The documents in question are submitted for information only. The UCI is under no obligation to examine them at this stage. However, without prejudice to other reasons for rejection, if a contract signed with a rider does not correspond with the model contract specified in article 2.15.139 it will be rejected during the registration procedure of the UCI WorldTeam.

The UCI WorldTeam shall remain solely responsible for the compliance of its documents with the requirements of the regulations and, where applicable, any compulsory legal requirements.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.06.06; 11.06.08, 1.07.10; 1.07.13; 1.01.15; 24.03.17).

2.15.066 Every year, the UCI WorldTeam must pay into the UCI account a sum to be determined annually by the Professional Cycling Council as an annual registration fee. The first instalment of this sum to be determined by the Professional Cycling Council, is due on 1st September preceding the registration year. No later than 21 days after the granting of registration, the UCI WorldTeam must pay into the UCI account the remaining sum. In the event of delay, the registration fee shall be automatically increased by CHF 1,000.00 per day. If the registration fee and the increase are not paid in full by 31 January, registration will be refused and the licence automatically revoked. Further, a fine of CHF 7,500.00 shall be payable.

The registration fee for the first registration year after award of a licence, after deduction of the application fee, is due within 21 days of grant of the licence. If payment is not made within this time, the licence shall automatically be revoked. Further, a fine of CHF 7,500 shall be payable.

The dates determined in the present article are the dates on which the UCI account must be credited.

(text modified on 1.04.11; 24.09.14; 1.01.15).

2.15.067 On 1 October preceding the registration year, all UCI WorldTeams or licence applicants must:

1. Ensure that the issuing bank submits to the UCI's bank (UBSWCHZH12A), by SWIFT messaging, a first-demand bank guarantee, an amendment to an existing bank guarantee or a supplementary guarantee in compliance with article 2.15.092 and the following articles ;
2. Submit to the UCI headquarters, the following information:
 - A. the exact name of the UCI WorldTeam;
 - B. the address (including telephone numbers and the e-mail address) to which any communications addressed to the UCI WorldTeam may be sent;
 - C. the name and address of the UCI WorldTour license holder, the paying agent, the general manager, the principal partners, the accountant, the sports director, the assistant sports director and the team doctor;
 - D. the name, forename, address, nationality and date of birth of riders;
 - E. the list of the division of tasks mentioned in article 1.1.082;
 - F. the name and contact details for the person responsible for registration and accounting, who will be the primary contact throughout the registration process.

In the event of delay there will be an automatic increase in the registration fee of CHF 1,000 per day. Further, the examination of the registration application will not begin unless all the conditions are completed. The risk that this examination may not be completed in good time is the responsibility of the UCI WorldTeam or, where applicable, of the licence applicant.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 18.06.07; 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 24.03.17; 1.07.18).

Financial audit

2.15.068 In the context of licence and registration applications, the paying agent must provide (electronically) the following financial documentation to the auditor:

1. the audited accounts for the last financial year, with the audit report;
2. interim accounts to 30 June of the current year;
3. profit-and-loss account forecast for the current year;
4. forecast cashflow plan to the end of the current year;
5. annual budget for the registration year with explanatory notes;
6. monthly cashflow budget for the registration year;
7. financial plan for the period covered by the licence application or the remainder of the licence period.

The documents required must be drafted in accordance with the models and instructions drawn up by the administration of the UCI.

The documents required for the audit will also include all the contracts signed with riders. The number of these contracts, approved by the auditor, must be at least 10 by 1st October and 15 by 20 October.

All the contracts, numbering at least 23, must be submitted to and approved by the auditor no later than 1st December.

Concerning riders' and staff contracts, a copy must be sent electronically to the auditor. The original document must be kept by the team and made available at any times if requested by the auditor.

The budget and the bank guarantee to be submitted by 1 October must take account of all the riders that the UCI WorldTeam or applicant intends to recruit.

(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.04.11; 1.07.14; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

Organisational audit

2.15.068 bis In the context of licence and registration applications, the paying agent must provide the following documentation to the organisational auditor:

1. List of riders;
2. List of other persons;
3. The team's internal rules;
4. The team's medical rules;
5. The team's organisation chart;
6. The description of the system used to formalise the training plan of each rider;
7. The description of the communication procedures;
8. Copy of the doctor's original medical diploma, full CV, certificate of good standing and statement.

The documents required must be drafted in accordance with the models and instructions drawn up by the administration of the UCI.

The UCI WorldTeam must provide any documents, information or other items required by the organisational auditor within 15 days. The organisational auditor may pose any questions and ask for any information he considers necessary from the UCI WorldTeam.

(article introduced on 12.01.17)

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The UCI WorldTeam shall inform the organisational auditor without delay:

1. of any significant change in the organisation of its team that is likely to influence the team's compliance with the organisational specifications;
2. of any event that is likely to put at risk the team's compliance with the organisational specifications;
3. of any non-compliance, for any reason whatsoever, of obligations set out in the organisational specifications.

In the event of a breach of the present article, a fine of between CHF 1,000 and 10,000 may be imposed, without prejudice to the application of article 2.15.040 in the event of a serious offence.

(article introduced on 12.01.17)

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Without prejudice to the consequences provided for shortcomings observed during the licence application or registration process, non-compliance with the organisational specifications observed in the context of random audits, or otherwise brought to the attention of the UCI, may be sanctioned by a fine of between CHF 1'000 and CHF 50'000 payable by the UCI WorldTeam.

In case the information or documentation submitted by the UCI WorldTeam during the licence application or registration process, or otherwise, is found to be incorrect (in light of facts at the time) and the actual circumstances were not compliant with the organisational specification(s) concerned, a fine of CHF 20'000 to CHF 100'000 may be imposed on the UCI WorldTeam.

In case of reoccurrence of an infringement, the fine imposed may be increased up to double of the amounts stated above and a suspension of up to 1 month may be imposed on the licence-holder(s) responsible for such infringement and/or the UCI WorldTeam.

(article introduced on 1.07.17)

Common provisions to the financial audit and organisational audit

2.15.069

The paying agent or, where applicable, the licence applicant must provide to the auditor and the organisational auditor all the documents and information required for the audits no later than 1st October preceding the registration year.

In the event of delay the registration fee will automatically be increased by CHF 1,000 per day. This increase shall not be cumulative with that applied under article 2.15.067 where they apply to the same period. The audit concerned will be postponed until the documentation is in order. The risk that the audit may not be completed in good time is the responsibility of the UCI WorldTeam or, where applicable, of the licence applicant.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 15.11.08; 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.069 bis** After the deadline of 1st October, the auditor and the organisational auditor shall each forward to the UCI their opinion on the registration documentation submitted by the UCI WorldTeam or by the applicant for a licence. The opinion shall indicate whether the file contains the documents necessary for the examination of the financial audit and the organisational audit as well as in particular the following essential documents: the sponsorship contracts duly signed with the main partners, the bank guarantee and, for the new teams only, a description of the structure of the team together with a copy of the deed of incorporation of the paying agent.

The opinions do not constitute a validation of the conformity of said documents with the requirements of the applicable laws and regulations.

The UCI WorldTeam or the licence applicant shall receive a copy of the opinion of the auditor and the opinion of the organisational auditor.

Thereafter, the UCI shall publish a list of the UCI WorldTeams or licence applicants which have submitted a registration file containing all the essential documents on its web site.

Note: a failure to submit all the documents required will give the riders the right to terminate their contracts as provided for under article 8.1.f of the model contract under article 2.15.139.

The penalties for lateness set out in articles 2.15.067 and 2.15.069 remain applicable.

(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.07.13; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.069 ter** All expenses resulting from additional work, including random checks, carried out by the auditor or the organisational auditor on a UCI WorldTeam, or a team that is a candidate for this status, may be invoiced to the team as additional audit costs.

(article introduced on 1.04.11; modified on 1.01.15; 1.07.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.069 quater** UCI WorldTeams or licence applicants which would not have submitted the entire essential documents listed in art. 2.15.069bis by 20th October may not be registered and will be excluded from the UCI WorldTour licence application process or registration process as a UCI WorldTeam.

(article introduced on 1.02.12; modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.070** On 1st November, the UCI administration will issue its assessment of the UCI WorldTeams and applicants for a licence.

The documentation for the licence application will be passed over to the licence commission. Should the commission grant a UCI WorldTour licence, it shall approve the team's registration for the first year of the licence at the same time.

UCI WorldTeams that hold a UCI WorldTour licence whose documentation is found to be in order by the UCI administration shall be registered directly for the following registration year.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

2.15.070 bis [article abrogated on 12.01.17]

2.15.071 If the UCI administration decides that it is unable to register the UCI WorldTeam, it will notify the licence holder and the paying agent. Unless the holder renounces the licence, the UCI administration will refer the case to the licence commission:

1. The licence commission summons the UCI WorldTeam to a hearing with a minimum of 10 days' notice, unless otherwise agreed with the UCI WorldTeam;
2. The UCI WorldTeam must lodge any documents in support of his registration application to the commission in three copies, with one copy to the UCI, at least 5 days before the date of the hearing. Documents lodged after this deadline shall be automatically disregarded;
3. At least 5 days before the date of hearing, the UCI WorldTeam shall notify the licence commission and the UCI of the identity of those persons who will represent him or attend the hearing. The licence commission may refuse to hear any persons not notified within this time;
4. The UCI may participate in the hearing. The auditor and the organisational auditor may be heard at the request of the UCI WorldTeam, the UCI or the licence commission;
5. The licence commission shall apply the assessment criteria set out in article 2.15.011c to 2.15.011f.

The licence commission may apply the measures set out by article 2.15.012. Should the licence commission refuse the registration, the UCI WorldTeam's licence is automatically withdrawn and the licence commission will pass on the application documentation to the UCI administration so that the latter can assess the possibility of registering the team as a UCI professional continental team. The licence commission's decision is subject to appeal to the CAS.

The UCI WorldTeam shall be represented before the licence commission by the licence holder or, with the agreement of the latter, by the paying agent.

(text modified on 18.06.07; 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 1.11.15; 12.01.17).

2.15.072 For each rider and for any other persons contracted by the UCI WorldTeam after its registration, the auditor must issue an additional report.

An additional report is also required if total contractual benefits increase without additional engagements.

Where applicable, an additional bank guarantee must be established or an amendment made to the existing bank guarantee.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 24.03.17).

2.15.073 The UCI WorldTeam must inform the UCI administration within the week when one of the persons or bodies under article 2.15.067.2 points c. and d. leaves the UCI WorldTeam for whatsoever reason.

Similarly, any change in the information on the list in article 2.15.067.2, must be reported within the week to the UCI administration for approval.

Where applicable this approval may only be given after receipt of additional reports from the auditor and/or the organisational auditor as well as an additional bank guarantee or an amendment to the existing bank guarantee.

Only the riders appearing on the list approved by the UCI administration can take part in the cycling events as members of their UCI WorldTeam.

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 12.01.17; 24.03.17).

- 2.15.074** With the exception of the provisions set out in article 2.15.069bis, the UCI will make no automatic statements regarding the progress of the registration procedure. It is for the interested parties, including the riders and organisers, to request information from the UCI.

(text modified on 1.07.09).

- 2.15.075** The act of registering a UCI WorldTeam shall not compensate for any failings in the registration documentation nor breaches committed by the team or its members. Checks and audits carried out by the UCI are of necessity limited and the UCI shall not be liable for it.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

Accounts and finances

- 2.15.076** The paying agent must keep the complete accounts of the UCI WorldTeam's activities.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

- 2.15.077** If a principal partner acts as paying agent or if the paying agent has another activity authorised by the licence commission, the paying agent must keep separate accounts for the activities of the UCI WorldTeam. In this case, the paying agent must on each occasion submit the documents corresponding to his general accounts with the accountancy documents regarding the activities of the UCI WorldTeam.

The obligations set out in articles 2.15.090 and 2.15.091 must also be fulfilled in respect of all the paying agent's activities.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

- 2.15.078** The UCI WorldTeam must designate an accountant responsible for the accounts relating all the activities of the UCI WorldTeam. Any person in possession of documents providing evidence of professional accountancy training and/or experience recognised as such by the auditor appointed by the UCI may be appointed as accountant to the UCI WorldTeam. The accountant is responsible inter alia for keeping the UCI WorldTeam's accounts and for the preparation of the documents required for the financial audit for the purposes of annual registration.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.079** The UCI WorldTeam must propose to the UCI-appointed auditor, for prior approval, a company auditor approved by the State. The auditor must be independent of the UCI WorldTeam, its members and associated persons or bodies. He will be required to sign a declaration that there exists no conflict of interests.

This proposal must be made by 1 July at the latest. It must be renewed annually before the same date. However the UCI WorldTeam may propose, and the UCI-appointed auditor may accept, the same company auditor for a period not exceeding four years.

(text modified on 1.04.11; 1.01.15).

- 2.15.080** The company auditor shall audit the annual accounts in accordance with the national legislation applicable to fixed-capital companies in the country of the UCI WorldTeam's registered office, even if such an audit is not required by the law. The company auditor shall also audit the intermediate accounts at 30 June. He must draft a written report on the result of his audits and address a copy directly to the auditor appointed by the UCI.

(text modified on 1.04.11; 1.01.15).

- 2.15.081** The accounting year must correspond to the calendar year.

- 2.15.082** The annual accounts shall be established and the accounts kept in accordance with the national legislation applicable to fixed-capital companies in the country of the paying agent's registered office. The annual accounts shall consist of the balance sheet, the profit-and-loss account, a financing table, and an explanatory appendix. These annual accounts shall be expressed in Swiss francs, euros or US dollars and shall be signed by the paying agent and the UCI WorldTour licence holder. If the financial accounting must be carried out in another currency under national law, the annual accounts must be converted into Swiss francs, euros or US dollars at the rate current at the end of the accounting period.

- 2.15.083** The accounts of the UCI WorldTeam must also include the other documents required for the financial audit for the purposes of annual registration.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.084** The UCI administration may draw up instructions and models for the keeping of accountancy documents.

(text modified on 1.07.10).

- 2.15.085** The UCI WorldTeam must inform the UCI-appointed auditor without delay of any significant changes in the annual budget or in the budget corresponding to the period for which the UCI WorldTour licence has been issued, the cashflow plan or the financial planning following a reduction in capital.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

- 2.15.086** The UCI WorldTeam must provide any documents, information or other items required by the UCI-appointed auditor within 15 days. He must provide, on simple request, any declarations or other documents from the tax or social security authorities in the country in which the paying agent has his registered office within 30 days of receipt of the request.

The auditor will pose any questions and ask for any information he considers necessary from the UCI WorldTeam's company auditor, who must supply all the information requested.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

- 2.15.087** Without having to request them, the auditor appointed by the UCI must receive each year no later than 30 June, a copy of the annual accounts and the State-approved company auditor's report. However, the UCI may require these documents for 1st March at the earliest, by request sent 2 months in advance.

These documents must be provided in French or English.

(text modified on 1.06.06).

- 2.15.088** The UCI WorldTeam must inform the UCI-appointed auditor without delay:

1. of any significant changes in the annual budget, the cashflow plan or the financial planning or of insolvency or risk of insolvency;
2. of any risk, dispute or other circumstance liable to endanger financial stability;
3. of the nonfulfillment, for whatsoever reason, of an obligation to a rider or another member of the team.

In the event of a breach of this regulation a fine of between CHF 1,000 and 10,000 may be imposed, without prejudice to the application of article 2.15.040 in the event of a serious offence.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.089** The financial auditor shall inform the Professional Cycling Council of any anomalies or irregularities observed in the course of his audit in the context of licence and registration applications as well as random audits.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.090** The financial stability of the UCI WorldTeam must be ensured at all times, in particular by adequate owner's equity. The income deriving from the activities of the UCI WorldTeam must be allocated exclusively to its operations or to the development of cycling. The available profit in the balance sheet must be used in accordance with the legal provisions in force in the country of the UCI WorldTeam. The allocation of the profit must be decided after the annual accounts have been established and audited.

No advance payment of profits may be made to beneficiaries during the course of the year.

(text modified on 01.07.10; 1.01.15).

- 2.15.091** The cashflow situation of the UCI WorldTeam must be balanced at all times, taking account of the credit facilities obtained.

The UCI WorldTeam must always avoid any arrears of payment.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

Bank guarantee

- 2.15.092** Each UCI WorldTeam must establish a first-demand (abstract) bank guarantee in favour of the UCI in accordance with the model in article 2.15.141.

The bank guarantee must be established by the paying agent and submitted by the issuing bank on behalf of the paying agent.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 24.03.17; 1.01.18).

- 2.15.093** The guarantee shall be drawn up in English by a banking institution which can either directly or through a correspondent bank transmit a SWIFT message to the UCI's bank (UBSWCHZH12A).

(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.07.10; 24.03.17).

- 2.15.094** The guarantee must be drawn up and payable in either Swiss Francs, Euros or US Dollars, depending on the currency which is most used by the UCI WorldTeam for the payment of salaries (including remuneration to self-employed riders). The exchange rate to be applied in establishing the guarantee is that at 1 September preceding the registration year.

(text modified on 24.03.17)

- 2.15.095** The purpose of the bank guarantee is:
1. to defray the debts, related to the registration year, in accordance with the procedure set out below, incurred by the licence-holder, the paying agent and the sponsors towards riders and persons under contract for the operation of the UCI World Team or entity applying for this status in consideration of their services for the operation of the UCI WorldTeam;
 2. to defray the payment of fees, expenses, indemnities, fines and sanctions or sentences imposed by or in virtue of the regulations of the UCI or related to their application.

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).

- 2.15.096** For the application of provisions regarding the bank guarantee:
1. The following are considered as debts incurred in consideration of services by the licence-holder for the operation of the team:
 - at the moment of the request to draw on the bank guarantee: unpaid sums due under contract;
 - in case of breach of the contract: sums due under contract not exceeding those corresponding to services anticipated within the remaining period of the contract. These sums constitute a contractual debt at the moment of the breach of the contract;
 - late payment interest on the sums mentioned above up to a maximum of 5%.

The following are not considered as debts incurred in consideration of services by the rider for the operation of the team, in particular:

- other benefits in case of breach of contract, prize monies, legal fees and costs of proceedings.
2. Debts contracted by any other party in return for the services of a rider or any other member under contract for the benefit of the UCI WorldTeam shall be considered as debts contracted by the licence holder, the paying agent and the sponsors and covered by the guarantee, inter alia debts contracted under the contracts referred to in articles 2.15.116 and 2.15.117;
 3. The companies through which the licence holders concerned, apart from the riders, carry out their activities for the operation of the UCI WorldTeam shall be considered as members of the UCI WorldTeam;

4. The definitions above are without prejudice to the question of whether a request is founded in any particular case.

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.01.15).

- 2.15.097** The creditor may not benefit from the guarantee for a contract a duplicate of his copy of which has not been passed to the auditor appointed by the UCI no later than 1 January of the registration year or within the month of signature for contracts signed after 1 December prior to the registration year.

However, the right to the guarantee will apply:

1. in respect of any contract passed to the auditor by another party;
2. subsequently to the extent that the guarantee has not been exhausted on its expiry date.

- 2.15.098** The amount of the guarantee shall represent one quarter of all the gross sums due for payment by the UCI WorldTeam to riders and persons under contract for the operation of the team during the registration year plus the amount of CHF 15,000.

In no case may the amount of the bank guarantee be less than CHF 975,000.

If the total contractual benefits increase following the establishment of the guarantee, the total sum of the bank guarantee must be increased proportionately. UCI WorldTeams must immediately inform the Professional Cycling Council of this increase indicating the amount and the reason. They must also forward without delay to the auditor appointed by the UCI the documentation relative to the increase including, inter alia, the additional bank guarantee or amendment to the existing bank guarantee. The auditor shall issue a supplementary report to the Professional Cycling Council.

If the amount of the contractual benefits diminishes after a guarantee has been set up, an adjustment of the guarantee with effect from 1 April of the registration year for which the reduction has occurred is possible only in the event of a multi-year bank guarantee, provided that the conditions set out below are satisfied:

- The amount of the contractual benefits diminishes from one registration year to the next;
- The reduction will apply to the full year of registration;
- The reduction is acknowledged by the UCI auditor during the registration procedure.

Upon the conditions above being fulfilled, the UCI WorldTeam may submit a request for the UCI to instruct its bank of the reduction, with effect on 1st April of the registration year, of the amount of the bank guarantee.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 18.06.07; 1.07.09; 1.01.15; 24.03.17).

- 2.15.099** If the bank guarantee proves to be inadequate the UCI WorldTeam shall be liable for a fine of between CHF 5,000 and 50,000. Further, the UCI WorldTeam will be automatically suspended if it fails to establish the additional or amended guarantee within one month of the date of the decision to impose the fine and for so long as he fails to do so. In the event of persistent default, the UCI may refer the case to the licence commission in accordance with article 2.15.040.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.11.15; 24.03.17).

2.15.100 The UCI may not be held responsible for the inadequacy of the guarantee.

2.15.101 The term of the guarantee may vary between one and three years depending on the term of the UCI WorldTour licence granted to the team. In every case, it must remain valid until 31 March after the last registration year covered by the guarantee.

For the first registration year covered by the licence, the guarantee must be available from 1 January of the year of registration. Should the bank guarantee for the first registration year of the licence period not cover the totality of that period, the bank guarantee provided from the second registration year may stipulate that it may be called upon at the latest as of 1st April of the registration year, including for the sums due in January, February and March.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 18.06.07; 3.06.16; 12.01.17).

Calling up the guarantee

2.15.102 The creditor must introduce his application to the UCI for the guarantee to be called up by 1 March of the year following the date on which his claim falls due. Documentary evidence must be provided with the application.

Failing this the UCI is not obliged to call up the guarantee.

(text modified on 18.06.07).

2.15.103 The UCI will call up the bank guarantee in favour of the creditor mentioned in the 2nd paragraph of article 2.15.095 unless the claim is manifestly unfounded. The UCI WorldTeam will be informed of the creditor's request and of the call on the guarantee.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

2.15.104 For any call on the bank guarantee, the UCI shall draw, in addition to the amount claimed by the creditor, the sum of CHF 500 as costs. This sum is drawn for each creditor claiming the bank guarantee, until a maximum of CHF 15,000 per bank guarantee. In case of payment by the UCI of a seized amount from a bank guarantee, all bank fees are exclusively at the expense of the beneficiary.

(text modified on 1.07.09).

2.15.105 The actual payment to the creditor shall not take place until one month after the implementation of the guarantee. If, in the interim, the UCI WorldTeam raises a written objection to the payment of the money to the creditor, the UCI shall pay the disputed sum into a special account and shall subsequently distribute it in accordance with any agreement reached between the parties or according to an enforceable judicial or arbitral decision.

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.01.15).

2.15.106 If the creditor has not introduced his claim against the paying agent before the body designated in his contract or the body which he regards as competent on some other basis during the three months following the date of his call on the guarantee, the paying agent may apply to the UCI to have the blocked funds released in his favour.

The funds shall be released should the creditor fail to take proceedings within one month of the despatch of notice by the UCI. The creditor then has fifteen days to provide the UCI with proof that he has commenced proceedings. If the body before which the creditor

has commenced proceedings declares that it is not competent, the creditor must take fresh proceedings within one month of learning of this decision. Should this not be the case the paying agent may call on the UCI to release the funds in his favour. The funds shall be released should the creditor fail to take further proceedings within one month of the despatch of notice by the UCI. The creditor then has fifteen days to provide the UCI with proof that he has recommenced proceedings.

However the funds will only be released in favour of the paying agent when the bank guarantee has been reconstituted.

(text modified on 1.10.09).

- 2.15.106 bis** Any creditor having called-up the bank guarantee shall keep the UCI informed of all follow- up action and proceedings initiated before the competent decision-making body. If the creditor fails to provide the UCI with information regarding the status of proceedings before the competent decision-making body during a period of three years as from blocking of the funds by the UCI or as from the last notification from the creditor, the UCI shall release the funds in favour of the paying agent after having deducted any amounts due to the UCI in accordance with article 2.15.104 and article 2.15.108, if applicable.

In the event that at the time of release of the funds, the paying agent has undergone dissolution or the UCI is not reasonably capable of returning the funds to paying agent, the UCI may use the funds for projects related to the development of cycling, which must be agreed upon by the Professional Cycling Council.

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

- 2.15.107** Should the debt claimed exceed the amount corresponding to three months' contractual benefits, only a sum equal to three months' contractual benefits may be paid in the first instance, provided that the conditions for payment are fulfilled. The acknowledged balance of the debt may be paid from the global guarantee on condition that the latter would not be exhausted at the end of its period of validity. In the event that there are several creditors, the available balance of the guarantee will be allocated proportionally between them.
- 2.15.108** The UCI may call up the bank guarantee in the event of non-payment of fees, expenses, indemnities, fines and penalties or sentences imposed by or in virtue of the regulations of the UCI or related to their application provided that the guarantee is not exhausted at the end of its period of validity, where applicable after application of article 2.15.107.
- 2.15.109** In the event of payment to a creditor or to the UCI from funds obtained from the bank guarantee, the UCI WorldTeam shall automatically be suspended if the guarantee is not fully reconstituted within one month of the request from the UCI to do so.

In the event of persistent default, the UCI may refer the case to the licence commission in accordance with article 2.15.040.

The part of the blocked funds which, under the agreement reached between the parties or according to the final judicial or arbitral decision, does not accrue to the creditor, will be released in favour of the paying agent under deduction of the sums due to the UCI according to article 2.15.104 and, where applicable, to article 2.15.108 and solely after full reconstitution of the bank guarantee.

(text modified on 1.10.09; 1.01.15; 1.11.15).

- 2.15.109 bis** Whenever a competent authority pronounces the opening of liquidation or bankruptcy proceedings against a paying agent, the UCI may release the bank guarantee in favour of the liquidation or bankruptcy administration, upon request from the competent authority.

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

Riders

- 2.15.110** The number of riders in each UCI WorldTeam may not be fewer than twenty-three (23). These riders will be exclusively from the men elite or men under 23 categories.

The maximum number of riders per UCI WorldTeam which may be registered with the UCI is restricted according to the number of new professionals under contract (within the meaning of article 7 of the joint agreement concluded between the CPA (Cyclistes Professionnels Associés) and the AIGCP (Association Internationale des Groupes Cyclistes Professionnels) in the following manner:

Minimum number of new professionals under contract to the UCI WorldTeam	Maximum number of riders registered with the UCI
0	28
1	29
2	30

If the number of riders proves to be less than the stipulated minimum, the UCI shall issue a warning to the UCI WorldTeam and allow it a period of grace of 30 days to regularize the situation. In the event of failure to do so, the UCI WorldTeam shall be liable for a fine of between CHF 10,000 and 100,000. To determine the fine, the UCI shall take account in particular of the reduction of the payroll costs from which the team benefits during the period for which its numbers fall short of the required minimum.

Payment of the fine does not release the UCI WorldTeam from the obligation to enlist the minimum number of riders again. If the failure to comply persists, the UCI WorldTeam shall be suspended.

The UCI WorldTeam is not obliged to replace a rider whom it has dismissed on grounds of a proven violation of the anti-doping regulations. In this regard, the fact that an A and B sample has tested positive is regarded as a proven violation of the anti-doping regulations.

(text modified on 20.10.05 ; 15.11.08; 1.01.10; 1.10.12; 1.07.13; 1.01.15; 1.07.18).

- 2.15.110 bis** In addition, in the period between 1 August* and 31 December, each UCI WorldTeam may admit into the team three elite or under 23 trainees on the following conditions:
1. In the case of an elite rider, he shall not previously have belonged to any UCI WorldTeam or UCI professional continental team;
 2. The UCI WorldTeam must notify the UCI of these riders' identity before 1 August;
 3. The UCI WorldTeam shall obtain the authorisation of the National Federation of the rider's nationality and if applicable, the authorisation of the National Federation of the UCI continental team in which he is registered;
 4. During that period, these riders may join only a single UCI WorldTeam;
 5. These riders may only participate in races of the UCI continental circuits.

6. The riders in question may continue to take part in events in their club team or, if appropriate, in their UCI continental team.

** Upon justification of the participation in a stage race starting in July and ending in August, the registration of these riders may occur in July no earlier than the day before the first race day of the aforesaid race.*

In all other respects, the relationship between these riders and the UCI WorldTeam shall be mutually agreed between the parties.

(text modified on 6.07.05; 20.10.05; 1.01.09; 1.02.12; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).

Contract

- 2.15.111** A rider's membership of a UCI WorldTeam requires a written contract of employment to be concluded which must contain as a minimum the provisions of the standard contract in article 2.15.139.

The rights and obligations of the parties shall also be governed by the joint agreement concluded between the CPA (Cyclistes Professionnels Associés) and the AIGCP (Association Internationale des Groupes Cyclistes Professionnels) and approved by the Professional Cycling Council.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

- 2.15.112** The provisions of the model contract and the joint agreement shall be applied as of right. Furthermore, any clause agreed between the rider and the paying agent that impinges on the rights of riders as provided for in the standard contract or joint agreement is null and void.

- 2.15.113** All contracts between a UCI WorldTeam and a rider or another person contracted for the operation of the team must be typed in three original copies at least one of which must be given to the rider or other person concerned. A copy shall be sent electronically to the auditor and an original shall be kept by the team and made available at any times if requested by the auditor.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.114** The parties must sign each page of the contract. Clauses of the contract which are on a page not signed by the rider or other contracted person cannot be invoked against him; the rider or other contracted person may take advantage of such clauses.

The name of the person who signs the contract on behalf of the UCI WorldTeam must be given on the final page of the contract alongside the signature.

(text modified on 1.06.06; 1.01.15).

- 2.15.115** Without prejudice to article 2.15.116, the employment contract between the rider and the UCI WorldTeam must govern all the services provided by the rider for the benefit of the team, the paying agent and the sponsors, and all remuneration relating thereto. All remuneration and payment methods must be set out in writing.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

Model Contract between a self-employed rider and a UCI WorldTeam

- 2.15.115 bis** The rider can enter into contract with the UCI WorldTeam as a self-employed worker and be registered as a member of the UCI WorldTeam, subject to the following provisions:

1. The independent status complies with the applicable legislation. The paying agent of the UCI WorldTeam is, to the exclusion of the UCI and the auditor, responsible for the verification of such conformity and of the consequences of any non-conformity, without prejudice to the responsibility of the sponsors;
2. The rider's remuneration must be at least 164% of the amount laid down under article 10 of the joint agreement;
3. In all other respects, the contract must comply with articles 5 to 20 of the joint agreement, except for the following provisions:
 - Art. 5: compliance with the standard contract is judged by taking account of this article;
 - Art. 11, 2nd §: the frequency of the payments is agreed between the parties;
 - Art. 15: this point is agreed between parties;
 - Art. 16, 1st §: this point is agreed between parties;
 - Art. 17, 1st §: this point is agreed between parties.
4. If the applicable legal social security system does not provide for the compulsory insurance referred to in article 22.3 of the joint agreement, the rider shall take out such insurance;
5. The rider must have taken out the insurance policies referred to in article 23 of the joint agreement;
6. The contract with the rider shall stipulate that he must provide proof of the above social security or insurance cover, in the absence of which he shall not be able to be registered as a member of the UCI WorldTeam. This proof shall be submitted to the UCI WorldTeam, which shall pass it on to the auditor with the audit file;
7. The first page of the contract must be headed clearly "contract for a SELF-EMPLOYED rider" and shall summarise the main obligations of the parties as regards pay, taxation and social security, in line with the model in article 2.15.140bis. The paying agent shall be responsible for the accuracy of this information.

(article introduced on 01.06.06; 1.07.12; 1.01.15).

- 2.15.116** In addition to the employment contract, only an image contract may be concluded, subject to the following conditions:
- the person of the rider must represent a commercial value clearly distinct from the rider's sporting value as a member of the team;
 - the remuneration granted for image rights must be in return for rights or services that are distinct from the activities of a professional rider; details of these rights and services shall be set out in a precise manner;

- the remuneration for the activities as a professional rider must correspond to the sporting value of the rider and must in any event exceed double the minimum salary;
- the remuneration payable under the image contract may not exceed 30% of the total remuneration paid to the rider.

(text modified on 20.10.05).

2.15.117 Without prejudice to articles 2.15.115 and 2.15.116 the parties must declare, under all circumstances and on every contract submitted to the auditor appointed by the UCI, any other contract concluded regarding the services of the rider or any other contracted person to the benefit of the UCI WorldTeam, whatever the nature of the services and whatsoever the parties to these other contracts.

The following would be covered, for example:

1. image, advertising or sponsorship contracts;
2. contracts signed, directly or indirectly, with a principal partner of the UCI WorldTeam or with a person, company or other entity linked with the paying agent or a principal partner;
3. contracts signed with a spouse, a relative, an agent, a mandatory or other intermediary of the rider or other person as specified above, with a company in which he has a holding, holds an office or has any form of interest.

The declaration must be drawn up in line with the model and include the standard elements at the foot of the standard contract in article 2.15.139 for riders and article 2.15.140 for other persons.

The obligation to fill out such a declaration and submit it to the auditor appointed by the UCI is applicable at any time, regardless of whether the relevant agreement intervenes after signature of the employment contract and its filing with the auditor.

All contracts must be included in the budget and in the calculations of the sum for the bank guarantee.

In the event of infringement of this article, the parties concerned shall be penalised by a suspension of between one and six months and/or a fine of between CHF 5,000 and 100,000.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 22.06.16).

2.15.118 The UCI WorldTeam shall attach to each contract, on the form drawn up by the administration of the UCI, a list of the legal or contractual insurance benefits to which the rider will, or will not, be entitled.

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.01.15).

2.15.119 The contract must be concluded for a fixed term ending on 31 December, in accordance with the conditions determined by the joint agreement concluded between the CPA and the AIGCP.

2.15.120 On the expiry of the term of the contract, the rider is free to leave the UCI WorldTeam and join another team.

All transfer payment systems are prohibited.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

Transfer

- 2.15.120** A transfer period exists and applies to all changes of team, whether between two UCI
a WorldTeams or between a UCI WorldTeam and a UCI professional continental team.

The transfer period for any change of team during the season extends from 1-15 August.

For any change of team between two seasons, the transfer period extends from 1 August to 31 December.

(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.07.11; 1.01.15).

- 2.15.120** A UCI WorldTeam or licence applicant may only recruit riders during the transfer
b period. For the purposes of this article «recruit» shall be deemed to mean concluding a contract with a rider to ride for the UCI WorldTeam or licence applicant's team.

(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.04.11; 1.01.15).

- 2.15.121** Should a UCI WorldTeam or paying agent wish to engage a rider contracted to another UCI WorldTeam or a UCI professional continental team such that the rider would begin to ride for the UCI WorldTeam before the expiry of the scheduled term of the contract with his current team, it shall firstly inform the Professional Cycling Council of this intention. Before undertaking any further steps, and especially before contacting the rider, the UCI WorldTeam or paying agent shall make known its intention to the current paying agent of the rider.

The transfer of the rider requires a written and global agreement between the three parties concerned, namely the rider, his current paying agent and the new paying agent, and with the prior consent of the Professional Cycling Council.

In all circumstances, such a transfer is only possible during the transfer periods.

If there is any indication that one or more of the conditions set out in this section have not been respected, the UCI administration shall proceed to a provisional registration of the rider with the new team. At the same time, the case will be brought before the Disciplinary Commission.

Under no circumstances shall the provisional registration take place if the rider is already registered with another UCI WorldTeam or UCI professional continental team and his contract has not been broken.

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.07.11; 1.01.15).

- 2.15.121** During the season, no rider already registered with a UCI WorldTeam for the current
a season may join another UCI WorldTeam or a UCI professional continental team outside the transfer periods.

(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.07.11; 1.10.13).

- 2.15.122** The UCI WorldTeam or its paying agent that approaches or engages, even conditionally, a rider from a UCI WorldTeam or a UCI professional continental team without the prior agreement of the current paying agent, shall be subject to a fine of CHF 30,000 to

500,000. Individual licence-holders involved in such practices shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 3,000 and 50,000.

If these approaches take place outside the transfer period, the fines will be tripled.

Moreover, the UCI WorldTeam in question shall pay the rider's current paying agent compensation equivalent to the amount of the remuneration for the period of the contract with the current paying agent remaining to run, but no less than six months' salary.

(text modified on 1.07.11; 1.01.15).

- 2.15.123** In no case may a rider move to another team before the expiry of the term with his current paying agent as stipulated in the contract - even if that contract does not run its full term - unless he has prior authorisation from the president of the Professional Cycling Council.

In the case of a merger between UCI WorldTeams or between a UCI WorldTeam and a UCI professional continental team, the present provision shall apply to riders of the merged entity who have changed paying agent.

A rider in breach of this article shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 300 and 100,000.

If this breach occurs outside the transfer period, the rider will additionally be suspended for a minimum of one month and a maximum of four months.

(text modified on 1.07.11; 1.01.15).

- 2.15.124** For the application of UCI Regulations, any move to another UCI WorldTeam shall be deemed to constitute a new contractual relationship, so that a new contract will have to be concluded in accordance with articles 2.15.111 to 2.15.119, even if, under applicable legislation, the transfer is effected by a cession of contract, the pursuance of the contract by other parties, the secondment of the rider or any other similar method.

- 2.15.125** Riders and UCI WorldTeams may not reveal that they are involved in negotiations about transfers outside the transfer period.

Upon complaint by a prejudiced team or any third party with a legitimate interest, the rider is liable to a fine of CHF 2,000 and the UCI WorldTeam to a fine of CHF 5,000.

(text modified on 01.01.09; 1.07.10; 24.09.14; 1.01.15).

Insurance

- 2.15.126** The UCI WorldTeam must take out a civil liability insurance policy for all damages that the riders or other team members may cause in the course of their professional activities, taking account of the insurance policy previously concluded by the person in question and/or by his National Federation.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

Participation in events

- 2.15.127** The UCI WorldTeam must take part with a team of competitive riders in UCI WorldTour events.

With regard to events which were registered on the 2016 UCI WorldTour calendar, all UCI WorldTeams must take part. For other UCI WorldTour events, UCI WorldTeams may take part on a voluntary basis.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.128** In the event of unjustified absence, withdrawal or giving up, the UCI WorldTeam shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 10,000 and 20,000. For stage races, this fine shall be multiplied by the number of days' racing remaining on the day of absence, withdrawal or giving up.

The UCI may decide not to refer a case of absence, withdrawal or giving up of a UCI WorldTeam to the Disciplinary Commission, in case the two cumulative conditions below are fulfilled:

- The UCI WorldTeam beforehand submitted to the UCI a formal motivated request for absence, withdrawal or giving up following an abnormal situation pertaining to doping;
- The organiser of the UCI WorldTour event has agreed in writing to the absence, withdrawal or giving up of the UCI WorldTeam.

On the third offence committed during the period of validity of the licence, the UCI WorldTeam will further receive a month's suspension; on the fourth offence, the suspension will be for three months.

On the fifth offence committed during the period of validity of the licence, the licence shall be automatically revoked.

Events that were not registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar in 2016 shall be taken into consideration for application of article 2.15.128 above, subject to the UCI WorldTeam having accepted the UCI WorldTour event's invitation to participate, in accordance with article 2.15.190.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 8.11.16; 12.01.17; 1.01.17; 25.10.17).

- 2.15.129** [article abrogated on 12.01.17]

- 2.15.130** [article abrogated on 12.01.17]

UCI WorldTour Promotion

- 2.15.131** The UCI WorldTeam shall take part in the promotion of the UCI WorldTour label in accordance with the promotion and merchandising policy to be contractually agreed between the UCI and the UCI WorldTeam.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

- 2.15.132** The UCI WorldTeam and the UCI shall collaborate in the implementation of a marketing policy inter alia as regards any UCI WorldTour sponsors in order to protect the interests of each party.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

- 2.15.133** The UCI WorldTeam undertakes to use the UCI WorldTour logo in accordance with the graphics specifications to be provided by the UCI and to respect the conditions and restrictions of use of the logo and the brand as defined in the contract concluded with the UCI.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

- 2.15.134** All the rights and obligations of each party as regards the promotion of the UCI WorldTour shall be specified in the contract concluded between the UCI WorldTeam and the UCI.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

Dissolution of the UCI WorldTeam

- 2.15.135** A UCI WorldTeam must announce its dissolution, the termination of its activities or its inability to perform its obligations as soon as possible to the riders, its other members and the Professional Cycling Council.

Once this announcement has been made, riders shall be fully entitled to contract with a third party for the following season or for the period starting at the moment announced for the dissolution, the termination of activities or the inability to perform.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

- 2.15.136** A rider who is contracted to a UCI WorldTeam may, subject to the conditions set out below, conclude a contract to ride for another team (UCI WorldTeam, UCI professional continental team or UCI continental team) in the event that his contract with his current UCI WorldTeam is terminated prematurely for recognised reasons relating to the financial situation of this UCI WorldTeam:

1. The rider must notify the Professional Cycling Council of the situation of his UCI WorldTeam, of his particular position and of his intention to seek another team, prior to signing a contract with that team. The Professional Cycling Council may request information from any interested party;
2. The contract between the rider and the other team must contain the following clause:
"The parties confirm that the contract between the rider and his current UCI WorldTeam only expires on.... . The paying agent recognises and accepts that this contract will be respected. The present contract is concluded provisionally and shall be subject to the premature termination of the contract between the rider and his current UCI WorldTeam on grounds previously authorised by the Professional Cycling Council."
3. The contract with the new team shall be lodged with the Professional Cycling Council. Should more than one contract be deposited by the same rider, only the first contract deposited shall be recognised, unless the parties to that contract mutually agree otherwise;
4. Before terminating his contract with his current UCI WorldTeam the rider must have the grounds for such termination authorised by the Professional Cycling Council. The recognition of the grounds shall stand as authorisation to the rider to move to the other team as soon as the contract with his UCI WorldTeam is terminated;
5. The transfer to the second team shall be at the risk of the rider and that team alone. The recognition of the grounds by the Professional Cycling Council or the refusal to recognise such grounds shall not give rise to any claim against the UCI;

6. Should the rider transfer to the other team without fulfilling the conditions above, the penalties provided in articles 2.15.123 and 2.15.138 shall apply.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

Supervision and penalties

- 2.15.137** Each licence holder and each UCI WorldTeam must give to the UCI, upon first request, any document or information which it deems useful for verifying compliance with the regulations and rights and interests of members of the UCI WorldTeam. In case of refusal and without prejudice to any other consequences, the licence holder shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 1,000 and 5,000, and the UCI WorldTeam to a fine of CHF 10,000. Furthermore, the offending party may be suspended **for a minimum of one and a maximum of six months by the disciplinary commission.**

(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.01.19).

- 2.15.137 bis** When necessary for referral to the Disciplinary Commission, the UCI is entitled to demand copies of contracts, financial records and other documents, in full or in part, from the rider, UCI WorldTeam or auditor, insofar as these are relevant to the case.

(article introduced on 8.11.16).

- 2.15.138** Each time a UCI WorldTeam participates in a race or enters a rider in a race without having firstly met all the conditions set forth in this chapter, either with respect to the UCI WorldTeam as a whole or with respect to the individual rider, the UCI WorldTeam shall be liable to a fine of CHF 5,000 per rider. The offending rider shall not be permitted to take the start. If he rides nonetheless, he shall be disqualified.

(text modified on 1.01.15).

Model contract between a rider and a UCI WorldTeam

- 2.15.139** Between the undersigned,

(name and address of the employer)

paying agent for the UCI WorldTeam (name) for whom the principal partners are:

1. (name and address) (where applicable, the employer itself)
2. (name and address)

hereinafter " the Employer "

ON THE FIRST PART

And: (name and address of the rider)

born in on

of nationality

holding a licence issued by

hereinafter " the Rider "

ON THE SECOND PART

Whereas:

- the Employer is engaged in setting up a cycling team who, within the UCI WorldTeam.... and under the management of Mr (name of manager or sports

- director), intend to take part, during the duration of the present contract, in cycle road races governed by the regulations of the Union Cycliste Internationale;
- the Rider wishes to join the team (name of the UCI WorldTeam);
 - both parties are acquainted with and declare that they will abide wholly by the UCI constitution and regulations, and those of its affiliated National Federations as well as the joint agreements concluded between the CPA and the AIGCP and approved by the Professional Cycling Council.

It is thus agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - Employment

The Employer hereby engages the Rider, who accepts the position, as a rider in cycling road races.

Participation by the Rider in events in other disciplines shall be decided by the Parties case by case.

The engagement shall be subject to the registration of the team as a UCI WorldTeam with the UCI. Should such registration not be obtained, the Rider may terminate the present contract without notice or compensation.

ARTICLE 2 - Duration

The present contract shall be concluded for a fixed period commencing on ... and expiring on 31 December.....

Unless the contract has already been renewed, each party shall notify the other in writing no later than the 30 September preceding the termination of the contract of his intentions as to the renewal of the contract. A copy of this document shall be sent to the CPA.

ARTICLE 3 - Salary

1. The Rider shall have the right to gross annual pay of

This pay may not be less than the higher of the two following amounts:

- A. The legal minimum wage of the country of the nationality of the UCI WorldTeam as defined under article 2.15.051 of the regulations;
 - B. The minimum wage as per the Joint Agreements.
2. If the duration of the present contract is less than one year, the Rider must in this period earn at least the total annual pay set out in article 3.1. Where applicable, the pay due from the rider's previous UCI WorldTeam, UCI professional continental team or UCI continental team for the first part of the year in question may be deducted as long as the pay for the duration of the present contract is no lower than the minimum determined under article 3.1.

ARTICLE 4 - Payment of the salary

1. The Employer shall pay the remuneration determined under article 3 in equal monthly payments on or before the last working day of each month.
2. Should the Rider be suspended under the terms of the UCI regulations or those of one of its affiliated federations, he shall not be entitled to the said remuneration referred to in article 3 for the part of the suspension exceeding one month.
3. In the event of a failure to make payment of the net sums of remuneration on their due date as per article 3 or of any other sum which is due, the Rider shall

have the right, without notice, to the interest and increases set out in the joint agreement concluded between the AIGCP and the CPA.

4. The remuneration, or any other sum due to the Rider from the Employer, shall be paid by transfer to the bank account no ... of the Rider at the (name of the bank) at (branch where the account is held). Only the proof of the execution of the bank transfer shall be accepted as proof of payment.

ARTICLE 5 - Prizes and bonuses

The Rider shall be entitled to prizes won during cycling competitions in which he participated for the UCI WorldTeam, in accordance with the Regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations.

Furthermore, the rider shall have the right to the following bonuses:

- ☐ none
- ☐ 1...
- ☐ 2...

(mark as appropriate)

ARTICLE 6 - Miscellaneous obligations

1. The Rider may not, for the duration of the present contract, work for any other team or advertise for any other sponsors than those belonging to the UCI WorldTeam, save in such cases as are provided for in the regulations of the UCI.
2. The Employer hereby undertakes to allow the Rider properly to perform his occupation by providing him with the necessary equipment and clothing and by permitting him to participate in a sufficient number of cycling events, either as a member of the team or individually.
3. The Rider may not compete in a race as an individual without the express consent of the Employer. The Employer shall be deemed to have given its consent if it has not replied within a period of ten days from the date of the request. In no case may the Rider take part in a road race as a member of any other structure or of a mixed team if (name of the UCI WorldTeam) is already entered for that race.
4. The Parties undertake to respect the riders' health protection programme.
5. The employer undertakes to reimburse the Rider for reasonable travel costs incurred as a result of his work.

In the event of selection for a national team, the Employer shall be required to permit the Rider to participate in such races and preparatory programmes as may be determined by the National Federation. The Employer shall authorise the National Federation to give the Rider any instructions it may deem necessary in connection with and for the duration of the selection provided that it does so solely in connection with sporting matters, in its own name and on its own behalf.

In none of the aforementioned cases shall the present contract be suspended.

ARTICLE 7 - Transfers

On the expiry of the present contract, the Rider shall be entirely free to leave the UCI WorldTeam and sign a contract with a third party, without prejudice to the provisions of the UCI Regulations.

ARTICLE 8 - Termination of the contract

Without prejudice to the legislation governing the present contract, it may be terminated before expiry, in the following cases and on the following conditions:

1. The Rider may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for damages:
 - A. if the Employer is declared bankrupt or insolvent or goes into liquidation;
 - B. if the UCI WorldTour licence for the team expires, is withdrawn, or if the UCI WorldTeam is suspended for a period of three months or more;
 - C. if the name of the UCI WorldTeam or its principal partners is changed during the civil year without the approval required under article 2.15.073 of the UCI cycling regulations;
 - D. if the Employer or a principal partner withdraws from the UCI WorldTeam and the continuity of the UCI WorldTeam is not guaranteed or else if the UCI WorldTeam announces its dissolution, the winding up of its activities or its inability to meet its commitments; should this be announced for a given date, the Rider shall continue to perform the contract until that date;
 - E. in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Employer. Serious misconduct is considered to include a failure to permit the Rider, despite his repeated requests, to participate in competitions over a continuous period in excess of 6 weeks or over four discontinuous periods of 7 days each, during which periods at least 1 one-day race on the international calendar took place.
Where relevant, the Employer shall be required to prove that the Rider was not in a condition to take part in a race.
 - F. if, on 1st October of the year preceding a year of registration covered by the present contract, the UCI WorldTeam has not submitted a registration file containing the essential documents listed in art. 2.15.069bis, this right of termination lapses upon the registration of the UCI WorldTeam in the first division.
2. The Employer may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for damages, in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Rider or of the suspension of the Rider under the terms of the UCI regulations for the remaining duration of the present contract.

In case the suspension imposed on the rider is subsequently cancelled or rescinded according to a final and binding decision, the Rider will be entitled to compensation corresponding to the remuneration due to him by the Team from the date of termination until the natural expiry date of the contract.

Serious misconduct is considered to include refusal to ride cycle races, despite being repeatedly called on to do so by the Employer.
If need be, the Rider shall have to prove that he was in no state to compete in a race.

Notwithstanding article 6, paragraph 3 of the Joint Agreement, the Employer may terminate the contract with a Rider who has neo-professional status on 31 December of the first year of this contract, if the UCI WorldTeam is unable to continue its activity during the following season. In that case, the Employer must give at least three months advance notice.

Should the Employer nevertheless be able to continue his activity after exercising the right of termination referred to above, he shall offer a contract for a period of one year to the Rider, on the same conditions as in the previous contract which he terminated before its normal expiry date.

3. Either party shall be entitled to terminate the present contract, without notice or liability, should the Rider be rendered permanently unable to exercise the occupation of professional cyclist.

ARTICLE 9 - Defeasance

Any clause agreed upon between the Parties that runs counter to the terms of the model contract between a rider and a UCI WorldTeam, to the joint agreement mentioned in article 2.15.111, and/or to the provisions of the UCI constitution or regulations and which would in any way restrict the rights of the Rider shall be null and void.

ARTICLE 10 - Arbitration

Any dispute between the Parties arising from the present contract shall be submitted to arbitration without prejudice to the compulsory jurisdiction of ordinary courts, either in application of a joint agreement concluded between the CPA and the AIGCP for matters covered thereby, or in accordance with the regulations of the National Federation which issued the licence to the Rider or, failing this, the legislation governing this contract.

ARTICLE 11 - Submitted contracts

The rider shall have the right to ascertain from the UCI-appointed auditor the contract(s) which has/have been submitted to the latter by the paying agent. The contract(s) shall be covered by the bank guarantee subject to the conditions and restrictions set out in articles 2.15.092 to 2.15.109 of the UCI cycling regulations.

Declaration

The parties declare that, apart from the present contract,

☐ no other contract has been concluded concerning the Rider's activities for the benefit of the UCI WorldTeam in the sense of articles 2.15.116 or 2.15.117 of the UCI cycling regulations.

Done at on

In 3 original copies

The Rider

For the UCI WorldTeam

Rider's agent

The paying agent

[signatory's name]

☐ only the contracts below have been concluded in connection with the Rider's activities for the benefit of the UCI WorldTeam:

1. Contract Title

Parties:

1. ...

2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total pay and other benefits:

2. Contract Title

Parties:

1. ...
2. ...

Date of signature:
Contract in force from ... to ...
Total pay and other benefits:

3. ...

Done at on
In 3 original copies

The Rider	For the UCI WorldTeam The paying agent [signatory's name]	Rider's agent
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(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.04.11; 1.07.12; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).

Declaration as per article 2.15.117

2.15.140

The parties declare that, apart from the present contract,

☐ no other contract has been concluded concerning the services of the contracting person for the benefit of the UCI WorldTeam in the sense of article 2.15.117 of the UCI cycling regulations.

Done at on
In 3 original copies

The contracting person	For the UCI WorldTeam The paying agent [signatory's name]	Rider's agent
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☐ only the contracts below have been concluded in connection with the services of the contracting person for the benefit of the UCI WorldTeam:

1. Contract Title

Parties:

1. ...
2. ...

Date of signature:
Contract in force from ... to ...
Total pay and other benefits:

2. Contract Title

Parties:

1. ...
2. ...

Date of signature:
Contract in force from ... to ...
Total pay and other benefits:

3. ...

Done at on

In 3 original copies

The contracting person

For the UCI WorldTeam

Rider's agent

The paying agent

[signatory's name]

(text modified on 1.06.06; 1.04.11; 1.01.15).

Model for the first page of the «contract for a SELFEMPLOYED rider»

**2.15.140
bis**

Contract for a SELF-EMPLOYED rider

Rider:

Paying agent:

Contract in force from to.....

Contractual monthly pay:

Deductions made by the paying agent:

Taxes:

VAT:

Social security:

Other:

Effective monthly earnings payable:

The rider is required to issue invoices: YES
NO

If YES: - total sum to be invoiced monthly excluding VAT
 - total VAT to be invoiced
 - total payable to be invoiced

Legal obligations of the rider in the country of the paying agent:

1. VAT: no/yes: amount:
2. Tax(es): no/yes
3. Social security: no/yes

Bank details of the account on which the sums due by the team shall be transferred:

(article introduced on 1.06.06; text modified on 1.04.11).

Bank guarantee model

2.15.141

(To be issued by swift: UBSWCHZH12A – by swift MT760)

Guarantee type: Performance bond

Guarantor: [INSERT NAME & ADDRESS OF THE PAYING AGENT BANK]
("GUARANTOR")

Applicant: [INSERT NAME & ADDRESS OF THE PAYING AGENT] ("APPLICANT")

Beneficiary: UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE, CHEMIN DE LA MELEE 12, 1860 AIGLE, SWITZERLAND ("BENEFICIARY")

Underlying relationship: The APPLICANT's obligation in respect of the cycling regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE for the purpose of guaranteeing, within the limits set in those regulations, the payment of sums due by the UCI WorldTeam / UCI professional continental team **[INSERT NAME OF THE TEAM]** (paying agent: **[INSERT NAME OF THE PAYING AGENT]**) to riders and other creditors covered by said regulations as well as the payment of fees, expenses, indemnities, fines and sanctions or sentences imposed by or in virtue of the regulations of the UCI or related to their application.

Guarantee amount and currency: **[INSERT AMOUNT & CURRENCY]** (in words: **[INSERT AMOUNT & CURRENCY]**) ("GUARANTEE AMOUNT")

Form of Presentation ("FORM OF PRESENTATION"): Paper form or transmitted in full by authenticated swift through one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks.

For the purpose of identification the BENEFICIARY's demand and supporting statement must bear or be accompanied by a signed confirmation of one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks stating that the latter has verified the BENEFICIARY's signature(s) appearing thereon. In case of a swift transmission through one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks, the latter has to confirm having verified the BENEFICIARY's signature(s) appearing on the demand and supporting statement.

In case that at the time of a demand under this guarantee, there is a client relationship between BENEFICIARY and a branch of the GUARANTOR in **(INSERT COUNTRY OF GUARANTOR)** with a valid list of authorized signatures regarding the persons signing for the BENEFICIARY, the verification of signature(s) by a third bank is not required. In such case, BENEFICIARY's demand and supporting statement must be presented to the GUARANTOR duly signed in paper form (swift excluded).

Place for presentation: GUARANTOR's address as stated above or swift **[INSERT GUARANTOR'S SWIFT ADDRESS]**, respectively ("PLACE FOR PRESENTATION")

Expiry: **[INSERT EXPIRY DATE]** ("EXPIRY")

As GUARANTOR, we hereby irrevocably undertake to pay the BENEFICIARY any amount up to the GUARANTEE AMOUNT upon presentation of the BENEFICIARY's complying demand, in the FORM OF PRESENTATION indicated above, supported by the BENEFICIARY's statement, whether in the demand itself or in a separate signed document accompanying or identifying the demand, indicating that the amount claimed is demanded according to the cycling regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE.

Any demand under this guarantee must be received by us on or before EXPIRY at the PLACE FOR PRESENTATION indicated above.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees (URDG) 2010 Revision, ICC Publication No. 758, the supporting statement under article 15 a. being expressly excluded.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.06.06; 1.01.15; 24.03.17).

§ 4 UCI WorldTour calendar

(numbering of the paragraph modified on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.142** The UCI WorldTour calendar shall be made up of a certain number of events known as UCI WorldTour events.

(article introduced on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.143** The UCI WorldTour calendar is established by the Professional Cycling Council on a yearly basis, in consideration of the criteria it determines.

Without restricting the competence of the Professional Cycling Council to establish the UCI WorldTour calendar, the total number of race days of UCI WorldTour events that were not part of the 2016 UCI WorldTour should not, in principle, exceed 30 days.

(article introduced on 12.01.17; text modified on 1.07.17).

Application for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar

- 2.15.144** The conditions for the submission of an application for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar shall be specified in the present regulations and may be supplemented by the Professional Cycling Council.

The entity applying for registration of an event on the UCI WorldTour calendar shall be the owner of an event held the year preceding the first year of registration and classed as a UCI WorldTour or hors classe event. The Professional Cycling Council may grant exceptions to such rule upon receipt of a reasoned request.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.145** By applying for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar, the owner of the event acknowledges being bound by the UCI Regulations as from the submission of the application and for the duration of the registration as a UCI WorldTour event.

The owner of the event shall be entirely responsible for its event towards the UCI and compliance of its event with the UCI regulations.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.146** The registration is granted for a specific event. The registration grants UCI WorldTour status to the event. Registration has no impact on the property rights of the event owner as regards the event, without prejudice to obligations stemming from the UCI regulations.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.147** In addition to meeting the conditions set out in the regulations, the following selection criteria shall be taken into consideration by the Professional Cycling Council in deciding to refuse an application, submit the registration to the respect of conditions and/or measures considered appropriate or reduce its duration:

1. the sporting level on the basis of the start list of the event in the editions prior to the application;
2. the format, the structure and the type of the event contributing to the image of the UCI WorldTour as an elite competition;
3. the quality of organisation, particularly as regards safety;
4. the levels of television coverage and audience figures on free channels in the years preceding the first year for which the registration is being applied for;

5. compliance with the UCI cycling regulations and all applicable regulations;
6. compliance with contractual, legal and regulatory obligations;
7. the absence of any attempt to breach or bypass such obligations;
8. compliance with sporting ethics;
9. the absence of any other element liable to damage the image of the UCI WorldTour and the sport of cycling in general.

The criteria above concern any element or fact arising prior to the application for registration being decided upon.

(text modified on 1.11.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.148** The applicant shall submit the application for registration by completing and returning the form drafted by the Professional Cycling Council including all the information or other documents as required by the council.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.149** The deadline for the submission of the application for registration is set by the Professional Cycling Council.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.08.06; 15.06.08; 1.07.09; 1.01.10; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.150** The Professional Cycling Council shall have no obligation to examine applications sent to the UCI after the date set by the Professional Cycling Council.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

Application on proposal of the Professional Cycling Council

- 2.15.151** On proposal by the UCI or on its own initiative, the Professional Cycling Council may invite events considered to be of strategic importance to the development of cycling to apply for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.152** The Professional Cycling Council shall inform the owners of selected events in writing and may notify them a deadline for the provision of all the required documents.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.153** The owner of an event invited to apply for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar by the Professional Cycling Council must submit an application in accordance with the procedure set out in the Professional Cycling Council's notification.

(text modified on 12.01.17)

Registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar

- 2.15.154** The Professional Cycling Council shall examine the applications for registration on the basis of documentation consisting of the following elements:
1. the registration application form and its enclosures;
 2. the opinion of the UCI and/or any entity created for the purpose of reviewing applications;
 3. any other document or information provided by the applicant or required for the assessment of the application by the UCI, the Professional Cycling Council or any entity created for the purpose of reviewing applications.

The Professional Cycling Council may also take account of acknowledged facts.

(text modified on 18.06.07; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.155** The documentation must be drawn up in French or in English. Documents produced by third parties and drafted in another language must be accompanied by a translation into the language of the documentation.

The applicant has sole responsibility for assuring the quality and complete nature of the documentation. The applicant may not, in particular, invoke the fact that he has not been asked by the UCI or the Professional Cycling Council to provide information or documents or that his attention has not been called to gaps or other elements which may be regarded as negative when his application comes to be assessed by the Professional Cycling Council.

(text modified on 18.06.07; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.156** The UCI shall forward its opinion or report to the Professional Cycling Council prior to the latter's decision establishing the calendar of the following season. The UCI will have the opportunity to submit further opinions to the extent that the applicant adds new elements to his documentation or new elements come to the UCI's knowledge in any other way.

(article introduced on 18.06.07; text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.157** The Professional Cycling Council shall decide, at its own discretion, whether additional documentation and information shall be requested from the applicant. In this respect, the Professional Cycling Council shall set the pertinent deadlines and may also summon the applicant to a hearing.

(article introduced on 18.06.07; text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.158** As a general rule, the decisions regarding the applications for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar shall be taken on the same occasion and shall be communicated to the applicants as rapidly as possible.

The Professional Cycling Council may also decide on applications for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar on separate occasions or postpone the assessment of certain applications, if it deems so appropriate and, in particular, if additional documentation is required from the applicant or the UCI.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.159** The decisions of the Professional Cycling Council in relation to applications for registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar are final and not subject to appeal.

(article introduced on 12.01.17).

Calendar fee

- 2.15.160** An annual calendar fee must be paid by UCI WorldTour events annually by 15 December at the latest into the UCI bank account.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.161** The amount of the fee is determined by the Professional Cycling Council.

- 2.15.162** If the UCI account has not been credited by 15 December, the registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar is automatically revoked.

Further, a fine of CHF 10,000 shall be payable.

(article introduced on 24.09.14 ; modified on 12.01.17).

Duration of the registration

- 2.15.163** The registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar is valid, in principle, for 3 calendar years.

(text modified on 1.07.13; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.164** An event owner whose registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar expires may apply for registration for a new period of 3 years following the same procedure as for the initial application.

(text modified on 1.07.09; 12.01.17).

Expiry of the registration

- 2.15.165** Unless renewed, the registration expires automatically at the end of the period for which it was granted.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.166** Registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar shall expire before its term under the following circumstances:

1. if one of the conditions for automatic revocation set out in the present section is fulfilled;
2. if the registration is withdrawn.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.167** Registration on the UCI WorldTour calendar shall be revoked as of right with immediate effect for the sole reason of the event owner's filing for bankruptcy or being declared bankrupt, or in the event of legal liquidation, the dissolution or the ceasing of activity of the event owner or actual organiser or any other measure resulting in the event ceasing to be able to make free use of its UCI WorldTour status.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.168** In case of revocation or withdrawal of the registration, no reimbursement shall be made. Any sums due remain payable and may not be offset.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

Event evaluation during the period of registration

- 2.15.169** During the period of registration, the UCI may decide to subject the UCI WorldTour event to a technical and sporting evaluation, notably in case of shortcomings with regard to the UCI Regulations or terms of reference for organisers of UCI WorldTour events.

(article introduced on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.170** Upon completion of the evaluation of the UCI WorldTour event, a copy of the final report of the evaluation shall be provided to the Professional Cycling Council as well as the event owner.

(article introduced on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.171** Without prejudice to other measures or sanctions foreseen by the UCI Regulations, the Professional Cycling Council shall decide whether to refer the matter to the Licence Commission and request one of the measures provided for in article 2.15.172 to be imposed on the event.

The Professional Cycling Council shall in particular refer the matter to the Licence Commission:

1. in case serious infringements to the UCI Regulations or terms of reference for organisers of UCI WorldTour events are observed; and
2. in case infringements to the UCI Regulations or terms of reference for organisers of UCI WorldTour events are observed during two consecutive editions of the UCI WorldTour event.

(article introduced on 12.01.17).

Referral to the licence commission

- 2.15.172** In the circumstances outlined below, the licence commission may submit the registration to the respect of conditions and/or measures considered appropriate, reduce its duration or withdraw it in the following cases:

1. if the information taken into account in granting the registration was erroneous and the Professional Cycling Council considers that the actual situation did not justify the registration being granted;
2. if the information taken into account in granting the registration has changed and the Professional Cycling Council considers that the new situation does not justify the granting of the registration;
3. if the situation of the event owner is affected or weakened, due inter alia to financial problems, health problems, death, dysfunction, disputes or other cause, such that the organisation of the event is seriously compromised;
4. if the event owner does not satisfy or no longer satisfies all the conditions set out in the present chapter;
5. in the event of failure to comply with the UCI's regulations or terms of reference of organisers of UCI WorldTour events or any violation of contractual obligations towards the UCI committed by or imputable to the event owner or employees, agents or subcontractors including the actual organiser or any other intermediary, without prejudice to any other penalties under the regulations;
6. in case of acts committed by or imputable to the event owner or employees, agents or subcontractors including the actual organiser or any other intermediary, as a result of which the continuation of the event would seriously harm the interests or reputation of the UCI WorldTour;

(text modified on 1.11.15; 12.01.17).

2.15.173 The president of the Professional Cycling Council shall refer the case to the licence commission upon simple written request, a copy of which is addressed to the licence holder.

2.15.174 Before issuing a decision in application of article 2.15.172, the licence commission may, if appropriate, delay proceedings for a set period in order to give the event owner time to rectify the situation at stake.

(text modified on 1.11.15; 12.01.17).

Holder of the rights and obligations related to the registration of an event on the UCI WorldTour calendar

2.15.175 The owner of the event shall be responsible for the application for the registration of the event on the UCI WorldTour calendar.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

2.15.176 If the owner of the event is not the actual organiser of the event, the event owner must inform the UCI and indicate in the application for registration the exact identity of the actual organiser or of any other intermediary.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

2.15.177 The owner of the event, the actual organiser and where applicable any other intermediary shall be jointly and severally responsible for all the obligations arising from the registration, including the debts under article 1.2.032. A written undertaking must be annexed to the application.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

2.15.178 In the event of a change of the actual organiser of the event during the period of registration, the owner of the event must inform the Professional Cycling Council.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

2.15.179 The event owner may have no direct or indirect link with one of the UCI WorldTeams. In exceptional cases, which do not challenge the integrity of the competition or the sporting fairness, the UCI Management Committee may grant an exemption.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

2.15.180 The event owner may have no direct or indirect link with another UCI WorldTour event owner or with the actual organiser of such an event or with another intermediary, except insofar as such a link is accepted by the UCI Management Committee.

Links pre-existing at 31 December 2004 are deemed to be accepted.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.181** In a document to be annexed to the registration application form the applicant shall (i) certify that he has no direct or indirect link with a UCI WorldTeam or a team applying to the UCI WorldTour and (ii) indicate any direct or indirect links (including where applicable through the intermediary of the actual organiser) which he may have with a UCI WorldTeam or another UCI WorldTour event. This information must be provided to the Professional Cycling Council and updated throughout the period of registration.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.182** In the event that there exist direct or indirect links as described in article 2.15.179 or 2.15.180, the Professional Cycling Council and the event owner shall consult and, where applicable, the Professional Cycling Council shall give the event owner a deadline in which to regularise the situation.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.183** Where the Professional Cycling Council learns of the existence of a link as described in articles 2.15.179 or 2.15.180 and which is not authorised by the UCI Management Committee, through the intervention of any third party other than the event owner, the parties concerned shall each be fined the sum of CHF 10,000. The Professional Cycling Council may set a deadline for regularisation of the situation.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 8.11.16; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.184** In the absence of regularisation in the manner and in time indicated by the Professional Cycling Council, or in the event of a dispute regarding the existence of a prohibited link or regularisation, the dispute shall be brought before the licence commission upon simple written request, either by the president of the Professional Cycling Council or by the event owner. If the licence commission deems that there is a prohibited link within the meaning of article 2.15.179 or 2.15.180, it may submit the registration to the respect of conditions and/or measures considered appropriate, reduce its duration or withdraw it, where appropriate, after having granted a deadline to rectify the situation.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.11.15; 12.01.17).

Organisation

- 2.15.185** Unless otherwise determined by the present §4 or by contractual provisions, Part I, Section II of the UCI cycling regulations shall apply to the event owner.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.186** The event owner must organise the event each consecutive year throughout the period of registration and assume all the resulting obligations. The event owner must comply with the dates set by the UCI WorldTour calendar as annually established by the Professional Cycling Council.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.187** The event owner must not change the format or the type of the event without the prior written consent of the Professional Cycling Council.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.188** The event owner must maintain the professional standard, the quality and the high profile of his event.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.189** The event owner must organise the event according to the usual existing standards as imposed by the UCI and in accordance with the terms of reference for organisers of UCI WorldTour events.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

Participation of UCI WorldTeams

- 2.15.190** UCI WorldTour events must accept the participation of all UCI WorldTeams.

In accordance with article 2.15.127, the UCI WorldTeams have a duty to participate in all the UCI WorldTour events registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar in 2016.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.191** All events registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar for the first time in 2017 and thereafter shall be obliged to invite all UCI WorldTeams to take part in their event. UCI WorldTeams must be invited for the following season no later than 10th December and UCI WorldTeams shall respond within 60 days of receipt of the invitation. Such invitation and response shall in any case comply with the deadlines stipulated article 1.2.049.

The registration of such event on the UCI WorldTour calendar may be withdrawn by the Professional Cycling Council in case of breach of the obligation to invite all UCI WorldTeams.

The events shall only invite other teams within the number of places available after receipt of responses from the UCI WorldTeams to the above-mentioned invitation.

The obligations of UCI WorldTeams with respect to participation in these events is set out in article 2.15.127 ff.

(article introduced on 12.01.17; modified on 25.10.17).

- 2.15.192** Events registered on the UCI WorldTour calendar for the first time in 2017 and thereafter shall ensure the participation of a minimum of 10 UCI WorldTeams in their events.

In case of failure by one of these events to ensure the participation of 10 UCI WorldTeams during two consecutive editions, the registration of the said event shall be withdrawn from the UCI WorldTour calendar.

(article introduced on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.193** As from the 2020 season, all UCI WorldTour events must invite the UCI professional continental team, if any, that lost its UCI WorldTeam status at the end of the previous season due to the fact that it was deemed not to satisfy the sporting criterion. The UCI professional continental team concerned shall participate in the UCI WorldTour event with the same conditions as UCI WorldTeams.

(article introduced on 12.01.17; modified on 1.07.17).

Financial transparency

- 2.15.194** UCI WorldTour events shall accept the principle of financial transparency by spontaneously and fully informing the Professional Cycling Council and providing all necessary documents and information in the following cases:
1. if the event owner has or anticipates any financial difficulties including the failure to pay a debt on the due date, insolvency or risk of insolvency, any significant changes in the annual budget, the cashflow plan or the financial planning;
 2. if there arises a risk, a dispute, or any other circumstance likely to endanger the financial stability of the event owner, the actual organiser or any other intermediary involved;
 3. in the event of the failure to meet, for any reason whatsoever, any obligation of the event owner to a third party creditor.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

Support for the development of cycle sport

- 2.15.195** The event owner must conduct a policy of support for cycle sport not least by the annual organisation of an event contributing to the development of grass roots cycling. This event may at the organiser's choice be a road event for women, masters, under 23 or junior riders, an event in a cycling discipline other than road racing or a cycling for all event.

In a document annexed to the registration application, the applicant shall indicate in a detailed manner what type of event he proposes to organise during the period of registration.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

UCI WorldTour promotion

- 2.15.196** The event owner shall participate in the promotion of the UCI WorldTour label in the context of his event in accordance with the promotion and merchandising policy to be contractually agreed between the UCI and the event owner.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.197** The event owner shall collaborate with the UCI in the implementation of a marketing policy having regard inter alia to any UCI WorldTour sponsors in such a way as to safeguard the interests of all the parties.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.198** The event owner undertakes to use the UCI WorldTour logo in accordance with the graphics specifications to be provided by the UCI and to respect the conditions and restrictions of use of the logo and the brand as defined in the terms of reference for

organisers of UCI WorldTour events. Any deviation from the requirements of the terms of reference must be agreed by the Professional Cycling Council.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.199** All the rights and obligations of each party as regards promotion of the UCI WorldTour shall be detailed in the terms of reference for organisers of UCI WorldTour events.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

Supervision and penalties

- 2.15.200** The event owner and any other licence-holder must give to the UCI, upon first request, any document or information which it deems useful for verifying compliance with the regulations, contracts, terms of reference or legislation. In case of refusal and without prejudice to the application of article 2.15.172 or of any other consequences, the event owner and/or any licence-holder shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 5,000 and 10,000.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

§ 5 Licence commission

(numbering of the paragraph modified on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.201** The licence commission issues decisions on the award and withdrawal of licences and any other measures set out by the regulations with regard to UCI WorldTour licences, the registration of UCI WorldTeams and UCI WorldTour events and on other disputes regarding UCI WorldTeams and UCI WorldTour events as set out in the present chapter.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 1.11.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.202** The licence commission comprises a president and two other members having no other links with organised cycle sport.

- 2.15.203** The members are appointed by the UCI Management Committee of the UCI on proposal of the Professional Cycling Council. They are appointed for a period of four years, subject to unlimited renewal. If a member resigns, dies or is prevented from carrying out his duties for any other reason, he will be replaced for the remaining period of his term.

- 2.15.204** Alternate members may be appointed.

- 2.15.205** The licence commission meets when the regulations or the circumstances so require, or at the request of the UCI administration or the Professional Cycling Council. The dates of hearings are determined by the UCI in consultation with the president of the commission.

(text modified on 1.07.10; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.206** The hearings of the licence commission are not held in public. The deliberations of the commission are held in camera.

- 2.15.207** The commission may meet with only two members, subject to the agreement of the absent member. The members may also deliberate using any means of communication.

2.15.208 The decisions of the licence commission shall be taken by majority. They shall be in writing, dated and signed. The signature of the president shall suffice.

2.15.209 Decisions assenting to the request of a licence applicant or holder or a UCI WorldTour event do not need to be justified. Other decisions must be justified.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

2.15.210 The decisions shall be sent to the interested parties by electronic mail, fax or by registered letter.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

2.15.211 The UCI administration shall provide registry services for the commission.

2.15.212 Members of the commission shall have a duty of confidentiality regarding the matters entrusted to them which shall persist after the end of their term.

2.15.213 The working languages of the commission shall be French and English. Proceedings are carried out exclusively in the language of the application for a UCI WorldTour licence or of the application for registration, unless otherwise agreed by the parties to the procedure. Without prejudice to the provisions for the licence application procedure, the commission may demand a certified translation into French or English of any documents drafted in another language, failing which the document will be disregarded.

§ 6 Appeal before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

(numbering of the paragraph modified on 12.01.17)

2.15.214 Unless otherwise specified, the decisions of the licence commission may be appealed solely to the CAS.

2.15.215 Either the failed applicant for a licence, the UCI WorldTour licence holder or the event owner concerned shall have the right of appeal.

An applicant or holder of a UCI WorldTour licence or a UCI WorldTour event may not appeal against a decision of the licence commission regarding another applicant or UCI WorldTour licence holder or another UCI WorldTour event.

(text modified on 18.06.07; 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

2.15.216 The appeal will be heard in accordance with the accelerated procedure set out in the following provisions.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

2.15.217 The time limit for filing an appeal is fifteen days as from receipt by electronic mail of the challenged decision. Time limits shall be suspended from 25 December to 2 January.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

2.15.218 The appeal must take the form of a reasoned statement of appeal lodged with the CAS comprising the following elements:

1. the full name and address of the appellant and of the UCI;
2. a copy of the challenged decision;

3. a copy of the regulatory provisions authorising appeal to the CAS;
4. a description of the facts and legal arguments on which the appeal is based.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.219** The appellant shall append to his statement of appeal all the documents, witness statements and other evidence which he proposes to invoke, subject to article 2.15.224.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

- 2.15.220** The appellant shall indicate in his statement of appeal which witnesses and experts he intends to call at the hearing, failing which these witnesses and experts will not be heard, unless with the agreement of parties or the contrary decision of the panel.

- 2.15.221** Within fifteen days from the day of receipt of the statement of appeal, the UCI and, where applicable, any other respondent shall submit to the CAS an answer containing the following elements:

1. a statement of defence;
2. any defence of lack of jurisdiction;
3. any counterclaim;
4. all documents and evidence which the UCI or other respondents wish to present, including the names of witnesses and experts they wish to be heard;
5. any written witness statement.

If a respondent fails to lodge his answer within the time provided, the panel may nevertheless continue the proceedings if no reply is received within the deadline.

Time limits for submission of the respondents' answer shall be suspended from 25 December to 2 January.

(text modified on 18.06.07; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.222** The parties are not allowed to present further arguments, nor produce new documents, nor offer further evidence after the submission of their notice of appeal or answer.

- 2.15.223** The CAS shall examine only whether the contested decision was arbitrary, i.e. whether it was manifestly unsustainable, in clear contradiction with the facts, or made without objective reasons or subsequent upon a serious breach of a clear and unquestioned rule or legal principle. It may only be overturned if its outcome is found to be arbitrary.

(text modified on 21.09.06).

- 2.15.224** The appeal is judged on basis of the documentation at the licence commission's disposal at the time the appealed decision was rendered. There may be no subsequent additions to this documentation. The documents, statements and written evidence which the appellant intends to raise before the CAS can only refer to the same elements as found in the licence commission's file or which the commission took into account in its decision.

(text modified on 21.09.06; 18.06.07; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.225** Should the contested decision be judged to be arbitrary it shall be annulled and the CAS shall make a new decision that shall replace the contested decision. This decision shall settle the case definitively. No further appeal shall be admitted.

However should the annulment of the contested decision open the way to a new allocation of the licences or a new award of a licence for which there is more than one candidate, the case shall be returned to the licence commission. After consulting the parties, the commission may, if it considers that it is in possession of adequate information, renounce any further documentary submissions and/or hearings. The case shall then be adjudged on the basis of the documentation as submitted to the commission on the occasion of its initial decision.

(text modified on 21.09.06; 18.06.07; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.226** Unless otherwise specified in the present section, the Code of Sports-related Arbitration shall apply.

§ 7 UCI WorldTour reserve fund

(numbering of the paragraph modified on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.227** As of 2015, no new contributions are made to the UCI WorldTour reserve fund.

(text modified on 22.01.07; 1.01.14; 24.09.14; 8.11.16).

- 2.15.228** [article abrogated on 8.11.16]

Reserve fund

- 2.15.229** The UCI WorldTour reserve fund will be used for the following objectives:
1. to carry out any projects to strengthen or develop general interest objectives to the benefit of all the UCI WorldTour partners;
 2. the interest on the reserve fund shall be added to the capital.

In case of deficit, the profit/loss UCI WorldTour account is used.

(text modified on 24.09.14; 1.01.15; 8.11.16).

- 2.15.230** [article abrogated on 8.11.16]

- 2.15.231** [article abrogated on 8.11.16]

Use of the fund capital

- 2.15.232** Projects may be introduced as from 2007.

(text modified on 1.01.07).

- 2.15.233** Any UCI WorldTour partners (UCI, UCI WorldTeam, UCI WorldTour event) may submit a project to the Professional Cycling Council.

(text modified on 1.01.15; 12.01.17).

- 2.15.234** Should the Professional Cycling Council accept the principle of the project, it will appoint a study commission to report back to it. The study commission may include or consult specialists depending on the type of the project.

The final decision shall be taken by the council.

- 2.15.235** The costs of studying the proposal will be paid from the capital of the fund.

(text modified on 8.11.16).

Fund management

- 2.15.236** The administrative and financial management of the funds will be provided by the UCI finance department.

- 2.15.237** The financial director of the UCI shall draw up an annual report on the use of the sums mentioned in article 2.15.227 and on the fund management. The report will be submitted to the Professional Cycling Council for approval.

(text modified on 12.01.17).

§ 8 General provision

(numbering of the paragraph modified on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.238** Public holidays and non-working days are included in the calculation of the deadlines set in the present chapter. If the last day of the deadline falls on a public holiday or non-working day in Switzerland, the deadline shall expire at the end of the first following working day.

§ 9 Appearance fee agreements

(paragraph introduced on 12.01.17)

- 2.15.239** Appearance fee agreements shall be understood as any agreement concluded between a team and an organiser providing for a remuneration or advantage of any kind to the team in return for the participation of the team or one or several of its riders in the event concerned. Participation allowances are not concerned by the present and below provisions.

- 2.15.240** In the event UCI WorldTour events or UCI WorldTeams conclude agreements in relation to appearance fees, any remuneration or advantage received shall be disclosed to the financial auditor appointed by the UCI.

The obligation on UCI WorldTour events shall concern any and all appearance fee agreements reached with any team, whilst the obligation on UCI WorldTeams shall concern any and all appearance fee agreements pertaining to its team or riders with any organiser.

- 2.15.241** At the end of each season, the financial auditor shall provide the UCI with a report on the appearance fee agreements concluded by UCI WorldTour events and UCI WorldTeams.

§ 10

[paragraph abrogated on 12.01.17]

Chapter XVI UCI PROFESSIONAL CONTINENTAL TEAMS

(chapter replaced on 1.09.04)

Identity

- 2.16.001** A UCI professional continental team is an organisation created to take part in road events open to UCI professional continental teams as per article 2.1.005. It is known by a unique name and registered with the UCI in accordance with the provisions below.

The UCI professional continental team comprises all the riders registered with the UCI as members of the team, the paying agent, the sponsors and all other persons contracted by the paying agent and/or the sponsors to provide for the operation of the team (manager, sports director, coach, paramedical assistant, mechanic, etc.).

Each UCI professional continental team must employ at least 16 riders, 3 sports directors and 5 other staff (paramedical assistants, mechanics, etc.) on a full time basis for the whole registration year.

(text modified on 26.06.07; 1.07.12; 1.05.17).

- 2.16.002** The sponsors are persons, companies or organisations that contribute to the funding of the UCI professional continental team. A maximum of three of the sponsors shall be designated the principal partners of the UCI professional continental team.

If neither of the three principal partners is the paying agent for the team, this paying agent may only be a physical or legal person whose sole trading income is income from advertising or sponsorship and the sole activity the operation and development of the UCI professional continental team. The whole income is allocated for this activity only. The available profit in the balance sheet should not exceed 10% of the turnover and must be used in accordance with the legal provisions in force in the country of the UCI professional continental team. The allocation of the profit can only be decided after the annual accounts have been established and audited.

No advance payment of profits may be made to beneficiaries during the course of the year.

(text modified on 26.06.07 ; 1.11.15).

- 2.16.003** The principal partner(s) and the paying agent shall commit themselves to the UCI professional continental team for a whole number of calendar years.

Any contract relating to the income for the UCI professional continental team must be signed directly with the party actually responsible for paying this income.

(text modified on 01.01.07).

- 2.16.004** The principal partner(s) and the paying agent may act in that capacity with respect to one UCI professional continental team only.

- 2.16.005** The name of the UCI professional continental team may be that of the company or brand name of one or several principal partners, the name of the paying agent, or any other name related to the project of the continental professional team.

The UCI may refuse any name which is likely to damage the reputation or the image of cycling or of the UCI.

(text modified on 1.07.09 ; 1.11.15).

2.16.006 No two UCI professional continental teams, their principal partners or paying agents, may bear the same name. Should application for a new and identical name be made simultaneously by two or more teams, priority shall be given to the team which has used the name for the longer or longest time.

2.16.007 The nationality of a UCI professional continental team is determined, at the team's discretion, by:

1. The country of the registered office of the paying agent; or
2. A country where a product or service of a principal partner is marketed under the name of the UCI professional continental team or of an element of that name.

The UCI administration must be notified of this choice no later than 1 October before the registration year. By default, the nationality of the UCI professional continental team will be determined by the country of the registered office of the paying agent.

The choice of a country where a product or service of a principal partner is marketed under the name of the UCI professional continental team or of an element of that name shall stand throughout the registration period and cannot be changed unless the principal partner in question ceases to hold that status. In this case, the UCI professional continental team can make a new choice as per the first paragraph.

The change of nationality will take effect on 1 January after the UCI administration is notified.

(text modified on 1.04.11; 1.07.11).

Legal and financial status

2.16.008 The paying agent shall represent the UCI professional continental team for all purposes as regards the UCI regulations.

The paying agent must be a person legally entitled to take on employees. He/it shall sign the contracts with the riders and the other persons under contract for the operation of the team.

The paying agent may act only through individuals who hold a licence.

If the paying agent is not a principal partner of the team, the management of the team will be the paying agent's sole activity, unless an exemption is granted by the licence commission.

The paying agent and the principal partners shall be jointly and severally liable for all the financial obligations of the team to the UCI and National Federations, including fines.

The paying agent must manage all the operations of the team from a single registered office. The registered offices or professional domicile of the paying agent shall be located in the country in which the paying agent will be subject to income taxes and social security charges as an employer for all its activities concerning the team.

The paying agent must keep separate accounts for the activities of the team. The administration of the UCI may issue directives for the procedures for such accounts. On

its request or on the request of the UCI, the accounts for the current and/or preceding years must be submitted to the auditor specified in article 2.16.013.

If the auditor appointed by the UCI notices during the registration procedure that the directives for the procedures for the accounts have not been respected, the registration of the team may be refused.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 26.6.07; 1.07.18).

- 2.16.009** The paying agent and the principal partners must inform the UCI without delay of the following: a change of domicile or registered offices, reduction in capital, change of legal form or identity (merger, takeover), request for or implementation of any agreement or any measure concerning all creditors.

The information specified in the present article must also be sent at the same time to the auditor appointed by the UCI.

Registration

- 2.16.010** Each year UCI professional continental teams must apply to the UCI for registration for the following year, referred to hereinafter as the "registration year", in accordance with the procedures set out below.

- 2.16.010 bis** On 15 August at the latest, without prejudice to the penalties for delay foreseen in this chapter, the team applying for UCI professional continental team status must ask the UCI for the registration instructions.

Any request filed outside the above-mentioned term will be automatically disregarded.

The request must mention the name and address of a contact person of the team applying for UCI professional continental team status, who shall be in charge of the registration procedure. Otherwise, the request will be inadmissible.

The administration of the UCI will acknowledge receipt of the request and send the registration instructions to the person in charge of the team applying for UCI professional continental team status, mentioned in its request. Without this formal request, the registration as UCI professional continental team will not be possible.

Only a team whose application for a UCI WorldTour team licence has been rejected can file a request for registration as UCI professional continental team outside this term. Such request must be submitted to the UCI at the latest 5 days after having received the decision of the licence refusal. In that event, the administration of the UCI will set the term to establish a registration file.

(text modified on 26.6.07; 1.07.10; 1.10.10; 1.07.18).

2.16.011 By 1 August preceding the registration year, all UCI professional continental teams or candidates applying to this status which do not have a valid bank guarantee transmitted by SWIFT for the following season must:

1. Obtain a confirmation from their bank that it shall be able to issue, either directly or through a correspondent bank, a SWIFT message to UBS Switzerland [UBSWCHZH12A];
2. Obtain a confirmation from their bank that the bank guarantee shall be issued in accordance with the model guarantee provided in article 2.16.054 and shall fully correspond to the relevant text;
3. Provide the UCI with the name and contact details of the bank that will issue the bank guarantee and confirm that the text shall fully comply with the model provided in article 2.16.054.

In addition, the UCI reserves the right to request from the team the submission of the text, in French or English, of the standard contract or contracts with its riders by 1st August.

The documents in question are submitted for information only. The UCI is under no obligation to examine them at this stage. However, without prejudice to other reasons for rejection, if a contract signed with a rider does not correspond with the model contract specified in article 2.16.052 it will be rejected during the registration procedure as a UCI professional continental team.

The UCI professional continental team shall remain solely responsible for the compliance of its documents with the requirements of the regulations and, where applicable, any compulsory legal requirements.

By September 1st preceding the registration year, the continental professional team or the licence applicant must submit to the UCI offices:

- the payment of the registration fee into the UCI account.

In the event of delay the registration fee will automatically be increased by CHF 500 per day.

No refund will be made in case the registration is refused.

(text modified on 01.06.06; 25.06.07; 1.07.10; 1.10.10; 1.02.11; 1.08.13; 1.05.17).

2.16.012 By 1 October prior to the registration year all the teams applying for UCI professional continental team status must:

1. Ensure that the issuing bank submits to the UCI's bank [UBSWCHZH12A], by SWIFT messaging a first-demand bank guarantee in line with the model set out in article 2.16.054, in English, and valid up to 31 March of the year following the registration year. The total of this guarantee must be at least that of the guarantee provided by the UCI professional continental team for the current year and no lower than the minimum amount set under article 2.16.024;
2. Submit to the UCI headquarters the following information:
 - A. the exact name of the UCI professional continental team;
 - B. the address (including telephone number and e-mail) to which all communications to the UCI professional continental team can be sent;
 - C. the name and address of the principal partners, the paying agent, the manager, the sports director, the assistant sports director and the team doctor;
 - D. the surnames, forenames, addresses, nationalities and dates of birth of the riders;

- E. the list of the division of tasks mentioned in article 1.1.082;
- F. the name of the person responsible for registration and accounting, who will be the primary contact throughout the registration process.

In the event of delay the registration fee will automatically be increased by CHF 500 per day. Furthermore the examination of the application will not start until all the conditions are fulfilled and the team in question will not be able to claim UCI professional continental team status.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 25.09.07; 1.01.09; 1.07.10; 1.05.17; 1.07.18).

2.16.013 Registrations will be accepted on the basis of the following criteria:

- ethical;
- financial;
- administrative.

The financial and administrative criteria are assessed on the basis of a report drawn up by the auditor appointed by the UCI. This report will be issued following an audit for which the aims and procedure are set each year by the UCI administration.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.07.10).

Criteria

2.16.013 a The ethical criterion takes account inter alia of the respect by the team or its members for:

- A. the UCI regulations, inter alia as regards anti-doping, sporting conduct and the image of cycling;
- B. its contractual obligations;
- C. its legal obligations, particularly as regards payment of taxes, social security and keeping accounts;
- D. the principles of transparency and good faith.

(article introduced on 1.07.10).

2.16.013 b The financial criterion is assessed on the basis of the report by the auditors appointed by the UCI, taking account primarily of resources and financial stability.

(article introduced on 1.07.10).

2.16.013 c The administrative criterion primarily covers the compliance of the application and registration documentation (contracts, insurance, bank guarantee, etc.) and the professionalism and rapidity with which this documentation is assembled, and respect for deadlines.

(article introduced on 1.07.10).

Audit

2.16.014 The team applying for UCI professional continental team status must submit all the documents and information required for the audit to the auditor appointed by the UCI no later than 1st October of the year preceding the year for which registration is being applied for (registration year).

In the event of delay the registration fee will automatically be increased by CHF 500 per day. This increase shall not be cumulative with that applied under article 2.16.012 where

they apply to the same period. The team in question may not claim the status of UCI professional continental team. Furthermore the audit shall be postponed until such time as the documentation is in order.

The documents required for the audit will also include all the contracts signed with riders. The number of these contracts, approved by the auditor, must be at least 10 by 1st October and 15 by 20 October. All the contracts, numbering at least 16, must be submitted to and approved by the auditor no later than 1 December.

Concerning riders' and staff contracts, a copy must be sent by electronic format to the UCI-appointed auditor. The original document must be kept by the team and made available at any times if requested by the UCI-appointed auditor.

The budget and the bank guarantee to be submitted by 1 October must take account of all the riders that the UCI professional continental team intends to recruit.

Any costs incurred for additional work, including random checks, carried out by the auditor on the UCI professional continental team or a team applying for that status before or after its registration may be invoiced to the team as additional auditing costs.

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.04.11; 15.08.14; 1.07.15; 13.10.16).

**2.16.014
bis**

After the 1st October deadline, the auditor shall make a report to the UCI concerning the registration documents submitted by the entity seeking the status of continental professional team. This report shall expressly state whether the dossier includes the following required documents: the sponsorship contracts duly signed with the principal partners, the bank guarantee, and for new teams only, a description of the structure of the team and a copy of the deed of incorporation of the paying agent. The report does not constitute validation of the compliance of these documents with the applicable legal or regulatory requirements.

The entity seeking the status of continental professional team will receive a copy of this report.

Following this report, the UCI will publish on its web site the entities seeking the status of continental professional teams which have submitted registration documents including all the required documents listed above.

[Note: a failure to submit all the documents required will give the riders the right to terminate their contracts as provided for under article 8.1.E of the model contract under article 2.16.052.]

Furthermore, the penalties for lateness set out in articles 2.16.012 and 2.16.014 remain applicable.

(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.08.13).

2.16.015

For each rider and each other person contracted by the UCI professional continental team following its registration, the auditor appointed by the UCI shall issue an additional report.

An additional report is also required should the team's total value of contractual benefits increase without adding to the riders or staff.

Where applicable an additional bank guarantee must be set up or an amendment made to the existing bank guarantee.

(text modified on 1.05.17)

- 2.16.016** On 1st November, the UCI administration will issue its assessment of the UCI professional continental teams and applicants for that status.

The files of all UCI professional continental teams which are considered to have satisfied the sporting criterion according to articles 2.15.011a and 2.15.011b shall be transferred to the licence commission in order to commence a procedure to grant a UCI WorldTour licence, following article 2.15.009 ff.

UCI professional continental teams which are considered not to have satisfied the sporting criterion according to articles 2.15.011a and 2.15.011b, but whose documentation is found to be in order by the UCI administration on 1st November of the registration year at the latest, shall be registered directly as UCI professional continental teams for the following registration year.

If the UCI administration decides that it is unable to register the team, it will notify the applicant.

Unless the team withdraws its application, the UCI administration will refer the case to the licence commission.

(text modified on 1.06.06; 26.06.07; 1.07.10; 1.06.14).

- 2.16.016** By being registered, the UCI professional continental team commits to participate in the biological passport programme.

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(article introduced on 1.07.10).

- 2.16.017** If a declined application is referred to the licence commission under article 2.16.016 then the procedure shall be as follows.

1. The licence commission summons the applicant team to a hearing with a minimum of 10 days' notice, unless otherwise agreed with the applicant team;
2. The team must lodge any documents in support of its registration application to the commission in three copies, with one copy to the UCI, at least 5 days before the date of the hearing. Documents lodged after this deadline shall be automatically disregarded;
3. At least 5 days before the date of hearing, the team shall notify the licence commission and the UCI of the identity of those persons who will represent him or attend the hearing. The licence commission may refuse to hear any persons not notified within this time;
4. The UCI may participate in the hearing. The auditor appointed by the UCI may be heard at the request of the team, the UCI or the licence commission;
5. The licence commission shall apply the assessment criteria set out in article 2.16.013 ff.

The decision of the licence commission is final and without right of appeal.

(article introduced on 1.07.10).

- 2.16.018** The UCI professional continental team must inform the UCI within one week should any of the persons or entities mentioned in points C and D of article 2.16.012.2 leave the UCI professional continental team for any reason whatsoever.

Likewise any change to the information in the list mentioned in article 2.16.012.2, must be submitted to the UCI within one week for approval.

In that case, this approval may be given only upon receipt of the supplementary notice from the auditor appointed by the UCI and a supplementary bank guarantee or an amendment to the existing bank guarantee.

(text modified on 1.05.17)

- 2.16.019** UCI professional continental teams which are not registered by the UCI may not take part as such in cycling events.

Only those riders on the list approved by the UCI may take part in cycling events as members of their UCI professional continental team.

Except as provided for under article 2.16.014bis, the UCI will make no automatic statements regarding the progress of the registration procedure. It is the responsibility of interested parties (riders, organisers) to request information from the UCI.

(text modified on 1.07.10).

- 2.16.020** Each licence holder and each UCI professional continental team must give to the UCI, upon first request, any document or information which it deems useful for verifying compliance with the regulations and rights and interests of members of the UCI professional continental team. In case of refusal and notwithstanding any other consequences, the licence holder shall be liable to a fine of CHF 1,000 to 5,000 and the UCI professional continental team a fine of CHF 10,000. Furthermore, the offender may be suspended **for a minimum of one and a maximum of six months by the disciplinary commission.**

(text modified on 1.01.19).

- 2.16.021** The act of annual registration shall imply that UCI professional continental teams and, inter alia, their paying agent and sponsors undertake to respect the constitution and regulations of the UCI and the National Federations and to participate in cycling events in a fair and sporting manner.

The act of registering a UCI professional continental team shall not compensate for any failings in the registration documentation nor offences committed by the team or its members. Checks and audits carried out by the UCI are of necessity limited and shall not result in its liability.

- 2.16.022** The registration of a UCI professional continental team with the UCI shall give rise to a registration fee payable by the UCI professional continental team. The amount due shall be determined annually by the UCI Management Committee.

Advance registration

- 2.16.022 bis** Any new team seeking UCI professional continental team status may request advance registration for the following season before the registration procedure opens.

Advance registration will be granted by the UCI administration on the basis of the essential documents described in Art. 2.16.014bis and the budget mentioned in Art. 2.16.014, submitted to the auditor by the new team requesting UCI professional continental team status.

Any new team that has been granted advance registration remains subject to the evaluation requirements and deadlines scheduled by Articles 2.16.013 and 2.16.014. A dossier that is considered insufficient will be sent to the Licence Commission which shall give a ruling on whether to cancel the registration in accordance with the procedure of Art. 2.16.017.

(article introduced on 1.06.14).

Bank guarantee

- 2.16.023** Each UCI professional continental team shall furnish the UCI with a first-demand (abstract) bank guarantee in accordance with the model in article 2.16.054. The guarantee shall be drawn up in English by a banking institution able to issue, either directly or through a correspondent bank, a SWIFT message to the UCI bank [UBSWCHZH12A].

The bank guarantee must be established by the paying agent and submitted by the issuing bank on behalf of the paying agent.

The purpose of that bank guarantee is intended for:

1. to defray debts related to the registration year, in accordance with the procedure set out below, incurred by the paying agent and the sponsors towards riders and any other person hired for the operation of the UCI professional continental team or the team applying for UCI professional continental team status in consideration of their services for the operation of the UCI professional continental team;
2. to cover the payment of any outstanding fees, expenses, indemnities, fines, penalties and charges imposed by or in virtue of the UCI regulations or related to their application.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.07.10; 1.05.17; 1.01.18).

- 2.16.023 a** For the application of provisions regarding the bank guarantee:

1. The following are considered as debts incurred in consideration of services by the licence-holder for the operation of the team:
 - at the moment of the request to draw on the bank guarantee: unpaid sums due under contract;
 - in case of breach of the contract: sums due under contract not exceeding those corresponding to services anticipated within the remaining period of the contract. These sums constitute a contractual debt at the moment of the breach of the contract;
 - late payment interest on the sums mentioned above up to a maximum of 5%.

The following are not considered as debts incurred in consideration of services by the rider for the operation of the team, in particular:

- other benefits in case of breach of contract, prize monies, legal fees and costs of proceedings.
- 2. Debts contracted by any other party in return for the services of a rider or any other member under contract for the benefit of the UCI professional continental team shall be considered as debts contracted by the paying agent and the sponsors and covered by the guarantee, inter alia debts contracted under the contracts referred to in articles 2.16.037, 2nd paragraph and 2.16.040, 3rd paragraph;
- 3. The companies through which the licence holders concerned, apart from the riders, carry out their activities for the operation of the UCI professional continental team shall be considered as members of the UCI professional continental team.
- 4. The definitions above are without prejudice to the question of whether a request is founded in any particular case.

(article introduced on 1.07.10).

2.16.024 The total of the guarantee shall represent a quarter of all the gross sums to be paid by the UCI professional continental team to the riders and persons contracted for the operation of the team during the registration year plus the amount of CHF 15,000.

Should the total amount of the guarantee set out in article 2.16.012, point 1, be less than the sum mentioned in the first paragraph of the present article, a supplementary guarantee must be arranged and submitted to the UCI before registration of the UCI professional continental team.

In no event may the total amount of the bank guarantee be less than CHF 300,000.

If the total contractual benefits increase following the arrangement of the guarantee, the total sum of the bank guarantee must be increased proportionately. UCI professional continental teams must inform the UCI immediately of such an increase and specify the amount and the reason. They must also send forthwith to the auditor appointed by the UCI the documents relating to the increase, including, inter alia, the additional bank guarantee or amendment to the existing bank guarantee. The auditor appointed by the UCI shall issue a supplementary report to the UCI.

The guarantee must be drawn up and payable in CHF, EUR or USD, depending on the currency which is most used by the UCI professional continental team for the payment of salaries (including remuneration to self-employed riders). The rate of exchange to be applied when the guarantee is set up is that of 1 September of the year before the registration year.

(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.05.17).

2.16.025 Should the bank guarantee be revealed to be inadequate the UCI professional continental team shall be subject to a fine of between CHF 5,000 and 50,000. Furthermore the UCI professional continental team shall be suspended automatically should it fail to arrange the additional guarantee or to amend the bank guarantee within one month of the date of the decision imposing the fine and shall remain suspended for as long as it fails to do so.

The UCI may not be held liable for the inadequacy of the bank guarantee.

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.05.17).

- 2.16.026** For the first registration year, the guarantee shall be valid from 1 January of the first registration year until 31 March of the following year.

From the second registration year, and for the following years, the bank guarantee may stipulate that it may be called upon at the latest as of 1st April of the registration year, including for the sums due in January, February and March.

In any case, the bank guarantee shall be valid until 31 March after the registration year covered by the guarantee.

(text modified on 5.02.15; 3.06.16).

2.16.027

1. The UCI shall draw on the bank guarantee in favour of the creditor mentioned in the second paragraph of article 2.16.023 except in the event that the claim is clearly unfounded. The UCI professional continental team shall be notified of the creditor's claim and the call on the guarantee.
For any call on the bank guarantee, the UCI shall draw, in addition to the amount claimed by the creditor, the sum of CHF 500 as costs. This sum shall be applied for each creditor who calls up the bank guarantee, up to a maximum of CHF 15,000 per bank guarantee. In case of payment by UCI of a seized amount from a bank guarantee, all bank fees are exclusively at the expense of the beneficiary.
The creditor shall not be actually paid until one month has elapsed from the time the sum was allocated from the guarantee. If, in the interim, the UCI professional continental team files a written objection to the payment of the money to the creditor, the UCI shall pay the sum at issue into a special account and shall subsequently distribute it in accordance with any agreement reached between the parties or according to an enforceable judicial or arbitral ruling.
2. Should the creditor fail to take proceedings against the paying agent before the body stated in his contract or such body as he may consider competent on other grounds within three months of the date of his call on the guarantee, the paying agent may call on the UCI to release the funds in his favour.
The funds shall be released should the creditor fail to take proceedings within one month of the despatch of notice by the UCI or to submit proof to the UCI of such proceedings within the following fifteen days. Should the body before which proceedings are taken declare itself not competent to rule the creditor shall resubmit his claim within one month of being informed of the decision. Should this not be the case the paying agent may call on the UCI to release the funds in his favour. The funds shall be released should the creditor fail to take further proceedings within one month of the despatch of notice by the UCI or to submit proof to the UCI of such proceedings within the following fifteen days.

However the funds will only be released in favour of the paying agent when the bank guarantee has been reconstituted.

(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.05.17).

- 2.16.027 bis** Any creditor having called-up the bank guarantee shall keep the UCI informed of all follow-up action and proceedings initiated before the competent decision-making body. If the creditor fails to provide the UCI with information regarding the status of proceedings before the competent decision-making body during a period of three years as from blocking of the funds by the UCI or as from the last notification from the creditor, the UCI shall release the funds in favour of the paying agent after having deducted any amounts due to the UCI in accordance with article 2.16.027 and article 2.16.029, if applicable.

In the event that at the time of release of the funds, the paying agent has undergone dissolution or the UCI is not reasonably capable of returning the funds to paying agent, the UCI may use the funds for projects related to the development of cycling, after consulting the UCI Road Commission.

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

- 2.16.028** Should the claim exceed an amount equivalent to three months of contractual benefits and the conditions for payment be fulfilled, only an instalment amounting to three months of contractual benefits may be paid initially. The acknowledged balance of the debt may be paid from the main guarantee should that guarantee not have been exhausted by the end of its period of validity. Should there be more than one creditor, the balance available under the guarantee shall be shared proportionally amongst them.

- 2.16.029** The UCI may call up the bank guarantee if fees, expenses, indemnities, fines and penalties or charges imposed by or in accordance with UCI regulations or related to their application remain unpaid provided that the guarantee has not been used up by the end of its period of validity and, if applicable, after payments pursuant to article 2.16.028 have been made.

- 2.16.030** The UCI can despatch notice to a team in case the guarantee is called up. A UCI professional continental team whose guarantee is drawn upon shall be automatically suspended if the guarantee is not made up to its full amount within one month after the UCI's despatch of notice.

(text modified on 1.10.09)

- 2.16.030 bis** Whenever a competent authority pronounces the opening of liquidation or bankruptcy proceedings against a paying agent, the UCI may release the bank guarantee in favour of the liquidation or bankruptcy administration, upon request from the competent authority.

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

- 2.16.031** The creditor must make application to the UCI for the guarantee to be called up by 1 March before its expiry date at the latest. Documentary evidence must be provided with the application.

In its absence the UCI may disregard the application.

A creditor may not apply for the guarantee to be called up in respect of a contract unless he shall have submitted a duplicate of his copy to the auditor appointed by the UCI by 1 January of the registration year or, for contracts signed later than 1 December of the year before the registration year, one month from the date of signing.

However, the right to the guarantee will apply:

1. for contracts submitted to the auditor appointed by the UCI by others;

2. subsequently to the extent that the guarantee has not been exhausted on its expiry date.

Teams and riders

2.16.032 The number of riders in each UCI professional continental team shall be no fewer than sixteen (16). These riders will be exclusively from the men elite or men under 23 categories.

The maximum number of riders per UCI professional continental team which may be registered with the UCI is restricted according to the number of new professionals under contract (within the meaning of article 7 of the joint agreement concluded between the CPA (Cyclistes Professionnels Associés) and the AIGCP (Association Internationale des Groupes Cyclistes Professionnels) in the following manner:

Number of new professionals under contract to the UCI professional continental team	Maximum number of riders registered with the UCI
0	28
1	29
2 or more	30

If the number of riders is fewer than the minimum permitted, the UCI shall give notice to the continental professional team and set it a period of 30 days within which to regularise the situation. If this does not occur, the continental professional team shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 5,000 and 50,000. To determine the fine, the UCI shall take specific account of the reduction in the wages bill from which the team benefits during the period for which it is under strength.

The payment of the fine does not release the continental professional team from the obligation to once more take on the minimum number of riders.

In the event of persistent failure to comply, the continental professional team will be suspended.

The continental professional team shall not be obliged to replace a rider that it has dismissed for a violation of the antidoping regulations. For this purpose, a positive result for both A and B samples shall be considered as a violation of the antidoping regulations.

(text modified on 25.06.08; 1.01.10; 1.10.11; 1.10.12; 1.08.13; 1.07.18).

2.16.033 In the period between 1 August* and 31 December, each UCI professional continental team may engage three elite or under 23 trainees on the following conditions:

1. in the case of an elite rider, he shall not previously have belonged to any UCI professional continental team or UCI WorldTeam;
2. the UCI professional continental team must notify the UCI of these riders' identity before 1 August;
3. the UCI professional continental team shall obtain the authorisation of the National Federation of the rider and, as the case may be, of the UCI continental team for which the rider has been registered;
4. such riders may be engaged with only one UCI professional continental team during this period;
5. these riders may not participate in UCI WorldTour races;

6. The riders in question may continue to take part in events in their club team or, if appropriate, in their UCI continental team.

** Upon justification of the participation in a stage race starting in July and ending in August, the registration of these riders may occur in July no earlier than the day before the first race day of the aforesaid race.*

In all other respects, the relationship between these riders and the UCI professional continental team may be determined by mutual agreement between the parties.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03; 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.01.06; 1.01.09; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).

- 2.16.034** A rider whose UCI professional continental team is entered in a race, may not participate independently of his team on pain of being disqualified and fined from CHF 300 to 2,000.

- 2.16.035** A rider shall not enter into any commitment with an organiser, whomsoever that organiser may be, with a view to participating in a race, without having firstly obtained the agreement of his paying agent or of the paying agent's delegate. That agreement shall be considered to have been granted if, on being duly requested, the paying agent has not replied within ten days.

Any rider in breach of this regulation shall be disqualified and fined from CHF 300 to 2,000.

- 2.16.036** The rights and obligations of the rider and the paying agent shall be summarised in a written employment contract that shall contain at least the minimum stipulations of the standard contract given in article 2.16.052.

The rights and obligations of the parties shall also be governed by the joint agreement concluded between CPA (Cyclistes Professionnels Associés) and AIGCP (Association Internationale des Groupes Cyclistes Professionnels) and approved by the Professional Cycling Council.

The provisions of the standard contract and the joint agreement shall be applied as of right. Any clause agreed between the rider and the paying agent that impinges on the rights of riders as provided for in the standard contract or the joint agreement shall be null and void.

(text modified on 1.07.10).

Standard contract between an independent rider and a UCI professional continental team

- 2.16.036 bis** The rider may contract with the continental professional team as a self-employed worker and be registered as a member of this team, subject to the following conditions:
1. Self-employed status is permissible under the applicable legislation. The paying agent of the UCI WorldTeam is, to the exclusion of the UCI and the auditor, responsible for the verification of such conformity and of the consequences of any non-conformity, without prejudice to the responsibility of the sponsors;
 2. The pay of the rider must be at least 164% of the total amount payable under article 10 of the Joint Agreement;
 3. For the rest, the contract must comply with articles 5 to 20 of the Joint Agreement, except for the following provisions:
 - Article 5: compliance with the standard contract shall be assessed taking account of the present article;

- Article 11, point 2: the frequency of payments shall be agreed between the parties;
 - Article 15: this point shall be agreed between the parties;
 - Article 16, point 1: this point shall be agreed between the parties;
 - Article 17, point 1: this point shall be agreed between the parties.
4. Should the legally applicable social security regime not require the insurance mentioned in article 22.3 of the Joint Agreement, the rider must take out such insurance;
 5. The rider must have taken out the insurance mentioned in article 23 of the Joint Agreement;
 6. The contract with the rider must require him to provide evidence of the social benefit or insurance cover mentioned above, without which he may not be registered as a member of the UCI professional continental team. This evidence must be submitted to the UCI professional continental team who will pass it on to the auditor with the audit dossier;
 7. The first page of the contract must be headed in a striking manner, «contract for a SELFEMPLOYED rider» and summarise the principal obligations of the parties as regards remuneration, tax and social security, as per the standard contract in article 2.16.053bis. The paying agent shall be responsible for the accuracy of these data.

(article introduced on 1.06.06; modified on 1.07.12; 1.01.15).

2.16.037 The employment contract between the rider and the UCI professional continental team must provide for all services provided by the rider for the benefit of the team, the paying agent and the sponsors, and all remuneration relating thereto. All remuneration and its payment methods must be set out in writing.

In addition to the employment contract, only one image contract may be concluded, subject to the following conditions:

- the person of the rider must represent a commercial value clearly distinct from the rider's sporting value as a member of the team;
- the remuneration granted for image rights must be in return for rights or services that are distinct from the activities of a professional rider; these rights and services shall be set out in a precise manner;
- the remuneration for the activity as a professional rider must correspond to the sporting value of the rider and must in any event exceed double the minimum salary;
- the remuneration payable under the image contract may not exceed 30% of the total remuneration paid to the rider.

(text modified on 1.01.06).

2.16.038 A rider's membership of a UCI professional continental team shall necessarily be based on a contract for a fixed term ending on 31 December, in accordance with the procedures set by the joint agreement.

- 2.16.039** The UCI professional continental team shall attach to each contract, on the form drawn up by the administration of the UCI, a list of the legal or contractual insurance benefits to which the rider will, or will not, be entitled.

(text modified on 20.10.05).

Insurance

- 2.16.039 bis** The UCI professional continental team must take out a civil liability insurance policy for all damages that the riders or other team members may cause in the course of their professional activities, taking account of the insurance policy previously concluded by the person in question and/or by his National Federation.

(article introduced on 1.04.11).

2.16.040

1. Any contract between a UCI professional continental team and a rider or other person contracted for the activities of the team, shall be typed and drawn up in triplicate at least with one copy to the rider or person concerned. An electronic copy shall be sent to the auditor appointed by the UCI. The original document must be kept by the team and made available at any times if requested by the UCI-appointed auditor;
2. The parties must sign each page of the contract. Clauses of the contract which are on a page not signed by the rider or other contracted person cannot be invoked against him; the rider or other contracted person may rely on such clauses. The name of the person who signs on behalf of the team must be given on the last page of the contract alongside his or her signature ;
3. Without prejudice to article 2.16.037, the parties must declare, on any contract submitted to the auditor appointed by the UCI, any other contract concluded concerning the services of the rider or any other contracted person, to the benefit of the UCI professional continental team, regardless of the nature of the services and regardless of the identity of the parties to these other contracts.

The following would be covered, for example:

- A. image, advertising or sponsorship contracts;
- B. contracts signed, directly or via an intermediary, with a principal partner of the UCI professional continental team or with a person, company or other entity linked with the paying agent or a principal partner;
- C. contracts signed with a spouse, a relative, an agent, a mandatory or other intermediary of the rider or other person as specified above, with a company in which he has a holding, holds an office or has any form of interest.

The declaration must be drawn up in line with the model and include the standard elements at the foot of the standard contract in article 2.16.052 for riders and article 2.16.053 for other persons.

All contracts must be included in the budget and in the calculations of the sum for the bank guarantee.

(text modified on 1.06.06; 13.10.16).

- 2.16.041** On the expiry of the term of the contract, the rider is free to leave the UCI professional continental team and join another team.

All transfer payment systems are prohibited.

Transfers

- 2.16.041** A transfer period exists and applies to all changes of team, whether between two UCI
a UCI professional continental teams or between a UCI WorldTeam and a UCI professional continental team.

The transfer period for any change of team during the season extends from 1 to 15 August.

For any change of team between two seasons, the transfer period extends from 1 August to 31 December.

(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.07.11; 1.01.15).

- 2.16.041** A UCI professional continental team or team applying for that status may only recruit
b riders during the transfer period. For the purposes of this article «recruit» shall be deemed to mean concluding a contract with a rider to ride for the UCI professional continental team or team applying for that status.

(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.04.11).

- 2.16.042** A UCI professional continental team or a paying agent that desires to engage a rider who is currently contractually bound to the paying agent for some other team (UCI WorldTeam or UCI professional continental team) shall, before any contact be established with the rider himself, inform the UCI of the date from which it wishes to engage the rider. Similarly, the team must obtain from the UCI a written statement indicating the date of expiry of the contract of the rider as well as any options he has to extend that contract.

(text modified on 1.07.11; 1.01.15).

- 2.16.043** Should the UCI professional continental team or its paying agent wish to engage the rider in question in such a way that he would begin to ride for that UCI professional continental team before the expiry of the scheduled term of the contract with his current paying agent, it shall firstly inform the UCI of this intention. Before undertaking any further steps, and especially before contacting the rider, the new UCI professional continental team or paying agent shall make known its intention to the current paying agent of the rider.

The transfer of the rider requires a written and global agreement between the three parties concerned: the rider, his current paying agent and the new paying agent, and with prior authorisation of the UCI.

In all circumstances, such a transfer is only possible during the transfer periods.

If there is any indication that one or more of the conditions set out in this section have not been respected, the UCI administration shall proceed to a provisional registration of the rider with the new team. At the same time, the case will be brought before the disciplinary commission.

Under no circumstances shall the provisional registration take place if the rider is already registered with another UCI WorldTeam or UCI professional continental team and his contract has not been broken.

Any UCI professional continental team or its paying agent that approaches or engages, albeit conditionally, a rider from a UCI WorldTeam or another UCI professional continental team without the prior agreement of the current paying agent, shall be subject to a fine of CHF 30,000 to 300,000. Individual licence holders involved in such practices shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 3,000 and 30,000.

If these approaches take place outside the transfer period, the fines will be tripled.

Moreover, the offending UCI professional continental team in question shall pay the rider's current paying agent compensation equivalent to the amount of the remuneration for the period of the contract with the current paying agent remaining to run, but no less than six months' salary.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.07.10; 1.07.11; 1.01.15).

- 2.16.043** During the season, no rider already registered with a UCI professional continental team
a for the current season may join another UCI professional continental team or a UCI WorldTeam outside the transfer periods.

(article introduced on 1.07.10; text modified on 1.07.11; 1.10.13; 1.01.15).

- 2.16.044** In no case may a rider move to another team before the expiry of the term with his current paying agent as stipulated in the contract - even if that contract does not run its full term - unless he has prior authorisation from the UCI.

In the case of a merger between UCI professional continental teams or a UCI professional continental team and a UCI continental team, the present provision shall apply to riders of the merged entity who have changed paying agent.

A rider in breach of this article shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 300 and 80,000.

If this breach occurs outside the applicable transfer period, the rider will additionally be suspended for a minimum of one month and a maximum of four months.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.07.11).

- 2.16.045** For the application of UCI regulations, any move to another UCI professional continental team or a UCI continental team shall be deemed to constitute a new contractual relationship, so that a new contract will have to be concluded in accordance with articles 2.16.036 to 2.16.038, even if, under applicable legislation, the transfer is effected by a cession of contract, the pursuance of the contract by other parties, the secondment of the rider or any other similar technique.

- 2.16.046** Riders and UCI professional continental teams may not reveal that they are involved in negotiations about transfers outside the transfer period. Upon complaint by a prejudiced team or any third party with a legitimate interest, the rider shall be liable to a fine of CHF 2,000 and the UCI professional continental team to a fine of CHF 5,000.

(text modified on 1.10.09; 1.07.10; 1.01.15).

Dissolution of a UCI professional continental team

2.16.047 A UCI professional continental team must announce its dissolution or the termination of its activity or its inability to respect its obligations as soon as possible to the riders, to its other members, and to the UCI.

Once this announcement has been made, riders shall be fully entitled to contract with a third party for the following season or for the period starting at the moment announced for the dissolution, the termination of activities or the inability to perform.

(text modified on 20.10.05).

2.16.048 A rider who is under contract to a UCI professional continental team may, subject to the conditions set out below, conclude a contract to ride for another team (UCI WorldTeam, UCI professional continental team or UCI continental team) in the event that his contract with his current UCI professional continental team is terminated prematurely for recognised reasons relating to the financial situation of that UCI professional continental team.

1. The rider must notify the UCI of the situation of his current UCI professional continental team, of his particular position and of his intention to seek another team, prior to signing a contract with that team. The UCI may request information from any interested party;
3. The contract between the rider and the other team must contain the following clause: "The parties confirm that the contract between the rider and his current UCI professional continental team expires only on The paying agent recognises and accepts that this contract will be respected. The present contract is concluded provisionally and shall be subject to the premature termination of the contract between the rider and his current UCI professional continental team on grounds previously authorised by the UCI";
4. The contract with the new team shall be lodged with the UCI. Should more than one contract be deposited by the same rider, only the first contract deposited shall be recognised, unless the parties to that contract mutually agree otherwise;
5. Before terminating his contract with his current UCI professional continental team, the rider must have the grounds for such termination authorised by the UCI. The recognition of the grounds shall stand as authorisation to the rider to move to the second team as soon as the contract with his current UCI professional continental team is terminated;
6. The transfer to the second team shall be at the risk of the rider and that team alone: the recognition of the grounds by the UCI or the refusal to recognise such grounds shall not give rise to any claim against the UCI;
7. Should the rider transfer to the other team without fulfilling the conditions above, the penalties provided in articles 2.16.050 and 2.16.051 shall apply.

(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.01.15).

Penalties

2.16.049 Should a UCI professional continental team, as a whole, fail or cease to meet all the conditions of the present chapter, the UCI administration shall refer the case to the licence commission which will start proceedings according to article 2.15.040 ff.

(text modified on 1.07.10 ; 1.11.15).

2.16.050 Each time a UCI professional continental team participates in a race or enters a rider at the start of a race without having firstly met all the conditions set forth in this chapter, either with respect to the UCI professional continental team as a whole or with respect to the individual rider, the UCI professional continental team shall be liable to a fine of CHF 5,000 per rider. The offending rider will not be permitted to take the start. If he rides nonetheless, he shall be disqualified.

2.16.051 A rider in breach of article 2.16.044 shall be liable to a fine of between CHF 300 and 2,000.

In the event of an offence under article 2.16.040, point 3, the parties shall be penalised by a suspension of from one to six months and/or a fine of between CHF 1,000 and 100,000.

2.16.051 bis When necessary for referral to the Disciplinary Commission, the UCI is entitled to demand copies of contracts, financial records and other documents, in full or in part, from the rider, UCI professional continental team or auditor, insofar as these are relevant to the case.

(article introduced on 1.05.17).

Standard contract between a rider and a UCI professional continental team

2.16.052 Between the undersigned,

(name and address of the employer)

paying agent for the UCI professional continental team (name) for whom the principal partners are:

1. (name and address) (where applicable, the employer itself)
2. (name and address)

hereinafter "the Employer"

ON THE FIRST PART

and: (name and address of the rider)

born on

at

of

nationality

holding a licence issued by

hereinafter "the Rider"

ON THE SECOND PART

Whereas:

- the Employer is in the process of establishing a team of cyclists who, forming the UCI professional continental team and under the direction of Mr (name of the manager or sports director), he intends to take part during the term of the present contract, in cycling road races governed by the regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE;
- the Rider wishes to join the team (name of the UCI professional continental team);

- both parties are acquainted with and declare that they will abide wholly by the UCI constitution and regulations, and those of its affiliated National Federations as well as the joint agreements concluded between CPA and AIGCP and approved by the Professional Cycling Council.

It is thus agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - Engagement

The Employer hereby engages the Rider, who accepts the position, as a road rider.

Participation by the Rider in events in other disciplines shall be decided by the parties case by case.

The engagement shall be subject to the registration of the team as a UCI professional continental team with the UCI. Should such registration not be obtained, the Rider may terminate the present contract without notice or compensation.

ARTICLE 2 - Duration

The present contract shall be concluded for a fixed period commencing on ... and expiring on 31 December...

Unless the contract has already been renewed, each party shall notify the other in writing no later than the 30 September preceding the termination of the contract of his intentions as to the renewal of the contract. A copy of this notification shall be sent to CPA.

ARTICLE 3 - Remuneration

1. The Rider shall have the right to gross annual salary of

This salary may not be less than the higher of the two following amounts:

- A. the legal minimum wage of the country of the nationality of the UCI professional continental team as defined under article 2.16.007;
 - B. The minimum wage as per the Joint Agreements.
2. If the duration of the present contract is less than one year, the Rider must in this period earn at least the total annual pay set out in article 3.1. Where applicable, the salary due from the rider's previous UCI professional continental team or UCI WorldTeam for the first part of the year in question may be deducted as long as the pay for the duration of the present contract is no lower than the minimum determined under the previous point.

ARTICLE 4 - Payment of the remuneration

1. The Employer shall pay the salary determined under article 3 in 12 equal monthly payments on or before the last working day of each month;
2. Should the Rider be suspended under the terms of the UCI regulations or those of one of its affiliated federations, he shall not be entitled to the said remuneration referred to in article 3 for the part of the suspension exceeding one month;
3. In the event of a failure to make payment of the net sums of remuneration on their due date as per article 3 or of any other sum which is due, the Rider shall have the right, without notice, to the interest and increases set out in the AIGCP-CPA joint agreement;
4. The salary, or any other sum due to the Rider by the Employer, shall be paid by transfer to the bank account no ... of the Rider at the (name of the bank) at (branch where the account is held). Only the proof of the execution of the bank transfer shall be accepted as proof of payment.

ARTICLE 5 - Prizes and bonuses

The Rider shall be entitled to prizes won during cycling competitions in which he participated for the UCI professional continental team, in accordance with the regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations.

Furthermore, the rider shall have the right to the following bonuses:

- ☐ none
- ☐ 1) ...
- ☐ 2) ...

(please check appropriate box)

ARTICLE 6 - Miscellaneous obligations

1. The Rider may not, for the duration of the present contract, work for any other team or advertise for any other sponsors than those belonging to the UCI professional continental team (name), save in such cases as are provided for in the regulations of the UCI and of its affiliated federations.
2. The Employer hereby undertakes to allow the Rider properly to perform his occupation by providing him with the necessary equipment and clothing and by permitting him to participate in a sufficient number of cycling events, either as a member of the team or individually.
3. The Rider may not compete in a race as an individual without the express consent of the Employer. The Employer shall be deemed to have given its consent if it has not replied within a period of ten days from the date of the request. In no case may the Rider take part in a road race as a member of any other structure or of a mixed team if (name of the UCI professional continental team) has already entered that race.
4. The parties undertake to respect the riders' health protection programme.
5. The employer will reimburse the rider all reasonable travel fees incurred in connection with his work.

In the event of selection for a national team, the Employer shall be required to permit the Rider to participate in such races and preparatory programmes as may be determined by the National Federation. The Employer shall authorise the National Federation to give the Rider any instructions it may deem necessary in connection with and for the duration of the selection provided that it does so solely in connection with sporting matters, in its own name and on its own behalf.

In none of the aforementioned cases shall the contract be suspended.

ARTICLE 7 - Transfers

On the expiry of the present contract, the Rider shall be entirely free to leave the UCI professional continental team and sign a contract with a third party, without prejudice to the provisions of the UCI regulations.

ARTICLE 8 - Termination of the contract

Without prejudice to the legislation governing the present contract, it may be terminated before expiry, in the following cases and on the following conditions:

1. The Rider may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability:
 - A. if the Employer is declared bankrupt or insolvent or goes into liquidation.
 - B. if the name of the UCI professional continental team or its principal partners is changed during the course of the calendar year without the approval provided for in article 2.16.018 of the UCI cycling regulations.

- C. if the Employer or a principal partner withdraws from the UCI professional continental team and the continuity of the UCI professional continental team is not guaranteed or else if the UCI professional continental team announces its dissolution, the winding up of its activities or its inability to meet its commitments; should the announcement be made for a given date, the Rider shall continue to perform the contract until that date.
 - D. in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Employer. Serious misconduct is considered to include a failure to permit the Rider, despite his repeated requests, to participate in competitions over a continuous period in excess of 6 weeks or over four discontinuous periods of 7 days each, during which periods at least 1 one-day race on the international calendar took place. Where relevant, the Employer shall be required to prove that the Rider was not in a condition to take part in a race.
 - E. if on 1st October of the year preceding the registration year covered by the present contract, the continental professional team has not submitted registration documents containing the required documents set out in Article 2.16.014bis, this right of termination lapses on the registration of the team in the first or second division.
2. The Employer may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability, in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Rider or of the suspension of the Rider under the terms of the UCI regulations for the remaining duration of the present contract.

In case the suspension imposed on the rider is subsequently cancelled or rescinded according to a final and binding decision, the Rider will be entitled to compensation corresponding to the remuneration due to him by the Team from the date of termination until the natural expiry date of the contract.

Refusal to ride cycle races, despite being repeatedly called on to do so by the Employer, is, inter alia, considered as serious misconduct.

If need be, the Rider shall have to prove that he was in no state to compete in a race.

Notwithstanding article 6 point 3 of the Joint Agreement, the employer may terminate the contract with a rider with the status of new professional on 31 December of the first year of that contract if the continental professional team is unable to continue operation for the following season. In this instance, the employer must give at least three months' notice.

In the event that the employer is subsequently able to continue operating after having made use of the above right of termination, it shall offer a contract of a duration of one year to the rider, with the same conditions as the contract terminated early.

3. Either party shall be entitled to terminate the present contract, without notice or liability, should the Rider be rendered permanently unable to exercise the occupation of professional cyclist.

ARTICLE 9 - Defeasance

Any clause agreed upon between the parties that runs counter to the terms of the standard contract between a rider and a UCI professional continental team, to a joint agreement mentioned in article 2.16.036, and/or to the provisions of the UCI constitution

or regulations and which would in any way restrict the rights of the Rider shall be null and void.

ARTICLE 10 - Arbitration

Any dispute between the parties arising from the present contract shall be submitted to arbitration without prejudice to the compulsory jurisdiction of ordinary courts, either in application of a joint agreement mentioned in article 2.16.036 for matters covered thereby, or in accordance with the regulations of the National Federation which issued the licence to the Rider or, failing this, the legislation governing this contract.

ARTICLE 11 – Contracts deposited

The rider shall have the right to ascertain from the UCI-appointed auditor the contract(s) which has/have been submitted to the latter by the paying agent. The contract(s) shall be covered by the bank guarantee subject to the conditions and restrictions set out in articles 2.16.023 to 2.16.031 of the UCI cycling regulations.

ARTICLE 12 - Declaration

The parties declare that in addition to the present contract,

- ☐ no other contracts have been concluded in connection with the services of the Rider for the benefit of the UCI professional continental team according to the sense of articles 2.16.037, 2nd paragraph, and 2.16.040, 3rd paragraph, of the UCI cycling regulations.

Done at on

In 3 original copies

The Rider	For the UCI professional continental team	Rider's agent
	The paying agent [name of signatory]	

- ☐ only the contracts below have been concluded in connection with the services of the Rider for the benefit of the UCI professional continental team:

1. Contract title:

Parties:

1. ...

2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total remuneration and other benefits:

2. Contract title:

Parties:

1. ...

2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total remuneration and other benefits:

3. ...

Done at on

In 3 original copies

The Rider For the UCI professional continental team Rider's agent
The paying agent [name of signatory]

(text modified on 20.10.05; 1.06.06; 1.07.09; 1.07.10; 1.04.11; 1.07.11 1.07.12; 1.01.15; 1.01.18).

Declaration as per article 2.16.040, point 3

2.16.053 The parties declare that in addition to the present contract,

- ☐ no other contracts have been concluded in connection with the services of the contracting person for the benefit of the UCI professional continental team according to the sense of article 2.16.040.3 of the UCI cycling regulations.

Done at on

In 3 original copies

The contracting person For the UCI professional continental team Rider's agent
The paying agent [name of signatory]

- ☐ only the contracts below have been signed in connection with the services of the contracting person for the benefit of the UCI professional continental team:

1. Contract title:

Parties:

1. ...
2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total remuneration and other benefits:

2. Contract title:

Parties:

1. ...
2. ...

Date of signature:

Contract in force from ... to ...

Total remuneration and other benefits:

3. ...

Done at on

In 3 original copies

The contracting person For the UCI professional continental team Rider's agent
The paying agent [name of signatory]

(text modified on 1.06.06; 1.07.11).

2.16.053 bis **Model for the first page for the “contract for a SELFEMPLOYED rider”**
Contract for a SELF-EMPLOYED rider

Rider:
Paying Agent:
Contract in force from _____ to _____
Monthly contractual remuneration:
Deductions made by the paying agent:

Bank details of the account on which the sums due by the team shall be transferred:

Taxes:
VAT:
Social Security:
Other:

Effective monthly net remuneration:
The rider is required to issue invoices: YES
NO

If so: - total to be invoiced monthly ex VAT
- total VAT to be invoiced
- total sum payable

Legal obligations of the rider in the country of the paying agent:

1. VAT: no/yes: amount:
2. Taxes: no/yes
3. Social security: no/yes

(text modified on 1.06.06; 1.04.11; 1.07.11).

2.16.054 **Bank guarantee model**
(To be issued by swift to: UBSWCHZH12A – by swift MT760)

Guarantee type: Performance bond

Guarantor: **[INSERT NAME & ADDRESS OF THE PAYING AGENT BANK]**
("GUARANTOR")

Applicant: **[INSERT NAME & ADDRESS OF THE PAYING AGENT]** ("APPLICANT")

Beneficiary: UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE, CHEMIN DE LA MELEE 12, 1860
AIGLE, SWITZERLAND ("BENEFICIARY")

Underlying relationship: The APPLICANT's obligation in respect of the cycling regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE for the purpose of guaranteeing, within the limits set in those regulations, the payment of sums due by the UCI WorldTeam / UCI professional continental team **[INSERT NAME OF THE TEAM]** (paying agent: **[INSERT NAME OF THE PAYING AGENT]**) to riders and other creditors covered by said regulations as well as the payment of fees, expenses, indemnities, fines and sanctions or sentences imposed by or in virtue of the regulations of the UCI or related to their application.

Guarantee amount and currency: **[INSERT AMOUNT & CURRENCY]** (in words: **[INSERT AMOUNT & CURRENCY]**) ("GUARANTEE AMOUNT")

Form of Presentation ("FORM OF PRESENTATION"): Paper form or transmitted in full by authenticated swift through one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks.

For the purpose of identification the BENEFICIARY's demand and supporting statement must bear or be accompanied by a signed confirmation of one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks stating that the latter has verified the BENEFICIARY's signature(s) appearing thereon. In case of a swift transmission through one of the GUARANTOR's correspondent banks, the latter has to confirm having verified the BENEFICIARY's signature(s) appearing on the demand and supporting statement.

In case that at the time of a demand under this guarantee, there is a client relationship between BENEFICIARY and a branch of the GUARANTOR in **(INSERT COUNTRY OF GUARANTOR)** with a valid list of authorized signatures regarding the persons signing for the BENEFICIARY, the verification of signature(s) by a third bank is not required. In such case, BENEFICIARY's demand and supporting statement must be presented to the GUARANTOR duly signed in paper form (swift excluded).

Place for presentation: GUARANTOR's address as stated above or swift **[INSERT GUARANTOR'S SWIFT ADDRESS]**, respectively ("PLACE FOR PRESENTATION")

Expiry: **[INSERT EXPIRY DATE]** ("EXPIRY")

As GUARANTOR, we hereby irrevocably undertake to pay the BENEFICIARY any amount up to the GUARANTEE AMOUNT upon presentation of the BENEFICIARY's complying demand, in the FORM OF PRESENTATION indicated above, supported by the BENEFICIARY's statement, whether in the demand itself or in a separate signed document accompanying or identifying the demand, indicating that the amount claimed is demanded according to the cycling regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE.

Any demand under this guarantee must be received by us on or before EXPIRY at the PLACE FOR PRESENTATION indicated above.

This guarantee is subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees (URDG) 2010 Revision, ICC Publication No. 758, the supporting statement under article 15 a. being expressly excluded.

(text modified on 1.01.02; 1.01.03; 1.01.04; 1.01.05; 1.01.06; 1.06.06; 1.05.17).

Wildcard

[chapter abrogated on 1.07.10]

Chapter XVII UCI CONTINENTAL TEAMS

(chapter replaced on 1.01.09)

§ 1 General Conditions

Identity

- 2.17.001** A UCI continental team or UCI women's continental team is a team of road riders recognised and certified by the National Federation of the nationality of the majority of its riders to take part in road events on the international calendars, within the constraints imposed by article 2.1.005, and registered with the UCI.

It is composed by the group of riders registered with the UCI as part of the team, the team representative, the sponsors and all other persons contracted by the team representative and/or team sponsor to facilitate the team's activities (manager, sports director, coach, etc.).

A UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team is registered for one year, i.e. from 1st January to 31 December of the same year (registration year).

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.05.17).

- 2.17.002** The principal partner(s) and the team representative must be committed to the UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team for a full season of the relevant calendar.

Team name

- 2.17.003** The name of the UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team must be that of the company or brand of the main partner(s) (up to three), or any other denomination connected to the UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team project.

The UCI may reject any name that causes harm to the reputation and/or image of cycling or the UCI.

(text modified on 1.07.12; 1.05.17).

- 2.17.004** A UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team will comprise riders who may or may not be professional, in the elite and/or under 23 categories. It must have between 8 and 16 riders.

However, a UCI continental team shall also have the right to add up to 4 riders specialising in other endurance cycling disciplines (cyclo-cross; mountain bike: cross country; track: points race, scratch, pursuit, omnium) as long as the riders in question are among the top 150 of the last final UCI individual classification.

A UCI women's continental team may also add 4 riders specialising in one of the disciplines listed in the preceding paragraph, as long as the riders in question are among the top 100 of the final UCI individual classification for that discipline.

(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.07.12; 1.01.17; 1.07.18).

- 2.17.005** In the context of a specific policy for development of cycling, the UCI may create a UCI continental team and/or a UCI women's continental team, in priority, with riders from emerging cycling countries, through the UCI World Cycling Centre.

Due to its international purpose and for fairness between nations, such team shall be considered as neither having a nationality nor national federation of reference and shall register at events under flag of the UCI World Cycling Centre.

(article introduced on 22.10.18).

- 2.17.006** The nationality of a UCI continental team or UCI women's continental team is determined by the nationality of the majority of its riders.

Transfer period

- 2.17.007** During the season, no rider already registered with a UCI road team for the current season may join a UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team outside the period from 1 June to 15 July.

However, a rider who is registered with a UCI road team and is considered a cyclo-cross specialist will have the right to transfer to a UCI continental team or UCI women's continental team during the period from 1 to 25 March.

To transfer to a UCI continental team, a rider is considered as specialist if he is ranked in the top 150 of the final cyclo-cross UCI individual classification.

To transfer to a UCI women's continental team, a rider is considered as a specialist if she is ranked in the top 100 of the final UCI cyclo-cross classification.

(text modified on 1.08.13; 1.01.18).

Trainees

- 2.17.008** In the period between 1 August* and 31 December, each UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team may engage two under-23 trainees on the following conditions:

- The rider may not previously have ridden for a UCI road team;
- The UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team must notify the UCI of the identity of the riders before 1 August;
- Such riders shall obtain the authorisation of their National Federations and may be associated with only one UCI team during this period;
- Upon authorisation of his new team, a trainee rider may continue to participate in events of his club team.

** Upon justification of the participation in a stage race starting in July and ending in August, the registration of these riders may occur in July no earlier than the day before the first race day of the aforesaid race.*

(text modified on 1.01.18).

Legal and financial status

- 2.17.009** The National Federation can choose whether the UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team which it registers are to be given professional status. The National Federation shall however be free to accept professional riders in a non-professional continental team or UCI women's continental team.

- 2.17.010** The team representative shall represent the team for all purposes relating to the UCI regulations. His registered office/main residence must be in the same country where is registered the team.

The team representative may be a person with the power to hire staff. He shall sign the contracts with the team's riders and other employees.

(text modified on 1.07.09).

- 2.17.011** Any person, company, foundation, association or other entity that becomes the team representative or principal partner of a UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team for the first time shall no later than the date of the application for the registration of that UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team submit the following to the National Federation:

- For individuals: proof of residence;
- For incorporated bodies and other organisations:
 - Constitution or articles of association;
 - Proof of an entry on the business register or the register of companies or associations, or any other official document demonstrating the legal existence of the organisation;
 - List of officers or directors with their full names, occupations and addresses;
 - Annual accounts (balance sheet and profit and loss account for the last financial year in the current legal form.

Furthermore, the team representative and the principal partners must inform the National Federation without delay of any of the following: a change of domicile or registered offices, reduction in capital, change of legal form or identity (merger, takeover), request for or implementation of any agreement or any measure concerning all creditors.

§ 2 Requirements imposed on the team by the National Federation

Registration with the National Federation

- 2.17.012** The application for the status of UCI continental team or UCI women's continental team must be made to the National Federation of the nationality of the majority of the riders of the team (the responsible National Federation) in accordance with the procedures set out below (registration).

In case of a UCI continental team or UCI women's continental team created through the UCI World Cycling Centre in accordance with article 2.17.005, the application shall be made with the UCI which shall ensure compliance with provisions of the regulations relating to the team's registration.

(text modified on 22.10.18).

- 2.17.013** Each National Federation may register a maximum of 15 UCI continental teams each year. Each National Federation must be clearly independent of the team(s) that it registers.

(text modified on 1.07.12).

2.17.014 The National Federations may set the deadlines for the procedure as set out in the registration manual as they wish, as long as the deadlines for registration with the UCI are respected.

The conditions set out in this paragraph are minimum conditions. National Federations are permitted to set stricter conditions.

2.17.015 The team must submit the following to the National Federation:

1. Original copies of the contracts signed with the riders;
2. Original copies of the contracts signed with other team staff;
3. An original copy of a bank guarantee, as described in article 2.17.017 et seq.;
4. A detailed budget following the model set out in the manual for the registration of continental and UCI women's continental teams;
5. Proof that the insurance cover required under article 2.17.031 has been taken out for all the riders in the team;
6. A copy of the sponsorship contract or, if no such contract exists, documentary evidence of the team's income.

2.17.016 The National Federation shall register the team only if it considers that the documentation submitted meets all the conditions above and that its budget is adequate for such a team.

Bank guarantee

2.17.017 For each registration year, a UCI women's or UCI continental team or any team applying for this status must set up an unconditional bank guarantee (comprehensive guarantee) in favour of its National Federation, using the model set out in article. 2.17.029.

2.17.018 The purpose of that guarantee shall be:

1. to defray debts incurred for the year of registration, in accordance with the procedure set out below, incurred by the sponsors and the team representative to firstly the riders and secondly any other person contracted for the operation of the UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team and to cover the payment of any fines imposed as a result of the application of the UCI regulations;
2. to defray the payment of expenses, indemnities, fines and sanctions or sentences imposed under or as a result of the application of the regulations of the UCI or the responsible National Federation or associated with their application.

For the application of provisions regarding the bank guarantee companies through whom the licence-holders concerned carry out their activity for the operation of the UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team shall be considered as members of that UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team.

(text modified on 1.05.17)

2.17.019 The minimum total amount of the bank guarantee shall be the higher of:

- 15% of the total pay due to the riders and other staff (whether employees or self-employed);
- a minimum sum of EUR 20,000 (twenty thousand euros) – to be indexed by country in accordance with the UCI table.

2.17.020 If the amount of the guarantee under article 2.17.017 is less than the total amount required under article 2.17.019, an additional guarantee must be set up and submitted to the National Federation before the UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team or team applying for this status is registered.

2.17.021 If the total contractual benefits increase following the arrangement of the guarantee, the total sum of the bank guarantee must be increased proportionately. UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental teams must immediately notify the National Federation of this increase, specifying the amount and the reasons. They must also submit the documents relating to the increase forthwith, including the additional bank guarantee.

2.17.022 For the first registration year, the guarantee shall be valid from 1 January of the first registration year until 31 March of the following year. From the second registration year, and for the following years, the bank guarantee may stipulate that it may be called upon at the latest as of 1st April of the registration year, including for the sums due in January, February and March. In any case, the bank guarantee shall be valid until 31 March after the registration year covered by the guarantee.

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.01.17).

Calling up the bank guarantee

2.17.023 The National Federation shall call up the bank guarantee in favour of the creditor specified in article 2.17.018 paragraph 2 except where there are clearly no grounds for the claim. The UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team shall be notified of the creditor's claim and the call on the guarantee.

The National Federation may set an appropriate indemnity for any call on the guarantee.

2.17.024 The actual payment to the creditor shall not take place until one month after the calling up of the guarantee. If, in the interim, the UCI continental team raises a reasonably justifiable objection to the payment of the money to the creditor, the National Federation shall pay the sum at issue into a special account and shall subsequently distribute it in accordance with any agreement reached between the parties or according to an enforceable legal decision.

2.17.025 If the creditor has not introduced his claim against the team representative before the body designated in his contract or the body which he regards as competent on some other basis during the three months following the date of his call on the guarantee, the team representative may apply to the National Federation to have the blocked funds released in his favour.

The funds shall be released should the creditor fail to take proceedings within one month of the despatch of notice by the National Federation or to submit proof of such proceedings within the following fifteen days. Should the body before which proceedings are taken declare itself not competent to rule, the creditor shall resubmit his claim within one month of being informed of the decision.

Failing this the team representative may apply to the National Federation to have the blocked funds released in his favour. The funds shall be released should the creditor fail to take further proceedings within one month of the despatch of notice by the National Federation or to submit proof of such proceedings within the following fifteen days.

2.17.025 bis Any creditor having called-up the bank guarantee shall keep the National Federation informed of all follow-up action and proceedings initiated before the competent decision-making body. If the creditor fails to provide the National Federation with information regarding the status of proceedings before the competent decision-making body during a period of three years as from blocking of the funds by the National Federation or as from the last notification from the creditor, the UCI shall release the funds in favour of

the team representative after having deducted any amounts due to the UCI or the National Federation in accordance with article 2.17.023 to 2.17.026.

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

- 2.17.026** If the debt submitted exceeds a sum equal to 15 percent of the annual contractual benefits, only a total amount corresponding to 15 percent of the annual contractual benefits shall be paid out in the first instance, provided that the conditions of payment are fulfilled. The acknowledged balance of the debt may be paid from the global guarantee on condition that the latter would not be exhausted at the end of its period of validity. In the event that there are several creditors, the available balance of the guarantee will be allocated proportionally between them.

(text modified on 1.07.09).

- 2.17.027** A UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team whose guarantee is drawn upon shall be automatically suspended if the guarantee is not made up to its full amount within one month.

- 2.17.027 bis** Whenever a competent authority pronounces the opening of liquidation or bankruptcy proceedings against the team representative, the National Federation may release the bank guarantee in favour of the liquidation or bankruptcy administration, upon request from the competent authority.

(article introduced on 1.01.18).

- 2.17.028** The creditor must submit his application to the National Federation for the guarantee to be called up by 30 days before its expiry date at the latest. Documentary evidence must be provided with the application.

Failing this the National Federation is not obliged to call up the guarantee.

Model bank guarantee

- 2.17.029** The present bank guarantee is issued under the terms of Article 2.17.017 of the Cycling Regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE for the purpose of guaranteeing, within the limits set in those regulations, the payment of sums due by the UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team [name] (team representative: [name of team representative]) to riders and other creditors covered by the second paragraph of article 2.17.018 of those Regulations as well as the payment of expenses, indemnities, fines and sanctions or sentences imposed under or by consequence of the regulations of the UCI.

The amount of the present Guarantee is limited to [currency] X].

The bank,

- Exact name;
- Full address to which any call on the guarantee can be sent;
- Telephone and fax numbers of the department of the bank which handles the calling up of the guarantee;
- E-mail address.

hereby undertakes, on first demand and within fifteen days of receiving the demand, to pay [the responsible National Federation of the team] any amount in [currency] requested up to a maximum of [currency] X up to the exhaustion of the present guarantee,

The aforementioned payments shall be made on reception of a simple request regardless of any objection raised or exception taken by anyone whomsoever. The request shall require no justification.

The present Guarantee shall remain in effect until [the last day of the third month following the end of the relevant season]

Any call on the present guarantee must be received by the bank no later than [last day of the third month following the end of the relevant season].

Contract

2.17.030 Regardless of the status of the UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team, professional or otherwise, a rider's membership of a UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team must be based on the conclusion of a contract in accordance with the procedures set out below, with the exception of trainees under article 2.17.008

The contract must be drawn up, in triplicate, in a language which can be understood by both the rider and the National Federation. If necessary, it must be accompanied by a translation.

The contract must cover the following points:

- Duration: The fixed term contract shall finish at the end of the team's registration, namely on 31 December;
- Insurance: The insurance cover, set out in article 2.17.031 must be guaranteed and specified in detail;
- Wages/Expenses: If a wage is payable, the amount must be stated; otherwise, provision must be made for the repayment of expenses incurred in the course of the activities of the rider for the UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team;
- Conditions of payment: All payments to the rider must be made by bank transfer to a bank account indicated by the rider for the purpose. It must be stipulated that the proof of execution of the bank transfer is the only acceptable proof of payment;
- Status: The status of the rider (professional or otherwise);
- Termination of the contract.

(text modified on 1.07.10).

Model of contracts

2.17.030 "Standard" contract for remunerated riders

bis Between the undersigned (name and address of the employer) responsible for the UCI Team (name) for whom the principal partners are:

1. (name and address) (where applicable, the employer)
2. (name and address)

Hereinafter "the Team"
ON THE FIRST PART

And:
(name and address of the rider) born in (place of birth) on (date of birth) of (nationality) nationality, holding a licence issued by (name of NF)

Hereinafter "the Rider"
ON THE SECOND PART

Whereas:

- The Team is engaged in setting up a cycling team who, within the UCI Team (name of team) and under the management of (name of manager or sports director), intend to take part, for the duration of the present contract, in cycle road races governed by the regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE;
- the Rider wishes to join the UCI team (name of team);
- both parties are acquainted with and declare that they will abide wholly by the UCI constitution and regulations, and those of its affiliated National Federations as well as – if applicable – the joint agreements concluded between the (name of national riders' organisation) and the National Federation of (country of registration of the team).

It is thus agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - Engagement

The Team hereby engages the Rider, who accepts the position, as a rider in cycling road races.

Participation by the Rider in events in other disciplines shall be decided by the Parties case by case.

The engagement shall be subject to the registration of the team as a UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team with the UCI. Should such registration not be obtained, the Rider may terminate the present contract without notice or compensation.

ARTICLE 2 - Duration

The present contract shall be concluded for a fixed period commencing on (start date) and expiring on (end of season). Unless the contract has already been renewed, each party shall notify the other in writing at least two months before the termination of the contract of his intentions as to the renewal of the contract. A copy of this document shall be sent to the National Federation of (country of registration of team).

ARTICLE 3 - Salary

The Rider shall have the right to gross annual pay of (amount in figures and words).

(Suggestion→) This pay may not be less than the following amount:

(Choose one)

- The legal minimum wage of the country of the nationality of the UCI Team;
- The amount set by (name of NF) in its national regulations;
- The minimum wage negotiated by (name of NF) with (e.g. name of riders' union) of the country.

ARTICLE 4 - Payment of the salary

1. The Team shall pay the remuneration determined under article 3 in 12 equal monthly instalments on or before the last working day of each month.
2. Should the Rider be suspended under the terms of the UCI regulations or those of one of its affiliated federations, he shall not be entitled to the said remuneration referred to in article 3 for the part of the suspension exceeding one month.
3. In the event of a failure to make payment of the net sums of remuneration on their due date as per article 3 or of any other sum which is due, the Rider shall have the right, without notice, to the interest and increases provided under national legislation.
4. The remuneration, or any other sum due to the Rider from the Team, shall be paid by transfer to the bank account number (number of bank account) of the Rider at the (name of the bank) at (branch where the account is held). Only the

proof of the execution of the bank transfer shall be accepted as proof of payment.

ARTICLE 5 - Prizes and bonuses

The Rider shall be entitled to prizes won during cycling competitions in which he participated for the UCI Team, in accordance with the regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations. Furthermore, the Rider shall have the right to the following bonuses:

☐ None

☐ (description of bonus) (Tick the appropriate box)

ARTICLE 6 - Miscellaneous obligations

1. The Rider may not, for the duration of the present contract, work for any other team or advertise for any other sponsors than those belonging to the UCI Team (name of team), save in such cases as are provided for in the regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations.
2. The Team hereby undertakes to allow the Rider properly to perform his occupation by providing him with the necessary equipment and clothing and by permitting him to participate in a sufficient number of cycling events, either as a member of the team or individually.
3. The Rider may not compete in a race as an individual without the express consent of the Team.
The Team shall be deemed to have given its consent if it has not replied within a period of ten days from the date of the request. In no case may the Rider take part in a road race as a member of any other structure or a mixed team if (name of team) is already entered for that race.
4. The Parties undertake to respect the riders' health protection programme of the UCI and/or the (name of NF).
In the event of selection for a national team, the Team shall be required to permit the rider to participate in such races and preparatory programmes as may be determined by the National Federation. The Team shall authorise the National Federation to give the Rider any instructions it may deem necessary in connection with and for the duration of the selection provided that it does so solely in connection with sporting matters, in its own name and on its own behalf.

In none of the aforementioned cases shall the present contract be suspended.

ARTICLE 7 - Transfers

On the expiry of the present contract, the Rider shall be entirely free to leave the UCI Team and sign a contract with a third party, without prejudice to the provisions of the UCI regulations.

ARTICLE 8 - Termination of the contract

Without prejudice to the legislation governing the present contract, it may be terminated before expiry, in the following cases and on the following conditions:

1. The Rider may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for compensation:
 - A. if the Team is declared bankrupt or insolvent or goes into liquidation;
 - B. if the Team or a principal partner withdraws from the UCI Team and the continuity of the UCI Team is not guaranteed or else if the UCI Team announces its dissolution, the winding up of its activities or its inability to meet its commitments; should this be announced for a given date, the Rider shall continue to perform the contract until that date;

- C. in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Team. Serious misconduct is considered to include a failure to permit the Rider, despite his repeated requests, to participate in competitions over a continuous period in excess of six weeks or over four discontinuous periods of seven days each, during which periods at least one one-day race on the continental calendar took place. Where relevant, the Team shall be required to prove that the Rider was not in a condition to take part in a race.
2. The Team may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for compensation, in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Rider or of the suspension of the Rider under the terms of the UCI regulations for the remaining duration of the present contract. Serious misconduct is considered to include refusal to ride cycle races, despite being repeatedly called on to do so by the Team. If need be, the Rider shall be required to prove that he was in no state to compete in a race.
3. Either party shall be entitled to terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for compensation, should the Rider be rendered permanently unable to exercise the occupation of professional cyclist.

ARTICLE 9 - Defeasance

Any clause agreed upon between the Parties that runs counter to the terms of the model contract published by (name of NF), the law of the country of registration of the team and/or the constitution and rules of the UCI and/or (name of NF) and which would in any way restrict the rights of the Rider shall be null and void.

ARTICLE 10 - Arbitration

Any dispute between the Parties arising from the present contract shall be submitted to arbitration without prejudice to the compulsory jurisdiction of ordinary courts, either in application of the rules of the federation that issued the Rider's licence or, failing this, the legislation governing this contract.

ARTICLE 11 - Declaration

The parties declare that, apart from the present contract, no other contract has been concluded regarding the Rider's services for the UCI Team (name of team). The Rider is entitled to ascertain from the National Federation the contract submitted as part of the registration process for the UCI Team.

Done at (place) on (date)

In three original copies

N.B.: Each original contains XXX pages numbered from ... to ...

(Each page of the contract and annexes has been signed by both parties.)

(Signature)

Rider [name of the signatory]

(Signature) and stamp

For the UCI Team [name of the signatory]
The sports director

(article introduced on 1.02.10, 1.01.18).

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"Standard" contract for "non-professional" riders

Between the undersigned (name and address of the employer) responsible for the UCI Team (name) for whom the principal partners are:

1. (name and address) (where applicable, the employer)
2. (name and address)

Hereinafter "the Team"

ON THE FIRST PART

And:

(name and address of the rider) born in (place of birth) on (date of birth) of (nationality) nationality, holding a licence issued by (name of NF)

Hereinafter "the Rider"

ON THE SECOND PART

Whereas:

- The Team is engaged in setting up a cycling team who, within the UCI Team (name of team) and under the management of (name of manager or sports director), intend to take part, for the duration of the present contract, in cycle road races governed by the regulations of the UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE;
- the Rider wishes to join the UCI team (name of team);
- both parties are acquainted with and declare that they will abide wholly by the UCI constitution and regulations, and those of its affiliated National Federations;

It is thus agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - Engagement

The Team hereby engages the Rider, who accepts the position, as a road specialist in cycling races.

Participation by the Rider in events in other disciplines shall be decided by the Parties case by case.

The engagement shall be subject to the registration of the team as a UCI Continental team or UCI women's continental team with the UCI. Should such registration not be obtained, the Rider may terminate the present contract without notice or compensation.

ARTICLE 2 - Duration

The present contract shall be concluded for a fixed period commencing on (start date) and expiring on (end of season). Unless the contract has already been renewed, each party shall notify the other in writing at least two months before the termination of the contract of his intentions as to the renewal of the contract. A copy of this document shall be sent to the National Federation of (country of registration of team).

ARTICLE 3 - Reimbursement of expenses

The Rider shall not receive any salary or remuneration, but shall be reimbursed according to the scale given below for activities carried out as a member of the team and/or at the request of the team:

(Suggestions, examples →)

- (currency and amount) per kilometre travelled during trips;
- reimbursement of air tickets for trips further than (number) km;
- for the evening before the competition, reimbursement of one 2-star hotel room if the competition site is further than (number) km from the rider's home;
- on presentation of receipts, reimbursement of all meals taken during trips to a maximum of (currency and amount) per meal;
- on presentation of invoices, reimbursement of minor mechanical expenses (tyres, brake blocks, cables, lubricants, tune-ups, etc.) to a maximum of (currency and amount) per year.

ARTICLE 4 - Reimbursement of expenses

1. The Team shall pay the sums referred to in article 3 on or before the last working day of each month, provided that the Rider's expenses form has been received by the 20th of the month in question;

2. In the event of a failure to make payment of the sums due on their due date, the Rider shall have the right, without notice, to the interest and increases provided under national legislation;
3. Any sum due to the Rider from the Team shall be paid by transfer to the bank account number (number of bank account) of the Rider at the (name of the bank) at (branch where the account is held). Only the proof of the execution of the bank transfer shall be accepted as proof of payment.

ARTICLE 5 - Prizes and bonuses

The Rider shall be entitled to prizes won during cycling competitions in which he participated for the UCI Team, in accordance with the regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations. Furthermore, the Rider shall have the right to the following bonuses:

☐ None ☐ (description of bonus) *(Tick the appropriate box)*

ARTICLE 6 - Miscellaneous obligations

1. The Rider may not, for the duration of the present contract, ride for any other team or advertise for any other sponsors than those belonging to the UCI Team (name of team), save in such cases as are provided for in the regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations.
2. The Team hereby undertakes to allow the Rider properly to perform his occupation by providing him with the necessary equipment and clothing and by permitting him to participate in a sufficient number of cycling events, either as a member of the team or individually.
3. The Rider may not compete in a race as an individual without the express consent of the Team. The Team shall be deemed to have given its consent if it has not replied within a period of ten days from the date of the request. In no case may the Rider take part in a road race as a member of any other structure or a mixed team if (name of team) is already entered for that race.
4. The Parties undertake to respect the riders' health protection programme of the UCI and/or the (name of NF).

In the event of selection for a national team, the Team shall be required to permit the rider to participate in such races and preparatory programmes as may be determined by the National Federation. The Team shall authorise the National Federation to give the Rider any instructions it may deem necessary in connection with and for the duration of the selection provided that it does so solely in connection with sporting matters, in its own name and on its own behalf.

In none of the aforementioned cases shall the present contract be suspended.

ARTICLE 7 - Transfers

On the expiry of the present contract, the Rider shall be entirely free to leave the UCI Team and sign a contract with a third party, without prejudice to the provisions of the UCI regulations.

ARTICLE 8 - Termination of the contract

Without prejudice to the legislation governing the present contract, it may be terminated before expiry, in the following cases and on the following conditions:

1. The Rider may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for compensation:
 - A. if the Team is declared bankrupt or insolvent or goes into liquidation;
 - B. if the Team or a principal partner withdraws from the UCI Team and the continuity of the Team is not guaranteed or else if the UCI Team

announces its dissolution, the winding up of its activities or its inability to meet its commitments; should this be announced for a given date, the Rider shall continue to perform the contract until that date.

- C. in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Team. Serious misconduct is considered to include a failure to permit the Rider, despite his repeated requests, to participate in competitions over a continuous period in excess of six weeks or over four discontinuous periods of seven days each, during which periods at least one one-day race on the continental calendar took place. Where relevant, the Team shall be required to prove that the Rider was not in a condition to take part in a race.
2. The Team may terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for compensation, in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the Rider or of the suspension of the Rider under the terms of the UCI regulations for the remaining duration of the present contract. Serious misconduct is considered to include refusal to ride cycle races, despite being repeatedly called on to do so by the Team. If need be, the Rider shall be required to prove that he was in no state to compete in a race.
3. Either party shall be entitled to terminate the present contract, without notice or liability for compensation, should the Rider be rendered permanently unable to exercise the occupation of professional cyclist.

ARTICLE 9 - Defeasance

Any clause agreed upon between the Parties that runs counter to the terms of the model contract published by (name of NF), the law of the country of registration of the team and/or the constitution and rules of the UCI and/or (name of NF) and which would in any way restrict the rights of the Rider shall be null and void.

ARTICLE 10 - Arbitration

Any dispute between the Parties arising from the present contract shall be submitted to arbitration without prejudice to the compulsory jurisdiction of ordinary courts, either in application of the rules of the federation that issued the Rider's licence or, failing this, the legislation governing this contract.

ARTICLE 11 - Declaration

The parties declare that, apart from the present contract, no other contract has been concluded regarding the Rider's services for the UCI Team (name of team). The Rider is entitled to ascertain from the National Federation the contract submitted as part of the registration process for the UCI Team.

Done at (place) on (date)

In three original copies

N.B. Each original contains XXX pages numbered from ... to ...

(Each page of the contract and annexes has been signed by both parties.)

(Signature)

(Signature) and stamp

Rider [name of the signatory]

For the UCI Team [name of the signatory]

The sports director

(article introduced on 1.02.10; 1.01.18).

Insurance

2.17.031 Insurance against the following risks is compulsory for all events occurring in the course of the rider's activities for the team (racing, training, travel, promotion, etc.). The insurances must be valid in all countries in which the rider is susceptible of performing activities for the team, whether individually or jointly with other team members:

1. Civil responsibility (of the rider; for an adequate amount);
2. Accidents (costs of treatment until recovery with no amount limit);
3. Sickness (costs of treatment and hospitalisation with no amount limit);
4. Repatriation (unlimited cover);
5. Death (minimum value EUR 100 000 due to the beneficiaries designated by the rider).

Teams shall take out and cover the costs for the insurances listed above insofar as the rider does not have such insurances through his licence or his compulsory national social security system.

(text modified on 1.07.18).

§ 3 Obligations of the National Federation towards the UCI

2.17.032 The National Federation shall be solely responsible for checking compliance with regulatory and legal requirements, both on registration and throughout the registration year.

2.17.033 On or before 30 September of each year, the National Federation shall send to the UCI the list of teams which it intends to register as UCI continental teams and UCI women's continental teams for the following year. The complete registration documentation must be submitted to the UCI, via the National Federation to arrive after 1 October and no later than 10 November. The registration fee must be paid to the UCI no later than 1 November.

Only a team whose application for a UCI professional continental team has been rejected can file, via the National Federation, a demand for registration as UCI continental team outside this term. The National Federation must inform UCI that it received such request at the latest 10 days after the team has received the decision that registration as UCI professional continental team is refused. In that event, the administration of the UCI will set the term to establish a registration file.

(text modified on 1.07.10; 1.05.17; 1.07.18).

2.17.034 The application for registration must be made on the UCI forms provided for this purpose. Other applications shall be rejected.

The application must include the following information:

1. exact name of the team;
2. the address (including telephone number and email) to which all communications to the team can be sent;
3. the names and addresses of the team representative and the sports director;
4. surnames, forenames, addresses, nationalities and dates of birth of the riders;
5. the allocation of tasks specified by article 1.1.082.

Any changes to the information above must be immediately notified to the UCI by the National Federation and only by it.

(text modified on 1.07.18).

- 2.17.035** The application for registration must be submitted according to the procedure set out in the UCI continental teams and UCI women's continental teams' registration manual.

(text modified on 1.07.09; 1.01.17; 1.07.18).

- 2.17.036** These documents are sent to the UCI for information only. The National Federation and the team are solely liable for their compliance with UCI regulations and any applicable legislation.

- 2.17.037** The registration application documents must also include a letter from the president of the National Federation in which he confirms to the UCI that his federation has carried out all controls required for to ensure the good reputation of team members and management, respect for the UCI regulations, respect for the regulations of the National Federation, respect for the laws in force in the relevant country, and of the fact that the team members are all covered by insurance which meets the requirements of article 2.17.031.

The letter must be filled in and signed via UCI DataRide according to the procedure detailed in the UCI continental teams and UCI women's continental teams' registration manual.

The president of the National Federation shall also fill in a checklist as requested in the UCI continental teams and UCI women's continental teams' registration manual.

(text modified on 1.02.10; 1.07.12 ; 3.06.16; 1.07.18).

- 2.17.038** For verification purposes, the UCI reserves the right to request at any times from the National Federation a copy of the complete registration documentation, specifically including the contracts of Members of the team, the insurance policy, the financial documentation, and any other document that it deems necessary.

The National Federation is required to provide this documentation within eight days. Any additional costs incurred as a result of inadequate checks by the National Federation maybe chargeable to either the federation or the team.

(text modified on 1.05.17)

Penalties

- 2.17.039** The National Federation must appoint qualified and independent persons to manage the registration process and set up suitable procedures. For this procedure, at least one specialist must be involved to assist with legal and financial questions.

- 2.17.040** The UCI shall have the right to refuse or withdraw the registration of a team which does not meet all the minimum conditions set in the present regulations or by another regulatory provision.

Notwithstanding the above, in the event of delay in payment and/or receipt of the registration file by the UCI, the registration fee shall be automatically increased up to CHF 100 per day. Furthermore, without prejudice to article 2.17.038, the UCI will not

proceed with the registration of the team without receipt of the entire application for registration and full settlement of all registration fees, including any applicable increases.

Moreover, the team may only claim the rights related to the UCI continental team or UCI women's continental team status once its registration has been granted, in particular concerning the provisions set out in article 2.1.007 bis.

Furthermore, the UCI may pass on the case to the Disciplinary Commission, which may order, in addition to the penalties set out in title 12 of the UCI Regulations, that the National Federation in question is deprived of its right to register UCI road teams for a period which it may determine.

(text modified on 1.05.17).

§ 4 Obligations of the National Federation towards the continental confederation

- 2.17.041** If requested by its continental confederation, a National Federation must provide the list of teams which it intends to register as UCI continental teams and UCI women's continental teams for the following year and/or a copy of the complete registration documentation, including contracts of members of the team, insurance policies, financial documentation and any other document.

Such information shall be provided for the continental confederations' information only and the National Federation shall remain responsible for compliance with regulatory and legal requirements as well as all applicable deadlines related to the registration of UCI continental teams and UCI women's continental teams.

(article introduced on 1.09.17).