

# PART 9 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## Chapter **ORGANISATION OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Allocation of organisation**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Management Committee will seek a consensus.

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

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

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

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

*(text modified on 1.01.04).*

**9.1.010** If the Executive Committee considers:

- that the conditions stated in the contract or the organisational guide have not been met, or
- that the state of preparation for the championships does not guarantee that the event will be properly organised or will be of sufficient quality, or
- that serious or unforeseen circumstances exist and will jeopardize the organisation of the championships, the Executive Committee may cancel or withdraw the right to organise the championships, without any compensation for the parties concerned. The Executive Committee may take any decision it deems appropriate to allocate the organisation of the championships to another organizer.

*(text modified on 1.01.04).*

### **Championship Programme**

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

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

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

*(text modified on 6.10.97).*

**9.1.013** Any postponement of the World Championships shall be decided upon by the Management Committee after consulting with the organiser.

**9.1.014** In the case of a postponement of the Championships, riders committed shall still be required to participate, whatever the new dates and places set. Riders shall be fully entitled to cancel any prior engagements that might have been concluded by or for them without their being liable for any form of damages or compensation.

**9.1.015** In the case of a brief postponement, riders, commissaires and all other persons involved in the event, shall remain at the venue, unless otherwise decided by the Management Committee.

### **Protection**

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

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

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

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

### **Participating National Federations**

**9.1.018** Each National Federation shall participate in World Championships in a spirit of friendship and fair play and contribute to the utmost to the success of the Championships.

**9.1.019** Each National Federation participating in the World Championships shall, register with the UCI, within the deadlines specified by the latter, all riders and other persons that will be on or will accompany its delegation (officials, attendants, guests, etc.).

**9.1.020** Each National Federation shall provide the organiser with any information relevant especially to accreditation, transport and accommodation.

**9.1.021** Each National Federation shall designate a Technical Manager for each team with which it participates in the Championships. The Technical Manager shall represent the team and the National Federation. Any contacts with National Federation teams shall be made through the Technical Manager.

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

## **Meetings**

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

*(text modified on 1.01.98; 1.01.04).*

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

## **Commissaires Panels**

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

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

The duties of the Commissaires shall be:

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

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

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

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

9.1.030 to 9.1.035 abrogated on 1st January 2000.

9.1.036 to 9.1.040 abrogated on 1st January 1998.

**Classification**

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

**Official ceremony**

- 9.1.043** An official ceremony shall be held for each World Champion title.
- 9.1.044** Within 10 minutes following the end of each speciality (unless otherwise provided and duly recorded in an official communiqué), the World Champion, the second and the third placed riders shall be ready for the official ceremony that shall be conducted under the responsibility of the Chief Commissaire.
- 9.1.045** For team pursuit and team sprint, medals and jerseys shall be awarded to each rider of the team who participated in the finals.
- (text modified on 1.1.04).*
- 9.1.046** Riders shall appear in racing attire, wearing their national jerseys but bare-headed and without head-band or glasses, until they leave the official ceremony enclosure.
- 9.1.047** That ceremony shall be attended exclusively by:  
The UCI President or a member of the Management Committee designated by him who will hand the winner(s) the World Champion jersey(s) and will distribute the of gold, silver and bronze medals.  
The President of the Organising Federation or a personality designated by him to present bouquets of flowers.  
Six maids-of-honour who will carry on the World Champion jersey(s), medals and bouquets of flowers.
- 9.1.048** The riders' national flags shall be hoisted on the mast of honour.
- 9.1.049** The national anthem of the winner shall be played.
- 9.1.050** A World Champion may not wear the jersey identifying his title and bearing the regulation advertisement of his main sponsor(s) until, at earliest, the day following that on which he received it.

**World Championships**

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

If a rider loses the place that entitled him to a medal or a jersey, the medal and/or the jersey will have to be returned within a month starting from the date of the formal demand made by the UCI. If not, the rider will be by right suspended until the medal and/or the jersey are returned and sanctioned by a fine of CHF 2000 to CHF 10000.

*(text modified on 13.8.04).*

### **Prizes**

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

### **Drug test**

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

### **Reports**

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

*(text modified on 6.10.97).*





## Chapter PARTICIPATION IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### § 1 General comments

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

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

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

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

In addition to the disqualification, the licensee and his national federation will be respectively sanctioned by a fine of CHF 2000 to CHF 10000.

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

*(text introduced on 13.8.04).*

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

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

*(text modified on 1.01.03).*

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

- Road: Men's Elite Races: 8 days before the first race of the championship  
Other races: 15 days before the first race of the championship
- Cyclo-Cross: 8 days before the first race of the championship
- Track: 10 days before the first race of the championship
- Mountain bike: 10 days before the first event in the championship.

*(text modified on 1.01.03; 1.01.04).*

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

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

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

*(texte modified on 1.01.04).*

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

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

A rider declared unfit following an abnormal blood test cannot be replaced.

*(text modified on 1.01.00; 1.01.04).*

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

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

## **§ 2**

### **Selection of participants by speciality**

#### **General provision**

**9.2.009** In all individual specialities, the outgoing World Champion and, for the first World Championship following Olympic Games, as well as the next two mountain bike Championships, the Olympic Champion may take part in addition to the number of starters that the National Federation of such Champions may enter under the qualification regulations, except for the Points Races and Scratch events.

In all road and mountain bike events at the World Championships, the outgoing Continental Champion may take part in addition to the number of starters that the National Federation of such Champions may enter under the qualification regulations. This facility is limited to the first world championships following the awarding of the title of champion continental.

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

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

### **Individual Road Races**

#### **9.2.010 Men Elite**

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

*(text modified on 1.10.02; 1.01.05).*

#### **9.2.011 Men Elite**

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

#### **9.2.012 Under 23s**

The Management Committee shall determine the selection system each year.

*(text modified on 1.10.06).*

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

*(text modified on 1.10.06).*

#### **9.2.014 Men Juniors**

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

**The next 5 nations will qualify a selection of 10 riders of whom 5 to start and the other next 5 nations will qualify a selection of 8 riders of whom 4 to start.**

**Nations non ranked shall be entitled to enter 6 riders of whom 3 to start. The organizing nation shall be entitled to enter 10 riders of whom 5 to start.**

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

*(text modified on 26.06.07).*

#### **9.2.015 Women Elite**

Each National Federation shall be entitled to enter 12 competitors of whom 6 to ride.

#### **9.2.016 Women Juniors**

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

**Individual Time-Trial Road Races**

- 9.2.017** Each National Federation may enter 4 riders of whom 2 to ride.
- 9.2.018** A National Federation shall be entitled to enter riders of 19 years or more in the individual Men Elite’s Time-Trial Road race.
- 9.2.019** Riders referred to on article 9.2.018 and who participate in the Individual Men Elite’s Time Trial Road Race may not participate in the Individual Under-23 Time Trial Road Race in the same year.
- 9.2.020** Under 23 riders who belong to a UCI ProTeam may not ride the Under 23 individual road time trial. An under 23 rider who is attached to a UCI ProTeam for the period from 1 August to 31 December under the provisions of article 2.15.110 may ride the Under 23 individual time trial.

*(text modified on 1.10.06).*

**Track**

- 9.2.022** The maximum participation shall be the following:

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>1)</sup> teams

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

The qualification per country is limited to 5 riders for the team pursuit, to 3 riders for the Madison and to 4 riders for the other events.

*(text modified on 1.01.99; 1 01.02; 1.10.04; 19.09.06; 26.06.07).*

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

*(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.10.04).*

**9.2.025** [abrogated on 1.10.04].

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

For team events, nations shall qualify in the order of the total of points of their best riders in the UCI track individual classification: the top 3 riders for the madison, the top 4 riders for the team sprint and the top 5 riders for the team pursuit, up to the maximum number of teams by event set in the table in article 9.2.023.

*(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.10.04).*

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

- the Continental Champions (Men and Women) in individual events who won their title after the last Elite World Championship (including for Points Race and scratch race if the riders do not belong to an already qualified nation)
- the winners of the individual events in the "B" Track Championships of the current year (if this Championship took place after the date of the last World Elite Championship).

*(text modified on 01.01.99; 01.01.03; 1.10.04).*

**9.2.027 bis** Notwithstanding articles 9.2.026 and 9.2.027, the number of riders that a national federation may enter as starters in all track events, is determined by the average number of riders that competed for the federation at each competition of the world cups, multiplied by two (x2), plus one (+1,) rounding up to the nearest entire number.

The track commission may grant dispensation in case of exceptional circumstances preventing in an unpredictable manner one or more riders from taking part in a competition of the world cup and their replacement. The dispensation must be requested within the 3 days following the end of the competition.

The 1st paragraph does not apply to national federations which enter less than four (4) starters in all track events.

*(text introduced on 1.01.03, modified on 4.07.03; 1.10.04).*

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

A Wild card for each individual event (Men and Women) may be granted by the UCI upon justified request of continental confederations, if riders do not belong to an already qualified nation in this event.

*(text modified on 1.01.99; 1.10.04).*

**9.2.028 bis** [abrogated on 4.07.03].

**Omnium**

**9.2.029** Notwithstanding articles 9.2.026 and 9.2.027, the first 18 National Federations shall qualify for one starting position on the basis of a table (see example hereafter) reflecting the UCI track individual classification set at the end of the last edition of the World Championships. The table consider, for each nation, the highest ranked rider in the following events: 1km time trial, points race, individual pursuit, and scratch race. The best 3 rankings will be considered for this purpose.

Example:

Rank	Country	Best ranked rider				Cumulated rank
		1km TT	Points race	Ind. pursuit	Scratch race	
1	GGG	6	3	5		14
2	LLL	2		11	8	21
3	AAA		10	8	3	21
4	OOO	5	10		13	28
...	...	...	...	...	...	...

In the event of a tie (i.e. example above with LLL and AAA tie on 21), the best rank shall determine the placing of the nations involved. In the event that there is still a tie, the second, third or fourth best rank shall decide.

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

In this case, the number of nations/riders qualified through the UCI track individual classification shall be reduced in order not to exceed the number of 18 riders.

*(article introduced on 07.07.06).*

**Mountain Bike**

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

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

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

- XCO Men Elite (aged 23 and over)
- Men under 23 (ages from 19 to 22)
- Women Elite (aged 19 and over)
- Women under 23 (aged 19 to 22)
- Men Juniors (aged 17 and 18)
- Women Juniors (aged 17 and 18)

XCM	Men (aged 19 and over) Women (aged 19 and over)
DHI	Men Elite (aged 19 and over) Women Elite (aged 19 and over) Men Juniors (aged 17 and 18) Women Juniors (aged 17 and 18)
4X	Men (aged 17 and over) Women (aged 17 and over)
XCR	Team (aged 17 and over)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

*(text modified on 1.01.04; 1.01.06; 1.09.06).*

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

*(article introduced on 1.01.04).*

**9.2.037** Race numbers must be collected at the time stated in the championship programme. The identification number for the team relay shall be given at the team managers' meeting held the day before the event.

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

**9.2.038** Riders' start order is drawn up on the basis of the last published UCI individual mountain bike classification in the following formats and categories:

- XCO Men Elite, XCO Women Elite, XCO Men under 23, XCO Women under 23
- DHI Men Elite, DHI Women Elite, for qualifying runs only
- 4X Men, 4X Women, for qualifying rounds only.

For riders not ranked in the UCI individual classification, start order will in the first instance alternate between nations in the order of the placing of the nation in the preceding World Championships, and then for unclassified nations lots will be drawn to determine the order of each rider. Within each team, the start order shall be that of the rider's registration within the selection.

For the seeding run for the Men Juniors and Women Juniors DHI events, the start order of teams is determined by the placing of the nation in the preceding World Championships. Lots shall be drawn for unclassified nations. The start order within each team shall be that of the rider's registration within the selection.

For the Men Juniors and Women Juniors XCO events, the start order of teams is determined by the placing of the nation in the preceding World Championships. Lots shall be drawn for unclassified nations. The start order within each team shall be determined by the team.

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

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

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

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

- 1) the reigning XCM world champion
- 2) the reigning XCO Elite and under 23 world champions
- 3) the reigning Olympic Mountain Bike champion
- 4) the former XCM and XCO Elite world champions
- 5) the former Olympic Mountain Bike champions
- 6) the first 75 of the latest UCI marathon cross-country classification
- 7) the first 50 of the latest UCI Olympic cross-country classification
- 8) other riders as per their classification in the latest UCI marathon cross-country individual classification
- 9) other riders as per their classification in the latest UCI Olympic cross-country individual classification
- 10) unclassified riders as they are called.

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

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

*(article introduced on 1.01.04).*

### **Cyclo-cross**

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

*(article introduced on 1.09.04).*

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

Nation ranked from 1st to 3rd	9 riders, with 6 to start
Nations ranked from 4th to 7th	8 riders, with 5 to start
All other nations	7 riders, with 4 to start

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

*(article introduced on 1.09.04).*

**9.2.044** The national federations concerned may additionally enter the outgoing world champions and the leaders of the UCI Cyclo-cross Classification as published after the national championships in Europe.

*(article introduced on 1.09.04).*

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

federation with a selection of 6 riders: its first 4 ranked riders

federation with a selection of 5 riders: its first 3 ranked riders

federation with a selection of 4 riders: its first 2 ranked riders.

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

*(article introduced on 1.09.04).*



**Chapter WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS B**

**9.3.001** Every pre-olympic year, "B" World Championships on track and road shall be organised.

*(text modified on 8.10.01).*

**9.3.002** The UCI shall, two years in advance, award the organisation of the championships to a National Federation on the recommendation of its Continental Confederation.

**9.3.003** The organisational details shall be set out in a specific organiser's guide. The host national federation shall sign this guide to indicate its acceptance.

**9.3.004** The minimum age for participants shall be set at 19 years for the road events and 18 years for the track events. These ages shall be calculated by deducting the year of their birth from the current year.

*(text modified on 2.02.01).*

**9.3.005** Participation shall be restricted to the following national federations:

***Men's road events:***

After removing the first 15 nations ranked in the UCI ProTour final nations ranking for 2006, the remaining nations ranked in the final nations ranking of the UCI Continental Circuits for 2006 may take part in the road events, as follows:

UCI Africa Tour: nations ranked below the first place

UCI America Tour: nations ranked below the third place

UCI Asia Tour: nations ranked below the second place

UCI Europe Tour: nations ranked below the fifteenth place

UCI Oceania Tour: nations ranked below the first place

However, no rider belonging to a UCI ProTeam may participate in the road events.

***Women's road events:***

National federations ranked below 20th place in the UCI nations ranking on 1 January of the current year. However, riders included in the UCI individual rankings of 1 January of the current year may not take part.

***Men's track events:***

National federations for whom no riders qualified for the previous elite world track championships.

***Women's track events:***

National federations for whom no riders qualified for the previous elite world track championships.

The host federation may take part in each competition as of right, but its selected riders must meet the criteria set out above.

Furthermore, the UCI management committee may authorise the participation of other federations, in particular with a view to promoting cycling in the countries concerned.

*(text modified on 2.02.01; 1.10.06).*

**9.3.006** For the road races, a national federation can send a team of six riders for the road races and two riders for the time trials.

*(text modified on 2.02.01; 1.01.07).*

**9.3.007** The participation in Track races shall be as follows:

Men	Sprint:	2 riders per nation
	Km TT.:	1 rider per nation
	Individual pursuit:	2 riders per nation
	Scratch race:	2 riders per nation
	Points Race:	2 riders per nation
Keirin:	2 riders per nation	
Women	Sprint:	2 riders per nation
	500 m TT:	1 rider per nation
	Individual pursuit:	2 riders per nation
	Scratch race:	2 riders per nation
	Point race:	2 riders per nation
Keirin:	2 riders per nation	

*(text modified on 2.02.01; 1.01.06).*





