

# PART 4 MOUNTAIN BIKE RACES

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*(Part replaced on 1.01.06. Many provisions of the preceding version corresponding to provisions in parts 1, 9 and 12 have not been included; please refer to these Parts).*

## **Chapter GENERAL RULES**

### **§ 1 Race types**

**4.1.001** The mountain bike discipline includes the following events comprising the specialities listed below:

- A. Cross-country: XC
  - Cross-country Olympic: XCO
  - Cross-country Marathon: XCM
  - Cross-country point-to-point: XCP (point to point)
  - Cross-country short circuit: XCC (Criterium)
  - Cross-country time trial: XCT (Time Trial)
  - Cross-country team relay: XCR (Team Relay)
  - Cross-country Stage race: XCS (Stage races)
- B. Downhill: DH (downhill)
  - Individual downhill: DHI
  - Massed-start downhill: DHM
- C. Four Cross: 4X

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### **§ 2 Age categories and participation**

**4.1.002** Participation in races is organised on the basis of the age categories set out in articles 1.1.034 to 1.1.037, except as specified below.

#### Women Under 23

**4.1.003** In cross-country Olympic mountain biking, women aged from 19 to 22 are grouped in an "Under 23" category.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### Cross-country Olympic — XCO

- 4.1.004** Except in the UCI world championships, continental championships and, at the discretion of national federations, national championships, Under 23 men and women can ride the events for elite men and women respectively, even if a separate event is being run for Under 23 riders.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### Cross-country Marathon — XCM

- 4.1.005** Cross-country marathon events are open to all riders aged 19 or over.

### Downhill — DH

- 4.1.006** For the individual downhill events at world championships, continental championships and national championships, two separate events are organised, one for juniors and one for all other riders.

Other events on the international calendar are open to all riders aged 17 or over.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### Four Cross — 4X

- 4.1.007** 4X events are open to all riders aged 17 or over.

### Stage races

- 4.1.008** Stage races are open to all riders aged 19 or over.

### Masters

- 4.1.009** All riders aged 30 or over who hold a masters licence are allowed to ride mountain bike events on the UCI international masters calendar, apart from:

1. riders who, during the current year, have ridden a mountain bike event on the international calendar or regional games or Commonwealth Games other than a masters event with the exception of the world mountain bike marathon championships;
2. riders who during the current year have been a member of a team registered with the UCI.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

- 4.1.010** In events other than the masters world championships, master riders may ride with a temporary or day licence issued by the competent national federation.

The licence shall set out clearly the start and end dates of the period for which it is valid. The national federation shall ensure that a holder of a temporary or day licence shall for the duration of that licence benefit from the same insurance coverage and other advantages as those granted with an annual licence.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

## § 3 Calendar

**4.1.011** International mountain bike races are registered on the **international** calendar in accordance with the following classification:

- Olympic Games (OG)
- World Championships (CM)
 

*No other international mountain bike event of the same speciality may be organised **during** the world championships.*
- World cup (WC)
 

No Hors Class or Class 1 event of the same speciality may be organised on the same continent on the same day as a world cup event.

**The continental championships (CC) in a speciality may not be organised during a world cup event in the same speciality.**
- masters world championships (CMM)
- continental championships (CC)
 

No Hors Class or Class 1 event of the same speciality may be organised on the same continent **during** the continental championships.
- stage races
  - Hors Class (SHC)
  - Class 1 (S1)
  - Class 2 (S2)

No stage race may be organised during the Olympic Games, world championships or world cup events.
- one-day races
  - Hors Class (HC)
  - Class 1 (C1)
  - Class 2 (C2)
  - Class 3 (C3)

However, an event will only be given hors class status (**per stage or one-day race**) if the previous season's race had 30 foreign riders starting, representing at least 15 different nationalities.

Categories are allocated to each event annually by the Management Committee of the UCI on the basis of the recommendations made by the mountain bike commission and the race report from the preceding year. A new event may only be given Class 2 or 3 status in its first year.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

**§ 4 Technical delegate**

**4.1.012** For the Olympic Games, world championships, World Cup events and continental championships a technical delegate is appointed by the UCI.

**4.1.013** Without prejudice to the responsibility of the organiser, the technical delegate shall supervise the preparation of the technical aspects of the event and shall serve as a link with UCI headquarters in this respect.

**4.1.014** If an event is promoted at a new venue, the technical delegate must carry out an inspection in advance (course, distance, location of feed/technical assistance zones, installations, safety, etc.). He will meet the organiser and prepare an inspection report without delay for submission to the UCI mountain bike coordinator.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.1.015** The technical delegate must be on site prior to the first official training session and must carry out an inspection of the venue and course in conjunction with the organiser and the president of the commissaires' panel. He shall coordinate the technical preparations for the event and shall ensure that the recommendations made in the inspection report are implemented. The definitive version of the course and any changes shall be the responsibility of the technical delegate. In cases where a technical delegate does not have to be appointed under article 4.1.012, this task shall fall to the president of the commissaires' panel.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.1.016** The technical delegate shall attend the team managers' meetings.

**§ 5 Marshals**

**4.1.017** The race organiser must provide enough marshals to ensure the safety of the riders and spectators during competition and official training sessions.

**4.1.018** The minimum age for marshals is the age of legal majority of the country where the competition takes place.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.1.019** The marshals shall be readily identifiable by a badge or distinctive uniform.

**4.1.020** Marshals will all be equipped with a whistle and those located at strategic points (to be defined by the UCI technical delegate or, where applicable, by the president of the commissaires' panel) with a radio. They must be positioned so as to provide a radio link covering the whole course.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.1.021** Marshals must be properly briefed on their role and issued with course maps which provide simple reference points for locating accidents.

**4.1.021 bis** All organisers must employ a marshal coordinator, who must speak one of the two official languages of the UCI. The president of the commissaires' panel and, where applicable, the UCI technical delegate will meet the marshal coordinator before the event in order to optimise the procedure for giving instructions to the marshals (emergency plans, equipment, whistles, flags, radios, etc.)

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### **§ 6 Event procedure**

#### **Safety**

**4.1.022** The course must only be ridden by the riders during the events and official training periods. All other persons must be kept clear of the course.

#### **Cancellation**

**4.1.023** In the event of bad weather the president of the commissaires' panel may decide to cancel the event after consulting the organiser and, where appointed, the UCI technical delegate.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

#### **Before the start**

**4.1.024** The course of each event shall be clearly defined before the start, and displayed at registration. Access to the circuit will be under UCI control from the time that the UCI technical delegate or, where applicable, the president of the commissaires' panel appointed for the event arrives (course inspection).

Before they arrive, access to the circuit shall be subject to the laws in force and local rules governing the event venue. The organiser may not refuse access to the circuit for any other reason.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.1.025** Before the official training periods start, the UCI technical delegate shall check that the course is properly and safely marked. A report of this check will be made to the president of the commissaires panel and the organiser. In the absence of the UCI technical delegate the course check and report will be made by the president of the commissaires' panel.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.1.026** Riders or team managers must also attend or be represented at a pre-race briefing which will cover any specific changes to the regulations for the event if such a meeting is specified in the special regulations for the event.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.1.027** The checking and control of licenses and the signing on will take place in an office close to the start zone. Official training will only be permitted after licences have been checked, other registration formalities completed and handlebar numbers distributed.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.1.028** The definitive list of starters shall be drawn up before the start of the race. As well as the riders' names, it shall also accurately list their nationality, UCI team, UCI code, category, the race type, the distance and the start time.

- 4.1.029** The organiser of the event shall provide at least six (6) radio sets to the commissaires' panel to allow the commissaires to communicate properly. These radio sets must have one channel reserved for the sole use of the commissaires' panel and another with which it is possible for the commissaires to contact the director of the organisation.

### **The start**

- 4.1.030** For Olympic Games, world championships, world cup and continental championship events, the organiser must make provision for a call-up area which is sufficiently large for riders to warm up in, close to the start zone.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.1.031** In mass start events, riders must be called to the start no earlier than 20 minutes before the scheduled start of the race. This period can be reduced where the number of riders allows. Five minutes before the call-up an announcement must be made over the public address system to inform riders of the fact, and again three minutes beforehand.

The riders shall line up in the order in which they are to be called to the start line. The number of riders on each line will be decided by the president of the commissaires' panel and supervised by a commissaire. The rider himself shall decide which position on the line to take.

Once the riders are lined up, warm-up (by rollers, turbo trainer, etc.) is excluded inside or outside the start area.

The start will be given by the start commissaire using the following procedure: warnings 3, 2, 1 minutes and 30 seconds before the start, then a final announcement that the start will be given within the next 15 seconds.

A starting pistol or, if none is available, a whistle, will be used to give the start.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.1.032** The start commissaire shall be in sole control of the public address system from three minutes before the start, until the start has been given.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*



- 4.1.033** The start briefing will be given in at least one of the official languages of the UCI.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### **Conduct of riders**

- 4.1.034** A rider must act in a sporting manner at all times and shall permit any faster rider to overtake without obstructing.

- 4.1.035** If a rider exits the course for any reason, he/she must return to the course at the same point from which he/she exited.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.1.036** The riders must respect nature and shall make sure that they do not pollute the course venue.

## **§ 7**

### **Equipment**

- 4.1.037** The use of radio links or other remote means of communication with riders is forbidden.

- 4.1.038** The use of tyres fitted with metal spikes or screws is not permitted.

- 4.1.039** **Bikes used for competition must comply with an official standard for mountain bikes.**

*(article introduced on 12.06.08).*

## **§ 8**

### **Installations**

- 4.1.040** Inflatable arches crossing the circuit are prohibited.

*(text introduced on 25.09.07).*

- 4.1.041** The organiser must provide a bike washing area.

*(text introduced on 25.09.07).*

## **§ 9**

### **Course**

- 4.1.042** As far as possible, the course for cross-country, four cross and downhill events must be totally separate from that of all other events organised on the same site. If this is not the case, the training and race timetable must be drawn up so that the courses cannot be used simultaneously.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.1.043** There must not be any obstacles which might cause a crash or a collision in the start and finish zones.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*



## Chapter CROSS-COUNTRY EVENTS

### § 1

### Race characteristics

#### Cross-country Olympic - XCO

**4.2.001** The duration of cross-country Olympic format races shall lie within the following ranges or as close as possible to them (in hours and minutes).

	Minimum	Maximum
Junior Men	1.30 (1.15*)	1.45
Junior Women	1.15 (1.00*)	1.30
Under 23 Men	1.45 (1.15*)	2.00
Under 23 Women	1.30 (1.15*)	1.45
Elite Men	2.00 (1.30*)	2.15
Elite Women	1.45 (1.30*)	2.00
Masters Men	1.45	2.00
Masters Women	1.30	1.45

\*Minimum time for a Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 event on the international calendar.

In the event of very severe weather conditions, the president of the commissaires panel shall aim for a race time as close as possible to the minimum time.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.2.002** The circuit for an Olympic format cross-country event shall be between 5 km and 9 km in length. Ideally it shall be in the form of a cloverleaf.

The course must be marked every kilometre by a sign indicating the distance remaining to the finish line.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.2.003** Riders shall start in a single group.

#### Cross-country Marathon - XCM

**4.2.004** The cross-country Marathon format races must respect the following minimum distances:

	Minimum distance
Marathon	60 km
Continental championships	80 km
World championships	80 km
The maximum distance will be 120 km.	

The course must be marked every ten kilometres by a sign indicating the distance remaining to be raced.

The course may not include any section to be covered twice. Only the start and finishing lines may be located at the same place.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

**4.2.005** Riders shall start in a single group.

### **Cross-country point-to-point - XCP**

**4.2.006** The course for a cross-country point to point event shall be between 25 km and 60 km in length.

The event shall start in one place and finish elsewhere.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.2.007** Riders shall start in a single group.

### **Cross-country short circuit or criterium - XCC**

**4.2.008** The start and finish should be in the same area. The circuit shall be no more than 5 km around.

**4.2.009** Natural and/or artificial obstacles shall only be permitted if their use has been approved by the UCI technical delegate or in his absence, the president of the commissaires' panel.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### **Cross-country time trial - XCT**

**4.2.010** The circuit for a cross-country time trial shall be between 5 km and 25 km in length.

### **Cross-country team relay - XCR**

**4.2.011** Cross-country team relays may be organised at the world championships and continental championships as described in articles 9.2.032 and 9.2.033.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

## **§ 2 Course**

**4.2.012** The course for a cross-country race should include a variety of terrain such as road sections, forest tracks, fields, and earth or gravel paths, and include significant amounts of climbing and descending. Paved or tarred/asphalt roads should not exceed 15% of the total course.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.2.013** The course must be wholly rideable even in difficult weather conditions. Parallel sections must be provided on sections of the course likely to deteriorate easily.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.2.014** [Article transferred to art. 4.1.043 on 25.09.07].

- 4.2.015** Extended single track sections must have periodic passing sections.

- 4.2.016** [Article transferred to art. 4.1.042 on 25.09.07].

- 4.2.017** On the course for a cross-country event at world championships, continental championships and world cup and hors class events, provision must be made for at least 6 crossing points for spectators. The crossings must be marshalled on each side.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### **§ 3**

## **Course marking**

- 4.2.018** The course must be marked and indicated according to the following system:

- 4.2.019** Direction arrows (black arrows on white or yellow panels) will indicate the route to be followed showing changes of course, intersections, and all potentially dangerous situations. The minimum dimensions of direction arrows shall be 40 cm by 20 cm and they must not be sited more than 1.5m above ground level.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.2.020** The arrows should be on the right-hand side of the course except for right turns in which case arrows before and at the turn should be on the left-hand side of the course.

- 4.2.021** An arrow will be located 10 m before each junction, at the junction and 10 m after the junction to confirm that the correct route has been followed.

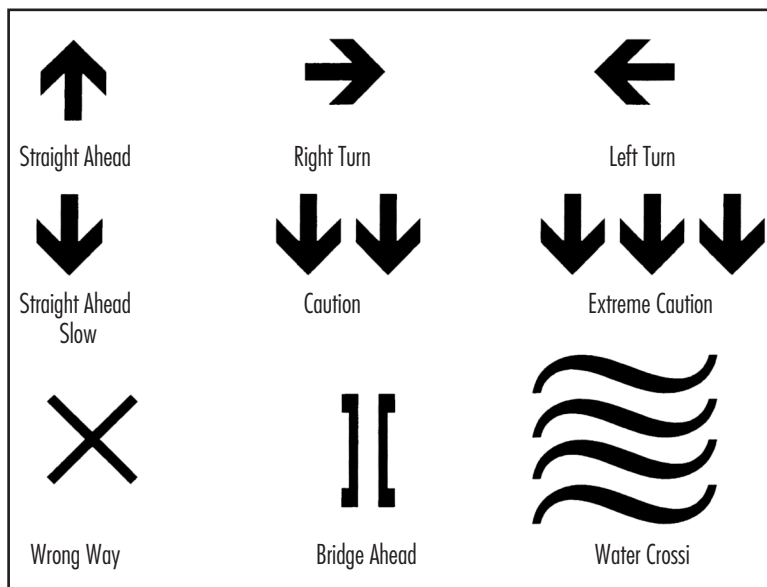
A clearly visible "X" sign will be used to mark wrong directions.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.2.022** In a potentially dangerous situation, one or more arrows pointing downwards will be placed 10 m to 20 m before the obstacle or potential danger, and also where the obstacle or potential danger is. Two arrows pointing downwards shall be used for a more dangerous situation.

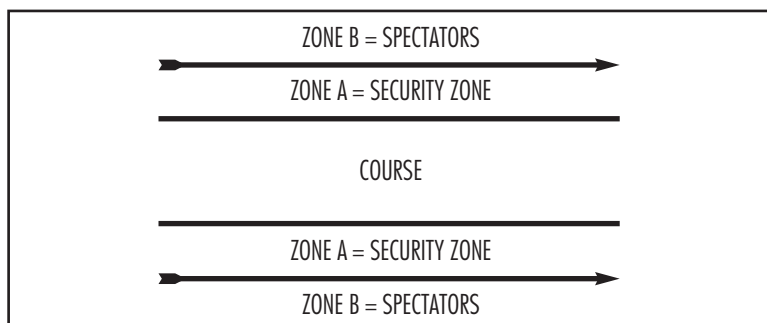
A serious hazard requiring great caution shall be marked with three arrows pointing downwards.

## 4.2.023 Copies of the following signs must be used:



## 4.2.024 The sections of a cross-country course that involve steep or potentially dangerous slopes must be marked and protected using non-metallic, preferably bamboo or PVC, stakes (slalom stakes), 1.5 to 2 meters high.

In very fast sections of the course where the technical delegate or, in his absence, the president of the commissaires' panel deems it appropriate, small banners as per the diagram below can be used to mark off the course. The tape should be positioned on the ski gates/piping at a height which does not interfere with television shots (usually at 50 cm from the ground). "Zone A" sections must be at least 2 m wide.



(text modified on 25.09.07).

- 4.2.025** Where course sections involve obstacles such as walls, tree stumps or tree trunks, hay bales or suitable padding must be used to protect the riders. Such protective measures must not restrict the rideability of the course.

In appropriate areas, such as along the edge of steep drops, catch nets which comply with safety standards must be used. Nets or mesh fencing with openings greater than 5 cm x 5 cm may not be used.

Any wooden bridges or ramps must be covered with non-slip surface (carpet, chicken wire or special anti-slip paint). The use of a "chicken wire" mesh is acceptable only if the bridge or ramp is not preceded by a descent.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.2.026** For Olympic format races at the Olympic Games, world championships, continental championships, world cup and hors class events, the course must be marked out (using stakes or banners) and protected for its entire length.

For marathon format races at the world championships, continental championships and hors class events, the course must be marked out well enough to ensure that it can be followed without problems.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

- 4.2.027** Wherever possible, roots, tree stumps, protruding rocks, etc. will be covered in biodegradable fluorescent paint.

## **§ 4 Start and finish zones**

- 4.2.028** The start and/or finish banners must be placed immediately above the start and finish lines at least 2.5 metres above ground level and cover the whole width of the riding surface.

- 4.2.029** The start zone for a cross-country event (massed start events) must:
- be at least 8 metres wide for at least 50 metres before the start line
  - be at least 8 metres wide for at least 100 metres after the start line
  - be on a flat or uphill section of the course.

The first narrowing after the start must allow riders to pass through together easily.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.2.030** The finish zone for a cross-country event (massed start event) must:
- be at least 4 metres wide for at least 50 metres before the finish line; for world championships and world cup events this zone will be at least 8 metres wide for at least 80 metres.
  - be at least 4 metres wide for at least 20 metres after the finish line; for world championships and world cup events this zone will be at least 8 metres wide for at least 50 metres.
  - be on a flat or uphill section of the course.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.2.031** Barriers must be in place on both sides of the course for a minimum of 100 metres before and 50 metres after the start and finish line(s).

- 4.2.032** The final kilometre of the race must be clearly and precisely indicated.



## § 5 Feeding – Diagram Feed/Technical Assistance zone

DIAGRAM 1 : FEED/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ZONE ONE SIDE

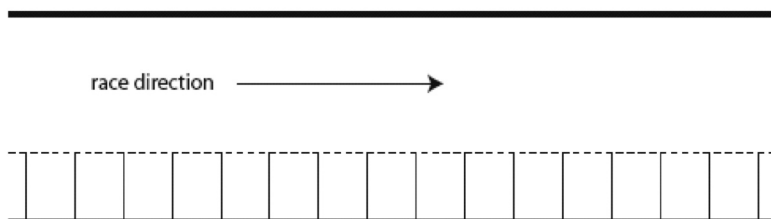


DIAGRAM 2 : FEED/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ZONE OPPOSITE SIDES

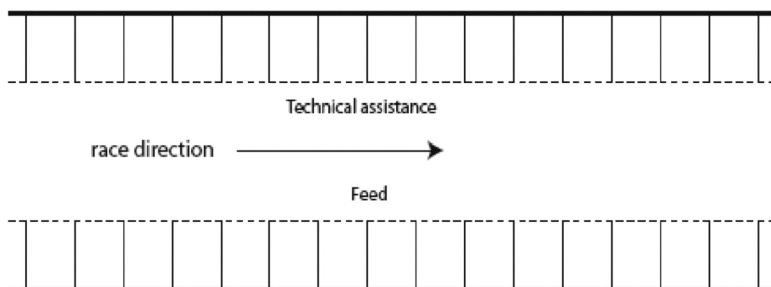
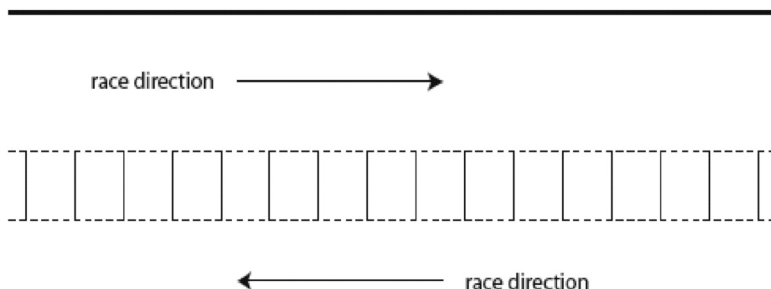


DIAGRAM 3 : DOUBLE FEED/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ZONE



(text introduced on 25.09.08).

**4.2.033** Feeding is permitted only in the zones designated for that purpose, which are also used as technical assistance zones.

**4.2.034** Each feed/technical assistance zone must be located on flat or uphill sections which are slow and wide enough for the purpose. The zones must be long enough and reasonably evenly spaced around the course. Double feed/technical assistance zones are recommended.

For Olympic format cross-country events (XCO) 2 zones will be set up. For marathon format cross-country events (XCM) at least 3 zones will be set up.

**4.2.035** The UCI technical delegate or, in his absence, the president of the commissaires' panel, in collaboration with the organising director, will decide on the distribution and location of feed/technical assistance zones.

**4.2.036** The feed/technical assistance zones must be wide and long enough to allow the passing of riders not stopping in the zone.

They must furthermore include the following three areas:

- one part for UCI MTB teams;
- one area for national teams;
- another area for individual riders or members of teams not registered with the UCI (who are treated as individual riders).

Staff working for riders must wear readily identifiable team clothing.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.2.037** The feed/technical assistance zones must be clearly identified and numbered. They shall be in an enclosure completely separated from spectators. Access must be strictly controlled by commissaires and/or marshals.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.2.038** For the Olympic Games, world championships, world cup events and continental championships nobody may enter a feeding/technical assistance zone without accreditation.

Accreditation will be issued by the commissaires' panel at the end of the team managers' meeting. The number of accreditations is determined as follows: 2 passes per 4 riders (or fraction of 4) for each feeding/technical assistance zone.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.2.039** Physical contact between feeders/mechanics and riders will be permitted only in feed/technical assistance zones.

Water bottles and food must be passed up to the rider by hand by the feeder or the mechanic. The feeder or mechanic is not permitted to run alongside his rider.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.2.040** The spraying of water on riders or bicycles by the feeders or mechanics is forbidden.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.2.041** Protective sunglasses may only be changed in the feed/technical assistance zones. An area where glasses may be exchanged may be set up at the end of the zone.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.2.042** No rider may turn back on the course to reach a feeding/technical assistance zone. Any rider doing so will be disqualified.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### **§ 6 Technical assistance**

**4.2.043** Technical assistance during a race is permitted subject to the conditions below.

**4.2.044** Authorised technical assistance during a race consists of repairs to or the replacement of any part of the bicycle other than the frame. Bike changes are not permitted and the rider must cross the finishing line with the same handlebar number plate that he had at the start.

**4.2.045** Technical assistance shall only be given in the feed/technical assistance zones.

**4.2.046** Spare equipment and tools for repairs must be kept in these zones. Repairs and equipment changes can be carried out by the rider himself or with the help of a team-mate, team mechanic or neutral technical assistance. Small items such as an inner tube or a small tool may be handed up from the feed/technical assistance zones.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.2.047** In addition to technical assistance in feed zones, technical assistance is permitted outside these zones only between riders who are members of the same UCI MTB team or of the same national team.

Riders may carry tools and spare parts provided that these do not involve any danger to the rider himself or the other competitors.

## **§ 7 Security**

### **Marshals**

**4.2.048** Wherever possible each marshal should be located in direct line of sight of the next. They will signal the arrival of riders with a short, loud blast on a whistle.

**4.2.049** All marshals working on potentially hazardous sections of the circuit must carry a yellow flag which will be waved in the event of a crash in order to warn other riders.

### **First aid (minimum requirements)**

**4.2.050** At least one ambulance and one basic first aid post are required at all races.

For each event, at least one (1) doctor and at least six (6) people qualified to perform first aid under the laws of the country shall be present at the venue.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.2.051** The first aid post must be centrally located and readily identifiable by all participants.

**4.2.052** The first aid posts and the members of the first aid service shall be in radio communication with each other, the organisers, the marshal coordinator and the president of the commissaires' panel.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.2.053** All first aid personnel must be easily identifiable with an appropriate mark or uniform. This should be unique.

**4.2.054** First aid personnel must be placed in key locations on the courses that will be in use for each day of competition.

There should also be a first aid crew in place for official training days.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.2.055** The organiser must take the measures required to facilitate the rapid evacuation of injured persons from any point of the course. All-terrain vehicles (motorcycles, quads, etc.) and experienced drivers must be available to reach difficult areas quickly.

Potential hazard areas must be clearly identified and should be accessible by ambulance (four wheel drive if necessary).

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.2.056** A briefing with the organising director, the persons in charge of the first aid and marshalling services and the president of the commissaires' panel shall be held before the event.

The organiser shall issue maps of the course to the staff of the first aid service.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.2.056 bis** The organiser shall provide a motorcycle to mark the front of the race ("lead bike"), and a motorcycle to mark the rear of the race ("sweep bike"). For Olympic format events, the lead bike must display on its front the number of laps remaining in the race.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### **§ 8 Event procedure**

#### **Training**

- 4.2.057** The organiser shall make the courses available and fully marked for training at least 24 hours before the start of the first race. For world cup XCO events the deadline shall be at least 48 hours before the start of the first race.

Riders must display their handlebar numbers during training sessions.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

#### **Starting grid**

- 4.2.058** For cross-country Olympic format events (XCO) and marathon events (XCM), other than world championships and world cup events, the riders shall be called to the start:

1. as per the last UCI individual mountain bike cross-country classification published for the format in question (or the classification on the previous 31 December should no classification for this format have been published since the start of the year);
2. unclassified riders: by drawing lots.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

#### **Classification**

- 4.2.059** Riders who abandon the race shall be marked on the result sheet as "DNF" (did not finish) and shall not be awarded any points for this event.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.2.060** Lapped riders must complete the lap during which they were lapped and leave the event via an exit located before the finishing straight or in the "80%" zone as described in article 4.2.061, if that rule applies. They will be listed in the results in the order in which they are pulled out of the race plus number of laps which have not been completed.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.2.061** The decision as to whether the 80% rule is to be applied for Olympic cross-country events (XCO) will be made by the president of the commissaires' panel after discussion with the organiser. Any rider whose time being 80% slower of that of the race leader's first lap will be pulled out of the race. He shall leave the race at the end of his lap in the zone provided for the purpose (the "80% zone") except when the leader is on his final lap. For Olympic cross-country events at world cups, world championships and the Olympic Games, the 80% rule must be applied.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.2.062** Riders pulled out of the race under article 4.2.061 shall be listed in the results in the order in which they are pulled out of the race plus number of laps down.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

## **§ 9**

### **Stage races**

(Former section VI).

#### **General rules**

- 4.2.063** A stage race is a series of cross-country races in which individual riders and teams may take part. Riders must complete each stage according to the specific procedures for the event in order to be eligible for the next stage.

- 4.2.064** Without prejudice to article 1.2.044, organisers should forward the race programme for their event as mentioned in article 1.2.039 to the UCI MTB Commission for approval.

In the absence of such approval the event may not take place.

- 4.2.065** A stage race may take place on the territory of several countries provided that the national federations of the countries concerned have approved the organisation and the course. Evidence of such approval must be submitted with the application to have the race included on the calendar.

- 4.2.066** Stage races are open to both teams and individual riders.

Men's teams shall be composed of at least two and a maximum of 8 riders, and women's teams of at least two and a maximum of 6 riders.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**Duration and stages**

- 4.2.067** Stage races are run over at least three days, with a maximum of nine days. Only one stage per day may be run. No stage shall start before 09:00 a.m.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.2.068** The different types of cross-country events mentioned in articles 4.2.001 to 4.2.010 can be chosen for the stages.

- 4.2.069** Distance and duration of stages:

- XCO: circuit of between 5 km and 9 km per lap
- XCM: stages of between 60 km and 120 km
- XCP: course or circuit of between 25 km and 60 km
- XCC: circuit of no more than 5 km with a race duration of 30 to 60 minutes
- XCT: between 5 and 25 km
- team time trial: between 5 and 25 km. The team time shall be that of the second rider and counts towards the team general classification.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**Classifications**

- 4.2.070** The individual men's and women's general classification on time are obligatory.

The individual general classification is based on an individual competitor's cumulative time for each stage.

- 4.2.071** The men's and women's team general classifications are optional.  
In stage races where there is a team general classification, there are only two types of team that may compete for the classification:
- UCI MTB teams
  - national teams.

Except in the case of team time trials, both the men's and women's team general classification will be established by adding the times of the two best riders in each stage.

- 4.2.072** Bonuses and time penalties are taken into account.

**Technical arrangements**

- 4.2.073** A stage event may not include more than one vehicle transfer per three days of event. The duration of each of vehicle transfer may not exceed three hours. A transfer less than one hour is not taken into account.

**4.2.074** Neutralised linking sections may be included in no more than 75% of the stages. No linking section may exceed 35 km in length. A lead vehicle must control the speed of the field until the start line is reached. The start must take place from a stationary position at the start line. The start must be given either within 30 minutes following the arrival of the lead vehicle, or 3 hours after its arrival.

**4.2.075** There shall be two motorcycles (a lead bike and a "sweep" bike) for all stages except the individual time trial.

**4.2.076** The organiser shall provide clothing for the leader of the individual general classification.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*





## Chapter DOWNHILL EVENTS

### § 1 Organisation of competition

- 4.3.001** A single run format must be used. This may involve either:
- a qualifying run, called the **qualifying round** following which a predetermined number of riders set by the particular race regulations will be admitted to the final. The fastest rider of the final will be declared the winner (the system used for the world cup).
  - a run that determines the start order for a single run in which the rider with the fastest time wins.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

- 4.3.002** A two run system (with the fastest single time from either run counting to the result) may be acceptable under exceptional circumstances subject to prior authorisation from the UCI mountain bike commission.

- 4.3.003** A system based on two runs using the average or combined times of both is not permitted.

### § 2 Course

- 4.3.004** The course for a downhill must follow a descending route

- 4.3.005** The course should comprise varied terrain sections: narrow and broad tracks, woodland roads and paths, field paths and rocky tracks. There should be a mixture of fast and technical sections. The emphasis of the course should be to test the riders' technical skills rather than their physical ability.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.3.006** The length of the course and the duration of the event are determined as follows:

	Minimum	Maximum
Course length	1500 m	3500 m
Duration of the event	2 minutes	5 minutes

A race on a course where the time taken is below the minimum or exceeds the maximum set above may only be held if it is the subject of an exemption issued by the UCI mountain bike commission.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.3.007** [Article transferred to art. 4.1.042 on 25.09.07].

**4.3.008** The course of a downhill must be marked as per articles 4.2.018 to 4.2.027.

**4.3.009** The use of straw bales to mark off the course is not permitted.

**4.3.010** The start area must be at least **1 meter and no more than 2 meters** wide. The start area must be covered.

**The finish area must be at least 6 meters wide.**

*(text modified on 25.09.08).*

**4.3.011** There must be a braking area of a minimum 50 m after the finish line.

This area must be free of obstacles.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### **§ 3**

#### **Clothing and protective accessories**

**4.3.012** An approved full-face helmet must be worn **properly** both when racing and when training on the course. **The helmet must be fitted with a visor. Open-face helmets may not be worn.**

*(text modified on 25.09.08).*

**4.3.013** The UCI strongly recommends that riders wear the following protection:

- back, elbow, knee and shoulder protectors made of rigid materials;
- **protection for the nape of the neck and the cervical vertebrae;**
- padding on shins and thighs;
- **broad full-length trousers made from rip-resistant material incorporating protection for the knees and calves, or broad-cut shorts made from rip-resistant material plus knee and calf protectors with a rigid surface;**
- long sleeved shirt;
- full finger gloves.

**All lycra-elastaine based tight-fitting clothing is not permitted.**

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

### **§ 4**

#### **Marshals**

**4.3.014** Each marshal should be located in direct line of sight of the next. They will signal the arrival of riders with a short, loud blast on a whistle.

- 4.3.015** The marshals will be provided with flags so that the safety system below can be used.
- 4.3.016** During official training every marshal shall carry a yellow flag which must be waved in the event of a crash to warn other riders who should slow down.
- 4.3.017** Some marshals specifically appointed by the organiser and the marshal coordinator shall carry a red flag and will have a radio link on the same frequency as those of the president of the commissaires' panel, the organising director, the medical team, the marshal coordinator and, where present, the UCI technical delegate. They will be stationed at strategic points on the course such that they are in direct line of sight with their two closest colleagues earlier and later on the course.

The red flags will be used in training and racing.

Red flag marshals who see a serious accident shall immediately notify the marshal coordinator by radio, who shall as soon as possible notify the president of the commissaires' panel, the organising director, the medical team and, where present, the UCI technical delegate.

Red flag holders must immediately assess the situation of the crashed rider and continue reporting by radio to the marshal coordinator.

Red flag marshals who are not directly affected by an accident shall follow the relevant radio transmissions. If they note that one of their colleagues further down the course is waving their red flag, they shall immediately do the same.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.3.018** Riders observing a waving red flag during the race must stop immediately.

A stopped rider should continue calmly to the finish and request a re-start from the finish judge and wait for further instruction.

### **§ 5 First aid (minimum requirements)**

- 4.3.019** The first aid service must be organised in accordance with articles 4.2.050 to 4.2.056, it being understood that the number of people qualified under the laws of the country to give first aid must be at least eight.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### **§ 6 Training**

- 4.3.020** The following training sessions must be organised:
- a foot inspection of the course must be organised before the first training session.
  - a morning training session, possibly with breaks, the day before competition.
  - a training session without breaks the day prior to the competition.
  - an optional session on the morning of the day of the race.

No training is permitted whilst a race is in progress.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.3.021** Each rider must complete at least two training runs on pain of disqualification. The start commissaire shall ensure that this rule is applied.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.3.022** Riders must start all training runs at the official start gate. Any rider starting a training run below the start line shall be disqualified from the competition.

- 4.3.023** Riders must display their handlebar number while training.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### **§ 7 Transport**

- 4.3.024** The organiser shall provide transport capable of carrying 100 riders and their bikes per hour to the top of the course.

An alternative access system must be provided in case of a failure of the system initially envisaged.

# IV

## Chapter FOUR CROSS (4X) EVENTS

### § 1 Nature

- 4.4.001** Four cross is an elimination event where three or four riders (called a heat) compete side by side on the same downhill course. The nature of this competition is such that there may be some unintentional contact between the riders. This shall be tolerated if the president of the commissaires' panel considers that it remains within the spirit of the event, fair play and a sporting attitude to other competitors.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### § 2 Organisation of competition

- 4.4.002** Practice runs must take place on the same day as the finals.
- 4.4.003** A qualifying round shall be organised, preferably the same day as the main event.
- 4.4.004** The qualifying round shall take the form of a timed run over the course by each rider. **In the event of a tie between riders during the qualifiers, their order shall be determined by the last UCI individual 4X classification. If the riders are not ranked, lots will be drawn to determine their order.**

Riders entered who do not take part in the qualifying round are disqualified.

The riders shall start on the start commissaire's orders, in the sequence determined by the start list. The women shall ride before the men.

**The race numbers used for the qualifying round shall be in sequence starting from 65 on the basis of the most recent UCI individual 4X classification.**

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

- 4.4.005** The number of riders qualifying for the first round of the main event is determined by the number of heats of three or four that can be made up.

A maximum of 16 heats is possible (maximum 64 riders).

If fewer than 64 riders ride the qualifying round, the number of heats can be 16, 8, 4 or 2, respecting the minimum of three riders per heat.

The number of riders in the qualifying round may not be fewer than six, otherwise no 4X event may be held.

**The race numbers for the main event shall be allocated on the basis of the results of the qualifying round; starting with number 1 for the rider with the best time during the qualifying round and so on.**

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

- 4.4.006** The main event comprises elimination heats in which the groups of riders will be matched as shown in the table below, in order to ensure that the first and second in the qualifying round can only meet in the final.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

Men - Women

64,1,33,32	17,49,16,48	40,25,57,8	41,24,56,9	29,4,36,61	45,20,13,52	28,37,5,60	44,2,1,12,53	34,31,63,2	47,18,50,15	39,26,7,58	10,55,23,42	30,35,62,3	19,46,51,14	38,27,6,59	43,22,1,54
32-1:17-16	75-824-9	294-20-13	285-21-12	31-2-18-15	2-157-10	267-23-10	303-19-14	274-22-11							
1-16-89	4-13-5-12	15-48	1-23-4	5-67-8	27-36	3-146-11									

**4.4.007** The riders in each heat shall ride only once per round. The third and the fourth rider in each heat are eliminated. The first and the second qualify for the next round.

**4.4.008** In addition to the final, a minor final round shall be held for the four losers from the semi-finals, in order to determine the 5th to 8th placings.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.4.009** Each rider qualifying for the final shall be ranked.

**The first four places (1 to 4) are determined by the placing of the rider in the final round.**

**The following four places (5 to 8) are determined by the placing of the rider in the small final round.**

**The placings of the riders below 8th place is determined by the round reached (quarter final, eighth final, sixteenth final), then their placings in that ride, then by their qualification times.**

**Classification in the event of an Invalid Result Mark (IRM):**

- 1. The placings of all riders with an IRM will be determined by the round where they qualified;**
- 2. The order of classification of IRMs is DNF, DSQ, DNS;**
- 3. Where riders are tied on IRM, they will be ranked by their qualifying time.**

**The Finishing Judge must provide a precise classification to the timing team after each run.**

*(text modified on 12.06.08).*

**4.4.010** The riders in each heat may choose their starting position in order of their qualifying times. The rider with the fastest time shall get first choice.

**4.4.011** The riders take the start from a stationary position. Forward movement of the bicycle resulting in contact with the starting gate will result in disqualification.

If a part of the front wheel passes the start line before the starting signal the rider shall be disqualified.

**4.4.012** The riders are required to pass through each gate without straddling it, i.e. both wheels of the bicycle must trace a path inside each gate. This will be determined by judges located along the course. A missed or straddled gate will result in disqualification unless the rider goes to the trouble of returning to pass it correctly.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*



- 4.4.013** If all the riders in a heat fall or fail to cross the finish line in a preliminary round, the winner will be the rider who covered the greatest distance.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.4.013 bis** The UCI recommends that for 4X events the clothing and protective accessories specified in articles 4.3.012 and 4.3.013 should be worn.

*(article introduced on 25.09.08).*

### **§ 3 Course**

- 4.4.014** Ideally, the course should be set up on moderate slopes with regular gradients. It must also include a mixture of jumps, humps, banked turns, berms, dips, natural tables and other special features. It may also include unbanked turns. There should be no climbing requiring the riders to pedal.

The course must also be wide enough to allow four riders to line up side by side, and to enable overtaking.

**The course must be fully marked out in accordance with the diagram in article 4.2.024 (Zone A and Zone B). Zone A must be at least 2 meters from the course and will be at least 2 meters wide.**

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

- 4.4.015** The duration of the race should be between 30 seconds and 60 seconds with an optimum time between 45 and 60 seconds for the winner of the qualifying round.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.4.016** The first 10 metres of the course must be free of all obstacles. Over this distance, four lanes must be marked by white lines (using tape, biodegradable paint or flour). Any rider crossing or riding on these white lines will be disqualified.

- 4.4.017** The start straight must be at least 30 metres long.

- 4.4.018** The gates on the course must be made of non-metallic stakes (slalom stakes), preferably in bamboo or PVC, 1.5 to 2 metres high.

The gates should preferably be set up with the lower part inwards and the higher part outwards.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.4.019** The last gate on the course must be located at least 10 metres from the finish line.
- 4.4.020** The organiser must provide a raised platform from which the 4-Cross judge has an unobstructed view of the entire course. The platform will be located in a zone to which spectators do not have access.

### **§ 4** **Transport**

- 4.4.021** The organiser should provide transport which is capable of bringing the riders to the start of the course promptly. A course running alongside a useable ski lift or cable car run is to be preferred.

## **V**

**Chapter** [abrogated on 25.09.07].

## **VI**

**Chapter** [Transferred to Chapter II on 25.09.07].

# VII

## **Chapter MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 4.7.001** Only licence holders under articles 1.1.001 to 1.1.028 and 4.1.009 may take part in the masters' world championships. A race number will only be issued on presentation of the licence.
- 4.7.002** The riders taking part in the masters' world championships represent their country, but are permitted to use the equipment of their choice.
- 4.7.003** All details specifically relating to the masters world championships should be obtained directly from the organiser or from the UCI web site.
- 4.7.004** The championships are usually organised in 5 year age groups: 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, etc. Depending on the number of participants in each age group, an age group may be divided into sub-groups of less than five years or joined with an adjacent age group, in which case there will be a single overall classification.
- (text modified on 25.09.07).*
- 4.7.005** An event will not be organised for a specific age group if there are fewer than six riders at the start. However, there must always be a minimum of 2 age groups per event.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

# VIII

## Chapter UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE WORLD CUP

### § 1 General

**4.8.001** The UCI Mountain Bike World Cup is the exclusive property of the UCI.

**4.8.002** Each year the Management Committee of the UCI shall designate the types of event and the age categories for which a UCI Mountain Bike World Cup will take place, and the races of which it will be composed.

### Participation

**4.8.002 bis** UCI mountain bike world cup events are open to riders corresponding to the following conditions:

- riders having obtained at least 20 UCI points in the individual UCI MTB classification of reference in the format concerned (XCO and DH). The date of such classification of reference is fixed and communicated by the UCI for each event of the UCI mountain bike world cup.

**For 4X the "20 UCI points" rule does not apply.**

Apart from the riders qualified according to the above criteria, the national teams may enter a certain number of supplementary riders, as detailed hereunder:

- A maximum of **six men and six women riders** per format (XCO and DH) per national team.  
**These riders shall be required to wear national team clothing.**

### Cross-country Juniors

**For the XCO juniors events, the "20 UCI points" rule does not apply. All riders in cross-country juniors world cup events must wear national team clothing, on the exception of XCO juniors belonging to a UCI MTB Team.**

**Each national federation may enter six riders per category (men and women). The national federation of the organising country may register two national teams of six riders (A and B teams) for both men and women. Junior XCO riders belonging to a UCI MTB Team may participate on top of the six riders per category.**

### Downhill Juniors

**For downhill events, the "20 UCI points" rule does not apply for junior riders belonging to a UCI MTB Team.**

*(text modified on 01.01.07; 25.09.07; 25.09.08; 30.01.09).*

### Registration

- 4.8.003** For the Cross-country Olympic format, downhill and the 4X, UCI MTB teams shall register their riders using the UCI on-line system ([www.uci.ch](http://www.uci.ch)). National federations will register the other riders from their federation who **qualify under** article 4.8.002bis and wish to take part in a world cup event using the same system.

**National federations must also enter junior riders using the UCI on-line system.**

The on-line registration system opens twenty days before an event and closes on the Monday preceding the event at 12.00 am CET. A table showing these dates will be published on the UCI web site.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

- 4.8.004** [article abrogated on 25.09.08].

- 4.8.005** Late entries from national federations shall be refused unless authorised by the UCI, subject to respect for article 4.8.002bis, the submission of a letter of authorisation from the national federation of the rider and on payment of a fine of CHF 300.

**Late entries from UCI MTB teams shall be refused unless authorised by the UCI, subject to respect for article 4.8.002bis, and on payment of a fine of CHF 300 for the first rider. Where more than one rider is involved, a total fine of CHF 500 shall be paid.**

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

### Official ceremony

- 4.8.006** The official ceremony will take place immediately after each race involved.

**The following riders must attend:**

- The five first riders in the elite event;
- The leader of the elite general classification after the event in question;
- The first three riders in the XCO under 23 event;
- The first three riders in the XCO junior event;
- The leader of the XCO under 23 general classification after the event in question;
- The leader of the DHI juniors general classification after the event in question;
- The first UCI MTB team of the event in question.

Bicycles may not be taken onto the podium. However, an area will be provided in front of the podium **to display the bicycle of the winner during** the official ceremony.

*(text modified on 12.06.08; 25.09.08).*

### **Press conference**

- 4.8.007** At the request of the organiser, the three highest placed riders in the event and the **leader** in the world cup classification must attend the press conference.

*(text modified on 25.09.08).*

### **World Cup Classifications**

- 4.8.008** The individual general classification is drawn up on the basis of the points won by each rider in accordance with the table in article 4.8.042.

**Riders tying on points will be ranked by the greatest number of 1st places, 2nd places, etc. taking account only of places for which points are awarded for the world cup. If they are still tied, the points scored in the most recent event shall be used to separate them.**

In the event of a tie on points in the downhill after the **qualifying round** and the final, the riders' positions will be determined by the result of the final.

**There is no individual cross-country general classification for juniors.**

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

- 4.8.009** **A UCI MTB teams classification for the event shall be** drawn up on the basis of the points won by each rider in accordance with the "team classification" table in article 4.8.042.

For the cross-country olympic, separate classifications for men's and women's **teams** will be drawn up.

For downhill and 4X, the points awarded to men and women will be added together to calculate the team classification. **For the downhill, only the results of the final shall be taken into account.**

**In the event of a tie on points in the UCI MTB team classification for the event, the placing of the best placed rider in the team shall be used to determine the team ranking. Should there still be a tie in downhill or 4X, the placing of the best placed male rider shall determine the order.**

**After each round of the world cup, a UCI MTB teams general classification is drawn up by adding the points won in the classifications for each event by UCI MTB team.**

**The rankings of teams which are tied on general classification after each event shall be determined by the largest number of first places, second places, etc. Should they still be tied, their order shall be determined by the event classification for the most recent world cup event.**

**The riders of the UCI MTB team leading the general classification by UCI MTB teams shall be given yellow frame numbers which must be used during the world cup.**

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

### **Leader's jersey**

**4.8.010** The rider leading a world cup general classification must wear the leader's jersey in every world cup event concerned, except in the opening event.

When an U23 cross-country Olympic rider or a junior downhill rider would be the world cup leader, he must wear the elite leaders' jersey. The U23 or junior leaders' jersey will not be awarded in this case.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.8.011** The colours of leaders' jerseys shall be determined by the UCI.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

**4.8.012** The riders are permitted to put their own advertising logos on the leader's jersey as follows:

- a maximum of only 3 advertising logos are permitted.
- on the front of the jersey: on a maximum surface of 200 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- on the back of the jersey: on a maximum surface of 200 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- on the shoulders: a single line a maximum of 5 cm wide (cross-country only).
- on the sides of the jersey: a single line a maximum of 9 cm wide.

The design of the jersey received at the official ceremony must be respected.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 29.01.08).*

## **§ 2**

### **Special rules for cross-country events**

**4.8.013** Registration fees (including all taxes and/or insurance contributions) for a cross-country event may not exceed the equivalent of CHF 70.00.

The first 10 UCI MTB Elite Men's teams and the first 5 UCI MTB Women's teams in the last world cup team classification, and the first 20 Men and Women in the last world cup Olympic format classification belonging to a UCI MTB team, are exempted from the registration fee for the event concerned.

*(text modified on 25.09.08).*

- 4.8.014** Riders must attend race headquarters to confirm **that they are starting the event, in accordance with the timetable published on the UCI website.** Riders must display their handlebar numbers during training sessions. A coach of a national team or a UCI MTB team who holds a licence, must request a handlebar number to use when reconnoitering the course. As well as the handlebar number he must wear **a helmet.**

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

- 4.8.015** The start order and race numbers are determined as follows:
- the general classification of the world cup for the first 60 Men and the first 40 women of this classification.
- For the first event, as per the final general classification of the world cup of the previous year for the first 60 elite men and the first 40 women of that classification:
- **the first ten under 23 men and women in the most recent UCI individual classification (riders not already placed in the first 60 men and the first 40 women in the world cup classification);**
  - subsequently, as per the last UCI individual classification;
  - by drawing lots for other riders.

Finally, riders who submitted a late registration which was approved by the UCI will be allocated the next available highest race number, **with the exception of the first 60 men and the first 40 women in the most recent world cup classification for whom the race number will be reserved.** However, they will be called to the start line in order of their world cup classification or their UCI individual classification as applicable to the event.

*(text modified on 12.06.08; 25.09.08).*

- 4.8.016** [article abrogated on 25.09.07].

- 4.8.017** In cross-country Olympic format (XCO), any rider whose time being 80% slower of that of the race leader's first lap will be pulled out of the race. He shall leave the race at the end of his lap in the zone provided for the purpose (the "80% zone") except when the leader is on his final lap.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.8.018** Lapped riders should complete the lap on which they were lapped and then leave the race via 80% zone.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.8.019** Riders pulled out of the race under article 4.8.017 and lapped riders shall be listed in the results in the order in which they are pulled out of the race showing the number of laps down.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*



## § 3 Special rules for downhill events

**4.8.020** Registration fees (including all taxes and/or insurance contributions) for a downhill event may not exceed the equivalent of CHF 70.00.

The first 10 UCI MTB teams in the last World Cup team classification and the first 20 Men and Women in the last world cup downhill format classification belonging to a UCI MTB team shall be exempted from the registration fee for the event concerned.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.8.021** Riders must attend race headquarters to confirm **that they are starting the event, in accordance with the timetable published on the UCI website.**

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

**4.8.022** [article abrogated on 25.09.08].

**4.8.023** **The start order for the qualifying round and the race numbers are determined as follows:**

- the general classification of the **current** world cup for the first **80** men and the first **20** women in that classification.  
For the first event, as per the final **individual** general classification of the world cup of the **preceding** season for the first 80 men and the first 20 women of that classification.
- then, as per the last UCI individual classification.
- **then** by drawing lots for the other riders.

Riders who submitted a late registration which was approved by the UCI will be allocated the next available highest race number, **with the exception of the first 80 men and the first 20 women in the most recent world cup classification for whom the race number will be reserved.** However, they will be called to the start line in order of their world cup classification or their UCI individual classification as applicable to the event.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 12.06.08; 25.09.08).*

**4.8.024** A transport system capable of carrying 150 riders per hour up to the start line must be provided at all world cup venues. All loading and unloading of bicycles onto this transport system must be carried out by staff of the organisation.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.8.025** [article abrogated on 25.09.07].

### Training

**4.8.026** The following minimum training program is obligatory.

Three days before the final an on foot inspection period must be provided for the riders between 2pm and 4pm. The course must be fully marked and cordoned off.

Two days before the final a training period of five hours must be provided plus an extra hour exclusively for men ranked in the top 80 and women ranked in the top 20 of the last world cup classification.

One day before the final a training period of three hours must be provided plus an extra hour exclusively for men ranked in the top 80 and women ranked in the top 20 of the last world cup classification.

A training period must be provided on the day of the final, this must last for at least 90 minutes.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

**4.8.027** Two days before the final the riders must have completed a minimum of 2 training runs or shall be liable to disqualification.

**4.8.028** Riders who train on the course outside the specified training periods set by the organiser will be disqualified from the event.

The transport system will close 15 minutes before the end of the training times. The course will be closed by a rider designated by the organiser. The rider must follow the instructions of the commissaires. Riders who are on the course after it has been closed may be disqualified.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.8.029** Two forerunners must be selected by the organiser and must be ready to run the course as indicated by the president of the commissaires' panel before the **qualifying round** and finals. The forerunners' bicycles must be fitted with handlebar numbers bearing the letters A and B.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

### Competitions

**4.8.030** The downhill competition shall include a qualifying round and a final.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

**4.8.031** [article abrogated on 25.09.08].

**4.8.032** Riders in the **qualifying round** shall start at intervals of no less than 30 seconds.

*(text modified on 25.09.08).*

- 4.8.033** The first 10 women and the first 20 men in the **qualifying round** will be awarded world cup points as per the scale in article 4.8.042.

*(text modified on 25.09.08).*

- 4.8.034** The first 10 women and first 20 men on the current world cup individual general classification, or the final general classification for the preceding year in the case of the first event, must ride the **qualifying round** but shall qualify automatically for the final in any event. If the times of the riders in question are not among the 20 best times for women or the 80 best times for men, they shall ride the final in addition to the 20 women and 80 men already qualified.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

- 4.8.035** Taking account of the provisions of article 4.8.034, the final will be disputed by a maximum of 30 women and 100 men, including the first 20 women and the first 80 men from the **qualifying round**.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

- 4.8.036** The start order for the final will be determined on the basis of the reverse result of the **qualifying round**, the fastest rider starting last. Riders in the first 10 women and the first 20 men in the world cup individual general classification who were not classified in the top **10** places for women and the top **20** places for men of the **qualifying round** shall start immediately before the top 10 women and the top 20 men from the **qualifying round**.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

- 4.8.037** Riders in the final shall start at intervals of no less than one minute. The last 10 riders shall start at intervals of at least 2 minutes. **The intervals between the riders can be modified by the President of the commissaires panel.**

*(text modified on 25.09.08).*

## **§ 4**

### **Special rules for Four Cross events**

- 4.8.038** Registration fees (including all taxes and/or insurance contributions) for a four cross event may not exceed the equivalent of CHF 50.00.

The first 5 UCI MTB teams in the last World Cup team classification, and the first 10 Men and Women in the last World Cup 4X classification belonging to a UCI MTB team shall be exempted from the registration fee for the event concerned.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.8.039** Riders must attend race headquarters to confirm **that they are starting the event, in accordance with the timetable published on the UCI website.**

*(text modified on 25.09.08).*

- 4.8.040** [article transferred to art. 4.4.018 on 25.09.07].

- 4.8.041** A system of coloured cards will be used by a commissaire at the finish. His decisions must be confirmed by the president of the commissaires' panel.

A yellow card will be shown to a rider who rides carelessly or who deliberately puts his competitors in danger **or who rides with an unsporting attitude.** This card shall be the first and only warning.

A red card is shown to a rider who is disqualified. Without prejudice to other provisions giving rise to disqualification, a rider who receives a second yellow card in the same event, or immediately (and without warning) for violating the spirit of competition and fair play, shall be disqualified.

A rider who receives two red cards during the same season shall automatically be suspended for the next round of the world cup.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

**§ 5 Points scale**
**4.8.042 Cross-country Olympic events**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Men and Women</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Men and Women</b>
1	250	31	44
2	200	32	42
3	160	33	40
4	150	34	38
5	140	35	36
6	130	36	34
7	120	37	32
8	110	38	30
9	100	39	29
10	95	40	28
11	90	41	27
12	85	42	26
13	80	43	25
14	78	44	24
15	76	45	23
16	74	46	22
17	72	47	21
18	70	48	20
19	68	49	19
20	66	50	18
21	64	51	17
22	62	52	16
23	60	53	15
24	58	54	14
25	56	55	13
26	54	56	12
27	52	57	11
28	50	58	10
29	48	59	9
30	46	60	8

**Downhill (qualifying round points in brackets)**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
1	200 (50)	200 (50)	41	40	-
2	160 (40)	160 (40)	42	39	-
3	140 (30)	140 (30)	43	38	-
4	125 (25)	125 (25)	44	37	-
5	110 (22)	110 (20)	45	36	-
6	95 (20)	95 (16)	46	35	-
7	90 (18)	80 (14)	47	34	-
8	85 (17)	70 (12)	48	33	-
9	80 (16)	60 (10)	49	32	-
10	75 (15)	55 (5)	50	31	-
11	70 (14)	50	51	30	-
12	69 (13)	45	52	29	-
13	68 (12)	40	53	28	-
14	67 (11)	35	54	27	-
15	66 (10)	30	55	26	-
16	65 (9)	25	56	25	-
17	64 (8)	20	57	24	-
18	63 (7)	15	58	23	-
19	62 (6)	10	59	22	-
20	61 (5)	5	60	21	-
21	60		61	20	-
22	59		62	19	-
23	58		63	18	-
24	57		64	17	-
25	56		65	16	-
26	55		66	15	-
27	54		67	14	-
28	53		68	13	-
29	52		69	12	-
30	51		70	11	-
31	50		71	10	-
32	49		72	9	-
33	48		73	8	-
34	47		74	7	-
35	46		75	6	-
36	45		76	5	-
37	44		77	4	-
38	43		78	3	-
39	42		79	2	-
40	41		80	1	-

**4X**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
1	<b>125</b>	<b>100</b>
2	<b>100</b>	<b>75</b>
3	<b>75</b>	<b>50</b>
4	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>
5	<b>50</b>	<b>30</b>
6	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>
7	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>
8	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>
9	<b>20</b>	-
10	<b>17</b>	-
11	<b>14</b>	-
12	<b>11</b>	-
13	<b>8</b>	-
14	<b>6</b>	-
15	<b>4</b>	-
16	<b>2</b>	-

**Team classification**

	<b>CROSS-COUNTRY Olympic</b>		<b>DOWNHILL</b>		<b>4X</b>	
<b>Position</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
1	40	40	40	40	40	40
2	35	35	35	35	35	30
3	32	32	32	32	30	25
4	30	30	30	30	26	20
5	28	28	28	28	22	15
6	26	26	26	26	20	10
7	24	24	24	24	18	5
8	23	23	23	23	16	3
9	22	22	22	22	14	-
10	21	21	21	21	12	-
11	20	20	20	20	10	-
12	19	19	19	19	9	-
13	18	18	18	18	8	-
14	17	17	17	17	7	-
15	16	16	16	16	6	-
16	15	15	15	15	5	-
17	14	14	14	14	-	-
18	13	13	13	13	-	-
19	12	12	12	12	-	-
20	11	11	11	11	-	-
21	10	10	10	10	-	-
22	9	9	9	9	-	-
23	8	8	8	8	-	-
24	7	7	7	7	-	-
25	6	6	6	6	-	-
26	5	5	5	5	-	-
27	4	4	4	4	-	-
28	3	3	3	3	-	-
29	2	2	2	2	-	-
30	1	1	1	1	-	-

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*



# IX

## Chapter UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE CLASSIFICATION

**4.9.001** The UCI has created the UCI mountain bike classification. The UCI shall be its exclusive owner.

The UCI mountain bike classification is drawn up over a period of one year, in accordance with the conditions set out below, by adding the points won since the preceding classification was drawn up, and respecting the provisions of article 4.9.008. At the same time the remaining points obtained up to the same day of the previous year by each rider in international mountain bike races are deducted. The new classification comes into force on the day of publication and stands until the publication of the subsequent classification.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.9.002** An individual classification for men and one for women is drawn up for each of the following types of event:

- UCI mountain bike cross-country Olympic individual classification
- UCI mountain bike cross-country marathon individual classification
- UCI mountain bike downhill individual classification
- UCI mountain bike 4X individual classification

**4.9.003** If an Under 23 rider rides a cross-country Olympic event for Elite riders when a separate event is being organised for Under 23 riders, he shall be awarded only the points as per the scale applicable to the Elite event. **UCI points for under 23 riders are only awarded where there is a separate event from that for elite riders.**

*(text modified on 25.09.08).*

**4.9.004** Riders who are tied in the Individual Classification shall have their positions decided by their classification in the most recent event of the season, in the following order:

- 1) world championships
- 2) world Cup events
- 3) hors class events
- 4) events in class 1
- 5) events in class 2
- 6) events in class 3

**4.9.005** A classification by nation for men and women is drawn up for each of the types of event set out in article 4.9.002. The classification by nation is calculated by summing the points of three best placed riders from each nation. The UCI points awarded for the team relay event at the world championships will be awarded to the nation and not to the individual riders.

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

Tied nations shall have their relative positions determined by the place of their best rider on the Individual Classification.

The Olympic cross-country classification by nation taken into account for participation in the Olympic Games is calculated by summing the points of the three best riders at the end of each year, over a period of four years ending on 31 December before the Olympic Games.

For the **2012** Games this classification shall be calculated over the years **2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011**.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

**4.9.006** A classification by UCI MTB team for men and women is drawn up for each of the types of event set out in article 4.9.002. The team classification is calculated by summing the points of three best placed riders from each UCI MTB team.

Tied teams shall have their relative positions determined by the place of their best rider on the individual classification.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.9.007** The number of points to be awarded is shown in the table in article 4.9.010.

For the Olympic cross-country classification only the types of events that meet the criteria set out in articles 4.2.001, 4.2.002, 4.2.006, 4.2.008 and 4.2.010 and the general classification of stage races are eligible.

For the cross-country marathon classification only the types of events that meet the criteria set out in articles 4.2.004 are eligible. Stage races give points towards the cross-country marathon classification only.

No UCI points are awarded for the individual stages of stage races.

The downhill classification is based purely on individual downhill events. No points are awarded for massed-start downhill events.

The 4X classification is calculated from 4X events.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.9.008** For events in the categories below, only the best results of each rider shall be taken into account:

- Class 1 one-day events: the best 5 results
- Class 2 one-day events: the best 4 results
- Class 3 one-day events: the best 3 results
- Class 1 stage races: the best 3 results
- Class 2 stage races: the best 2 results

**4.9.009** The UCI mountain bike classification will be updated after an Olympic Games, world championship or World Cup event and on 31 December.

**4.9.010 Points scale**

(See annexes 2-5, pages 58-66).

**X****Chapter UCI MTB TEAMS****§ 1****Identity**

- 4.10.001** A UCI MTB Team is an entity consisting of at least two people, of whom at least one must be a rider, who are employed and/or sponsored by the same entity, for the purpose of participating in international mountain bike racing.

For cross-country, a UCI MTB team must have at least 3 riders and no more than 10 riders.

A UCI MTB team comprising riders from three different formats must have at least 3 and no more than 10 riders.

A downhill team (DHI or 4X) must have at least 1 and no more than 10 riders.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.10.002** A UCI MTB team shall comprise all the riders employed by the same paying agent, the paying agent itself, the sponsors and all the other persons contracted by the paying agent and/or the sponsors for the functioning of the team (team manager, coach, soigneur, mechanic, etc.). It shall be designated by a specific name and be registered with the UCI as provided in these regulations.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.10.003** The sponsors are individuals or incorporated bodies who contribute to the funding of the UCI MTB team. Among the sponsors, a maximum of two are designated as the principal partners of the UCI MTB Team. If neither of the two principal partners is the paying agent for the team, this paying agent may only be an individual or incorporated body whose sole trading income comes from advertising.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.10.004** The principal partner(s) and the paying agent shall commit themselves to the UCI MTB Team for a whole number of calendar years.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.10.005** The name of the UCI MTB Team shall be that of the company or brand name of the principal partner or that of one of both of the two principal partners.

- 4.10.006** No two UCI MTB Teams, their principal partners or paying agents, may bear the same name. Should application for a new and identical name be simultaneously made by two or more Teams, priority shall be given to the Team which has used the name for the longer or longest time.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.10.007** The nationality of the UCI MTB Team shall be that of the country where the head office or the domicile of the paying agent is located. In its request to the UCI for registration, the UCI MTB Team must include a letter of approval from the national federation of the country of which it has the nationality. Such a letter will recognise the UCI MTB Team as being of that Federation's nationality and support its registration with the UCI under the terms of these regulations.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### **§ 2 Legal and Financial Status**

- 4.10.008** The paying agent of the riders in a UCI MTB Team shall be a physical person or incorporated body legally entitled to employ personnel.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.10.009** The principal partners of the UCI MTB Team, other than the paying agent, shall be held jointly and severally liable for the payment of three months' salary in the event of default by the paying agent.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### **§ 3 Registration with the UCI**

- 4.10.010** Each year UCI MTB teams must register for the subsequent year with the International Cycling Union.

- 4.10.011** UCI MTB teams shall at the same time register their riders.

- 4.10.012** UCI MTB teams must submit **their application for registration no later than 1 February of the year in question. No application first received by the UCI after 1 February will be considered.**

**At that point, UCI MTB teams shall have until 15 February to submit all their registration documents. In the event of late submission, the registration fee payable shall be increased by CHF 250 per day without further notice.**

**When applying for registration, UCI MTB teams shall indicate:**

1. the exact name of the Team.
2. address details (including telephone number, email address and fax number) to which all communications to the UCI MTB team can be sent.
3. the names and addresses of the principal partners, the paying agent, the manager, the team manager, the assistant team manager, **the mechanics and other licence-holders.**
4. the surnames, first names, addresses, nationalities and dates of birth of the riders, the dates and numbers of their licences and the authority that issued them, **or a copy of both sides of the licence.**
5. a copy of the **riders'** contracts in accordance with article 4.10.019 must be included.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 25.09.08).*

- 4.10.013** Article 4.10.012 shall also apply to any changes to the riders and other staff for UCI MTB teams. Such changes shall immediately be submitted by the UCI MTB teams to the UCI.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.10.014** Only UCI MTB Teams on the list approved by the UCI may receive benefits such as those listed in article 4.10.018.

- 4.10.015** By their annual registration, UCI MTB Teams and inter alia their paying agents and sponsors shall undertake to respect the Constitution and Regulations of the UCI and their respective National Federation and to participate in cycling events in a fair and sporting manner. The paying agent and principal partners shall be held jointly and severally liable for all the financial commitments of the UCI MTB Team to the UCI and the National Federations, including any fines.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

- 4.10.016** The registration of the UCI MTB Team with the UCI shall involve a registration fee that the team shall pay by **1** February of the current year. The amount shall be set annually by the UCI Management Committee.

*(text modified on 25.09.08).*

- 4.10.017** When submitting their registration, each UCI MTB team must submit a colour graphic design of their Team jersey, complete with sponsor logos.

- 4.10.018** UCI MTB Teams registered with the UCI will receive a series of benefits which include, but are not limited to:

1. Exemption from entry fees to world cup events for certain UCI MTB teams.
2. Access to the UCI **arbitral board** for their riders, their paying agents and the UCI MTB Team's principal partners.
3. Inclusion in the UCI MTB team classification.
4. Information services and publications in addition to the regular distributions.

5. Direct online entry to world cup events for riders in a UCI MTB team.
6. On-site services and benefits at major UCI events (including world championships).
7. Preferential pricing, where negotiated, for technical space at world cup events.

*(text modified on 25.09.07; 1.01.10).*

### **§ 4 Contract of Employment**

**4.10.019** A rider's membership of a UCI MTB Team requires a written contract of employment to be concluded which must contain as a minimum the provisions of the standard contract in Article 4.10.025. The contract must also make provision for the payment of indemnities to the rider in the event of sickness and/or accident.

**4.10.020** 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 agreements shall be null and void.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

**4.10.021** Any contract between a team and a rider shall be drawn up in at least three copies. One original copy shall be forwarded to the UCI with exact financial amounts for salary and bonus payments not included.

**4.10.022** On the expiry of the term of the contract, the rider shall be free to enter the service of another paying agent. No system of transfer fees shall be permitted.

Before the expiry date of the contract, transfers of riders will only be permitted if a global agreement in writing is reached between the three parties concerned: the rider, his current paying agent and the new paying agent, and with the authorisation of the UCI.

*(text modified on 25.09.07).*

### **§ 5 Dissolution of a team**

**4.10.023** A team shall announce its dissolution or the cessation of its activity or its inability to respect its obligations, at the earliest opportunity. Once this announcement has been made, riders shall be fully entitled to contract with another Team for the following season or for the period starting at the moment announced for the dissolution, the end of activities or the inability to perform.

### **§ 6 Penalties**

**4.10.024** Should a team, as a whole, fail or cease to meet all the conditions of the relevant UCI regulations, it may no longer participate in cycling events.

**§ 7****Model contract between a rider and a UCI MTB team**

**4.10.025** The UCI Model Contract between a rider and a UCI MTB team can be found in Annex 1 to these regulations.

**ANNEX 1: Model contract between a rider and a UCI MTB team**

Between the undersigned,  
(name and address of the paying agent)  
paying agent for the UCI MTB team (name of the team), affiliated to the (name of the national federation) and whose principal partners are:  
1. (name and address) (where applicable, the paying agent itself)  
2. (name and address)

hereinafter "the paying agent"

ON ONE PART

and: (name and address of the rider)

born at on (date)  
of ..... nationality  
holding a licence issued by  
hereinafter "the rider"

ON THE OTHER PART

Whereas:

- the paying agent employs a team of cyclists who participate as members of the UCI MTB team .... (team name) under the management of Mr. (name of the general manager or team manager) in mountain bike races governed by the regulations of the International Cycling Union;
- The rider wishes to join the (name of the 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 federation.

It is agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1 - Engagement**

The paying agent hereby engages the rider, and the rider agrees to be engaged as a mountain bike rider.

Participation by the rider in events in other disciplines shall be decided by the parties case by case.

**ARTICLE 2 - Duration**

The present contract shall be concluded for a fixed period commencing on.... and expiring on....



**ARTICLE 3 - Remuneration / reimbursement of expenses****a) Paid rider**

The rider shall be entitled to an annual gross salary of.... This remuneration may not be lower than the legal minimum wage or, where there is no legal minimum, than the usual salary that is paid or should be paid to full-time workers employed in the country whose national federation issued the rider's licence or in the country where the team has its head office, whichever is the higher.

If the duration of that contract is to be less than one year, the rider shall, over that period, earn at least the full annual salary provided for in the preceding paragraph, less the salary that he earned as a rider with some other employer in the course of the same year.

This provision shall not apply if the present contract is extended.

**b) Unpaid rider**

The rider shall receive no wages or remuneration but shall receive expenses as per the scale below for the activities carried out for the team and/or at its request:

(Suggestions, examples ➡)

- (currency and amount) per kilometre travelled;
- reimbursement of air tickets for distances greater than (number) km;
- reimbursement of the cost of a 2-star hotel room for the nights before and after the event if the competition venue is more than (number) km from the rider's home;
- on presentation of receipts, reimbursement for all meals taken during travel up to a maximum price of (currency and total amount) per meal ;
- on presentation of invoices, reimbursement for minor mechanical expenses (tyres, brakes, cables, lubrication, adjustments, etc.) to a maximum total amount of (currency and total amount) per year.

**ARTICLE 4 - Payment of the salary / reimbursement of expenses****a) Paid rider**

1. The paying agent shall pay the salary referred to in article 3 above in at least four instalments, no later than the last working day of each three-month period.
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. Should the employer fail to pay to the rider the remuneration referred to in article 3, the rider shall, without summoning the employer to make payment, be fully entitled to the following extra benefits:
  - (a) 5% interest for each of the five working days in arrears starting with the fourth day,
  - (b) and thereafter, an increase of 1% for each working day.

The total increase may not exceed 50% the amount due.

b) Unpaid rider

1. The team shall pay the sums specified in article 3 no later than the last working day of each month as long as it has received the expenses claim from the rider before the 20th of that month.
2. In the event of a failure to make payment of any sum by its due date, the rider shall have the right, without notice, to the interest and supplements commonly applied in that country.
3. Any sum due to the rider from the team shall be paid by transfer to the rider's bank account no (number) 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 - Insurance**

In the event of illness or accident affecting the rider's ability to meet his contractual obligations, the rider shall benefit from the insurance cover specified in the annex to this contract.

### **ARTICLE 6 - Primes and prizes**

The rider shall be entitled to primes and prizes won during cycling competitions in which he/she rode for the team, in accordance with the regulations of the UCI and its affiliated federations.

Primes and prizes shall be paid as promptly as possible, but at latest on the last working day of the month following that in which said primes and prizes were won.

### **ARTICLE 7 - 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 (name of team), except in such cases as are provided for in the Regulations of the UCI and of its affiliated Federation.
2. The paying agent undertakes to allow the rider to exercise his activity properly by providing the equipment and clothing required and allowing him to take part in an adequate number of cycling events, either as part of a team or individually.
3. The rider may not compete in a race as an individual without the express consent of the paying agent. The paying agent shall be deemed to have given its agreement 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 race within any other structure or a mixed team if the (name of the team) has already entered for that race.

In the event of selection for a national team, the paying agent shall be required to permit the rider to participate in such races and preparatory programmes as may be determined by the national federation. The paying agent shall authorise the national federation, acting on its own behalf, to give to the rider any instructions of a purely sporting nature that it deems necessary in the context of and for the duration of the selection.

In none of the aforementioned cases shall the present contract be suspended.

### **ARTICLE 8 - Transfers**

On the expiry of the present contract, the rider shall be entirely free to sign a new contract with some other employer, subject to the provisions of the UCI Regulations.

### ARTICLE 9 - End of 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 paying agent is declared bankrupt, insolvent or goes into liquidation.
  - (b) if the paying agent or a principal partner withdraws from the team and the continuity of the team is not guaranteed or else if the Team announces its dissolution, the winding up of its activities or its inability to meet its commitments; if the announcement is made for a given date, the Rider shall perform the contract until that date.
2. The paying agent 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.  
Serious misconduct is considered to include refusal to ride cycle races, despite being repeatedly called on to do so by the paying agent.
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 10 - Defeasance

Any clause agreed upon between the parties that runs counter to the terms of the model contract between a rider and a team 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 and shall not be brought before any court. It shall be settled in accordance with the Regulations of the UCI through the UCI **arbitral board** or, failing this, according to the regulations of the national federation to which the rider belongs or, failing this, the legislation governing this Contract.

Made in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

in as many copies as required by the legislation applicable to the present contract, that is to say,.....  
plus one copy to be sent to the UCI.

The Rider \_\_\_\_\_ The paying agent \_\_\_\_\_

Approved for joint and several liability for all commitments entered into by the paying agent

Principal Partner  
of the team

Principal Partner  
of the team

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ANNEX 2 - UCI MTB XCO point

ONE DAY RACE																						STAGE RACE			
Rank	O.G.		WORLD CHAMP.			WORLD CUP	CONT. CHAMP.		NAT. CHAMP.		Hors Classe		Classe 1			Classe 2			Classe 3		Hors Classe Standings	Classe 2 Standings	Classe 1 Standings		
	Elite M	Elite W	Elite	U23*	Team Relay***	Elite	Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	Elite			
1	300	300	300	200	200	250	200	200	120	110	80	90	30	60	15	30	10	10	5	160	120	80			
2	250	250	250	150	150	200	150	100	100	90	60	70	20	40	10	20	6	6	4	140	100	70			
3	200	200	200	120	120	160	120	90	90	70	40	60	15	30	5	15	4	4	3	130	80	60			
4	180	180	180	100	100	150	100	80	80	60	30	50	12	25	3	12	2	2	2	120	75	55			
5	160	160	160	95	90	140	95	70	70	50	25	40	10	20	1	10	1	1	1	110	70	50			
6	140	140	140	90	80	130	90	60	60	45	20	35	8	18	x	8	x	x	100	65	45				
7	130	130	130	85	75	120	85	50	50	40	18	30	6	16		6			90	60	40				
8	120	120	120	80	70	110	80	40	40	35	16	27	4	14		4			80	55	35				
9	110	110	110	75	65	100	75	30	30	14	14	24	2	12		2			70	50	30				
10	100	100	100	70	60	95	70	25	25	12	12	22	1	10		1			65	45	25				
11	95	95	95	65	55	90	65	20	20	10	10	20	x	8		x			60	40	20				
12	90	90	90	60	50	85	60	19	18	9	9	18		6					55	35	19				
13	85	85	85	55	45	80	55	18	16	8	8	16		4					50	30	18				
14	80	80	80	50	40	78	50	17	14	7	7	14		2					45	28	17				
15	78	75	78	45	35	76	45	16	12	6	6	12		1					40	26	16				
16	76	70	76	40	30	74	40	15	10	5	5	10		x					38	24	15				
17	74	65	74	38	25	72	38	14	9	4	4	9							36	22	14				
18	72	60	72	36	20	70	36	13	8	3	3	8							34	20	13				
19	70	55	70	34	15	68	34	12	7	2	2	7							32	18	12				
20	68	50	68	32	10	66	32	11	6	1	6	6							30	16	10				
21	66	45	66	30	x	64	30	10	5	x	5	5							28	14	8				

ANNEX 2 - UCI MTB XCO points (following)

ONE DAY RACE																				STAGE RACE			
Rank	O.G.		WORLD CHAMP.			WORLD CUP	CONT. CHAMP.		NAT. CHAMP.		Hors Classe		Classe 1		Classe 2		Classe 3		Hors Classe Standings	Classe 1 Standings	Classe 2 Standings		
	Elite M	Elite W	Elite	U23*	Team Relay***	Elite	Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	Elite			
22	64	40	64	28		62	28	9	4	4									26	13	6		
23	62	35	62	26		60	26	8	3	3									24	12	4		
24	60	30	60	24		58	24	7	2	2									22	11	2		
25	58	25	58	22		56	22	6	1	1									20	10	1		
26	56	20	56	20		54	20	5	x	x									18	9	x		
27	54	15	54	18		52	18	4											16	8			
28	52	10	52	16		50	16	3											14	7			
29	50	8	50	14		48	14	2											12	6			
30	48	5	48	13		46	13	1											11	5			
31	46	x	46	12		44	12	x											10	4			
32	44		44	11		42	11												9	3			
33	42		42	10		40	10												8	2			
34	40		41	9		38	9												7	1			
35	38		40	8		36	8												6	x			
36	36		39	7		34	7												5				
37	34		38	6		32	6												4				
38	32		37	5		30	5												3				
39	30		36	4		29	4												2				
40	28		35	3		28	3												1				
41	26		34	x		27	x												x				
42	24		33			26																	

ANNEX 2 - UCI MTB XCO points (following)

ONE DAY RACE										STAGE RACE		
Rank	O.G.		WORLD CHAMP.		WORLD CUP	CONT. CHAMP.		NAT. CHAMP.		Hors Classe	Classe 1	
	Elite M	Elite W	Elite	U23*	Team Relay***	Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	Elite	Elite
43	22		32		25							
44	20		31		24							
45	18		30		23							
46	16		29		22							
47	14		28		21							
48	12		27		20							
49	10		26		19							
50	5		25		18							
51	x		24		17							
52			23		16							
53			22		15							
54			21		14							
55			20		13							
56			19		12							
57			18		11							
58			17		10							
59			16		9							
60			15		8							
61			5**		3**							

\* in case of split event  
\*\* amount of points for each ranked rider  
\*\*\* the points are not nominatif to the riders but to the Nation  
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**ANNEX 3 - UCI MTB XCM points**

	<b>WORLD CHAMP.</b>	<b>CONT. CHAMP.</b>	<b>NAT. CHAMP.</b>	<b>Hors Class</b>	<b>ONE DAY RACE</b>		
					<b>Classe 1</b>	<b>Classe 2</b>	<b>Classe 3</b>
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>
1	300	200	110	90	60	30	10
2	250	150	90	70	40	20	6
3	200	120	70	60	30	15	4
4	180	100	60	50	25	12	2
5	160	95	50	40	20	10	1
6	140	90	45	35	18	8	x
7	130	85	40	30	16	6	
8	120	80	35	27	14	4	
9	110	75	30	24	12	2	
10	100	70	25	22	10	1	
11	95	65	20	20	8	x	
12	90	60	18	18	6		
13	85	55	16	16	4		
14	80	50	14	14	2		
15	78	45	12	12	1		
16	76	40	10	10	x		
17	74	38	9	9			
18	72	36	8	8			
19	70	34	7	7			
20	68	32	6	6			
21	66	30	5	5			
22	64	28	4	4			
23	62	26	3	3			
24	60	24	2	2			
25	58	22	1	1			
26	56	20	x	x			
27	54	18					
28	52	16					
29	50	14					
30	48	13					
31	46	12					
32	44	11					
33	42	10					

**ANNEX 3 - UCI MTB XCM points (following)**

	<b>WORLD CHAMP.</b>	<b>CONT. CHAMP.</b>	<b>NAT. CHAMP.</b>	<b>Hors Class</b>	<b>ONE DAY RACE</b>		
					<b>Classe 1</b>	<b>Classe 2</b>	<b>Classe 3</b>
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>
34	40	9					
35	38	8					
36	36	7					
37	34	6					
38	32	5					
39	30	4					
40	28	3					
41	26	x					
42	24						
43	22						
44	20						
45	18						
46	16						
47	14						
48	12						
49	10						
50	5						
51	x	x					

*(text modified on 25.09.08).*



**ANNEX 4 - UCI MTB DHI points**

	<b>WORLD CHAMP.</b>	<b>WORLD CUP</b>				<b>CONT. CHAMP.</b>	<b>NAT. CHAMP.</b>	<b>ONE DAY RACE</b>			
								<b>Hors Classe</b>	<b>Classe 1</b>	<b>Classe 2</b>	<b>Classe 3</b>
		<b>Quali- fication Men</b>	<b>Quali- fication Women</b>	<b>Final Men</b>	<b>Final Women</b>						
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>
1	300	50	50	200	200	200	110	90	60	30	10
2	250	40	40	160	160	150	90	70	40	20	6
3	200	30	30	140	140	120	70	60	30	15	4
4	180	25	25	125	125	100	60	50	25	12	2
5	160	22	20	110	110	95	50	40	20	10	1
6	140	20	16	95	95	90	45	35	18	8	x
7	130	18	14	90	90	85	40	30	16	6	
8	120	17	12	85	85	80	35	27	14	4	
9	110	16	10	80	80	75	30	24	12	2	
10	100	15	5	75	75	70	25	22	10	1	
11	95	14		71	71	65	20	20	8	x	
12	90	13		67	67	60	18	18	6		
13	85	12		63	63	55	16	16	4		
14	80	11		59	59	50	14	14	2		
15	78	10		55	55	45	12	12	1		
16	76	9		52	52	40	10	10	x		
17	74	8		49	49	38	9	9			
18	72	7		46	46	36	8	8			
19	70	6		43	43	34	7	7			
20	68	5		40	40	32	6	6			
21	66			37	37	30	5	5			
22	64			34	34	28	4	4			
23	62			32	32	26	3	3			
24	60			31	31	24	2	2			
25	58			30	30	22	1	1			
26	56			29	5*	20	x	x			
27	54			28		18					
28	52			27		16					
29	50			26		14					
30	48			25		13					
31	46			24		12					
32	44			23		11					

**ANNEX 4 - UCI MTB DHI points (following)**

	<b>WORLD CHAMP.</b>	<b>WORLD CUP</b>				<b>CONT. CHAMP.</b>	<b>NAT. CHAMP.</b>	<b>ONE DAY RACE</b>			
								<b>Hors Classe</b>	<b>Classe 1</b>	<b>Classe 2</b>	<b>Classe 3</b>
		<b>Quali- fication Men</b>	<b>Quali- fication Women</b>	<b>Final Men</b>	<b>Final Women</b>						
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>
33	42			22		10					
34	41			21		9					
35	40			20		8					
36	39			19		7					
37	38			18		6					
38	37			17		5					
39	36			16		4					
40	35			15		3					
41	34			14		X					
42	33			13							
43	32			12							
44	31			11							
45	30			10							
46	29			9							
47	28			8							
48	27			7							
49	26			6							
50	25			5							
51	24			5*							
52	23										
53	22										
54	21										
55	20										
56	19										
57	18										
58	17										
59	16										
60	15										

\* amount of points for each ranked rider in the final.

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**ANNEX 5 - UCI MTB 4X points**

	<b>WORLD CHAMP.*</b>	<b>WORLD CUP*</b>	<b>CONT. CHAMP.</b>	<b>NAT. CHAMP.</b>	<b>ONE DAY RACE</b>			
					<b>Hors Class</b>	<b>Classe 1</b>	<b>Classe 2</b>	<b>Classe 3</b>
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>	<b>Elite</b>
1	300	250	200	110	90	60	30	10
2	250	200	150	90	70	40	20	6
3	200	160	120	70	60	30	15	4
4	180	140	100	60	50	25	12	2
5	160	120	95	50	40	20	10	x
6	140	110	90	45	35	18	8	
7	130	90	85	40	30	16	6	
8	120	85	80	35	27	14	4	
9	110	80	75	30	24	12	x	
10	100	75	70	25	22	10		
11	95	70	65	20	20	8		
12	90	65	60	18	18	6		
13	85	60	55	16	16	4		
14	80	55	50	14	14	3		
15	78	50	45	12	12	2		
16	76	48	40	10	10	1		
17	74	46	38	x	9	x		
18	72	44	36		8			
19	70	42	34		7			
20	68	40	32		6			
21	66	38	30		5			
22	64	36	28		4			
23	62	34	26		3			
24	60	32	24		2			
25	58	30	22		x			
26	56	28	20					
27	54	26	18					
28	52	24	16					
29	50	23	14					
30	48	22	13					
31	46	21	12					
32	44	20	11					
33	42	x	x					
34	40							
35	38							

**ANNEX 5 - UCI MTB 4X points (following)**

	WORLD CHAMP.*	WORLD CUP*	CONT. CHAMP.	NAT. CHAMP.	ONE DAY RACE			
					Hors Class	Classe 1	Classe 2	Classe 3
Rank	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite	Elite
36	36							
37	34							
38	32							
39	30							
40	28							
41	26							
42	24							
43	22							
44	20							
45	18							
46	16							
47	14							
48	12							
49	10							
50	8							
51	5*							

\* amount of points for each ranked rider **in the main event.**

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