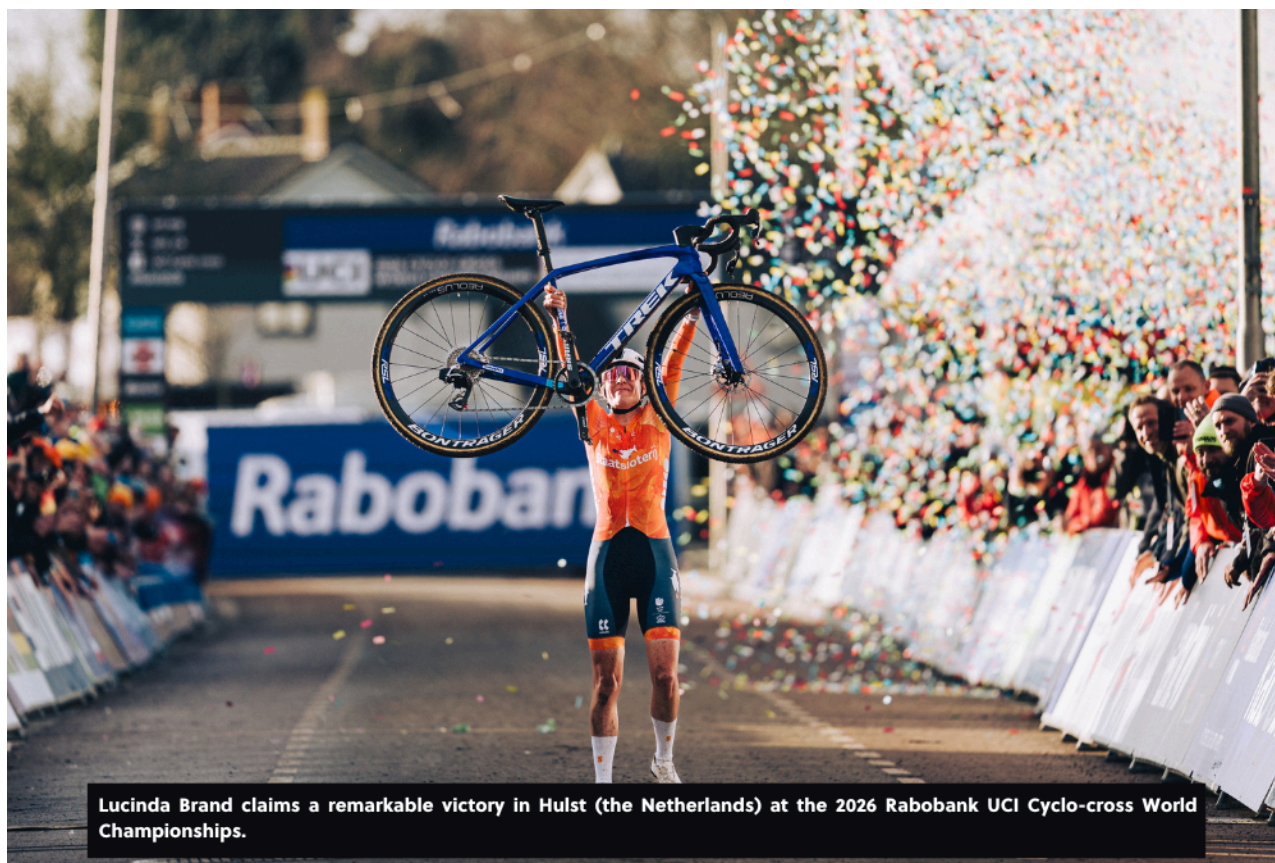




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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear members,

Our first two UCI World Championships of the year were among the highlights of the last month, with the Dutch city of Hulst hosting the magnificent Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships from 30 January to 1 February, and Châtel (in Haute-Savoie, France) providing the stage for the third UCI Snow Bike World Championships one week later. I could not continue without mentioning Mathieu van der Poel's magnificent eighth Men Elite title of UCI Cyclo-cross World Champion, equalling the women's record held by another Dutch star, Marianne Vos.

During the Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships, the UCI Management Committee met in nearby Beveren (Belgium) where it took important decisions for the future of our sport. I was delighted to spend two days of positive discussions with the newly formed Committee, in place since the elections last September. You can find out more about some of the decisions we took in the press release published on the [UCI website](#).

During the meeting, the members of the UCI Management Committee unanimously decided to delegate the prosecution of anti-doping violations and whereabouts failures activities to the International Testing Agency (ITA). As you know, the

ITA has been leading operational anti-doping activities since 2021, and this latest decision implemented on 9 February guarantees the total independence of all our sport's anti-doping activities as we move to even greater integrity in cycling.

Major sporting news at the beginning of this month came from the Milano Cortina Winter Olympic Games in Italy. I was privileged to be on site for some fantastic competitions and for the 145th International Olympic Committee (IOC) session with fellow IOC members, honorary members, representatives of the Italian Olympic Movement and the Milano Cortina 2026 Organising Committee.

While in Italy I took the opportunity to visit the headquarters of two of the UCI's longstanding partners: Mapei, where I had forward-looking discussions with CEO Veronica Squinzi, and Santini, where I received a warm welcome from the Santini family, creators of our iconic rainbow jersey!

I was delighted to attend the annual Congress of the Asian Cycling Confederation (ACC) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on 12 February. It was fantastic to be part of the positive and motivating discussions focused on the development of our sport in Asia.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Drs. Listyo Sigit Prabowo on his re-election as President of the Indonesian Cycling Federation, as well as to Eng. Samir Mousa El-Omrani on his election as President of the Libyan Cycling Federation. On behalf of the UCI, I would like to thank them for their commitment to the development of our sport and wish them every success in the fulfilment of their new duties.

Also this month, I visited the Vatican where I was honoured to meet Cardinal José Tolentino de Mendonça. Our discussions centred on the role of cycling to promote peace, and the UCI's initiatives to reinforce this role. I also met with members of Vatican Cycling, and was very happy to present a UCI solidarity bike to a young Peruvian who is supported by the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. It is always heart-warming to witness the power of the bike at all levels, not just for Elite competitors but for people of all ages, backgrounds and social situations.

David Lappartient



UCI President
IOC member



INFOS AND IMPORTANT DATES



GENERAL

Webinar – LA28 Olympic & Paralympic qualification criteria

The UCI invites you to a webinar outlining the qualification framework for the upcoming LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games. This session will provide a comprehensive overview of the qualification pathways, eligibility requirements, special provisions, and the allocation and use of quotas across the five Olympic disciplines (road, track, BMX Racing, BMX Freestyle, and mountain bike) as well as the two Paralympic disciplines (road and track). The webinar is designed to help National Federations understand the regulatory and strategic components of qualification as we head toward the qualification period.

Date: Tuesday 24 March 2026, 13:00-14:30 CET

Speakers:

Peter Van den Abeele – UCI Sports Director

Kevin MacCuish – Head of Olympic Games & Major Events

Matthew Knight – Sports Strategy Manager

Jessika Grand Bois – Track & Indoor Cycling Manager

Todd Fraser – Para Cycling Manager

To attend the webinar, [please register using this link](#).

Please note the webinar will be held in English.

To review the qualification criteria for the Olympic Games, please visit the [IOC website](#).

To review the qualification criteria for the Paralympic Games, please visit the [IPC website](#).



REMINDER: Registration of UCI Women's Continental Teams and UCI Continental Teams for the 2026 season

A total of 38 UCI Women's Continental Teams and 183 UCI Continental Teams from the five continents submitted a registration request for the 2026 season. The names of all the teams with a compliant file have now been published on the [UCI website](#).

We ask National Federations registering teams to check that all tasks have been approved by the UCI on the UCI DataRide – Teams platform. If this is not the case, please ensure that the required corrections are made so that the process can continue and that the names of the teams that have not yet been published can be published as soon as possible.

We would like to remind all parties that they should consult the UCI website before each event to make the necessary verifications. We therefore invite teams and National Federations to ensure that all information relating to teams and their members has been entered correctly on the UCI website and to send an email to road@uci.ch if there is any issue. Only riders and Sport Directors whose names are correctly published on the UCI website will be permitted to participate in events.

Finally, all UCI Continental Teams and UCI Women's Continental Teams must comply with UCI Regulations, in particular the participation rules (for instance article 2.1.009 regarding national events). Furthermore, "the participation of riders licensed with a team registered with the UCI is prohibited within a mixed team. Likewise, UCI-registered teams are not permitted to form a mixed team." (article 2.1.004).

REMINDER: Participation of UCI Continental Teams and UCI Cyclo-cross Professional Teams in UCI ProSeries events

We remind you that UCI Continental Teams and UCI Cyclo-cross Professional Teams can only be invited to, and participate in, UCI ProSeries events during the season after their registration in the reinforced antidoping programme. Registration was taken into account upon reception of the payment of an additional anti-doping contribution and the submission of the online form via the dedicated link by 31 December 2025 (see p.30 of the "2026 UCI Instruction for Registration").

Any team that wishes to participate in UCI ProSeries events but did not proceed with the payment within the deadline will not be authorised to participate in these events during the 2026 season. The list of teams authorised to participate in UCI ProSeries events is available on the [UCI website](#).

REMINDER: Mandatory invitations to road races (art. 2.1.007bis, 2.14.020, 2.14.021, 2.14.038,

and 2.14.051 of the UCI Regulations)

The UCI Sports Department has published the list of mandatory invitations extended to teams for road events. This is available in the UCI Regulations section of the [UCI website](#).

The provisions in article 2.1.007bis of the UCI Regulations concern the UCI WorldTour first and foremost, with UCI ProTeams Tudor Pro Cycling Team, Pinarello-Q36.5 Pro Cycling Team and Cofidis receiving a mandatory invitation to all the events on the series.

As a reminder, these teams must confirm their participation to the respective organisers at the latest 70 days before the event. Failing this, they will lose their automatic invitation.

Regarding the UCI Continental Circuits events (Men Elite and Men Under-23):

- Organisers of Class 2 events in the UCI Europe Tour, as well as organisers of Class 1 and Class 2 events in the UCI America Tour, UCI Asia Tour and UCI Oceania Tour must invite the top three UCI Continental Teams of the final 2025 UCI Classification by team for the relevant continental circuit of the event;
- Organisers of Class 2 events in the UCI Africa Tour must invite the top three national teams of the final 2025 UCI Africa Tour UCI Classification by nation.

The teams, as well as their contact information, are listed in the "Mandatory Road Race Test Invitations List" published on the [UCI website](#).

Finally, regarding the UCI Nations Cups for the Men Junior and Women Junior categories, the organisers must also send an invitation to the teams or nations in the document as per the provisions of articles 2.14.020, 2.14.021, 2.14.038, and 2.14.051 of the UCI Regulations.

Junior Development Teams

[Rules amendments applying on 1 January 2026](#) include an amendment to article 2.1.004 of the UCI Regulations, relating to mixed teams, and the creation of article 2.1.004bis, relating to Junior Development Teams. This new category includes teams managed by clubs or professional teams, composed of a stable roster of up to 15 riders during the season.

An explanatory document regarding the regulations in force was sent to the National Federations on 9 February. The list of Junior Development Teams for the 2026 season, including the team name, roster, jersey, and race calendar, must be communicated to the UCI by the National Federations no later than 1 March 2026.

Training compensation fees

We would like to remind National Federations that following the introduction of the training compensation fee, they are responsible for sending invoices to professional teams at the time of a rider's first neo-professional contract.

A document listing the riders eligible for registration with 2026 professional teams, together with all the relevant information, has been sent to them. In the event of any doubts or difficulties with this system, the UCI Road Department's riders and teams unit remains at the disposal of the National Federations.

2026 UCI Event Safety Manager Course

From 2 to 5 February, 167 UCI Event Safety Managers from race organisations and National Federations participated in the UCI Event Safety Manager online course. The programme covered key aspects of race safety, including the new regulations about signalling and regulators. Following this intensive training, 159 participants successfully passed the exam and obtained their certification.

The next course for UCI Event Safety Managers will be organised in 2027. Race organisers and National Federations will be notified in due time with details on registration.

2026 UCI Road World Championships (20-27 September 2026)

The 2026 UCI Road World Championships will take place in Montréal (Canada) from 20 to 27 September. More information about this event is available on the [UCI website](#).

REMINDER: Official documents publication

All publications and relevant documentation are available on the UCI website, in the Official Documents section.

- [General Information Bulletin](#)
- [Qualification System](#)
- [Quota Allocation](#)

REMINDER: Webinar for National Federations (Chefs de Mission)

The 2026 UCI Road World Championships information webinar (Chefs de Mission) will be held on **11 March 2026, from 14:30 to 16:00 CET**. Please reserve this date to attend the first of three information webinars the UCI will host to provide National Federations with the latest information and facilitate successful planning for riders, delegations, etc. These webinars will provide the latest updates on any medical recommendations, visa information, customs formalities etc. An invitation including the link to join was sent to all National Federations this month.

REMINDER: National Federation accommodation

National Federations will benefit from personalised support provided by the Local Organising Committee's accommodation partner agency, ATPi, which will assist them in preparing their stay for the 2026 UCI Road World Championships.

To plan your stay, visit the "Plan Your Trip" section on the [Montréal 2026 website](#), where you'll find official accommodation options.

For any inquiries or reservations, please contact ATPi montreal2026@atpi.com

REMINDER: Visa application process – Information workshops

Federations requiring a letter of invitation are invited to submit their request to visa@montreal2026.org, including the:

- planned dates of their stay,
- their permanent residential address,
- a copy of the applicant's passport and
- their role.

The letter of invitation will include an event code to be entered in your visa application. However, this code neither guarantees expedited processing nor approval of the application by the competent authorities.

Federations are strongly encouraged to initiate visa applications as early as possible to ensure their participation in the 2026 UCI Road World Championships.

UCI Junior Conference / UCI Seminar for National Federations

Please note that these meetings will not be held during the 2026 UCI Road World Championships.

If you have any other questions, please contact rwc@uci.ch

REMINDER: Regulatory changes concerning equipment in 2026

During 2025, several regulatory changes concerning equipment were approved by the UCI Management Committee and have been implemented as of 1 January 2026. They have been published on the [UCI website](#).

These changes concern in particular:

Articles 1.3.001bis and 1.3.031

Helmets. Clarifications have been made to establish the distinctions between the types of helmets that are allowed in

road events (applicable from 2026): only traditional helmets are permitted in events other than time trials.

A traditional helmet is defined as:

Specifications	Traditional helmet
Maximum dimension (L x W x H)	450 x 300 x 210mm
Ventilation	The helmet must have at least three distinct air inlet openings on the shell structure
Ear coverage	The helmet shell and any accessories must not extend to cover, obstruct, or enclose the rider's ears (looking from the lateral view)
Visor	Integrated or detachable visors are not permitted. Helmets must be used without any visor attachments or shield-like accessories
<i>The term "visor" refers to any fixed or attached shield that cannot be worn independently of the helmet</i>	

Please note use of headbands, hats and other textile garments that cover ears is permitted.

Articles 1.3.022 and 1.3.023

Handlebar Design. Handlebar design requirements including a minimum overall width, handlebar flare/lateral angulation, and minimum distance between brake hoods/lever grips have been specified. The principal changes for 2026 are:

- the maximum dimension of the cross section of the handlebars is 65 or 80mm for road and cyclo-cross;
- the minimum overall width of handlebars, measured from outside to outside, is 400mm;
- the maximum dimension from the external extremity of the handlebar and the internal extremity of the same side of the handlebar shall not exceed 65mm for road and cyclo-cross;
- the minimum measurement between the inside of the extremities of the brake levers shall be 280mm.

The dimensions of the handlebars and extensions for time trial events remain unchanged (the minimum dimension of the base bar, measured from outside to outside, remains 350mm).

Printable 3D model to check these dimensions is available on the Equipment page of the [UCI website](#).

REMINDER: UCI bike jig maintenance

We kindly remind all UCI bike jig owners (organisers as well as teams) that maintenance must be carried out on your UCI bike jigs ahead of time trial events to ensure measurement accuracy.

Please find the checks to be carried out [here](#).

Call for expression of interest for the development of protective equipment

At its most recent Management Committee meeting on 29 and 30 January, the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) decided to launch a call for expressions of interest relating to the development of protective equipment for riders in both the men's and women's pelotons, with the aim of enhancing their safety in the event of a crash.

The UCI invites all manufacturers, institutes or any relevant parties working on the development of airbags and technical apparel for cyclists to express their interest by 15 March 2026 via this [form](#). The form is also available in the Equipment section of the [UCI website](#).



2026 UCI Track World Cup

The first round of the 2026 UCI Track World Cup that will take place from 6 to 8 March 2026 in Perth, Australia. The preliminary entry list, as well as the competition and training schedule are published on the [UCI website](#).

The registration dates for next rounds of the 2026 UCI Track World Cup are the following:

- Hong Kong, China: opening 9 March, closing 23 March 2026
- Nilai, Malaysia: opening 16 March, closing 30 March 2026

All other relevant information about the 2026 UCI Track World Cup is available on the [UCI website](#).

2026 Tissot UCI Track World Championships (14-18 October 2026)

The 2026 Tissot UCI Track World Championships will take place in Shanghai, China, from 14 to 18 October 2026. The information bulletin as well as the CSE accommodation booking form are available on the [UCI website](#).

MOUNTAIN BIKE

REMINDER : Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games - qualification system

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has published the mountain bike qualification document for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. This document can be found on the [IOC website](#).

2026 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships - XCO/XCR/XCC/E-MTB/DHI (26-30 August 2026)

The 2026 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships will take place in Val di Sole, Italy, from 26 to 30 August. The online registration deadlines, schedule and quotas can be found on the [UCI website](#).

2026 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships (12 September 2026)

The 2026 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships will take place in San Martino di Castrozza, Trentino, (Italy) on 12 September 2026. The online registration deadlines and quotas can be found on the [UCI website](#).

2026 UCI Mountain Bike Enduro & E-Enduro World Championships (16-18 October 2026)

The 2026 UCI Mountain Bike Enduro & E-Enduro World Championships will take place in Finale Ligure, Italy, from 16 to 18 October 2026. More information can be found on the [UCI website](#).

2026 WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series

The first round of 2026 WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series (cross-country and downhill) will take place in Mona Yongpyong, South Korea, from 1 to 3 May 2026. The entry ranking reference date is 24.03.2026. Registrations will be open from 26.03.2026 to 13.04.2026.

Opening and closing dates for rider registration for the other rounds of the 2026 WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series can be found on the [UCI website](#).

The updated list of UCI Mountain Bike International Elite Numbers has been published on the [UCI website](#).

The 2025 Enduro Men Global Ranking and Women Global Ranking have been published on the [UCI website](#).

UCI Mountain Bike Teams and UCI Mountain Bike World Series Teams 2026 - Transfert period

The 2026 transfer period for UCI Mountain Bike Teams and UCI Mountain Bike World Series Teams will take place from July 13 to July 18, 2026. The process will be identical to the team registration process, via the DataRide platform.

2026 UCI Mountain Bike Teams and UCI Mountain Bike World Series Teams transfer period

The 2026 transfer period for the UCI Mountain Bike Teams and UCI Mountain Bike World Series Teams will be from 13

to 18 July 2026. The process, to be carried out on the DataRide platform, is the same as that for team registration.

2026 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup

The first round of the 2026 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup took place on February 21 in Calpe, Spain. Results as well as information about the 2026 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup can be found on the [UCI website](#).

REMINDER : 2026 UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Championships (18 April 2026)

The 2026 Mountain Bike Eliminator World Championships will take place in Barcelona, Spain, on 18 April 2026. Further information about the event can be found on the [UCI website](#).

REMINDER : 2026 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Masters World Championships (13 September)

The 2026 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Masters World Championships will take place in Primiero San Martino di Castrozza, Italy, on 13 September 2026. Registrations are already open on the organisation's website and accessible through the [UCI website](#).

REMINDER: 2026 UCI Mountain Bike International Calendar

The 2026 UCI Mountain Bike International Calendar, including the UCI Continental Series, can be found on the [UCI website](#).

REMINDER: 2026 UCI Mountain Bike Regulations

The updated 2026 UCI Mountain Bike Regulations have been published in full on the [UCI website](#).

UCI Mountain Bike Teams

The official list of UCI Mountain Bike Teams and UCI Mountain Bike World Series Teams for the 2026 season have been published on the [UCI website](#).

BMX RACING

REMINDER: Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games - qualification system

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has published the BMX Racing qualification document for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. This document can be found on the [IOC website](#).

2026 UCI BMX Racing World Championships (18-19 July 2026)

The 2026 UCI BMX Racing World Championships in Brisbane (Australia), will start with the Championships category competitions: practice day will be on 17 July, followed by two days of racing. A provisional schedule for the 2026 UCI BMX Racing World Championships (including Challenge and Masters races) has been published on the [UCI website](#).

The Championships category quotas have been published on the UCI website for the Junior, Under 23 and Elite (men and women) categories.

Racing in the Challenge and Masters categories will start after the Championships categories. Two practice days (20-21 July) will take place ahead of the four days of competition (22-25 July). The Challenge category quotas are set out in Part VI – BMX Racing of the UCI Regulations, article 6.4.006, available on the [UCI website](#).

Further information can be found on the [UCI website](#).

2026 UCI BMX Racing International Calendar

The 2026 UCI BMX Racing International Calendar can be found on the [UCI website](#).

Following the introduction of a new class of events (Class 2), it is now possible for National Federations to register Class 2 events on the 2026 UCI BMX Racing International Calendar.

National Federations are required to follow the usual registration process and can submit their competitions by uploading the forms via this [link](#).

REMINDER: 2026 UCI BMX Racing Regulations

The 2026 UCI BMX Racing Regulations have been updated and are available on the [UCI website](#).

The updated 2026 UCI BMX Racing Financial Obligations can also be found on the [UCI website](#).

BMX FREESTYLE

REMINDER: Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games – qualification system

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has published the BMX Freestyle qualification document for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. The document can be found on the [IOC website](#).

REMINDER: 2026 UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup

The 2026 UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup calendar can be found on the [UCI website](#)

REMINDER: 2026 UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar

The 2026 UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar can be found on the [UCI website](#).

REMINDER: 2026 UCI BMX Freestyle Regulations

The updated 2026 UCI BMX Racing Regulations have been published in full on [the UCI website](#).

CYCLO-CROSS

2026 Rabobank UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships (30 January - 1 February)

The 2026 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships took place in Hulst, the Netherlands. Results and reports are available on the [UCI website](#).

UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships from 2027 to 2030

Please find below the venues and dates of the next UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships:

- 29-31 January 2027: Ostend, Belgium
- 28-30 January 2028: Hoogerheide, the Netherlands
- 2-4 February 2029: Treviso, Italy
- 1-3 February 2030: Namur, Belgium.

2026-2027 UCI Cyclo-cross International Calendar

The 2026-2027 UCI Cyclo-cross International Calendar, including the 2026-2027 UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup, is available on the [UCI website](#). We kindly ask event organisers to check the published data, especially the following information, for each of your events: name, location (city and, if relevant, region or province), date, website, e-mail contact, races (age categories).

UCI-recognised cyclo-cross series

We kindly remind National Federations that they have the responsibility to communicate to the UCI the list of events grouped into one series and the specific regulations of that series, as per [article 1.2.026 of the UCI Regulations](#). Please provide this information and relevant documents to offroad@uci.ch.



REMINDER: 2026 UCI Trials World Cup

Information for the opening round of the 2026 UCI Trials World Cup, to be held in Dole, France, from 8 to 10 May, is available on the [UCI website](#).

Registration will be open from 24 April to 4 May 12h CET.

REMINDER: 2026 UCI Trials World Youth Games (24-26 July 2026)

Information for the UCI Trials World Youth Games to be held in Lausanne, Switzerland, from 24 to 26 July, is available on the [UCI website](#).

Registration will be open from 3 to 16 July 12h CET.

REMINDER: 2026 UCI Trials International Calendar

The 2026 UCI Trials International Calendar can be found on the [UCI website](#).

We encourage National Federations to register their trials National Championships on the mandatory date set on 27-28 June 2026. Please remember that for the National Championships, a Women Junior category (article 7.1.002) can be organised and will award UCI points.

The updated Organisation Guide for International UCI Trials Competitions is now available on the [UCI website](#).

REMINDER: 2026 UCI Trials Regulations

2026 UCI Trials Regulations have now been published in full on the UCI website.

REMINDER: Call for applications for the organisation of rounds of the 2027 and 2028 UCI Trials World Cup and 2027 and 2028 UCI Trials Youth World Games

National Federations and organisers of international events are reminded that the UCI is currently seeking bids for the organisation of the 2027 and 2028 UCI Trials World Cup rounds as well as for the 2027 and 2028 UCI Trials World Youth Games.

- Download the UCI Trials World Cup information for organisers [here](#).
- Download the UCI Trials World Youth Games information for organisers [here](#).

The deadline to receive applications is 30 of April 2026. For any information regarding the application process, please email offroad@uci.ch.



REMINDER: 2026 international classification opportunities

The list of all UCI international classification opportunities for 2026 is available on the [UCI website](#).

2026 UCI Para Cycling Road World Cup – Chiang Mai Thailand (19-22 March 2026)

The entry list and classification schedule for the 2026 UCI Para Cycling Road World Cup that will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, are available on the [UCI website](#).

REMINDER: H3 Sport Class Regulations changes

Following the update of the H3 Regulations per the recommendations of the handcycle working group, you can find an official letter on the UCI website explaining the changes. Please be aware that all Medical Diagnostic Forms (MDFs) must be submitted on PCSAS (Para Cycling Sport Administration System) by 28 February 2026.

INDOOR CYCLING

2026 UCI Artistic Cycling World Cup

The results of the first round of the 2026 UCI Artistic Cycling World Cup that took place in Nesvady, Slovakia, on 21 February 2026 are available on the [UCI website](#).

The next round of the 2026 UCI Artistic Cycling World Cup will take place on 11 July 2026 in Vác, Hungary.

2026 UCI Cycle-ball World Cup

The results of the first round of the 2026 UCI Cycle-ball World Cup that took place in Kobe, Japan, on 22 February 2026 are available on the [UCI website](#).

The next round of the 2026 UCI Cycle-ball World Cup will take place on 21 March 2026 in Erzhausen, Germany. The information bulletin for the competition will be published on the [UCI website](#) in the following days.

CYCLING ESPORTS

2026 UCI Cycling Esports World Championships (14 November 2026)

The 2026 UCI Cycling Esports World Championships will take place on 14 November 2026 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The competition schedule and location of the competition are currently being confirmed.

If you have any questions, please contact esports@uci.ch.



CYCLING INTEGRITY



CLEAN CYCLING

The UCI has taken a major step to strengthen the independence and credibility of cycling's anti-doping efforts by fully delegating the management of anti-doping rule violations and whereabouts cases to the International Testing Agency (ITA). As of 9 February 2026, the ITA - already responsible for operational testing and clean-sport activities since 2021 - now also handles legal proceedings, ensuring a fully independent, transparent and expert-led results management process for the sport's anti-doping programme. This reinforces good governance and demonstrates a long-term commitment to clean competition and athlete protection. More information [here](#).

SAFE CYCLING

Online harassment has no place in cycling

The UCI is strengthening its protection against online abuse across UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour events. Riders, teams, support staff, Commissaires and officials will benefit from an AI-supported monitoring system designed to detect and assess abusive or threatening content across major social media platforms, as well as direct messages. High-risk threats will be reported, harmful content pursued for takedown, and perpetrators identified so that disciplinary or legal action can be considered. This represents a significant step forward in safeguarding, digital risk management and athlete wellbeing.

Just as importantly, victims of abuse via private messaging are strongly encouraged to report incidents through the UCI's confidential SpeakUp platform. Reporting is essential: it enables investigation, reinforces accountability, and helps build

a safer environment for everyone.

CYCLING FOR ALL



2026 UCI Cycling for All & Sustainability Awards: last call for applications!

There is still time to submit your application for the third edition of the UCI Cycling for All & Sustainability Awards. Candidates have until **17 March 2026 (6 pm CET)** to showcase their most inspiring cycling initiatives.

These awards celebrate and spotlight outstanding projects from across the cycling family - including professional riders, teams, National Federations, event organisers, and UCI Bike Cities and Regions - that create positive social and environmental impact, promote active mobility, and encourage everyday cycling. This is your opportunity to gain international visibility and share your success story with the global cycling community.

Awards will again be presented in the four following categories:

- **UCI Cycling for All award:** for a cycling initiative with significant social impact
- **UCI Climate Action award:** for a cycling initiative with positive environmental impact
- **UCI Bike City award:** for the most innovative project submitted by UCI Bike Cities and Regions
- **UCI Rainbow award:** a special discretionary award selected by the UCI from all submissions

The winners will be revealed during the **2026 UCI Mobility & Bike City Forum**, being organised on **10-11 May in Athens, Greece**, in collaboration with the **City of Athens** and **Kyvernitis Travel Group**. This will be a unique platform to present your initiative to international experts and leaders in active mobility.

Full details on the awards, including application criteria and links to the online application forms, are available on the [UCI website](#) and in the following document : [General Instructions for all applications](#).





2026 UCI Mobility & Bike City Forum: register now!

Registration is still open for the eighth edition of the UCI Mobility & Bike City Forum, taking place at the Athens Conservatoire (Greece) on **10–11 May 2026**, in collaboration with the **City of Athens** and **Kyvernitis Travel Group**. We encourage all members of the cycling, mobility and urban planning communities to secure their place and join us for this flagship international event.

The Forum will open on **Sunday 10 May** with a vibrant programme of interactive activities across the city, including:

- A community bike parade on the **ΔEH Tour of Hellas** race circuit,
- **ΔEH Tour of Hellas** side events and Cycling for All activations at Syntagma Square, including the opportunity to experience the race finish in the heart of Athens,
- Thematic bike tours throughout the city centre.

The **2026 UCI Cycling for All & Sustainability Awards** will also be presented during the official dinner on Sunday evening, bringing together leading actors in active mobility and sustainable cycling.

The main conference day on **Monday 11 May** will feature panel discussions, expert presentations, case studies and networking opportunities. Key themes include:

- Strengthening cycling tourism: emerging trends and successful approaches,
- Urban mobility strategies: integrating cycling into city planning,
- Cycling events as drivers of sustainable sport tourism and impact,
- Global road safety: collaborative approaches for safer cycling.

The two-day **summary agenda** is available [here](#). The full programme including confirmed speakers, biographies and practical venue information will be published shortly.

Participation in the Forum is **free of charge**, but **advance registration is mandatory** due to limited seating. To confirm your attendance, please complete the online registration form by **1 May 2026** : [2026 UCI Mobility & Bike City Forum online registration form](#)



SPOTLIGHT





Indoor cycling formats explained

The 2026 UCI World Cups for the two indoor cycling specialities got underway this month: for artistic cycling in Nesvady (Slovakia) on 21 February and for cycle-ball in Kobe (Japan) on 22 February. To introduce the season, we published two articles on the UCI website explaining the ins and outs of both [artistic cycling](#) and [cycle-ball](#), including the history, the bikes used and the competition formats. Two fascinating insights into indoor cycling!



MEDICAL



REMINDER: UCI MedResources

We remind you that a QR code providing access to the MedResources application has been created. You may find it below. The application offers several prevention tools regarding mental health, the fast recognition and diagnosis protocol for concussions, and various medical forms and declarations.



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UCI WCC'S CORNER





Global 28 offering opportunities for young riders

An exciting new chapter in the development of cycling worldwide begins this year with Global 28, a UCI World Cycling Centre (WCC) initiative supporting athletes from emerging cycling nations in Asia, Africa, South and Central America.

Developed along a similar model as that of Africa 2025 – established in 2022 to prepare young riders for the 2025 UCI Road World Championships in Kigali, Rwanda –, Global 28 targets Under 23 and second-year Junior athletes with the objective of improving their level, promoting equal opportunities and strengthening global sporting links.

Selected thanks to their performances at international level, including the UCI Road World Championships and Continental Championships, six women and six men will be based in Josselin (Brittany), France, from April to June. A second block of training will take place from July to September for this first year of the multi-year initiative.

The athletes will be supported by qualified coaches and mechanics, led by Steven Laget (FRA), who worked on the Africa 2025 programme last year, assisted in the delivery of the [2025 Afghan Women's Road Championships](#) in Les Herbiers, France, and has previously worked on cycling development in Africa. In addition, coaches and mechanics who have completed the UCI WCC Level 3 coaching and mechanics courses will have the opportunity to work alongside the expert staff.

In parallel with their training and racing schedule, the young riders on the Global 28 programme will benefit from educational and social integration opportunities, including French language lessons.

UCI WCC Director Jacques Landry explains: "The goal of Global 28 is to develop road cyclists from countries that do not have the resources necessary to help them realise their full potential. This programme fits well into the WCC road development pathway in that it could be a stepping stone for athletes to progress upwards to the World Cycling Centre activities in Aigle, Switzerland, or into European clubs and teams. With our structured three-year approach, and an annual budget of 450,000 Swiss Francs, we are putting all the chances of success on their side."



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