



REGULATION CHANGES

Approved by the Management Committee
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear members,

At the meeting of the UCI Management Committee, which took place in Montréal (Canada) from 20 to 22 September 2026, the members examined and approved several amendments and special provisions to the UCI Regulations, on the recommendation of the UCI's various Commissions.

This special issue of the UCI Newsletter focuses on these amendments and special provisions. For further information on the aspects detailed below, please visit the [UCI website](#).

The other main decisions taken and measures adopted by the UCI Management Committee were detailed in the [press release](#) published after the meeting, on 23rd September.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to directly contact the various services of the UCI.

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IOC Member

GENERAL ORGANISATION - PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

(Point 11)

The disciplines of cycling esports (Part XVII) and gravel (Part XVIII) are added to the Parts already listed under Point 11. Their original language is English.

Effective from 01.10.2026

PART I – GENERAL ORGANISATION OF CYCLING AS A SPORT

(Articles 1.1.039, 1.2.002, 1.2.006, 1.2.048 and 1.2.012)

Gravel is added to listed disciplines, when appropriate.

Effective from 01.10.2026

Article 1.1.006 Ter

This regulatory change, which applies to road cycling, defines the minimum elements that each National Federation must include in its own regulations in relation to a riders' change of club during the season..

Effective from 01.01.2027

(Article 1.3.073)

This regulatory amendment clarifies the number and position of identification numbers that riders of gravel races must use. Its purpose is to improve the identification of riders by Commissaires and the media.

Effective from 01.10.2026

PART II – ROAD RACES

Chapter II GENERAL PROVISIONS**(Article 2.2.003)**

This regulatory amendment clarifies that Under 23 riders registered with a UCI WorldTeam or a UCI ProTeam are not authorised to participate in the Under 23 category of their National Championships.

Effective from 19.10.2026

(Article 2.2.017bis)

Regulatory change introducing mandatory standards for the barriers protecting the finish area when a bunch sprint finish is expected, in line with the study conducted on this subject. These standards will apply from 1 January 2027 to UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour events. The organisers concerned must select compliant barriers, use them in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and complete the Declaration of Conformity form available on the UCI website.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Chapter X UCI RANKINGS**(Articles 2.10.008 and 2.10.017)**

Addition of two new scales of points for men and women riders dedicated to riders participating in major events in cycling disciplines other than road, as set out in article 2.10.004 Quater.

Effective from 19.10.2026

Addition of new scales of points for men and women riders to align with the regulations update made to Part X Continental Championships and Regional Games of the UCI Regulations. These points scales are added to clarify the points awarded at Regional Games (road events). These scales are the same as those for Class 2 events.

Effective from 19.10.2026

Chapter XII RACE INCIDENTS AND SPECIFIC INFRINGEMENTS BY ORGANISERS**(Article 2.12.007)**

This regulatory amendment for para cycling events sees the addition of a point 3.5.4 concerning rider identification, as per article 16.10.002: in all sport classes for road events, athletes must wear a helmet in the colour corresponding to their sport class (covering at least 75% of the helmet) or a suitably coloured helmet cover (tape is not permitted).

Effective from 01.01.2027

This regulatory amendment for road events provides for the introduction of yellow cards for Class 1 events from 1st January 2027. The table of penalties has been updated accordingly to include the action to issue a yellow card to

January 2027. The table of sanctions has been updated accordingly to include the option to issue a yellow card in column 3 for Women Elite Class 1 events.

Effective from 01.01.2027

(Article 2.12.012)

Update of point 3.2 of the table of sanctions to align the name of the protocol as it is shown in Annex B of Part 2 of the UCI Regulations: "Protocol for extreme weather and the riders' safety during events".

Effective from 19.10.2026

Chapter XVII UCI CONTINENTAL TEAMS

(Articles 2.17.004 bis and 1.1.077)

This regulatory change aims to introduce a new Sport Directors course, which will become mandatory for Sport Directors and Assistant Sport Directors of national teams (from 2027) as well as of UCI Continental Teams and UCI Women's Continental Teams (from the 2028 season).

The existing Sport Directors course is maintained, but it will now be titled the Professional Sport Directors course to avoid any confusion.

Effective from 19.10.2026

A new reference for safer races: the UCI Event Safety Manager Guide

A new UCI Event Safety Manager Guide has been published. This reference document sets out the mission, responsibilities and operational framework of the Event Safety Manager for all events registered on the UCI Calendar, whether held under total road closure or rolling closure. Structured into eleven chapters with practical appendices, the guide takes Event Safety Managers step by step from their appointment and required qualifications through event preparation, course safety, race convoy management and incident handling, right up to post-event evaluation.

Effective from 01.01.2027

PART IV – MOUNTAIN BIKE

WHOOPI UCI Mountain Bike World Series

- Late entries will no longer be accepted after the opening of riders' confirmation (article 4.9.005)
- Leader jersey specifications are updated to formalise current practice (article 4.09.008)
- Alignment of the deadlines for submitting Injury status and pregnancy status, both set at 31 December (4.10.011, 4.11.021 & 4.13.012).
- Align the call-up of the first eight riders - to present them to the public and the media - to current practice (article 4.10.003).
- Clarification of the participation criteria for cross-country Olympic and downhill events in all categories (4.10.001 and 4.11.001).
- Wildcard attribution criteria adapted to take into account UCI Teams' participation in UCI Mountain Bike Continental Series instead of team standings (4.10.001 and 4.11.001).
- On-foot downhill course inspection reserved exclusively for riders and team staff with a valid UCI licence and for specific accredited media (4.11.006).
- The career number is clarified for Elite category riders post-retirement (article 4.1.04)

General:

- Course maps may now be made available online instead of displayed at the registration office (article 4.1.024).
- Clarification on exiting the course: a rider is considered to have exited the course when one or both wheels have

exited the course (article 4.1.035).

- Enduro: age categories are expanded to allow separate National and Continental Championships events for Men and Women Junior for enduro events with separate UCI points table (article 4.1.007bis).
- Enduro: It is no longer mandatory for organisers to provide start times for Class 3 enduro events. Start waves are accepted in Class 3 enduro events (article 4.5.011 and 4.5.012).
- UCI Mountain Bike World Series Teams and UCI Mountain Bike Teams may add a rider to the team composition until 31 December (article 4.18.013 and 4.19.012).
- The cross-country eliminator race format has been revised. All participants will now be required to race in at least one elimination heat, enhancing event quality and competitive fairness (article 4.1.011, 4.1.012 and 4.1.013).
- Amendment to the mountain bike event's medical service to ensure correct reference to the Part 13 Medical Rules (4.2.052).

Effective from 01.01.2027

PART VI – BMX RACING

- Increase in the number of motos to four, for all categories with fewer than nine riders (article 6.1.023).
- For the results of the final to be valid, increase in the number of riders needed to cross the finish line to three (article 6.1.038).
- Removal of the requirement to print all reports, such as start lists and results (article 6.1.040).
- Amendment of the time limit for submitting a protest (article 6.1.061).
- Calendar date protection - no other competitions may occur on the same continent on the same date as National Championships (article 6.1.100).
- Permission for the use of a camera by riders during practice (article 6.1.088).
- UCI World Champions may only use the UCI International Elite Number 1 on their UCI World Champion jersey within the allocated position (article 6.1.096).
- UCI BMX Racing World Championships trophies for Challenge and Masters categories: formalisation of the number of trophies to be awarded to Challenge and Masters riders (article 6.4.011).

Effective from 01.01.2027

PART VI BIS – BMX FREESTYLE

BMX Freestyle Park – finishing a run (article 6bis.6.031).

- Adjustment to a run end: if a rider's front wheel is no longer in contact with any surface when time expires, the trick initiated will count towards the rider's final score.

Effective from 01.01.2027

PART VII – TRIALS

- Wording adjustment in the trials section as per the current practice (article 7.1.018 and 7.1.025).
- Clarification regarding the priority of different jerseys as per article 1.3.071 (article 7.1.063bis).
- Clarification regarding shoes for safety reasons (article 7.1.065).
- Clarification regarding penalty points as per the current practice (article 7.1.087).

Effective from 01.01.2027

PART IX – UCI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chapter I Organisation of UCI World Championships

Chapter 1 has undergone a major update so that it correctly defines the way in which the UCI presently manages the UCI World Championships.

Chapter II Participation in UCI World Championships

As concerns Chapter 2, which documents specific rules concerning participation in the various UCI World Championships, including the qualification system for those disciplines which have a specific qualification system, again, the rules have been amended where necessary to reflect current practice.

§ 9 UCI Gravel World Championships

articles 9.2.072 to 9.2.083

Articles of paragraph 9 UCI Gravel World Championships are introduced to regulate the UCI Gravel World Championships. These articles are mostly transferred from Part XV Cycling for All, chapter VI UCI Gravel World Series and UCI Gravel World Championships. Moreover, best practices developed specifically during the UCI Gravel World Championships from 2022 to 2025 are integrated into the UCI rules for consistency during the next events.

Effective from 01.10.2026

PART XV : CYCLING FOR ALL

Chapter III Gravel and Chapter VI UCI Gravel World Series and World Championships

All articles formerly written under these chapters are transferred to the new Part XVIII Gravel for general provisions regarding the gravel discipline, including the UCI Gravel World Series, and to Part IX UCI World Championships, when concerning UCI Gravel World Championships. Texts for the rules regarding gravel are thus structured similarly to those for other cycling disciplines.

Effective from 01.10.2026

PART XVI – PARA CYCLING

Para cycling track

(Articles 16.8.009 and 16.8.025Ter)

Clarification of standard race procedures for UCI Para Cycling World Championships.

Effective from 01.10.2026

(Article 16.8.024)

Adjustment to the C division sprint race elimination rounds to ensure consistency across all competition sizes.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Use of the IPC's "Para" mark

(Article 16.1.001)

Clarification of when and where the UCI may use the IPC's 'Para' mark: the right to use it is granted only for disciplines where the UCI complies with the IPC Classification Code and International Standards, namely para cycling road and para cycling track.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Para cycling sport classes

(Article 16.2.003)

This content is moved here from the Classification Rules (former article 16.4.003) as a general introduction to the sport.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Tandem pilots

(Article 16.3.003)

Clarification of the list of professional teams whose riders may not act as tandem pilots, expressly including UCI Women's WorldTour Teams and UCI Women's ProTeams.

Effective from 01.01.2027

(Article 16.3.004)

Removal or reduction of the waiting period for former professional riders wishing to become tandem pilots: Team members must wait until their contract expires before taking part as a tandem pilot making it easier for more athletes to qualify as pilots.

Effective from 01.01.2027

(Article 16.3.005)

Reduction of the waiting periods that prevent elite riders from racing as tandem pilots after being selected for major events, in order to encourage more athletes to take up the pilot role.

Effective from 01.01.2027

(Article 16.3.006)

Gender-neutral rewording of the rule limiting each visually impaired athlete to one pilot of the same sporting nationality; no change of substance.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Chapters IV and V Classification Rules and Sport Class profiles

Scope and application

(Article 16.4.001)

Alignment with the IPC Classification Code standard wording: clarifies that the Classification Rules can also apply to out-of-competition classification opportunities, updates who the rules apply to (UCI representatives, Classification Personnel, and any person taking part in Evaluation Sessions), and updates the notice and eligibility requirements for International Classification.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Roles and responsibilities

(Article 16.4.002)

Removal of a paragraph duplicating wording already set out in article 16.4.001, to avoid repetition.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Para cycling sport classes

(Article 16.4.003)

Article abrogated. Its content (the para cycling sport class table and licence-coding system) is moved to new article 16.2.003, where it is considered more relevant as a general introduction to para cycling.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Eligible Impairment Assessment**(Article 16.4.009)**

Update of the Eligible Impairment Assessment provisions to align with the IPC Classification Code standard wording, including how the Classification Panel reviews Underlying Health Condition documentation.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Evaluation sessions**(Article 16.4.015)**

Update, in line with the IPC Classification Code standard wording, of the practical rules for Evaluation Sessions: responsibilities of the National Federation/National Paralympic Committee, accompaniment of minors, interpreter arrangements, athletes' disclosure obligations (medication, medical devices, equipment) and confirmation that International Evaluation Sessions are conducted in English.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Observation in competition**(Article 16.4.016)**

Clarification of where and when athletes must be observed during competition ('First Appearance') for track and road events respectively, and addition of a cross-reference to the articles covering the impact of a sport class change after First Appearance on medals, records and results.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Sport Class Status**(Article 16.4.017)**

Introduction of clear, IPC-aligned criteria for when an athlete is automatically designated 'Review at the Next Available Opportunity (R-NAO)' status, and clarification of the circumstances under which an athlete is considered retired and allocated 'Expired (E)' status, including removal from the UCI Classification Master List after five years without re-classification.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Protest Panel**(Article 16.4.027)**

Change in article number for 16.18.012 to refer to correct article number.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Suspension of Athlete Evaluation**(Article 16.4.031)**

Expansion, in line with the IPC Classification Code, of the circumstances in which a Classification Panel may suspend an Evaluation Session, including where an Athlete's Eligible Impairment appears inconsistent or where unauthorised persons are present.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Medical Review

(Article 16.4.032)

Change of wording of the Medical Review process to align with the IPC Classification Code standard wording.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Intentional Misrepresentation

(Article 16.4.033)

Broadening of the Intentional Misrepresentation provisions from 'Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel' to the wider concept of 'Participant', in line with the IPC Classification Code.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Minimum Impairment Criteria (MIC)

(Article 16.5.002)

Update of the Minimum Impairment Criteria (MIC) provisions to align with the IPC Classification Code standard wording.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Health Conditions that are not Underlying Health Conditions

(Article 16.5.010)

Update of the list of Health Conditions that do not constitute an Eligible Impairment: Ehlers-Danlos syndrome is removed as an example of a hypermobility/hypotonia condition, and 'conversion disorders' is replaced with 'functional neurological disorder', in line with the IPC Classification Code standard wording.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Chapter VII Road Races

Cooling system

(Article 16.7.001bis)

New article requiring all race courses to be equipped with at least one athlete cooling system, with an additional system where the course exceeds 12km or if weather conditions require it. This requirement is moved here from the former Team Relay-specific article 16.7.019, to make clear that it applies to all road races.

Effective from 01.01.2027

(Article 16.7.019)

Article abrogated. Its content (the mandatory athlete cooling system) is moved to new article 16.7.001bis, to clarify that the requirement applies to all road races, not only the team relay.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Road race distances

(Article 16.7.002)

Widening of the gap between the minimum and maximum recommended distances for UCI para cycling international road races, and adjustment of the distance table to work towards gender equity.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Time trial distances**(Article 16.7.009)**

Widening of the gap between the minimum and maximum recommended distances for UCI para cycling international time trials, and adjustment of the distance table to work towards gender equity.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Team relay**(Article 16.7.013)**

Update of the team relay start order submission deadlines to reflect earlier changes to the regulations and to cover competitions where the team relay is not the last race on the programme.

Effective from 01.01.2027

(Article 16.7.014)

Gender-neutral rewording of the team relay.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Factoring**(Article 16.8.006)**

Introduction of an obligation to obtain UCI approval before using factoring in any competition class, other than National Championships - where the host National Federation may approve it - in order to ensure organisers use factoring correctly.

Effective from 01.01.2027

World records**(Article 16.9.002)**

Update to match change in classification regulations and update for gender neutrality.

Effective from 01.01.2027

(Article 16.9.006)

Minor wording clarification.

Effective from 01.01.2027

(Article 16.9.009)

Minor wording clarification.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Helmets**(Article 16.10.002)**

Change of the penalty for athletes using the wrong sport-class helmet colour in road races: introduction of a 500 CHF fine.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Tandem**(Article 16.10.003)**

Clarification of the tandem pilots' jersey rule, cross-referencing the exceptions already provided in articles 1.3.063 and 1.3.070, since pilots' jerseys may differ under those provisions.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Chapter XIV Equipment Regulations

(Article 16.14.002)

Update of the equipment-adaptation approval procedure to reference the additional detail now available on the UCI's adaptation approval process.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Chapter XVIII UCI Para Cycling Individual Ranking

(Article 16.18.001)

Correction of the terminology used to describe the UCI Para Cycling Individual Ranking.

Effective from 01.01.2027

(Article 16.18.003)

Introduction of a cap of 4 events per competition per sport class for points earned at Continental Championships and Regional Games, so that no single edition can gain an unfair advantage over another, and update of the Class 1/Class 2 competition terminology.

Effective from 01.01.2027

(Article 16.18.013)

New article setting out how the UCI Para Cycling Individual Ranking is updated (published every Tuesday at 2am CET) and clarifying how the 52-week rolling ranking treats a competition that is held earlier, later, or not at all in a given season.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Chapter XIX UCI Para Cycling Nations' Ranking

(Article 16.19.001)

Update of the Para Cycling Nations' Ranking rules to clarify which Sport Class Statuses count (Review at the Next Available Opportunity, Fixed Review Date or Confirmed) and how points are calculated and allocated across UCI World Championships, UCI World Cups, Continental Championships/Regional Games and Class 1/Class 2 competitions, including for team events and mixed-nation teams.

Effective from 01.01.2027

(Article 16.19.003)

Article abrogated: since the Nations' Ranking became a 52-week rolling ranking on 1 January 2026, the year-end (31 December) ranking and correction procedure is no longer needed.

Effective from 01.01.2027

(Article 16.19.004)

A descriptive title is added to the "points for team events" provision to avoid confusion; no change of substance.

Effective from 01.01.2027

(Article 16.19.005)

New article, mirroring the individual ranking rule, setting out how the UCI Para Cycling Nations' Ranking is updated (published every Tuesday at 2am CET) and how the 52-week rolling ranking treats a competition that is held earlier, later, or not at all in a given season.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Chapter XX UCI Para Cycling World Cup

(Article 16.20.018)

Correction of the text to confirm that UCI World Cup individual race points are awarded to the top 20 finishers.

Effective from 01.01.2027

Chapter XXIV Para Cycling Calendar

(Article 16.24.003)

New calendar protections: no other international Para Cycling competition may be organised during the UCI World Championships, no UCI Class 1 competition may be held on the same continent on the same day as a UCI World Cup round, and Continental or National Championships may not be organised during a UCI World Cup round.

Effective from 01.01.2027

PART XVII : CYCLING ESPORTS

Regulations adjusted to include the Masters and Juniors categories.

Effective from 01.10.2026

PART XVIII – GRAVEL

This Part is entirely new and is one more step after the publication of the first UCI rules for gravel in 2022. Most of the texts are articles transferred from Part XV Cycling for All. Nevertheless, some amendments to the articles formerly under Part XV Cycling for All introduce new concepts, further specifications or clarifications on topics that are now better handled by gravel event organisers, participants and officials. Feedback following experience from official competitions held between 2022 and 2026 was used to write these additional rules or amendments.

Feedback and experience cover a wide range of topics:

- the necessary reduction of the minimum percentage of gravel sections from 80% to 60%, as 80% was almost impossible in heavily urbanised areas, such as in Western Europe and Asia;
- detailed specifications on gravel courses and signposting;
- notion of technical data to be shared with officials and participants;
- a new structure of the UCI Gravel International Calendar to include more events in the future, aligning with other cycling disciplines;
- a flexibility for "Open Championships" to develop the Continental and National Championships for gravel;
- differentiated rules between Elite and age groups (amateurs and masters) with more flexibility in the latter;
- integration of bike and equipment regulations used during the last UCI World Championships and UCI World Series;
- clarification of applicable regulations regarding equipment and Commissaires' authority to refuse equipment that manifestly compromises rider safety;
- expansion of technical assistance and feeding outside dedicated zones, as these zones are not long enough or wide enough, and are subject to incidents as too crowded;
- specifications on timing and riders' identification to avoid mistakes in results;

- update of technical rules for the UCI Gravel World Series.

Effective from 01.10.2026



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