

INTRODUCTION

FEATURE ARTICLE

Constructive results from the consultation



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The future is here

The stakeholder consultation has been a success. A success in terms of the number of responses as well as by the quality of the comments made.

The UCI Management Committee and in particular the Professional Cycling Council now have a coherent foundation on which to pursue the developments that were launched some years ago.

The recommendations that have emerged from several weeks of in-depth reflection will serve as the basis for our work to develop the sport in a sustainable way. We must move towards greater harmony and improved rigour in organisation. This will be achieved with full respect for ethics, the athletes, our partners, the fans and everyone who loves our sport dearly.

The professional side of the sport must be the driving force behind this progress – it is a source of inspiration and sets the example for the future.

And more than ever before – the future is here.

Joop ATSMa, PCC President

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The objective of the UPDATE is to keep you informed of all the news from the UCI Sport and Technical Department. This news, for example of changes to the UCI Regulations, is not dealt with in a detailed, exhaustive manner. Please refer to the UCI Regulations in all cases as these rules prevail.

“A Bright Future for Cycling”, the consultation of the UCI's stakeholders which took place in the early part of the year, produced a very encouraging response. In February, 6,369 people answered an online questionnaire as part of the consultation. Of these, some 5,638 were members of the general public and 731 were stakeholders within the family of cycling.

The next stage, involving an examination of the questionnaire responses, saw four working groups being set up in March through which stakeholders were consulted on specific central issues. Over 85 people participated in the sessions, including representatives of professional teams, National Federations, riders, event organisers, sponsors, scientific and legal advisers and journalists.

Even though the racing season was in full swing, the riders demonstrated an encouraging degree of responsibility and involvement, in particular by participating in working group meetings held to coincide with some UCI WorldTour races. This conscientious attitude towards issues that are crucial to the future of the sport is a source of great satisfaction and motivation to those who will now work on the construction of the cycling of the future.

However, there are still several stages to be completed before the final conclusions can be reached.

The report on the consultation by Deloitte was submitted to the UCI Management Committee in Bergen (Norway) on 13-14 June.

The report lays the groundwork for the future development of the sport of cycling, containing a certain number of key recommendations on four central themes, namely **the fight against doping, the calendar, globalisation and the riders**.

The decisions taken by the UCI Management Committee on the basis of the report's recommendations will be published.

Certain chapters of the report will also be sent separately to the stakeholders involved. The UCI will provide regular progress reports on the implementation of the recommendations adopted by and with the Management Committee.

Just as in a Grand Tour, each difficult stage will be confronted with a serious approach and a spirit of self-sacrifice. The goal is to construct a model for the cycling of tomorrow.

FEATURE ARTICLE

Six essential recommendations

- 1** Restore the credibility of cycling and the image of cycle sport with the general public;
- 2** Decide whether the Armstrong affair should be the subject of an independent enquiry and whether an amnesty should be offered or more lenient sanctions imposed on riders who appear as witnesses in such an enquiry;
- 3** Draw up a long-term strategy for cycling;
- 4** Further develop the prevailing anti-doping culture at the UCI;
- 5** Improve the relationship between the UCI and WADA;
- 6** Restructure the professional cycling calendar.



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Five recommendations with a high priority



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- 7** Increase the independence of the Cycling Anti-Doping Foundation (CADF);
- 8** Appoint an independent anti-doping body responsible for sanctioning professional riders who test positive;
- 9** Review the current points system for professional teams;
- 10** Promote women's cycling;
- 11** Improve communications with professional road riders by, among other things, appointing a recently retired rider as an "ambassador of the peloton" to the UCI.

UCI WORLDTOUR

The reform of professional cycling – the vision for 2015



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The recommendations of the consultations carried out by Deloitte as well as those of the study conducted by the University of Lausanne Institute of Sports Science (ISSUL) will be fully exploited in the reform of professional cycling scheduled for 2015.

Two working groups have been formed with representatives from the three main cycling families: riders, teams and organisers. A first “stakeholders” working group will establish a framework and then pass on the baton to a second “technical” working group tasked with producing concrete objectives.

The draft proposals drawn up by the working groups will be submitted to the Professional Cycling Council (PCC) and UCI Management Committee (MC) for approval in September 2013. If accepted, the corresponding regulations will be submitted to the PCC and MC for approval in January/February 2014 a year before entering into effect. A five-year transition period is envisaged before all of the proposed reforms are fully implemented.

The reform process was launched in Naples on 2 May, shortly before the start of the Giro d'Italia, when the first meeting of the “stakeholders” working group reached an agreement in principle known as the “Naples stakeholders’ framework agreement”. To ensure the success of the reform, the Agreement recommends action based around five themes:

1. Scale down the UCI WorldTour calendar:

- Eliminate overlaps and reduce congestion on the UCI WorldTour calendar,
- Rationalise the calendar in terms of logistics and days of competition,
- Establish an off-season, from November to January inclusive,
- Revise the number of teams.

2. Identify opportunities for new events:

- Fill the holes in the calendar,
- Continue the globalisation of cycling in a sustainable way.

3. Review the rules of participation (for teams in events at various levels):

- Make competitions more understandable and simplify the rules of participation,
- Seek a better balance between the teams’ need for stability and the organisers’ need for more wild cards.
- Abolish the annual sporting evaluation in favour of automatic promotion/relegation.

4. Professionalise team structures:

- Install optimal structural conditions for teams with a view to minimising doping practices,
- Complement the range of regulatory measures used to repress infringements with a doping prevention programme,
- Encourage the long-term viability of teams,
- Define objectively the current ethical criterion that is applied in the team evaluation,
- Reduce the number of riders in teams and associate every ProTeam with a farm team.

5. Segment or stratify the current UCI WorldTour calendar into various competitions at different levels:

- Ensure the participation of the best riders in the biggest races.
- Make competitions more consistent and understandable.

UCI WORLDTOUR

Press vehicle driver's licence: details

The UCI, in agreement with the International Association of Cycling Journalists (AIJC), **has set up a certification programme for members of the press** who want to take out a vehicle driver's licence in a UCI WorldTour event.

The new licence, introduced at the start of the year, is aimed specifically at journalists.

Since January 2013, members of the press corps **driving a vehicle in the race convoy** must hold a valid UCI licence, as must any other driver. This will make these drivers subject to the regulations and impose upon them the obligation to obey the instructions of UCI commissaires, as is the case for all other licence holders.

Four certification courses, each led by an experienced UCI commissaire, will be held in 2013, during the Amstel Gold Race, Giro d'Italia, Critérium du Dauphiné and Tour de Suisse. More courses will be organised in the future.

The objective is for all members of the press corps who want to drive a vehicle in the race convoy to have had the opportunity to obtain certification and consequently a UCI driver's licence by the time of the 2013 Tour de France.

Jérôme Neuville, 3 times Track World Champion, press vehicle driver in the race convoy, is presenting his UCI licence and driver's licence.



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Race Appeal classification to be tested at the Tour of Poland

The Professional Cycling Council entrusted a working group with the task of considering new ways to improve the appeal of events. A practical test will be conducted during the Tour de Pologne incorporating the following two components:

- A reduction of the number of riders in each team to 6.
- A series of contests along the race route – intermediate sprints, climbs, etc. –

with the award of "Race Appeal" points to the first three riders in each case. A Race Appeal points classification will be drawn up each day and the 3 leading riders awarded time bonuses on the individual general classification.

An assessment will be conducted at the end of the Tour de Pologne. A thrilling race is already in prospect with daily battles to glean the Race Appeal points distributed throughout the route of each stage.

Exam for riders' agents

Individuals seeking a Riders' Agent licence can take the exam on Friday, 6 September.

Riders in first and second division teams who use the services of unlicensed riders' agents may be sanctioned in accordance with the relevant regulations.

ROAD



UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
TOSCANA 2013 | ITALY

2013 UCI Road World Championships in Tuscany



The UCI Road World Championships will be held in Italy for the 13th time. The races will take place in Tuscany from 22-29 September.

The road race circuit includes two climbs.

The first of these, San

Domenico, winds its way out of Florence to the summit at the village of Fiesole. At 4.3 km long, the climb averages 5% with a max of 9%.

The second climb, on Via Salviati, is only 600 m long, but averages 10% with sections of 16%.

The time trials will all pass through the historic centre of Florence.



INFORMATION 2013 UCI Road World Championships

Wristbands and caps for Nations' Cup leaders

In accordance with Articles 2.14.030 and 2.14.044 of the UCI Regulations, the riders of the nation leading the Nations' Cup ranking are obliged to wear a sport wristband on each wrist, blue for Under-23 riders and orange for Juniors. The wristbands are to be worn during the race and will be distributed to the riders at the event sign on.

This distinctive symbol promotes the Nations' Cup series, contributing to its success.

Caps will also be awarded to the riders of the leading nation in the UCI Under-23 and Junior Nations' Cups. These caps must be worn by all riders from the leading nation during the podium ceremony at the end of the event.



Junior Conference: "Working together to build the future of cycling"

The Junior Conference will be one of the highlights of the World Championships week for the third successive year.

The Conference will bring together the Junior Men and Women competing in the World Championships and will also be open to Juniors from the Italian Federation. Some 300-400 young riders of all nationalities will gather together for the Conference on Thursday 26 September 2013. Informal and dynamic, the conference will place the emphasis on talks by professionals who will outline the realities of cycling to the young riders, define the environment of the sport and list the wide range of cycling professions that offer riders so many opportunities for alternative careers.

Among those taking part will be neo-professionals as well as star riders Peter Sagan and Marianne Vos who will talk about their experiences. Michele Acquarone, Director of the Giro d'Italia, and Christian Prudhomme, Director of the Tour de France will discuss the essential issues of marketing and new media in the organisation of events.



Following vehicles for Under-23 races

Starting this year, national team following vehicles will be allowed in the race convoy for the Under-23 Road World Championships. The servicing from the team vehicles will be appreciated over the 172.8 km race route, which starts in Montecatini Terme. The riders join the Florence circuit after 56.8 km and will complete seven laps.



INFORMATION 2013 UCI Road World Championships Program

ROAD

Transfer window approaches

It will soon be the time of year when transfers are allowed and trainee professionals can be registered. Here is a reminder of the regulations and the relevant dates.

A. Transfer period for riders already registered with a UCI Road team:

- 1-25 June: UCI Continental and UCI Women's Teams
- 1-15 August: UCI ProTeams and UCI Professional Continental Teams

B. Trainees:

- UCI Teams can register trainees from 1 August to the end of the year.

Any changes to a UCI team must be notified by the official procedure within the appropriate time limits. Further information on this subject can be found in the 2013 team registration guides (available on demand from UCI Sport and Technical Department).

List of related teams published

Riders belonging to teams with the same paying agent or main partner may not compete in the same race (Articles 2.2.001 and 2.15.130). In particular, this concerns development teams to UCI ProTeams and UCI Professional Continental Teams.

A document showing the links between teams is now available on the UCI website; see the Rules section, Part II. This document will be updated on a regular basis.



Related teams

Regulations on tinted windows and markings for 2015

Tinted windows and windows with advertising decals on them can obstruct a rider's view into and through a vehicle. Restrictions will be introduced by means of regulations starting in 2015 for safety reasons. Teams and organisers are already encouraged not to tint windows and to limit any application of decals on windows.

Electronic blackboard: correction

Many apologies to the company Ardoiz'Time who developed the electronic blackboards successfully tested at the 2013 Paris-Nice. In edition number 4 of the Sport and Technical UPDATE, we incorrectly attributed the prototype blackboards to the company Fullsport.pt which also produces this type of system. Further tests will be carried out in upcoming events.

New Organiser's Guide published



The Organiser's Guide to Road Events has been updated. The second edition includes an additional 50 pages. The publication is essential reading for everyone involved in organising road events, from organisers to National Federation officials. The Guide covers all the vital issues when organising a road event.



New Organiser's Guide

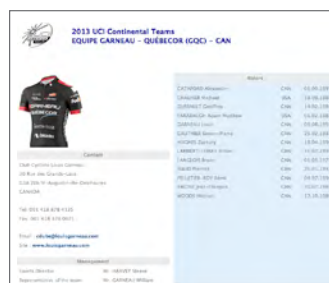
UCI Women's Road World Cup on YouTube

Catch up with the races of the UCI Women's Road World Cup on YouTube. You can now watch the best races of the series, including Elisa Longo Borghini's impressive victory in the rain in Cittiglio and Marianne Vos's fifth victory atop the Mur de Huy in the Flèche Wallonne.



UCI Women's Road World Cup on YouTube

Reminder for UCI Road teams



2013 UCI Teams

UCI Road teams are obliged to register their sports directors. Only sports directors who have been registered and whose name appears on the UCI website are authorised to participate in events. Riders must also be among the registered team personnel, as published on the UCI website, in order to be able to start the race in the colours of that team.

1.66 m

From 2014, the maximum height of following vehicles (article 2.2.032) will increase from 1.60 m to 1.66 m to comply with current trends in vehicle manufacturing and to offer teams more options in the choice of team car.

TRACK



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INFORMATION UCI Track Calendar Regulations Part III: Track Races
Eligibility ranking 2013-2014 UCI Track Cycling World Cup

2013-2014: and they're off!



The 2013 Elite Track Cycling World Championships held in Minsk in Belarus marked the end of the 2012-2013 season – but also the start of the 2013-2014 season. The discipline has already benefited from the positive effects of restructuring with three times as many events registered on the UCI international calendar compared with previous seasons.

The most recent amendments to the Track regulations aim to make the transition to the new structure as smooth as possible and to clarify certain technical issues regarding the qualification system for the World Cups and World Championships. As a result of the new eligibility classification, the 2013-2014 World Cup will bring the best riders in the world together in competition.

BMX

UCI BMX World Championships in Auckland: latest information

Find out all about the UCI BMX World Championships on the UCI website. There will be two meetings for team managers according to category:

- Sunday 21 July, 18:00 - 18:45, for Challenge level categories,
- Friday 26 July, 12:15 - 12:45, for Championship and Masters levels categories.

Registration will be open from 27 June (12:00 GMT) until 11 July (12:00 GMT).

All starters' lists will be published on 12 July. National Federations must check all entries for Championship, Challenge and Masters levels categories. Riders must be listed during the confirmation of starters.



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No late entries will be accepted for the Challenger or Masters levels categories.



INFORMATION Competition Guide/UCI BMX World Championships

UCI BMX Convention

The 2013 UCI BMX Convention will be held in Auckland during the World Championships, from 13:15 to 15:15 on 26 July.



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Two representatives of each National Federation are invited to participate.

The following points concerning the 2014 regulations are on the agenda:

- BMX teams,
- UCI BMX track certificates,
- competition format for the 2014 UCI BMX Supercross World Cup.

The vision for the development of BMX will be explained and questions taken.

All information will be dispatched to National Federations by 27 June. Registration closes on 11 July.

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**Five rounds
of the UCI BMX
Supercross
World Cup
will be held
in 2014.**

INDOOR CYCLING

2013 UCI Cycle-Ball World Cup

JULY		
20	World Cup Grossgörschen	
AUGUST		
17	World Cup Hong Kong	
SEPTEMBER		
7	World Cup Svitavka	
28	World Cup Chemnitz	
OCTOBER		
12	World Cup St. Gallen	
26	World Championships Höchst	
NOVEMBER		
22-24	UCI Indoor Cycling World Championships - Basel	
DECEMBER		
7	World Cup - Final Brünn	

MOUNTAIN BIKE

XCO, XCE and DHI World Championships at Pietermaritzburg

South Africa and Pietermaritzburg are preparing to welcome the UCI World Championships in Mountain Bike XCO, XCE and DHI for the first time. The events will be held from 26 August to 1 September together with the Trials World Championships. The organisers will benefit from the experience gained from staging three rounds of the World Cup. The downhill events at these World Cup competitions were thrilling affairs and the participation of Greg Minnaar, defending his world title in his home town, is sure to make the atmosphere electric. The Masters Championships will take place the previous week (21-25 August).



INFORMATION UCI XCO, XCE and DHI World Championships

4X World Championships at Leogang...

The 2013 UCI Mountain Bike 4X World Championships will take place in Leogang (AUT) on 21-22 September at the same time as a round of the DHI World Cup.



INFORMATION UCI MTB 4X World Champs

...and Marathon World Championships at Kirchberg

The UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships will be incorporated into the KitzAlpBike Marathon in Kirchberg (AUT) on 29 June 2013.



INFORMATION UCI MTB Marathon World Champs

The UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Series goes from strength to strength

A week after the 2013 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships in Kirchberg (AUT), a qualification round for the 2014 Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships will be held in Villabassa in Italy in conjunction with the Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike event. Eleven events have been confirmed for the UCI Mountain Bike Ma-

rathon Series for long-distance riders.














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2013-14 UCI MTB Marathon Series

JULY		
06	Südtirol Dolomiti Superbike - Villabassa, South Tyrol	
28	MTB Ucka Marathon - Lovran	
AUGUST		
18	Grazer Bike-Marathon Stattegg - Graz/Stattegg	
24	Grand Raid - Verbier-Nendaz-Hérémence-Évolène-Grimenz	
25	MTB Jurmala Marathon - Jurmala	
SEPTEMBER		
08	Val di Fassa Bike - Moena - Val di Fassa	
08	O-Tour Bike Obwalden - Obwalden	
28	International MTB Challenge - Langkawi Island	
OCTOBER		
06	Extreme sur Loue - Ornans	
11	Roc D'Azur - Frejus	
13	Copa Quaker Cannondale Rally De Puchuncavi - Puchuncavi	

2013 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup in full swing



INFORMATION 2013 UCI MTB World Cup

PARA-CYCLING

Classification explained in four questions

The UCI defines four functional divisions, for men and women of all age categories, on the basis of which riders are allocated to one of 12 sport classes.

1. What?

Four categories of impairment:



1 Blind and visually impaired: *Tandem, accompanied by sighted pilots.*

2 Neurological impairments: *Bicycles or tricycles adapted to the impairment.*

3 Locomotor disabilities: *Athletes with amputations or other related functional impairments. They race on standard bicycles, adapted if necessary.*

4 Paralysis (paraplegia and tetraplegia): *Wheelchair users who race using handbikes.*

2. Why?

The objective is to minimise the impact of impairment on the outcome of competition, so that an athlete's success depends on training, physical fitness and athletic talent. Classification is an ongoing process whereby all riders are regularly observed by Classifiers to ensure consistency and fairness for all athletes.

Classification plays two important roles:

- determines eligibility to compete in competitions,
- groups athletes for competition.

3. Who?

Three types of Classifier

• Medical

A doctor establishes eligibility to compete based on the criteria of the sport class profiles.

• Physiotherapists

Physiotherapists are trained to assess muscle strength, range of motion, balance and coordination.

• Technical sports experts

These experts are cycling coaches or individuals with qualifications in physical education, biomechanics or kinesiology and a practical knowledge of cycling and athletes with physical impairment. They can analyse gait and assess an athlete on a bicycle, tricycle or handbike.



INFORMATION Shedding light on the classification procedure

4. How?

The Classification Panel that evaluates athletes must include all three functions: a medical representative, physiotherapist and technical expert.

There are three levels of classifier

- **Head of Classification**, responsible for UCI classification in partnership with the UCI Para-Cycling Coordinator.
- **Chief Classifier**, in charge of the Classification Panel at an event.
- **Classifier**, who evaluates athletes while serving as a member of the Classification Panel.



INFORMATION Classification Guide | Develop Para-cycling Together | Rules

Two classification courses in 2013

Two classification courses are scheduled for the Para-Cycling Road World Championships in Baie-Comeau (CAN):

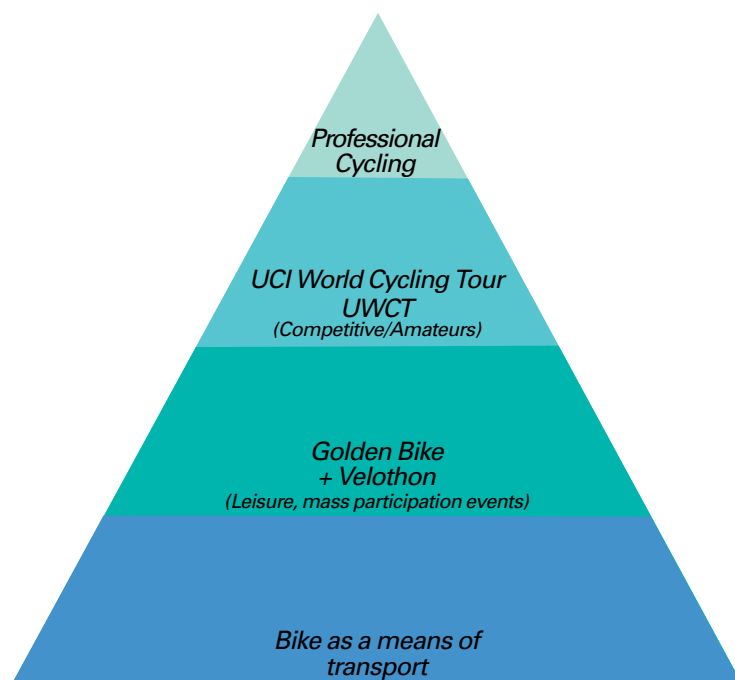
1. A course for classification trainers on 24-25 August 2013,
2. A course for UCI classifiers from 28-31 August 2013.

CYCLING FOR ALL

Two Billion Riders and Growing

Research released in 2012 showed that cycling is the biggest sporting goods industry in the world, accounting 15% of all revenue from this segment. This translates in €3 billion and 137 million bicycles sold. What these figures also tell is that the cycling fans are no longer happy to sit in front of the television for watching a bike race. They want to ride!

The UCI has one of the best developed “Sports for All” programs in the whole Olympic Movement. Through its “Cycling for All”, the UCI continues to engage and inspire fans and enthusiasts into the cycling world. This might mean mass participation events in traditional cycling nations such as Italy, France and Spain, but also the development of cycling as a leisure/sport activity in countries like China, Brazil and many other emerging nations.



The pyramid below represents the different levels of cycling as a participation sport. Take a tour through the different levels of the UCI Cycling for All program (hereafter).

Mass Participation Events

Differently from professional racing, here, anyone with a bike can participate (under certain conditions that may vary from country to country, as for instance medical certificate).

The different events formats

- **Timed races for amateurs:** These races usually have full road closure and respect the UCI Road Racing Regulations. A good example is the South African Cape Argus Cycle Tour, with 36 thousand participants.
- **Timed rides:** Highly popular in countries where traffic regulations don't allow road closures. Often referred to as “Granfondos” or “Cyclo-sportives”, in these events riders times appear in alphabetical order as a reference. For instance, the Italian Nove Coli with 12 thousand participants.
- **Non-timed rides:** Riders can start at different times,

and often can also decide what distance they would like to ride, still taking advantage of an organized event. “Around the Bay in a Day” in Australia, with about 16 thousand participants.



CYCLING FOR ALL

UCI Cycling for All Labels

UCI World Cycling Tour (UWCT)

The UWCT is the world qualifying series for the former Road Masters World Championships, aimed at competitive amateur riders



INFORMATION | UCI World Cycling Tour

UCI Golden Bike

The UCI Golden Bike has existed for over 10 years and compiles the biggest and best organized mass participation road events in the world



INFORMATION | UCI Golden Bike

UCI Velothon

The Velothon follows the model of the running marathons, where the elite race is followed by the mass.

UCI Bike City

The UCI Bike City is a recognition awarded to very few cities around the globe, which, alongside with hosting UCI events such as World Cups, World Championships and mass participation events, promote the use of bikes as a sustainable means of transportation.



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ATHLETES' COMMISSION

Take care – when racing and training

Cyclists are often as vulnerable as tightrope walkers. There is no safety net on the road, however. Without claiming to be experts or influential in matters of road safety, the UCI and the members of the UCI Athletes' Committee would like to ask all cyclists to think about their behaviour on the road and reiterate the **5 basic rules**:

- Respect the rules of the road in the part of the world in which you are riding. Observe **the priorities, red lights and courtesies of the road!**
- Go the opposite direction to the bulk of road traffic and avoid the rush hour. **The open countryside is waiting for you!**
- Be aware of the environment around you, use all your senses. **Make sure you are visible at all times, have eyes in the back of your head, keep your ears pricked and make eye contact!**

- Remember that **the road is not a race track!** A cyclist is particularly vulnerable when used to competing in top-level races.
- **Always wear a helmet** and any other protection appropriate to your chosen discipline.

Have fun on your bike!



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EQUIPMENT

Checks at races

Checks on the compliance of approved frames and forks were carried out at the team time trial in San Vincenzo during this year's Tirreno-Adriatico.

On-the-spot checks will continue at a selection of road, time trial, cyclo-cross and track events.

Other checks will also be carried out during the season, for example by inserting an endoscopic camera down a bike's seat tube to ensure that it does not incorporate an electric motor in the bottom bracket.



New measuring jig

The UCI Equipment Unit is developing a standardised measuring jig to check time trial bicycles. The design phase has been completed and a prototype will now be constructed to allow testing at a selection of events. Any changes required will be made before the new measuring jigs are manufactured and distributed to organisers. The main aim of the new jig is to make commissaires' work easier and more uniform when checking bikes before the start of time trials.



Approval of wheels

The UCI is in the process of finalising a new approval procedure for wheels in cooperation with major wheel manufacturers. The objective is to improve riders' safety during road races. An initial meeting took place in May to draw up the main guidelines.

The new procedure is set to enter into effect at the start of 2014 and will take into account developments in the materials used for wheel manufacture (e.g. carbon spokes and rims). The procedure will apply to all new wheels developed for road race use from that time on. The current distinction between so-called standard and non-standard wheels will no longer apply.

Removal of the reinforcement triangle between the chain stays and seat stays

A modification of Article 1.3.021 concerning time trial and track bikes will come into effect from 1 July 2013. This concerns the removal of the reinforcement triangle between the chain stays and seat stays. This amendment will not be retrospective; bicycles manufactured and approved before this date will continue to be authorised for competition.

COMMISSAIRES

New Guide for Road Commissaires

A new training guide for International and Elite National Road Commissaires is currently being drawn up. The guide will be available for the International Commissaire training course scheduled for November and will deal with all the general and specific issues relating to the role of the Road Commissaire.

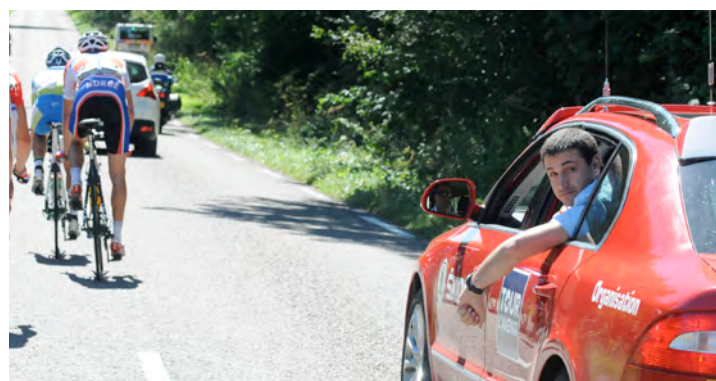
The guide will deal with specific points such as the role of the President of the Commissaires' Panel, Finish Judges, Timekeepers, etc. The electronic version will be kept up to date and made available on the UCI website.

The guide will not only be a course manual but also a reference document available without restriction for consultation at all times.

Training sessions scheduled for the Tour de l'Avenir

Following the success of the training sessions for International Road Commissaires held during the 2012 *Tour de l'Avenir*, the UCI proposes to repeat the initiative at this year's event at the end of August.

A group of International Commissaires will be selected and invited by the UCI to take part in the training under the guidance of three UCI instructors. The commissaires taking part in the training will gain considerable experience during the event by changing their roles on each stage.



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NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

UCI survey

Both as a mass participation and a professional sport, the host of benefits that cycling offers may make it the most practiced sport in the world in the near future, be that as a means of transport or a way of promoting tourism and health. At the same time, top-level cycling is becoming increasingly refined, specialised and professional in domains like event organisation, media coverage, equipment, etc.

The development of cycling at international level depends on its growth at national level.

The UCI is conducting a survey of National Federations (NF) in order to gain an insight into their activities at national level and understand their needs in terms of development. As issue no. 4 of the Sport & Technical UPDATE described, the questionnaire broaches the following issues: national events (all disciplines), licences and insurance, organisation and participation, national commissaires.

We would like to thank those National Federations that have taken the time to respond and invite those that have yet to answer to do so as soon as possible. Your responses are very valuable to us and will be carefully analysed.

Why focus on cycling activities at a national level when the globalisation of the sport is in full swing?

- To construct the future of cycling on solid foundations: work with and for young athletes, national events, a structure that encourages development, etc.
- Each NF has its own unique history that has to be considered and respected.
- Every NF operates in a different way, although this should not impinge on effective cooperation.
- Each NF has different objectives and expectations.

What will be done with the responses?

- There are no correct or incorrect responses. Every response will be considered and dealt with in a constructive manner.
- The Sport and Technical Department will use the responses to draw up a global map giving details of NF activities.
- By being aware of the NFs' situations, the UCI will be able to better target its actions and offer support where the need is greatest.

