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Chapter I General Rules

Introduction

BMX racing is both a high performance and amateur sport. High performance riders compete at the "Championship" category level. Amateur riders compete in the Challenge and Masters Category levels.

Races for the Championship category level for events registered on the UCI International BMX Calendar must always be run under the UCI Regulations.

Events for the Challenge and Masters Category levels are controlled by the national federation of the country where the event is held, and are conducted under that federation's responsibility and regulations, even when an event for such categories is held together with a BMX event for the Championship category level that is registered on the UCI International BMX Calendar.

As required by the UCI Constitution, the national federation regulations must incorporate the UCI Regulations. Only those articles of the UCI Regulations marked with an (N) may be modified by the national federations.

Exceptions concerning the Challenge and Masters Category levels:

- 1. The annual UCI BMX World Challenge for the Challenge and Masters Categories levels that is held during the annual UCI BMX World Championships is controlled by the UCI and run only under the UCI Regulations.
- 2. Events for the Challenge and Masters categories held during Continental Championships or events that are part of a series organized by a continental confederation are conducted under the responsibility of the concerned continental confederation. During such events, the continental confederation regulations shall apply, so long as they are not in conflict with the UCI Regulations. Otherwise, by default, the UCI regulations shall apply.

§ 1 Categories and Participation

Classification of Riders

6.1.001 Riders registered to compete in a BMX event will be classified according to their age, gender, bicycle style and competition level. For certain categories, different competition specialties may also be defined as specified within these regulations.

P For District and Premier Series racing, we recognize:

20" Categories

Riders with BMX licenses in the challenge classes can have ability categories for the 20" class as follows:

Males:

- Novice: Riders new to the sport; they have less than 10 race wins.
- Intermediate: Riders with some experience; they have achieved 10 race wins as a novice, but less than 25 wins as an intermediate.
- Expert: Highly skilled amateur riders they have achieved 25 wins as an intermediate.

Females:

- Novice: Riders new to the sport; they have less than 25 race wins.
- Expert: Highly skilled amateur riders they have achieved 25 race wins as a novice.

Within the 20" bicycle class, categories are determined first by the rider's age group, and then by their ability category as described above.

Riders must upgrade when they earn the number of race wins described in the lists above.

24" (Cruiser) Categories

For the Cruiser bicycle class, there are no ability categories. Riders race in male or female age categories. Riders who are Junior or Elite for 20" are NOT eligible to race Cruiser class.

Age of Riders

- **6.1.002** For participation in BMX events registered on the UCI International BMX Calendar, Riders' categories are determined by the age of those competing as defined by the difference between the year of the event and the year of birth of the rider. Riders categories vary depending on the bicycle types defined in article 6.1.003, levels of
- N) For National events below national championships, a rider must be at least 5 years of age on December 31st of the current year.
- P) For Cycling BC sanctioned BMX events minimum age is 3 years.

categories as defined in article 6.1.004 as well as competition specialties as defined in article 6.1.007. A rider must be at least 5 years of age to compete in a UCI sanctioned BMX event. The minimum age of 5 refers to the real calendar age on the day of BMX event commencement (date of the first practice session).

Bicycle Types

- **6.1.003** Two types of bicycles can be used during BMX events, which are differentiated by the size of their wheels, as described in article 6.1.074.
 - a. Standard 20 inch
 - b. Cruiser 24 inch

Levels of Categories

- **6.1.004** For the Standard 20 inch type of bicycle, categories at three different levels may be held during BMX events:
 - a. The Championship level
 - b. The Challenge level
 - c. The Masters level

The categories that comprise each of these levels are laid down in articles 6.1.008, 6.1.009 and 6.1.010.

- N) For classes at the Canadian Championship events, please refer to the technical guide.
- N) For classes at the Canada Cup Series, please refer to the BMX Canada Cup specific regulations.
- **6.1.005** A rider aged 17 years or over may choose to compete at either Championship, Challenge or Masters (only if aged 30 and over) level at the beginning of the season, in the appropriate age and gender group.

A rider cannot participate in more than one of the Championship, Challenge, or Masters levels during the same season. The rider's license must indicate the category of the rider; riders may only be registered in the categories indicated on their license.

6.1.006 For the Cruiser 24 inch style of bicycle, only Challenge level categories are held during BMX events.

Competition Specialties

- **6.1.007** (N) Within the Championship category level for Standard 20 inch bicycles, two competition specialties are defined as follows:
 - a. BMX Time Trial
 - b. BMX Race

For all other levels of categories and bicycle styles, the only competition specialty is BMX Race.

Categories for Standard 20 Inch bicycles

Categories for Standard 20 Inch bicycles at the Championship level

- **6.1.008** Within each competition specialty defined in article 6.1.007 for the Championship level, the categories are as follows:
 - a. Men Elite, aged 19 and over;
 - b. Women Elite, aged 19 and over;
 - c. Men Juniors, aged 17 and 18;
 - d. Women Juniors, aged 17 and 18.

Total: 8 categories (4 for BMX Race and 4 for BMX Time Trial, if held)

P) Provincial Premier Series & BC Championship Categories are listed in the Cycling BC Specific Policies & Procedures.

Categories for Standard 20 Inch bicycles at the Challenge level

- a. Boys ages: 5 and 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16; (11 categories)
- b. Girls ages: 5-7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16; (10 categories)
- c. Men ages: 17-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35 and over; (4 categories)
- d. Women ages: 17-24, 25 and Over. (2 categories).

Total: 27 categories.

P) Provincial Premier Series & BC Championship Categories are listed in the Cycling BC Specific Policies & Procedures.

Categories for Standard 20 Inch bicycles at the Masters Level

6.1.010 Within the competition specialty of BMX Race defined in article 6.1.007 for the Masters level, the single category is limited to Men ages 30 and over (1 category).

P) Provincial Premier Series & BC Championship Categories are listed in the Cycling BC Specific Policies & Procedures.

Categories for Cruiser 24 Inch bicycles

Categories for Cruiser 24 Inch bicycles at the Challenge Level

- **6.1.011** (N) Within the competition specialty of BMX Race defined in article 6.1.007 for the Challenge level, the categories are as follows:
 - a. Boys ages: 12 and under, 13 and 14, 15 and 16; (3 categories)
 - b. Men ages: 17-24, 25-29, 30 34, 35 39, 40 44, 45-49, 50 and over; (7 categories).
 - c. Girls ages: 16 and under; (1 category)
 - d. Women ages: 17-29, 30-39, 40 and over. (3 categories).

Total: 14 categories.

Riders licensed in the Masters category level for Standard 20 Inch bicycles are allowed to participate in the Cruiser 24 inch category corresponding to their age.

P) Provincial Premier Series & BC Championship Categories are listed in Annex 1 of the Cycling BC Specific Policies & Procedures.

Category Combination Rules

6.1.012 (N) In order for a category to be held, at least five riders must be registered and confirmed in that category following riders confirmation.

If less than five riders are entered in a category following riders confirmation, they will be combined with an older category. However, categories for Cruiser 24 inch bicycles with a maximum age of more than 34 shall be combined with the next younger category.

Categories for Standard 20 inch bicycles cannot be combined with Categories for Cruiser 24 inch categories, and vice versa.

In the case that any under-subscribed category cannot be combined according to these rules, this category shall not be run.

If the adequate numbers of five riders are registered and confirmed during the riders confirmation, the category will be run even if less riders show up at the start, regardless of the reason, including injury or illness.

P) All classes must have at least 3 riders to make a legal class (CYCLING CANADA/UCI is 5 riders to make a class).

Combination of Categories Prior to the Start of the Event

6.1.013 The organizer of an event registered on the UCI International BMX Calendar can decide in advance to combine one or more categories subject to the limitations defined in article 6.1.012. However, the organizer must announce the combination of such categories in the technical guide and in their communication towards national federations and riders.

P See Cycling BC Specific Policies & Procedures for District Racing class combinations

Combination of Categories and Results

6.1.014 (N) In any case where two or more categories are combined, the results of the combined categories must be split back into the original, separate categories based on the results summary for the combined categories.

The UCI will only award points in the UCI BMX ranking based upon the separated results.

Also, the riders are awarded the prize money that corresponds with their place in the separated results.

Example: Class 1 event combination Women Elite and Women Juniors

Result of the Event	Category of rider	UCI BMX Ranking	UCI BMX Ranking
		Points Women Juniors	Points Women Elite
1	Women Juniors	30 (1st place WJ)	
2	Women Elite		50 (1st place WE)
3	Women Juniors	20 (2nd place WJ)	
4	Women Elite		45 (2nd place WE)

P) When classes are combined they are always renamed as the Elite Class and paid out as Elites.

6.1.015 Except as provided by the combination rules in articles 6.1.012 and 6.1.013, no rider is permitted to compete outside of his age or gender group during UCI registered events.

§ 2 Competition Specialties

BMX Time Trial Competition Format

- a. The Time Trial Qualification.
- b. The Time Trial Superfinal.

Any rider who fails to start in either Phase of a BMX Time Trial shall be disqualified (DSQ), and is not eligible to transfer to the BMX Race event. In case of such a disqualification during the Time Trial Superfinal, the place of the disqualified rider will be taken by the next rider in the final classification of the BMX Time Trial so that all places in that classification are occupied.

Time Trial Qualification

6.1.017 The Time Trial Qualification is composed of one run for each entered rider. Time Trial Superfinal

6.1.018 The Time Trial Superfinal shall be held for all categories with twelve or more registered and confirmed riders entered following riders confirmation; it will not be held in any category with less than twelve riders. If held, the Time Trial Superfinal is the final Phase of the BMX Time Trial.

The Time Trial Superfinal is contested over one run for each rider who advances to this Phase.

The number of registered and confirmed riders entered following riders confirmation in each such category shall define the number of riders who transfer to the Time Trial Superfinal after the Time Trial Qualification is held, as follows:

24+ confirmed riders entered: The top 16 riders in the Time Trial Qualification results transfer to the Time Trial Superfinal

16-23 confirmed riders entered: The top 8 riders in the Time Trial Qualification results transfer to the Time Trial Superfinal

12-15 confirmed riders entered: The top 6 riders in the Time Trial Qualification results transfer to the Time Trial Superfinal

Final Classification

6.1.019 At the end of a BMX Time Trial, a final classification is made that defines the final results for each participating category, and that is used to attribute UCI BMX Ranking points (if any) and prize money (if any).

If no Time Trial Superfinal for any such category is held, then the results of the Time Trial Qualification shall define the Final Classification.

When a Time Trial Superfinal is held, the highest ranking places in the Final Classification for the BMX Time Trial competition is composed of the results of the Time Trial Superfinal, and following this, the riders who did not advance to the Time Trial Superfinal are classified, according to the results of the Time Trial Qualification.

6.1.020 If a BMX Time Trial is held, the Final Classification of the BMX Time Trial is used to seed the Motos for a BMX Race.

BMX Race Competition Format

Following riders confirmation, the riders entered in each category shall be seeded into a number of heats of at most eight riders, as defined in Annex 1. In case two or more categories were combined together as described in articles 6.1.012 and 6.1.013, it is the combined categories that shall be seeded in this way.

- a. The Motos
- b. The Qualifiers
- c. The Final

The Motos

6.1.023 For all categories, the Motos are subdivided into three Rounds. Within each Round, the riders in the heats that have been defined for each category shall race once.

At the end of these three Rounds, the riders for each category with the best overall result shall transfer to the Qualifiers or to the Final, whichever the case may be, depending upon the number of registered and confirmed riders entered in that category following riders confirmation.

(N) For all categories where less than eight or less riders are registered and confirmed following riders confirmation, the aggregate score at the end of the three Rounds in the Motos determines the final result. In this case, no Final is held.

The Qualifiers

6.1.024 The Qualifiers are the elimination Phase of a BMX Race. They are held for categories with seventeen or more registered and confirmed riders entered following riders confirmation. They are subdivided into several Rounds, which are distinguished from each other by their degree of removal from the Final, including 1/32, 1/16, 1/8, 1/4 and 1/2 Finals, depending on the number of participants. Within each such Round, riders in the heats that comprise each category shall race only once.

Following each Round of the Qualifiers, the top four riders from each heat shall transfer to the next Round of the Qualifiers, and will be seeded into the heats for that Round in accordance with Annex 1.

The top four riders from each 1/2 Final heat shall transfer to the Final, as described in Annex 1.

The Final

6.1.025 The Final is the last Phase of a BMX Race. A Final, consisting of a single heat, is held for all categories with nine or more registered and confirmed riders entered following riders confirmation, in accordance with Annex 1.

Final Classification

6.1.026 At the end of the BMX Race, a Final Classification is made that defines the final results. For the Championship categories, it is this Final Classification that is used to attribute UCI BMX Ranking points and prize money. The method used to compile this Final Classification is defined in article 6.1.041.

<u>Seeding the Motos – Championship Categories</u>

6.1.027 N) For events on the UCI international BMX Calendar, participants in the Championship categories may be seeded into the Motos using one of the following methods:

- a. The participants' places in the latest UCI BMX rankings as determined in article 6.6.001 to 6.6.009.
- b. The results of a separate BMX Time Trial held before the BMX Race as determined in articles 6.1.019.
- c. Random seeding.
- d. Scrambled seeding.

The seeding method to be used must be described in the Technical Guide for the event.

6.1.027bis

Seeding of the Motos according to riders' places in the UCI BMX rankings or the results of a BMX Time Trial shall be carried out according to the principle of keeping the top ranked riders from competing against each other until the Qualifiers and Final as per the example below.

Examples: A category with 32 riders would be seeded into four heats, each containing eight riders as in the table below (1 refers to highest placed rider in the ranking used for seeding, 2 refers to second best placed rider in that ranking, 3 refers to third best placed rider in that ranking, et cetera).

Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13
17	18	19	20
24	23	22	21
25	26	27	28
32	31	30	29

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Random seeding: Seeding of the Motos at random, if done, means that the composition of the Motos is determined as per Annex 1, however, the distribution of riders throughout the heats comprising each category is decided at random. Once seeded, the composition of the heats for each category remains the same for all three Rounds of the Motos.

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Scrambled seeding: If used, the number of heats during the Motos and the number of riders in each such heat shall be determined as per Annex 1, based upon the number of riders entered and confirmed in the category following riders confirmation. Likewise, the number of riders who will transfer from the Motos into the Qualifiers or the Final (whichever the case may be), is chosen according to Annex 1. However, the riders are randomly distributed through these heats, such that the heats are not the same within each of the three Rounds of the Motos.

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Seeding for the Olympic Games, UCI BMX World Championships, and UCI BMX Supercross World Cup events is described in the specific regulations for these events.

<u>Seeding the Motos – Challenge and Masters Categories</u>

6.1.028 (N) The Motos for each Challenge and Masters level category may be seeded based upon the number of riders for each country that have been registered and confirmed in that category.

If done, seeding of the Motos according to the rider count per country is done according to the principle of keeping the riders from each country from competing with each other in the Motos. Once seeded, transferring of riders and the heat groupings shall be as described in Annex 1.

Otherwise, for the Challenge and Masters level categories, either Random or Scrambled seeding may be used, as defined in article 6.1.027.

Staging and Gate Positions

6.1.029 (N) The gate starting positions for the Motos shall be determined according to Annex 2 and shall be indicated on the start lists.

In case Scrambled Seeding is used for the Motos, Gate start positions are determined as follows:

- a. Round 1 of the Motos: decided at random.
- b. Rounds 2 and 3 of the Motos: in order of the fastest finishing times from the previous round. In case lap times are not available, finish position from the previous round shall be used.

N) Where scrambled motos is used, scrambled lane assignments will be used in the motos as generated by appointed race event software.

Only riders male and female in the 6 and under novice classes may be assisted at the gate. A person assisting may help balancing the rear wheel and may not in any other way touch or assist the rider, once the gate call has started.

6.1.029bis

The gate starting positions during the Qualifiers (1/32, 1/16, 1/8, 1/4 and 1/2 Finals depending on the number of participants) and the Final shall be determined as follows:

- a. In order of lap time from the previous Stage or Round the fastest rider has the first choice on the gate
- b. In order of finish placing from the previous Stage or Round first placed rider has first choice on gate

Event Schedule

6.1.030 (N) The schedule of heats within a BMX event shall be established according to the procedures set forth in Annex 1.

The event schedule and order shall be published along with the start lists. Start lists must indicate:

- a. Each rider's name, UCI ID, country and plate number.
- b. The heat number.
- c. The Qualifying Round to which riders will transfer.
- d. The gate starting positions for each heat, or the rule by which gate starting position is determined, depending upon the Phase of the event.

Team Managers Meeting

6.1.031 The president of the commissaires' panel may call a team managers' meeting when necessary. The purpose of this meeting shall be to inform team managers and riders of any supplemental regulations that may be in force during the event and to give further instructions regarding the general conduct of the event.

Practice

6.1.032 No rider will be permitted on the track until he has been officially registered and confirmed for the event as a licensed rider during riders confirmation.

At least one official practice session must precede the racing at any BMX event. Separate practice times shall be allocated to each category or other designated group. Each group shall have as a minimum time allowance that period which is estimated to allow all its riders to complete at least four laps including practice gate starts. Notwithstanding the above, each rider is responsible to make the best use of the time available for practice.

P) Practice length and categories may be altered by the Chief Commissaire

Transfers and Scoring

6.1.033 In the Motos, for each heat in which he competes, a rider shall receive a point score equal to his finish position in the heat, with the rider in first place earning one point and so on down to the eighth place rider, who will receive eight points. During the motos, riders scored with an IRM will be receive a score for that heat in accordance with article 6.1.034. The riders with the lowest total points earned in the Motos transfer to the next Phase of the BMX Race in accordance with the rules set forth in Annex 1. In the Qualifiers, the top four finishing riders will transfer to the next Stage of the Qualifiers. In the 1/2 Finals, the top four finishing riders will transfer to the Final.

In case Scrambled Seeding is used for the Motos, transfers following the Motos are done on an aggregate basis for each complete category. That is, following the Motos, a classification for all riders in each category based upon the total scores following the Motos (in accordance with the method described above) is made. The best ranked riders in this classification will transfer to the next Phase of the event. The number of riders who transfer to the next Phase depends upon the number of riders entered and confirmed following riders confirmation, as described in Annex 1.

For example, as per Annex 1, a category with 39 riders entered and confirmed following riders confirmation would have 5 heats in each Round of the Motos. Following the Motos, 4 heats of 1/4 Finals would be held, each of which would have 5 riders.

Therefore, the best ranked 20 riders (4 quarter finals x 5 riders each) following the Motos will transfer to the Qualifiers. The riders who transfer to the Qualifiers would then be seeded into the first round of the Qualifiers according to the method in 6.1.027bis, in order of their classification following the Motos. Ties in transferring positions are resolved in accordance with the method described in article 6.1.035.

Invalid Results Marks (IRMs)

- a. Did Not Finish (DNF): A rider who starts, but for some reason, or in some way does not complete a heat or a run as pronounced by the commissaires panel, will be recorded as "Did Not Finish" and will receive a score equal to the number of riders who started the heat. This rider will be eligible to transfer to the next phase or round of the competition.
- b. Relegation (REL): A rider who starts but has been relegated by the commissaires' panel will be recorded as "Relegated" (REL) and will receive a score equal to the number of riders who started the heat plus 2. This rider will be eligible to transfer to the next phase or round of the competition.
- c. Did Not Start (DNS): A rider who fails to start in a heat, regardless of the reason, will be scored as "Did Not Start". For the purpose of determining his transfer eligibility, such a rider will be awarded 2 more points than the number of riders on the start list for that heat.

The rider will be ineligible to transfer from the Motos to the next Phase of the BMX Race if he is scored as "Did Not Start" two or more times. The transfer system is explained in Annex 1.

In case of a situation where one or more riders are to be scored with an IRM, the president of the commissaires panel or the official designated by him must announce the IRMs to the timing operator as soon as possible. The decision of the president of the commissaires panel concerning the application of any IRM is final, and is not open to appeal.

- a. Riders scored as DNF.
- b. Riders scored as REL.
- c. Riders scored as DNS.

In case of multiple riders scored as DNF, REL or DNS in a heat, the tiebreaker (within each type of IRM) will be as follows:

- a. Position in previous heat.
- b. Lap time in last run of previous heat.
- c. BMX Time trial results. Ties Within a Heat
- a. In descending order 3rd, 2nd, 1st round finish result in the Motos.
- b. BMX Time Trial results (if held).
- c. UCI Individual BMX ranking.

Should a situation arise in one of the three Rounds of Motos where a clear decision cannot be determined from the applicable scoring system, both riders will be scored with the better ranked finishing position. For example: a protest between 4th place and 5th place finishing position would in the case of a tied decision ultimately give both riders 4th place finish in that particular heat; 5th place would not be allocated.

The Finish

6.1.037 A rider shall have finished at the moment when the tire of the front wheel touches the vertical plane rising from the starting edge of the finish line. According to article 1.2.109 the bike and the rider have to cross the finish line together.

The Final

6.1.038 In a Final, at least two riders (who have not been scored with an IRM during the final) need to cross the finish line; otherwise the result of the Final is not valid.

In case a Final is declared not valid, a restart of at minimum three riders shall be done within 15 minutes. In the case no restart is done, the times or results for the preceding Phase (and within that Phase, the preceding Round) will be declared the final result, with the Final Classification of the event determined as specified in article 6.1.041.

Cancellation Prior to the Final

6.1.038bis In case a BMX event is cancelled prior to the Final, for each concerned category, the results of the Phase reached, and within that Phase, the last completed Round will be declared the final results. The Final Classification will then be produced according to article 6.1.041.

Scoring Systems

6.1.039 One or more of the following scoring systems may be used for BMX competitions.

- a. Photo finish. Photo finish is defined as equipment able to take photographs at a minimum rate of 1000 frames per second.
- b. Timing transponders. When used, the rider is solely responsible for the correct attachment of the transponder during the event. There shall be a timing operator who is responsible for recording the finish line position of every rider as he crosses the finish line in every heat or run.

Timing transponders may only be used together with either Photo finish or a video camera. In case a rider's transponder falls off or malfunctions during a heat, the Photo finish or video camera record shall be used to confirm the result (in the order of priority defined in article 6.1.039bis).

If transponders are used, any rider who starts in a heat without a transponder shall be scored as "Did Not Finish" (DNF).

Transponder systems are often used to automate scorekeeping during racing, particularly the TV graphics for events that feature a TV production. Without prejudice to the order of priority of the scoring systems found in this article, if the transponder results of two or more riders are within the published error range of the transponder system used or 0.01 seconds, whichever is greater (or if the error range of the transponder system is not known), then the timing operator shall verify, and if necessary, correct that result using Photo finish, if a Photo finish system is also being used. This action on the part of the timing operator shall not provide grounds for a protest. In case of any dispute, the president of the commissaires panel or the commissaire designated by him shall decide; such a decision is final.

- c. Light beams (photo cells).
- d. Scoring with a finish line video camera equipment. Video camera equipment shall be so installed as to be directly aligned with the finish line at ground level or directly above. The video camera shall have an unobstructed view of the finish line on the track surface. The back field view of the video camera shall be clear so as to not complicate the clarity of reproduction nor confuse the vision at the play back facility. In addition, there shall be a further video camera at the "front on" position to facilitate rider number identification. In each preceding case described, slow motion reverse and advance capabilities are required of the equipment. As well the equipment shall be capable of colour reproduction.

N) At CC sanctioned events, BMX National Championships and UCI sanctioned events below the World Cup level, the race organization will supply a photo-finish system as described by the UCI regulations, with the exception of a second "front on" position camera; this second camera is not required. The organization will supply an equipment operator who will be at the disposal of the Finish Line Commissaire during all periods of competition. The film for any particular race will only be reviewed in the event of a protest over the actual finish order. The Finish Line Commissaire's interpretation of the photo finish film is final and is not open for further protest. Relegations of position due interference in the final straight are not subject to video review; all such decisions are imposed at the discretion of the Commissaire Panel.

- e. Finish line commissaires. There shall be a minimum of 5 qualified finish line commissaires, who shall be responsible for recording the finish positions of every rider as he crosses the finish line in each heat. The official finish positions of each heat shall be determined by a simple majority of the finish line commissaires. The official finish results shall be transmitted to the secretary of the commissaires panel for notation on the moto sheets.
- **6.1.039bis** In the event that several scoring systems as described above are utilized during the event, they must apply according to the following order of priority:
 - A. For BMX Time Trial
 - a. Photo finish or light beams (photo cells)
 - b. Timing transponders, as laid down above
 - B. For BMX Race (Motos, Qualifiers and Finals)
 - a. Photo finish or light beams (photo cells)
 - b. Timing transponders, as laid down above
 - c. Video Camera
 - d. Finish line commissaires
 - C. For gate selection
 - a. Transponders, as laid down in the article above
 - b. Photo finish or light beams (photo cells)

The use of video camera equipment is mandatory at all international BMX Events.

In the event that a specific scoring system is required by the UCI regulations, such finish scoring system must be in place and other systems with a lower priority are not necessary.

Publication of Heat Results

6.1.040 The results of each heat shall be posted within ten minutes of the conclusion of that heat. By default, printed results will be provided, and will be posted in at least one location, unless otherwise outlined in the technical guide or announced during the team managers meeting. Results may be provided by electronic means.

Results, regardless of the publication method, must in some way include a time- stamp indicating the time of publication.

Final Classification

- a. The Phase reached (Final, Qualifiers, or Motos), and the last Round completed within that Phase, if applicable.
- b. The rank from the last completed Phase or Round within that Phase.
- c. The total points from this Phase, if applicable (i.e. the Motos).
- d. The time in the last heat completed, in case of ties the time from the previous heat is considered.

When the tie cannot be broken by time, the riders will share the same rank.

6.1.041bis (N) In case of a combination of categories, the Final Classification for the combined category is split in accordance with article 6.1.014. A Final Classification for each individual category is then prepared.

Rules of Conduct

The Start

6.1.042 All riders must start in their designated gate positions. The penalty for starting from any other gate position is disqualification (DSQ).

It is each rider's responsibility to be in the staging area and on the gate in the correct gate position at the appropriate times. If the rider is not on time for staging as indicated by the staging officials, the rider will lose the gate pick position and must choose the gate last.

In case of a re-run, all riders must start in the same gate position as previously designated.

Any rider who in any way interferes or attempts to delay or interfere with the start procedure of a heat for a reason not accepted by the president of the commissaires' panel may be disqualified.

- a. Stage 1: «ok riders, random start».
- Stage 2: «Riders ready».«Watch the gate».

For safety reasons, the stop button can be pressed at any time, up to the end of Stage 2.

The requirements for a voice box and an electronic starting system shall be as described in Annex 3.

Bike Position on the Start Gate

6.1.044 The front wheel must be placed against the gate, be grounded and remain stationary during the starter's call as defined in article 6.1.043.

General Conduct

6.1.045 All riders must observe the UCI Regulations and follow all instructions given to them by any commissaire or official at any time during the course of the event.

Every rider must at all times observe such conduct as reflects the ideals of good sportsmanship and avoid any conduct which may bring himself or the sport of BMX into disrepute.

The use of obscene or foul language is forbidden. Riders using such language will be penalized in a manner to be determined by the commissaires panel.

- **6.1.046** Riders who have registered for a competition and who confirmed their participation during the riders confirmation, are the only riders allowed to ride or practice on any part of the track on the days of the competition.
- **6.1.047** The commissaires panel is the final authority at any competition and has the right to impose a penalty on any competitor, parent, spectator, or team manager in the interests of safety or for violation of the rules.
- **6.1.048** If a heat is stopped by commissaires before its conclusion, the riders in the heat must await instructions at the exit from the finish area.

A restart will be signaled by the president of the commissaries' panel or the commissaire designated by him. A re-run of any heat will take place only if, in the opinion of the president of the commissaires' panel, the running of the heat has been adversely affected by interference in the start procedure, interference on the part of a spectator, animal or other outside agency.

6.1.049 If a rider falls or is forced to stop due to a bicycle malfunction during a heat or run, his first responsibility shall be to remove himself and his bicycle from the track in order to give the least obstruction to other riders and to prevent unnecessary delays. If a rider cannot or does not get up after a fall, he may be moved only by first aid attendants or with the permission of a licensed physician.

After a fall or bicycle malfunction, in order to be scored, the riders concerned must complete the full distance of the track as defined for their category without assistance, and in accordance with article 6.1.055 "Track Re-entrance", if applicable to the situation. In doing so, they must not unnecessarily delay the continuation of the event if they are capable of continuing. Otherwise, they may be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF).

Track Flags

- **6.1.050** Flags of the colours listed below may be used by track officials as a means of communicating with each other and to riders on the track. These flags have the following meanings:
 - a. GREEN FLAG: The track is unobstructed and racing can proceed. One green flag may be used by the official responsible for signaling the start.
 - b. YELLOW FLAG: The track is obstructed and riders should be held at the gate.
 - c. RED FLAG: Riders on the track should stop immediately and await further instructions at the exit from the finish area. Only the president of the commissaires panel or the commissaire designated by him shall use the red flag.

N) In addition to the flags (as per UCI regulations), radio communication may be used. A minimum of 8 multi-channel radios with ear pieces should be provided to the commissaires panel so that they may effectively perform their duties.

§ 3 Infringements, Protests and Penalties

<u>Infringements</u>

<u>Deliberate Interference</u>

6.1.053 Interference is often a complex offence, given that BMX is a contact sport. The commissaires will determine whether it was deliberate or not. If an infraction or interference can be avoided, and is caused, the commissaires may determine it as being deliberate.

Deliberate Force off the track

6.1.054 Any rider must not force another rider off the track deliberately.

Track Re-entrance

6.1.055 Any rider who leaves the track during a heat or run must, regardless of the circumstances, reenter the track at the nearest safe point. He shall not interfere with the progress of any other rider or cut the track in order to gain an advantage.

Contact

6.1.056 A rider shall not cause any part of his person or bicycle to come into contact with another rider's person or bicycle during a heat with the intention of impeding that rider's progress so as to overtake him or cause him to be overtaken by another rider.

Obstruction on the final straight

6.1.057 The lead rider shall have the right to choose his line on the track and through the corners. When on the final straight, however, the lead rider shall not deliberately obstruct another rider from passing.

Team Riding

6.1.058 Team riding or helping other competitors to gain a higher finishing position is prohibited.

Third Persons Interference

6.1.059 No person is shall interfere with a heat or run, whether on behalf of a team or a rider, nor for any other reason.

Protests

General Rules

6.1.060 In any BMX event, a protest concerning the scoring of a rider may be filed with the president of the commissaires' panel through that rider's team manager. In this context, the scoring of a rider shall mean only the record produced by the applicable scoring medium of the order in which the riders in the heat concerned crossed the finish line, and not decisions of the commissaires panel that are noted in the results such as IRMs.

Protests regarding judgment decisions during a competition are not accepted. The commissaires in charge shall make decisions on the spot through the president of the commissaires' panel in case of any incidents or irregularities occurring during the competition.

How to Protest

6.1.061 A rider wishing to make a protest arising under article 6.1.060, may do so only in writing. The protest must be submitted by the rider's team manager to the president of the commissaires' panel or the commissaire designated by him within 15 minutes of the posting of the results that has given rise to the protest. The president of the commissaires' panel or the commissaire designated by him will conduct an investigation and render a decision on the protest prior to the commencement of the next Round or Phase of racing for the category in which the rider is entered, whichever the case may be. The decision of the responsible commissaire concerning all protests is final, and is not open to appeal.

In national calendar events a rider without a team manager can protest directly to the finish line Commissaire in the event of a protest over the actual finish order in a moto. As mentioned above, the decision of the finish judge shall be final.

6.1.062 Should a protest be filed within the timelines described in article 6.1.061, the president of the commissaires' panel or the commissaire designated by him will view the applicable scoring system and render a decision. No other source of evidence shall be considered.

If a protested heat is not available for viewing on the utilized scoring medium due to equipment failure, the score sheets will determine the finish position of the heat.

The team manager(s) or the rider(s) involved in the protest may be called upon as required by the president of the commissaires' panel.

Penalties

6.1.063 The commissaires' panel may, without prejudice to its possibilities provided in Parts 1 and 12 of the UCI Regulations, invoke any of the censures provided in this chapter against a rider who commits an infringement of the UCI Regulations.

Official Warning

6.1.064 A rider may receive an official, verbal warning for certain misconduct. The first warning issued to a rider at an event carries no specific penalty other than the advice of the warning, however the issuance of a subsequent warning for the same, or any other offence within the same event, will result in the rider's disqualification from the event.

A warning shall be displayed on the printed output of the results and on the monitors or posted on the moto boards by the secretary.

Relegation

6.1.065 A rider may be "Relegated" (REL) and will receive a score as described in article 6.1.034.

Disqualification of a Rider

6.1.066 A rider may be Disqualified (DSQ) and thereby barred from further participation in either the competition category in which the infringement occurred or the entire event. The rider will not be ranked in the results summary and will not receive UCI points for the event.

Removal of an Offender from the Competition Venue

6.1.067 The commissaires' panel shall have the power to remove, at its sole discretion, an offender from the competition venue for an offence against any of the provisions set down in this rule book.

Suspension

- **6.1.068** The UCI may by its sole discretion and for cause suspend for any period of time, or permanently revoke, the license entitling a rider to compete in a BMX event. The following offences will result in suspension:
 - a. Competing under a false name.
 - b. Use of false information relating to age, category, or other subject at the time of registration in order to gain an unfair advantage.
 - c. Conspiring with one or more other riders to pre-determine the outcome of any heat.
 - d. Offering, giving or receiving either directly or indirectly any bribe or other incentive intended to influence the outcome of a heat either to or from any other person, including without limitation, riders, commissaires, officials and spectators concerning a BMX competition.
 - e. Willfully entering or riding a bicycle that does not conform to the rules of the competition, including altering, removing, tampering, or misrepresentation of a lap time scoring system device.
 - f. Altering the specification of any bicycle after inspection that results in an infringement of the rules of competition.
 - g. Engaging in any unfair practice, misbehaviour or action detrimental to the sport of BMX, whether or not related to a specific event.

6.1.070 For avoidance of doubt, the commissaires' panel does not have the authority to suspend a license holder. A suspension may only be pronounced by the UCI, or the competent national federation for events registered on a national calendar.

§ 4 The Bicycle, Clothing and Equipment

6.1.071 All bicycles used for competition must meet the general specifications provided in this chapter.

Inspection

6.1.072 Before official practice, before the start of, or during the course of any competition or event, the rider, his bicycle, helmet and clothing may be subject to inspection by commissaires in order to ascertain whether or not this equipment conforms to these rules.

The UCI makes no representation and/or statement of opinion as to the track worthiness of any bicycle, clothing, safety equipment or other gear which may be examined during the course of this inspection.

Any rider whose equipment is unsafe in the opinion of the commissaires, whether or not it fails to comply with a specific provision of these rules, shall not be permitted to ride on the track.

All riders shall wear clothing that is recognizable in trim and style as a BMX type garment and as such be distinct from other cycling disciplines.

Any rider who does not comply with all instructions given to him by the commissaires with respect to his clothing or equipment shall not be permitted to compete and may be either relegated or disqualified by the President of the Commissaires panel if the non-compliance of his equipment is noticed.

Regardless of whether or not a rider's bicycle, clothing or equipment is checked by a commissaire or other official, all riders are responsible to use equipment that complies with the UCI regulations. In this regard, articles 1.3.001, 1.3.002, and 1.3.003 shall apply. The fact that any non-compliance was not noticed earlier in an event shall not constitute a defense in case it is noticed later in the same event, or at a future event.

<u>Frame</u>

6.1.073 The bicycle's frame must be of sufficient strength to withstand the rigors of BMX racing and be devoid of any cracked or bent frame members or welds which are cracked or otherwise deficient.

Aerodynamic accessories, chain guards, side stands, mud guards, sheet metal accessories such as simulated fuel tanks, butterfly nuts, any superfluous welded or mechanically fastened fittings such as chain guard lugs, frame mounted reflectors and any other sharp protruding objects are not permitted.

Wheel axles may not protrude more than 5 mm beyond the hub nuts.

All components, accessories and other parts must be firmly attached to the bicycle.

<u>Wheels</u>

6.1.074 Bicycles with 20 inch wheels may be used only in the Standard 20 inch bicycle categories. Cruisers may be used only in the cruiser categories.

With the exception set forth herein below, all bicycles used in the standard 20 inch type must be equipped with matching wheels that are nominally 20 inches in diameter. The total diameter of the wheels, inflated tires included, shall not exceed 22 1/2 inches (57 cm).

The total diameter of the wheels, inflated tires included, in the cruiser type shall measure at least 22 1/2 inches (57 cm), and the total diameter of the wheels, inflated tires included, shall be no larger than 26 inches in diameter.

The bicycles of riders aged 6 and under may be equipped with wheels smaller than 20 inches.

Wheels must be laced with the full complement of spokes for which the hubs and rims are intended. Spokes must be properly tensioned and hub bearings must be adjusted to eliminate noticeable play. Disc wheels are not permitted, wheels must be open.

Tires must be of one-piece construction and have tread sufficient to provide adequate grip on the particular surface that the track presents.

Tires must be inflated to a pressure sufficient to assure safe riding under racing conditions. Quick release axles are not recommended but may be used if the release levers are taped or wired in the locked position.

<u>Handlebars</u>

6.1.075 Maximum width of handlebars on both standard bicycles and cruisers shall be 74 cm (29 inches).

The maximum rise of handlebars on both standard bicycles and cruisers shall be 30 cm (12 inches).

Handlebar grips are mandatory and must completely cover the ends of the handlebars.

Handlebars that are cracked or bent are not permitted.

Steering Head

6.1.076 The forks must turn smoothly in the headset bearing without binding or excessive play. The stem may not protrude above the headset lock-nut by an amount that exceeds the manufacturer's recommendation or by more than 5 cm if no maximum height mark is inscribed on the stem.

Brakes

6.1.077 All bicycles entered in competition must be equipped with an effective rear brake, which must be operated by hand (calliper brake).

The rear brake cable must be secured to the frame.

A front brake may be fitted, but is not required.

The free end of the handbrake lever must be smoothly rounded or covered in such a manner as to prevent it from presenting a hazard.

All exposed cable ends must be capped, soldered or covered to prevent fraying.

P) Coaster brakes not recommend but are permissible at club events

Seat

6.1.078 The seat base must be constructed of material that is sufficiently strong to resist penetration by the seat post.

The seat post must be secured to the seat tube by means of a seat post clamp. This clamp's fixing bolt may protrude from the body of the clamp by no more than 5 mm.

Cranks, Pedals and Gears

6.1.079 Cranks of either one-piece, two-piece or three-piece construction are permitted. Crank arms may be of any length so long as they do not compromise the bicycle's ground clearance.

The bottom bracket bearings must be adjusted so as to allow the cranks to spin smoothly and without noticeable play.

Pedals must be securely attached to the crank arms and adjusted so as to eliminate lateral motion of the pedal body along the pedal axle. Pedal axles must be of sufficient strength to withstand the rigors of competition. The teeth on pedal cages must be sufficiently pointed and prominent to offer effective grip on a rider's shoes without being so sharp as to pose a safety hazard. Toe clips and straps are not permitted.

(N) Interlocking pedal-cleat systems are allowed. With the exception of the UCI BMX World Challenge, national federations or continental confederations may decide to set limits on the use of such interlocking pedal-cleat systems for the challenge categories 12 years old and younger in all events held within their territory. In case the continental confederation sets such a limit, it shall apply in all member countries of that continental confederation.

- N) For all national events (including Canadian Championships), all riders 9 and under will not be allowed to use clipless pedals. If, for whatever reason, riders 9 and under race in a combined class, the use of clipless pedals to the rider's age division must be maintained.
- P) For all provincial events (including BC Championships), all riders 9 and under will not be allowed to use clipless pedals. If, for whatever reason, riders 9 and under race in a combined class, the use of clipless pedals to the rider's age division must be maintained.

Multiple speed gear systems are permitted.

Safety Pads

- a. A pad that surrounds the crossbar of the handlebars;
- b. A pad that surrounds the top tube of the frame;
- c. A pad that covers the stem connecting the handlebars to the fork.

§ 5 Clothing and safety equipment

Helmet and Protections

6.1.081 Helmets must be of full face construction, and must be equipped with a visor that has a minimum length of 10 cm. Open face helmets are not allowed. In accordance with article 1.3.002, neither the helmet nor its visor may be modified.

Helmets must be worn with the straps securely fastened whenever a rider is practicing or racing or is otherwise within the track boundaries.

When racing, from the start of a heat or run until the point in time when a rider completes the heat or run by crossing the finish line, if a rider's helmet is removed for any reason, that rider shall be considered as having abandoned the heat or run in question and will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF).

The UCI strongly recommends that riders wear the following protection:

- a. Back, elbow, knee and shoulder protectors made of rigid materials
- b. Protection of the cervical vertebrae.

<u>Jersey</u>

6.1.082 The jersey shall be a loose fitting long-sleeved shirt whose sleeves extend down to the rider's wrists. Jerseys used in BMX events should be of a type specifically sold for use in BMX, Moto-cross or Mountain Bike downhill events. Custom produced jerseys of this type and matching the requirements of this article are permitted.

Road style jerseys, skinsuits, or one-piece suits comprising the jersey and the pants/shorts are not permitted for use in BMX events, nor are jerseys with zippers, other than a very short (less than 10cm long zipper) at the collar. The jersey must be either close fitting around the waist or must be tucked into the pants before the start to not cause interference.

6.1.083 According to article 1.3.059 every rider competing in a BMX world championship (Championship, Challenge and Masters level) and at the continental championships (Championship level) must wear a national team BMX jersey matching the jerseys of his fellow-countrymen, in accordance with article 1.3.056 and the following. The only variation allowed shall be advertising on the jersey. The national team jersey must be worn whenever a rider is engaged in activities on the track, prize giving ceremonies, press conferences, television interviews, autograph sessions and other occasions during the event, which require a good presentation to the media and the outside world.

The national champion jersey is regulated in articles 1.3.068 and 1.3.069. For avoidance of doubt, only riders having won the title of National Champion in the Championship level categories are permitted to use a jersey with a distinctive sleeve as described in article 1.3.069. No riders in other categories are permitted to do so (either sleeve).

6.1.084 bis

The world champion jersey must be approved by UCI and is regulated in articles 1.3.060 to 1.3.067.

<u>Pants</u>

6.1.085 The aim of BMX leg wear is to provide protection and reduce the risk of injury. This can be achieved either with long pants, or with short pants combined with suitable knee and shin protection. Such long or short pants must be of a type that is specifically designed, and sold to provide protection in BMX, Motocross or Downhill Mountain Bike events. Custom produced pants or shorts of this type and matching the requirements outlined in this article are permitted.

Long pants. Long pants of the type described above must be loose fitting, of one- piece construction, and made of tear-resistant material. They must cover the entire length of both legs until just above the shoe or ankle.

Short pants. Short pants of the type described above must be loose fitting, of one- piece construction, and made of tear-resistant material. They must be worn together with suitable leg protection, that covers the entire knee and the entire shin until just above the ankle. Protection that is designed to only cover the knee or only cover the knee and upper part of the shin shall not be accepted. Such protection must be of a type that is specifically designed, constructed and sold to protect the knee and entire shin for BMX, Motocross or Downhill Mountain Bike events, and shall extend until just above the shoe or ankle.

Pants or shorts composed of tight fitting stretch material are not permitted, as such material is not considered as tear resistant. Such pants, shorts or leggings may only be worn under acceptable long pants or shorts, or to cover acceptable knee and shin protection, or under or as part of the construction of that protection. Such a material shall not in and of itself be considered as a protective element.

P) Riders will be permitted to wear jeans or track and field pants for local racing ONLY – but must otherwise adhere to the UCI rules for all Provincial and National ranked events.

Gloves

6.1.086 Whenever riding or racing on the track, all riders must wear gloves whose fingers completely cover the rider's finger tips.

Accessories

- **6.1.087** Any added aerodynamic accessories on personal equipment is not permitted.
- **6.1.088** Cameras are not permitted during racing. Otherwise, the riders are responsible for securing the fixation of the cameras in order to avoid any danger. The UCI can decide to allow a camera during racing but only for the usage of the TV production company. Metal / permanent fixtures to attach the cameras are not allowed, tape and velcro are allowed.

Cameras (as described above) may only be used by riders in the Championship level categories.

- N) Helmet or body mounted cameras are not permitted in national events (including Canadian Championships) during any phase of racing.
- **6.1.089** Any use of radio links or other remote means of communication by the competitors is not permitted.

§ 6 Identification of Riders

Number Plates

6.1.090 During competition, riders shall be identified by an identification number as provided in articles 1.3.073 and 1.3.074.

Without prejudice to the provisions concerning the International Permanent Race Number System, a rider will be assigned a number at each event.

6.1.091 Each bicycle entered into competition must have a number plate attached to the front of the handlebars.

Number plates must be made of plastic or other similar flexible material.

Riders must use the plate and number colour combinations specified for the category in which they are racing as follows:

- a. Championship level
 - i. Men Elite, Women Elite: white plate, black numbers.
 - ii. Men Juniors, Women Juniors: black plate, white numbers.
- b. Challenge level / Masters level
 - i. Boys, Men, Masters: yellow plate, black numbers;
 - ii. Girls, Women: blue plate, white numbers;
 - iii. Cruiser: red plate, white numbers.

6.1.092 If a photo finish system is utilized, each bicycle entered into competition must display a lateral number plate/sticker located just behind the steer tube, if one is required within the technical guide. The number shall be black with a white background.

The area of the plate that provides a background for the number must, during the entire duration of a competition, be kept free of markings, stickers or other impediments to the number's legibility. Riders may not cut, mutilate or put additional stickers or markings on their number plate.

§ 7 International Permanent Career Number System

6.1.094 The International Permanent Career Number System is for Men Elite & Women Elite category only. This system allows riders to choose a specific number for themselves which they have the exclusive right to use for their entire Elite category career, subject to the rules below.

N Riders wishing to compete in a UCI sanctioned international BMX event must display an international race number on their plate in accordance with the rules below. Clarification: Elite riders who do not have a UCI career number must use a number that does not conflict with any career number used by any other elite rider. As per the UCI regulations, no rider other than an elite rider with a UCI career number (including challenge categories) may print a number on their jersey. Junior riders must use a number that does not conflict with any career number used by any elite rider. Cycling Canada maintains a list of such available plate numbers, obtained from the UCI. Riders not abiding by these regulations shall not be allowed to start, if noticed before the race in question or shall be relegated if noticed after the fact.

N) Rules applicable to riders in the Challenge classes are as follows: For CC sanctioned events (Canada Cup), riders supply their own number plates which must conform to the colour coding described in the UCI Regulations.

For the Canadian championships, riders are supplied with a number plate conforming to the regulations. This number plate must be used and may not be modified.

Number Criteria

6.1.095 Any licensed rider in the category Men Elite and Women Elite can choose a permanent career number between 10-999.

A chosen number will be exclusive for the rider, and cannot be used by any other rider in the Championships level categories within the same gender (specifically, the Juniors category).

The number must be used at all international BMX events. A chosen number will remain as long as the rider receives UCI points during the season and will be automatically allocated for the next season. The number will be available again once a rider has finished the season ending on 31st December without UCI points. A rider who has not scored a UCI point throughout the calendar season up to the 31st of December shall relinquish their permanent career number and must reapply for a number for the next season.

In case an Elite rider decides to switch to the Masters Men 30+ category (from Men Elite) at the start of the next season or to a challenge category (from Men Elite or Women Elite), then he must relinquish his permanent career number at the moment that the category change takes effect. At that point, the number will again become available.



World Championships	W1 – W8
National Championships	N1 – N8
Provincial Championships	BC1 – BC8
BC BMX Premier Series	1-8

The only riders who will be entitled to race with a racing number between 1-8 (inclusive) will be those riders that placed in the preceding above Titles - using the above letters immediately preceding the number as indicated. (titles earned in the previous BMX Season only)

- a. The colour of the number must be in strong contrast with the colour of the background.
- b. The distance between the numbers must be 1.5 cm
- c. The minimum height of the number must be 20 centimeters
- d. The width of the numbers shall be;
 - i. minimum 10 cm for one digit numbers
 - ii. minimum 20 cm for two digit numbers
 - iii. minimum 25 cm for three digit numbers
- e. There should be a minimum of 5 cm of free space without publicity around the number.
- f. As an option, display their last name across the shoulders, above the number.

Only Elite riders who received a permanent career number through the UCI or Elite riders with a world number 1 - 8, may print a permanent career number or world number 1 - 8 on the back of the jersey. Riders without a permanent career number must not print a number on the back of their jersey.

<u>Procedure</u>

6.1.098 The national federation shall submit a single list of all their riders, wishing and eligible to receive a permanent career number before the date set by the UCI with the number they would like to obtain. The following information should be included in the document:

- a. Name of the rider
- b. UCI ID
- c. Current UCI BMX ranking position
- d. 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice of number

In case of conflicting wishes, the following rules will be adopted:

- a. The rider with the highest UCI BMX ranking on the date of the registration deadline will have the first right of choice (first elite ranking, then junior ranking).
- b. The UCI has the final authority to assign numbers based on the above criteria.

§ 8 Competition Facilities

See Annex 5.

§ 9 Competition Officials

See Annex 6.

§ 10 UCI International BMX Calendar

Season

6.1.099 The calendar season starts on January 1 and ends on December 31.

Event Classes and Date Protection

- **6.1.100** International BMX events are registered on the UCI International BMX Calendar in accordance with the following classification:
 - a. Olympic Games (OG)
 - b. World Championships (CM)
 - No other international BMX event may be organized on the same dates as the world championships. No continental championships, HC or C1 event may be organized on the weekend prior to the starting date of World Championships.
 - c. BMX Supercross World Cup (CDM)
 - i. No other international BMX event may be organized on the same dates as a UCI BMX Supercross World Cup event.
 - d. Continental Championships (CC)
 - i. No other HC, C1 or CN on the same continent during the continental championships date may be organized.
 - ii. Continental Championships are regulated in accordance with Part X of the UCI Regulations, "Continental Championships". Additionally, the continental confederation shall provide the bid procedure to each country in enough time for the countries to submit bids to host the continental championships. The bid procedure shall be available, at least, in either English or French.

- e. International Competition Hors Class (HC)
 - No C1 or CN events may be organized on the same date as an HC event on the same continent. Events registered on the UCI International BMX Calendar for the first time (new organizer, new venue, or both) are not eligible for Class HC status.
 - ii. The continental confederation must propose or otherwise approve all HC events to be held within the continent concerned.
 - iii. A maximum of six HC events may be registered in any continent in each season.
 - iv. In order to be awarded Class HC status, the event must have had sufficient numbers of riders entered in the Men Elite category in the season before the application for Class HC status such that at least semi-finals were held.
 - v. For avoidance of doubt, class HC events are open to license holders of all nationalities.
- f. International Competition Class 1 (C1)
 - i. No CN events may be organized on the same date as the C1 event on the same continent.
 - ii. There is no limitation on the number C1 events that a national federation may apply to hold.
- g. National Championships (CN)
 - i. National BMX championships must be run on the first weekend of July.

The UCI has the final and sole authority to allocate any event on the UCI International BMX Calendar, and to resolve all disputes concerning date conflicts and event classifications for events registered on that calendar.

6.1.101 Every entity organizing a BMX event shall conduct the event in strict accordance with the UCI constitution and its regulations.

All events registered on the UCI International BMX Calendar must respect the UCI financial obligations (in particular calendar fee, prize money) approved by the UCI management committee and published on the UCI website.

A detailed technical guide must be presented to UCI during the calendar registration process.

Chapter II Specific Rules for International Events

Registration of Riders

6.2.001 Without prejudice to the responsibilities outlined in the introduction of Part VI "BMX", all competitions open to international riders should be considered an international event and must be registered on the UCI calendar.

All competition entry dates must be respected. All entry fees and entry forms must be forwarded to the organizer of the international BMX event concerned.

6.2.002 Each team manager must confirm the presence of each rider as per the pre-registration riders list, on the scheduled day and times of registration, by provision of the following information:

- a. Rider's UCI license
- b. Rider's presence at the venue;
- c. Correct spelling of the rider's name;
- d. Rider's category of competition;
- e. Rider's date of birth;
- f. Rider's bike number;
- g. Rider's proof of identity.

For UCI BMX World Championships and UCI BMX Supercross World Cup events, all Championships level riders need to confirm their hotel details.

Event Format

Number of attending riders	Number of permitted assistants
1 - 10	1
11 – 50	2
51 - 100	3
101 and over	4
Host nation	5

A team manager or his nominated assistant is accredited with the right to enter a restricted zone, as granted by the race director, in order to perform his duties. Such accreditation may be revoked for any breach of the UCI Regulations or non- compliance with the instructions of the organization or the commissaires' panel.

Competition Categories

6.2.007 Competition categories at an international BMX event shall be based on the description in 6.1.008 to 6.1.011. Categories for the Challenge level shall be as per the national regulations of the country where the event is held, or in accordance with the regulations of the continental confederation for Continental Championships or events which are part of a series established by a continental confederation.

Prize Money and Trophies

6.2.008 The total amount of the prize money must respect the minimum laid down in the UCI financial obligations. Any increase in the amount of prize money given over the minimum amount shall apply equally to both male and female categories at the same level. Trophies for Championship level categories are a choice of the organizer and are not mandatory.

(N) Trophies for top eight riders shall be presented to the finalists in each competing or combined Challenge level categories.

Chapter III Specific Rules for BMX Supercross World Cup Events

P) For Rules 6.3.001 – 6.3.018 pertaining to this section – see the full UCI Rules – Part VI

Chapter IV Specific Rules for UCI BMX World Challenge Events

Allocation of Challenge Events

6.4.001 Application to the UCI for the sanctioning of a Challenge event is open to any national federation. The venue of each year's Challenge event shall be allocated at least three years in advance of its scheduled date by the UCI management committee.

General Event Parameters

6.4.004 A single Challenge event, open to all eligible riders who are members of national federations, shall be scheduled in each calendar year to establish an overall ranking of the riders in each of the various categories recognized by the UCI.

Registration of Participants

6.4.005 All riders must be registered using the UCI online registration system (www.uci.ch) through their national federation. The opening/closing dates of the online registration system are published on the UCI website. All team managers must attend the riders' confirmation presenting their licenses, and picking up the identification numbers for the riders who were entered by their country. The riders confirmation deadlines are indicated on the official programme published on the UCI website. Riders not being confirmed before the indicated deadline, did not complete the registration procedure and may not be able to compete at the event.

During riders confirmation, the team manager for each country must confirm that all entries are correct; any errors brought to the attention of the event organization or commissaires panel following this moment will not be corrected.

For avoidance of doubt, all riders entered in the UCI BMX World Challenge must have a license issued by the national federation of their country of residence, in accordance with articles 1.1.001 to 1.1.039. The national federation of each such rider's nationality has the duty to confirm this prior to registering that rider for the UCI BMX World Challenge.

- a. Each national federation shall be permitted to register up to 16 riders in each Challenge level category which is scheduled for competition. The host organization may register a greater number of riders in each limited category, with a maximum of 32 riders.
- b. Each national federation shall be permitted to register up to 16 riders in each Masters category.
- c. The limits specified in 'a' and b' above exclude main finalists at the UCI BMX world Challenge or Masters event of the previous year. These riders can be added on top of the riders selected according to the above criteria.

Any errors made during the registration process by a national federation, including the late entries, may be corrected at latest up until the moment of riders confirmation. However, a fine of CHF 100 payable by the national federation may apply for each correction that is made.

Contravention of this regulation may render any national federation concerned liable to a fine of up to CHF 5'000, in addition to the disqualification of the riders concerned.

Event Format

6.4.010 Competition categories shall be as described in articles 6.1.009 to 6.1.011.

Recognition and Awards

6.4.011 The UCI shall bestow upon the first-place finisher in each competing category raced at UCI world BMX Challenge level the title of "UCI BMX World Challenge Winner". This title shall remain the property of the UCI and may not be used in conjunction with any product endorsement or for any other commercial purpose without its prior express consent. Top 8 finishers will receive a trophy. In case of a combined category, the trophies of the highest category will be presented.

The title of "UCI BMX World Challenge Winner" does not entitle the holder to in any way represent himself as a "BMX World Champion", nor to use a replica of the World Champion's jersey, nor to in any way incorporate the rainbow colours into his clothing or equipment. The Title of "BMX World Champion" is reserved for the winners of the UCI BMX World Championship, which is open only to riders in the championship categories.

For the Masters level, the UCI shall bestow upon the first-place finisher the title of "UCI world BMX Masters winner". This title shall remain the property of the UCI and may not be used in conjunction with any product endorsement or for any other commercial purpose without its prior express consent. The UCI will award medals to the top 3 riders and a Masters rainbow jersey to the winner.

Chapter V Specific Rules for the Olympic Games

P For Rules 6.5.001 – 6.5.012 pertaining to this section – see the full UCI Rules – Part VI

Chapter VI UCI BMX Ranking

Categories

a. Men Elite: aged 19 and overb. Women Elite: aged 19 and overc. Men Juniors: aged 17 and 18d. Women Juniors: aged 17 and 18

The UCI BMX rankings are drawn up over a period of one year, in accordance with the conditions set out below, by adding the points won since the preceding ranking was drawn up, and respecting the provisions of article 6.6.002. At the same time the remaining points obtained up to the same day of the previous year by each rider in international BMX events are deducted.

The new rankings come into force on the day of publication and stand until the publication of the subsequent rankings.

Event Classes

- a. OG: Olympic Games (all results)
- b. CM: World Championships
 - a. Only the points from the latest World Championships held shall be included in the individual UCI BMX Ranking, even if it is held less than one year after the last edition of this event.

- b. The points from the latest World Championships shall remain in the individual UCI BMX Ranking until the event is next held, even if more than one year passes between them.
- c. CDM: UCI BMX Supercross World Cup
- d. CC: Continental Championships (continent of the riders nationality)
 - a. For any given continental confederation, only the points from the latest Continental Championships held shall be included in the individual UCI BMX Ranking, even if it is held less than one year after the last edition of this event.
 - b. The points from the latest Continental Championships held shall remain in the individual UCI BMX Ranking until the event is next held, even if more than one year passes between them, as long as the next edition of the Continental championships is registered on the UCI International BMX Calendar for the next season. If this is not the case, the points from the continental championships held shall expire after 12 months.
 - c. Only riders of the concerned continent can obtain UCI points at a Continental Championships.
- e. HC: International competitions Hors Class (best 3 scores)
- f. RJ: Regional Games
- g. C1: International competitions (best 5 scores)
- h. CN: National Championships (country of the rider's nationality)
 - a. In case the UCI agrees that a country may hold its national championships earlier than the dates reserved for that purpose, the points earned in that country's national championships shall not be included in the individual UCI BMX Ranking until the ranking update after the reserved dates for national championships. However, in this case, the title of National Champion is awarded and comes into effect as of the date on which it was won.
 - b. In case a national championship is held later in the calendar year than the reserved dates, the points shall be added to the individual UCI BMX Ranking in the next scheduled ranking update after the championship is held.
 - c. The points from the latest national championships held shall remain in the individual UCI BMX Ranking until the event is next held, even if more than one year passes between them as long as the next edition of the national championships is registered on the UCI International BMX Calendar for the next season; this shall also apply to the title of National Champion. If this is not the case, the points from the last national championships held shall expire after 12 months, as shall the title.
 - d. Only riders of the nationality concerned can obtain UCI points at a national championship.

Points Table

6.6.003 Points in the UCI Individual BMX Ranking are awarded in accordance with the table found in Annex 4.

UCI Individual BMX Ranking

6.6.004 A UCI BMX ranking will be established for all categories mentioned in 6.1.008. The UCI BMX ranking will be calculated on the total points of all events held in each such category, as described in article 6.1.001 with a limitation of events to be calculated in the UCI BMX ranking as in article 6.6.002.

Tie Breaker

- a. UCI BMX World Championships points
- b. UCI BMX Supercross World Cup points
- c. Continental Championships points.
- d. Class HC international competitions (3 best results).
- e. Class 1 international competition (5 best results).
- f. National Championships Ranking by Nation

6.6.006 A ranking by nation for Men Elite and Women Elite is drawn up for BMX. The ranking by nation is calculated by summing the points of the three best placed riders for men and the two best placed riders for women from each nation. The ranking by nation of 31st December will determine the number of qualified riders per nation for the next world championships.

A ranking by nation for Men Junior and Women Junior is drawn up for BMX. The ranking by nation is calculated by summing the points of the three best placed riders for men and the two best placed riders for women from each nation. The ranking by nation of 31st December will determine the number of qualified riders per nation for the next world championships.

A rider's points are awarded to the nation of this nationality, even if he is license holder of the federation of another country.

Tied nations have their relative positions determined by the place of their best rider on the individual UCI BMX ranking.

Olympic Qualification Ranking

6.6.008 To determine the qualification quota for the Olympic Games, an Olympic Qualification ranking is calculated for men (3 best ranked Men Elite/Men Junior per nation) and for women (2 best ranked Women Elite/junior per nation).

A rider's points are awarded to the nation of this nationality, even if he is license holder of the federation of another country.

Tied nations have their relative positions determined by the place of their best rider on the UCI Individual BMX ranking.

Ranking Updates

6.6.009 The UCI BMX rankings are updated after the Olympic Games, the UCI BMX World Championships, the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup events and on 31st December. The dates of other ranking updates are published on the UCI website.

National Championships

6.6.010 Every nation will have a possibility to host a national championship, counting for the UCI BMX ranking. A national championship can only be open for a rider who holds a passport in the respective country (home country) as indicated in 1.2.028. If a nation still decides to allow riders from a different nationality during the national championships, the foreign rider won't receive UCI points and the finishing place of the riders of the designated nation stays unchanged.

Chapter VII UCI BMX Teams

P For Rules 6.7.001 – 6.7.024 pertaining to this section – see the full UCI Rules – Part VI

ANNEX 1 – Schedule of Heats – Seeding and Transfer System

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ANNEX 1 BIS - UCI BMX Supercross World Cup - Schedule of Heats, Seeding and Transfer System

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ANNEX 2 – Starting Positions

Starting positions applicable to all BMX events (including UCI BMX World Championship/ Challenge events and BMX continental Championship/Challenge events):

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
8	2	3
7	6	1
6	3	5
5	1	7
4	8	2
3	5	6
2	7	4
1	4	8

In the Motos, riders are always assigned gate positions according to the table above. For example, if a rider has position 7 in Round 1, then they will have position 6 in Round 2 and position 1 in Round 3.

For events that are randomly seeded (such as for the challenge categories), then the starting positions according to the table should be assigned randomly. This means that the position for Round 1 would be decided randomly, then the positions for Rounds 2 and 3 would be taken from the table, depending upon the starting position in Round 1. Example: if a rider is randomly given position 5 in Round 1, then they will have position 1 in Round 2 and position 7 in Round 3.

For races that are seeded using the UCI Ranking or a BMX Time Trial event, riders within each heat should be allowed to choose their gate starting positions for the Motos in order of their ranking – according to the table in Annex 2. For example, if the highest ranked rider in a heat wanted to have position 1 in Round 3, then he would have to choose position 7 in Round 1 and position 6 in Round 2 – according to the table.

For events that are seeded using qualification motos (only UCI BMX Supercross World Cup events), gate position is defined by Chapter III, "UCI BMX Supercross World Cup Events".

For events where the Motos are scrambled, this table shall not apply; the gate start positions are described in article 6.1.029.

ANNEX 3 - UCI Random Start Gate Timing Cadence

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ANNEX 4 – UCI BMX Ranking Points

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Annex 5 - Competition Field

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ANNEX 6 - Competition Officials

The UCI Regulations set forth the manner in which a BMX event shall be conducted. All officials participating in an event are required to be fully conversant with the UCI Regulations and any supplement thereof, which governs any event. By accepting the position, all competition officials are definitely bound by such Regulations.

General

Every BMX competition must be staffed with an adequate number of qualified commissaires and officials to assume all the responsibilities and perform all the duties of the various positions set forth in this section. For an event registered on the UCI International BMX Calendar, a minimum of 1 UCI International commissaire must be appointed. Food shall be provided for the commissaires.

Commissaires Panel

The commissaires' panel shall be designated according to article 1.2.116. The commissaires' panel is the final authority at any competition and has the right to impose a penalty on any competitor, or team manager in the interests of safety or for violation of these rules, following the guidelines as described in Annex 6 and the following and part 1 of UCI regulations.

The president of the commissaires' panel is the head of the commissaires' panel and manages the other commissaires. The president of the commissaires' panel shall operate from a position which permits a clear view of as much of the track as possible, to supervise the event with the assistance of the other commissaires.

The assistant of the president of the commissaires' panel shall assist the president of the commissaires' panel in the completion of the duties and shall act as the president of the commissaires' panel's representative when the president of the commissaires' panel is not available.

The organizer of the event shall ensure that the commissaires panel shall work under optimum conditions. For events registered on the UCI International BMX Calendar, the commissaires' panel must be provide with a secure office, the flags identified in article

6.1.050 and with a multi-channel radio communication system with a sufficient number of units for the entire team of commissaires, the technical delegate if appointed, the coordinator of the first aid personnel and the race director.

Secretary of the commissaires' panel

The secretary of the commissaires' panel commissaire shall be responsible for the registration and classification of all riders at the event, the processing and posting of the start lists, and the processing of all results (both intermediate and final results). The secretary of the commissaires' panel shall be assisted by a sufficient number of administrators, as described in Annex 6.

Race Commissaires

- The race commissaires shall be responsible for assuring the observance of all rules governing any event. Race commissaires must have the following qualifications:
- A. They must be fluent in the English language or have English interpretation available;
- B. They may not be either directors or officers of the UCI;
- C. All commissaires must wear some form of distinctive clothing so that they may be readily identified by competitors and team managers;
- D. Each race commissaire shall operate from a clearly defined position.

Finish Line Commissaires

In the event that the finishing order is determined by means of finish line commissaires, they shall act as described in article 6.1.038.

In case another scoring system is utilized, the obligations and designation conditions are determined by article 1.2.119 to 1.2.121.

All finish line commissaires shall operate from an area immediately adjacent to the finish line, which permits them a clear and unobstructed view of the riders as they cross the line.

- N) There shall be one qualified UCI or National Finish Line Commissaire assisted by four or more finish line scoring personnel (whenever possible the scoring personel shall be provincial or higher level commissaires). The decision on the finish order by the Finish Line Commissaire mentioned above shall be final in the event of a protest concerning finish order.
- N) Please see specific Canadian National Championship and CC National Series event rules/guidelines.

Start commissaire

The start commissaire shall be responsible for conducting the start of each race. The starter shall operate the starting gate, and perform such other actions as are necessary and appropriate to assure that each race has a safe and fair start. The starter may recommend to the president of the commissaires' panel that a rider obstructing the starter from carrying out the duties be penalized. When a timing system is utilised, the starter must first confirm with the staging official any rider who fails to present himself at the start gate and then ensure that the operator of the timing system and his equipment is ready before he begins the starting procedure of a race.

Personnel

8 The following officials and personnel are designated by the organizer or national federation:

P At Provincial level events, these positions may be filled by volunteers

- STARTING HILL OFFICIALS Starting hill officials shall be responsible for checking that riders are in the correct start lane (according to the moto sheets) prior to the start of each race. They are also responsible for checking if riders' safety equipment is correct. Starting hill officials shall report to the president of the commissaires panel any rider whose equipment does not conform to UCI regulations.
- STAGING OFFICIALS Staging officials shall be responsible for directing riders into the proper staging lanes. In doing so, they may announce each race number, age group, and the names of every rider in each race. There must be a clear communication on staging times by the staging official. An appropriate number of copies of the moto sheets shall be made available to the senior staging official. Nevertheless, the work of the staging officials amounts to a best effort; riders are individually responsible for following the progress of the race and for arriving on time at the staging lanes with the correct clothing and equipment according to the UCI Regulations.
- RACE OFFICIALS Race officials shall be responsible for monitoring the conduct of the riders on the track and for notifying other officials of conditions on the track which may warrant their attention. The president of the commissaires' panel shall determine the number of race officials necessary for an event. Race officials shall be stationed along the track. Race officials shall make notes of any rule infringements or incidents that they witness. These notes shall be made available upon request by the president of the commissaires' panel.
- FINISH LINE AREA CONTROL OFFICIALS Finish line area control officials shall be responsible for controlling the passage of riders and other persons into and out of the finish line area. They shall be stationed at each point of access or exit to the finish area and prevent the entry of parents, team managers and spectators except where medical emergencies warrant their presence. Finish line area control officials shall also be responsible for maintaining order among the riders waiting in the finish area.

5 ADMINISTRATORS

All administrators shall work under the responsibility and direction of the secretary of the commissaires' panel.

- A. Entry administrators shall be responsible for the following:
 - i. receiving and checking for conformance with entry regulations all riders' entry forms and/or permit applications;
 - ii. establishing a list of entrants in each category of racing and sequentially ordering the categories.
- B. Start list administrators shall be responsible for dividing the total number of entrants in each category into motos of not more than eight riders and for recording their names on the appropriate moto sheets.

- C. Start list officials shall be responsible for posting the start lists on the posting boards. These lists shall be posted in order by age group with each race number clearly visible
- TIMING OPERATOR The timing operator shall be responsible for the setting up and operation of the timing system and for passing rider finish line position results to the administrators for posting on the moto boards. The timing operator shall work under the responsibility and direction of the secretary of the commissaires' panel, and shall refer all requests for information or protests to that official or the administrator designated by him.
- 7 TRACK ANNOUNCER The track announcer shall be responsible for making formal announcements concerning the competition and for informing riders, spectators, commissaires and officials of any changes to the race schedule.
- 8 SECURITY PERSONNEL The host organization shall provide a sufficient number of security personnel to ensure the safety of the riders and spectators. Marshals must wear some form of distinctive clothing or other object so that they may be readily identified.
- 9 FIRST AID At least one ambulance and an adequate number of first aid staff including a licensed physician shall be in attendance during all practice and race sessions according to the laws of the country in question. As per article 1.2.067 the organizer shall appoint one or more doctors to provide riders with medical care. The first aid personnel must be stationed in the infield, and a clear exit route for the ambulance leading to a public thoroughfare must be provided and maintained throughout the progress of the event. Neither practice nor race sessions may take place unless proper medical services are available.
- P First aid person and Medical action plan only required

10 RACE DIRECTOR

The race director, who is designated by the organizer with the assistance of the commissaires, shall be responsible for the following:

- A. Maintaining a timetable of events;
- B. Enlisting of all commissaires, officials and administrative staff in numbers which are commensurate with the size of the event;
- C. Arranging for the equipment necessary to conduct a race;
- D. Arranging the trophies and other awards are present and checking the organization of the awards ceremonies.
- 9 Technical Delegate

The Technical Delegate shall:

- Supervise the preparations and the technical aspects of the events, without prejudice to the responsibility of the organizer.
- 2 Be the liaison between the UCI headquarters and the UCI
- 3 Make an advance inspection of the site, meet with the organizers and immediately make a site inspection report to the UCI and provide a copy of this report to the organizer.
- 4 Oversee and follow up with the organizer in the lead up to the event to ensure the recommendations from the site inspection report have been implemented as appropriate.
- Be on site prior to the first official training session and carry out an inspection of the venue and track in conjunction with the president of the commissaires' panel and the organizer. The final determination for the track and any changes are the responsibility of the technical delegate. In cases where a technical delegate does not have to be appointed under these regulations, this task falls to the president of the commissaires' panel;
- 6 Make a general event report to the UCI; this report may be copied to the organizer.
- 7 Make a confidential report on the work of the commissaires' panel.
- 8 Coordinate the team/rider meetings.
- 10 The technical delegate shall be designated by UCI.

For Olympic Games, world championships, continental championships and UCI BMX Supercross World Cup events, the technical delegate is appointed by the UCI.

ANNEX 7 – Model Contract between a Rider and a UCI BMX Team

P to view Annex 7 – see full UCI Cycling Regs Part VI