



Cyclocross Rules 2024

One of Cycling BC's primary roles is to support safe and fun experiences in cycling through the enforcement of UCI rules.

UCI Rules are upheld at AA-sanctioned event (ie: Provincial Championship) and beyond. Our other sanctioning levels are designed to welcome athletes into the sport and create positive learning experiences. This document summarizes the most relevant to our membership and how they will be enforced. Read the official UCI rules in their entirety using the links at the end of the document.

- **G** = Guideline
- **E** = Enforced
- N) = National Rule by Cycling Canada Companion Guide
- P) = Provincial Note by Cycling BC

Rule	MP	GR	A	AA	AAA
5.1.017: Course length The course must form a closed circuit of a minimum length of 2.5 km and maximum 3.5 km, of which at least 90% shall be rideable.	G	G	E	E	E
5.1.018: Course width The course must be at least 3 meters wide throughout and clearly marked and protected on both sides.	G	G	G	E	E
5.6.004.3: Number Body number, shoulder number, bicycle number or frame number modified or not positioned in accordance with the regulations.	E	E	E	E	E
5.6.004.20: Garbage Rider or team staff disposing of waste or other objects outside of equipment pit zone or outside any other organised waste zone or waste not returned to team or organisation staff or not collected by team staff. Disposing of waste or other objects in a careless or dangerous manner (e.g. bottle or other object remaining or bouncing back on the track, thrown directly or with excessive force at spectator, causing dangerous manoeuvre by other rider, causing spectator to move onto the track).	E	E	E	E	E
1.3.018: Tyre Width Wheels of the bicycle may vary in diameter between 700 mm maximum and 550 mm minimum, including the tyre. For the cyclo-cross the width of the tyre (measured between the widest parts) shall not exceed 33 mm and it may not incorporate any form of spikes or studs.	G	G	G	E	E
<i>We will be checking tire widths throughout the season at A-sanction events and enforced at AA-sanctioned events (Provincial</i>					

<i>Championships). However, in the spirit of fairness, we recommend all athletes in Open/Elite categories to ensure their tyres are compliant regardless of the event sanctioning level.</i>					
5.1.001 N) The use of a mountain bike will be allowed in some cyclo-cross competitions, and in some cases, for specified categories only.	Mtn. Bike Allowed			E	E
5.1.039: Pit Zone Equipment changes must be carried out within the confines of the pit lane and at the same point. A rider who has passed the end of the pit area must continue to the following pit area for any bicycle or wheel change. A rider who is still in the racing lane may enter the pit lane as long as he retraces his route in the racing lane and enters the other lane at its start without obstructing other competitors.	G	G	E	E	E
5.1.062: Feeding The act of handing out food or drinks is not allowed during cyclo-cross races. Nevertheless, a rider may keep and use food or drinks which they carry on their bikes or in their outfits	G	G	E	E	E
5.1.062.1 P) Feeding is permitted in the pit zone for all ages if the temperature is high, judged and announced by the PCP Commissaire at race start.	E	E	E	E	E
5.1.062.2 P) In the spirit of fairness and health, feeding is permitted in the pit zone for U13/U15/U17 categories regardless of the temperature during non-AAA sanctioned cyclocross races. Racers must stop and put a foot-down to take necessary refreshment that helps them complete their race distance.	All event types except AAA				
5.1.018: U-Turns U-turns on the course shall be installed and protected such as riders may not hold on to the pole or on the barrier in the centre of the U-turns.	G	G	E	E	E
5.1.051: 80% Rule Lapped riders must complete the lap during which they were lapped and leave the event via an exit located before the finishing straight or in the "80%" zone as described in article 5.1.052, if that rule applies. They will be listed in the results in the order in which they are pulled out of the race plus number of laps which have not been completed.	All riders are allowed to finish their race.			E	E
1.3.080 N): Did Not Finish It is mandatory for a rider to inform a commissaire that he has dropped out of the race. Fines or penalties may apply.	G	G	E	E	E
1.3.006: Video Cameras on Bike and Body Onboard video recording devices (cameras) are permitted in road, cyclocross, and velodrome events provided they are "affixed in a manner that ensures it is not susceptible of inadvertently dismounting or is non-removable." However, video recording	E	E	E	E	E

devices are not permitted in any cycling discipline when attached to the helmet or body (i.e., chest mount).

4.1.042: Helmet Cameras in Mtn Bike

Cameras are not permitted during final for cross-country and during qualifying rounds and final for downhill/four cross/cross-country eliminator. The riders are responsible for securing the fixation of the cameras on the bike or on the visor/peak of the helmet in order to avoid any danger. The UCI can decide to allow a camera during final but only for the usage of the TV production company

4.1.042 P)

Cameras cannot be mounted on the underside of the beak. In British Columbia, landowners facilitating events (resorts) reserve the right to further limit the use of cameras.

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Provincial Championships

1.2.028 N)

This competition is open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents and landed immigrants as well as individuals with refugee status in all categories including UCI categories. Proof of citizenship status may be required (passport, permanent resident card, landed immigrant status or refugee status papers).

- Only Canadian citizens eligible to race who have Canadian as their UCI nationality will have access to the Canadian Champion title, podium, medal, and UCI points
- Prize money (where applicable) will be based on order of finish at the National Championships, regardless of citizenship or nationality.
- Should a non-citizen (permanent resident, landed immigrant or individual with refugee status) place amongst the top three overall finishers in the race category, a podium presentation will take place based on order of finish of the race and a second podium presentation based on the National Championships results of eligible Canadian citizens will follow.
- The Provincial Championships are the responsibility of the organizing province. Provinces must organize their championships according to the distances and regulations adopted for the National Championships.

1.2.028 P)

- Proof of BC-residence and a Cycling BC membership is required to earn a Provincial Championship Jersey
- Should a non-Cycling BC member place amongst the top three overall finishers in a Provincial Championship race category, a podium presentation will take place based on order of finish of the race and a second podium presentation based on the Provincial Championships results of eligible Cycling BC member will follow.

UCI Rules (All Disciplines)



UCI Rules (Cyclocross)





BIKE CAMERA POLICY

UCI Rule 1.3.006

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ALLOWED IF ATTACHED TO BIKE



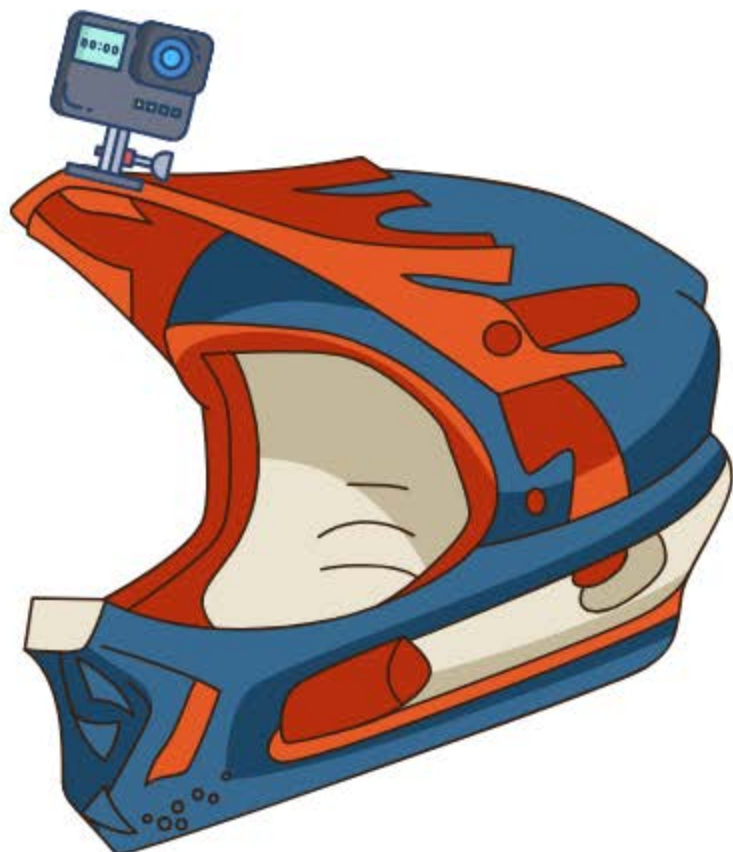


HELMET CAMERA POLICY

UCI Rule 4.1.042

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ALLOWED (PRACTICE ONLY)



NOT ALLOWED

Cycling BC mandates that cameras must be mounted on the top of the flexible visor to limit the risk of damage to a rider's eyes and face in the event of an accident.

