

**REGULATIONS: CHANGES PROPOSALS  
TITLE 6 – BMX**

*(in bold, the modified parts to be approved)*

6.1.003 Categories Championship level  
The BMX competition categories recognized by the UCI are as follows:

- a. **STANDARD BICYCLES**  
Championship level  
Elite Men -19 & over;  
Elite Women - 19 & over;  
Junior Men - 17 & 18;  
Junior Women -17 & 18;  
**Elite Men Time -19 & over;**  
**Trials**  
**Elite Women Time - 19 & over;**  
**Trials**  
**Junior Men Time - 17 & 18;**  
**Trials**  
**Junior Women Time -17 & 18;**  
**Trials**  
**(4-8 categories).**
- b. ~~CRUISER:~~  
~~Championship level~~  
~~Elite Cruiser -19 & over;~~  
~~Elite Women Cruiser -19 & over;~~  
~~Junior Cruiser -17 & 18;~~  
~~Junior Women Cruiser -17 & 18;~~  
~~(4 categories).~~

(article modified on 01.02.11)

Explanation:

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6.1.006 A rider aged 17 years or over may choose to compete at either Championship or Challenge level at the beginning of the season namely in the appropriate age and gender group in standard bicycle categories (20")and/or cruiser categories (24").

The calendar season starts on August 1 and continues until July 31 of the following year.

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A rider cannot ride in both Championship and Challenge levels at the same event.

**Furthermore, a rider who has scored at least one UCI ranking point in the current world championship qualification year, or who during the current year has been a member of a team registered with the UCI, cannot enter the masters or challenge categories at the current world championships.**

(article modified on 01.02.2011)

Explanations:

*Basically hindering elite riders "to down grade" and ride Masters at the World Championships. The addition of the "member of a team registered with the UCI" clause puts the rule in line with 4.1.009 and provides for any future developments in Supercross or elite competitions that may be developed.*

6.1.018 If applicable, for each moto in which he competes, a rider shall receive a point score equal to his finish position in the race, with the rider in first place earning one point and so on down to the eighth place rider, who will receive eight points. The riders with the lowest total points earned in the motos transfer to the next stage of competition in accordance with the rules set forth in Appendix 3.

In qualification phase the top four finishing riders will transfer to the next stage of competition.

A rider who starts but does not complete a moto will be recorded as «Did Not Finish (DNF) and will receive a score equal to the number of riders who started the moto. This rider will be eligible to transfer.

**A rider who starts but has been relegated by the commissaires to last place will be recorded as "relegated"(REL) and will receive a score equal to the number of riders who started the moto plus two points. This rider will be eligible to transfer.**

If one rider or more riders fails to start in the final they will be declared as a Did Not Start (DNS).

In the qualifiers and finals, DNF will be ranked before relegated (REL) riders and the latter before DNS riders. In case of multiple DNF, REL or DNS, the tiebreaker (within each group) will be as follows:

- 1 Position in previous heat ;
- 2 Lap time in last run of previous heat);
- 3 Time trials results.

(article modified on 18.06.10; 01.02.11).

Explanations:

*At this point a rider who is relegated is scored the same as a rider who is a DNF. As the DNF is usually a result of the actions of the relegated rider, the relegated rider needs to have a 2 point penalty in line with the first DNS ruling.*

6.1.021 Staging and gate positions

The gate starting positions for motos shall be determined according to the rule set forth in Appendix 2 and shall be indicated on the moto sheets. The gate starting positions shall be determined by one of the following:

- A. By seeding determined by lap time from the previous round or time trials (fastest rider have first choice on gate).
- B. By random by the computer for all rounds of racing, where a UCI authorized computer race program is utilized.
- C. By drawing lots for all rounds of racing.

**D. By initial gate pick determined by using UCI ranking (on applicable level) as determined in article 6.1.078; followed by the finish placing from the previous round (first placed rider have first choice on gate).**

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

It is each rider's responsibility to be in the staging area and on the gate at the appropriate times.

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

(article modified on 30.01.09; 01.02.11)

Explanations:

*Clause D gives the opportunity to seed using rider rankings when time trials or lap timing is not being used by the organisers.*

6.1.026 Track flags

Flags of the colours listed below **are 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:

- GREEN FLAG: The course is unobstructed and racing can proceed.
- YELLOW FLAG: The course is obstructed and racers should be held at the gate.  
Riders on the track should stop immediately and return to the starting gate to await further instruction.
- RED FLAG: return to the starting gate to await further instruction.

(article modified on 01.02.11)

Explanations:

*Change the word "are" to "may be" as the use of radio communication is more commonly used.*

6.1.072 Each bicycle entered into competition must have a number plate attached to the front of the handlebars. The upper edge of this number plate may not extend above the crossbar safety pad on any handlebars having a crossbar.

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:

Elite Men, Elite Women, ~~Elite Cruiser Men, Elite Cruiser Women~~:  
white plate, black numbers.

Juniors Men, Juniors Women, ~~Juniors Cruiser Men, Juniors Cruiser Women~~:

black plate, white numbers.

Challenge level:

Men, Boys: yellow plate, black numbers;

Girls, Women: blue plate, white numbers;

Cruiser: red plate, white numbers.

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. The number shall be black with a white background. The height of the number must be a minimum of 8 cm with a width of 1 cm.

In all UCI sanctioned BMX events a rider must display the number assigned to him according to the rules set forth in § 10. A rider who fails to display the correct number will not be scored.

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 marking on their number plate if it's provided by the Organiser.

(article modified on 01.02.11)

Explanation:

*Check 6.1.003 explanation*

- 6.1.075 Number 1 – 8 are reserved and will be assigned to the top 8 finishers in the previous years BMX world championship **in the standard class, and** can be used for the upcoming season. A rider who is eligible for number 1 - 8 must choose between his "career" number and his world championship number for the season. In the event that he chooses his world championship number, the career number will remain and not become available to anyone else.

(article modified on 01.02.11)

Explanations:

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- 6.2.001 Chapter INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Registration of participants

**All competitions open to international riders should be considered an international event and must be registered on the UCI calendar.** Riders wishing to compete in an international BMX event may register only under the auspices and through the agency of the national federation.

(article modified on 01.02.11)

Explanations:

*There has been some confusion regarding how many international riders make up for an international event. This is just to clarify it.*

### 6.3.005 Registration of participants

Riders wishing and eligible to compete in a UCI BMX supercross world cup competition may register only under the auspices and through the agency of the national federation or their UCI registered trade team. All competition entry dates must be adhered to. All race fees must be forwarded to the UCI.

Entry fees, due to the organizer of a BMX supercross world cup event, are as follows: -CHF 150.00 per entered rider per category;

UCI BMX trade teams can register their riders according to article 6.8.019 **(if applicable)**

(article modified on 01.02.11)

#### Explanations:

*We haven't introduced official UCI BMX Trade Teams yet (because of the lack of interest from the industry), and therefore the "if applicable" is in there. We expect to launch official UCI trade teams in 2012 (or latest in 2013).*

### 6.3.007 Time Trials Qualification

Each UCI BMX supercross world cup event will have a time trials qualification event. The time trials qualification will be a maximum of two single runs for each competitor where riders will be qualified for the main event based on their best lap time. Riders are transferred and seeded according to the position gained in the time trial qualification **(and the actual run they qualified from)**.

The number of entered riders per category determines how many riders qualify **after the first run of the time trials**, according to the following table:

64+ Entries Qualify the top 64 **(and top 16 into a time trials superfinal)** from the time trial to eight 8-rider eighth finals, featured over three rounds.

48-63 Entries Qualify the top 48 **(and top 16 into a time trials superfinal)** from the time trial to eight 6-rider eighth finals, featured over three rounds.

32-47 Entries Qualify the top 32 **(and top 16 into a time trials superfinal)** from the time trial to four 8-rider quarter-finals, featured over three rounds.

~~46~~ 25-31 Entries Qualify the top ~~46-24~~ **(and top 16 into a time trials superfinal)** from the time trial to ~~two four~~ **6** 8-rider ~~semi~~ **quarter**-finals, featured over three rounds.

**16-24 Entries Qualify the top 16 (and top 8 into a time trials superfinal) from the time trial to two 8-rider semi-finals, featured over three rounds.**

12-15 Entries Qualify the top 12 **(and top 6 into a time trials superfinal)** from the time trial to two 6-rider semi-finals, featured over three rounds.

With less than 12 entries, the category will not be run.

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#### Explanations:

*In order to be consistent with the BMX world championships, the SX world cup format has been modified to make a more TV and spectator friendly time trials format.*

Chapter Olympic Games

## 6.5.002 Event format

The Olympic Games events will be run in two phases, the time trials and the qualifiers phase with the final.

The time trials will be **two one** single run for each competitor where riders will be seeded for the main event based on their best lap time **(out of two)**.

The time trial phase will be used to determine seeding in the main event according to the rules set forth in article 6.1.079.

For elite men, the qualifiers phase starts with the quarter finals. The quarter finals will be featured over 5 rounds. **The first 3 rounds will determine the top two riders in each group with the lowest overall points who shall transfer to the next finals. The remaining 2 rounds will transfer the following two riders in each group with the lowest overall points.** The semi finals will be featured over three rounds, where the top four riders in each group with the lowest overall points shall transfer to the next finals. The final will be featured over one round.

For elite women, the qualifiers phase starts with the semifinals. The semifinals will be featured over three rounds, where the top four riders in each group with the lowest overall points shall transfer to the final. The final will be featured over one round.

The lap time in each run will determine the gate pick for the next run. The rider with the fastest lap time has the first gate pick.

(article modified on 01.02.11)

Explanations:

*The IOC has made a request towards to UCI to extend the olympic competition format to 3 days (sessions). In order to do so, the format has been modified accordingly.*

## 6.6.001 Chapter TEAM COMPETITION

**NEW TEAM SHEET**

General team rules

This chapter is applicable to:

- National teams – challenge category
- National teams – championship category**
- Trade teams – challenge category
- Trade teams – championships category

Age categories are as described in articles 6.1.003 and 6.1.004

(article modified on 01.02.11)

Explanations:

*These changes are just to further explain the competition rules for team competition (which was not clear in the past)*

Team competition categories

- 6.6.003 There shall be two categories of team competition: national teams and UCI BMX trade teams. Every nation having a sufficient number of riders registered at an event to field a team may compete against other national teams at that event in the appropriate national team class. For

Challenge National and Trade Teams, the team can be made up of **a maximum of 4 rider per team (from these classes mentioned in 6.1.004)**; any combination of the following:-

**Only 1 rider from any standard 20" age group is allowed (male or female);**

**Female riders only 2 are allowed (cruiser or 20");**

**Cruiser riders male or female only 2 are allowed.**

Any corporation or other business entity that chooses to sponsor a team, may compete against other corporate sponsored teams in the appropriate UCI BMX trade team class. **For the championships trade team, the team can be made up of any combination of the following:- A maximum of 4 rider per team (from these classes); elite men, elite women, junior men, junior women. At least 2 elite men must be used. Female riders only 1 is allowed;**

(article modified on 01.02.11)

Explanations:

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6.6.05.1 **If applicable, a rider may be entered for both standard bicycle and cruiser category for one and the same national team or trade team.**

(article modified on 01.02.11)

Explanations:

If a rider competes in two classes (which is not the case all the time)

World Championships

9.2.47 Categories

The categories for which the title of world champion will be awarded are as follows:

a. STANDARD BICYCLES, (male/female riders), championship level:

- Elite Men – 19 & over
- Elite Women – 19 & over
- Junior Men – 17 & 18
- Junior Women – 17 & 18
- Elite Men Time Trials – 19 & over;
- Elite Women Time Trials - 19 & over;

**~~b. CRUISER BICYCLES (male/female riders), championship level:~~**

- ~~• Elite Cruiser – 19 & over;~~
- ~~• Elite Women Cruiser – 19 & over;~~
- ~~• Junior Cruiser – 17 & 18;~~
- ~~• Junior Women Cruiser – 17 & 18.~~

b. STANDARD BICYCLES (male riders) masters level:

- Masters – 30 & over.

(article modified on 01.02.11)

## 9.2.047bis

Competition format of the world championships (only for A category outlined in article 9.2.047

The *world championships* are run in two phases, the first consisting in a time trial event by which the participation in the second phase, i.e. qualifiers stage (including the final) will be determined. **In addition the time trial will determine the time trials world champion.**

(article modified on 01.02.11)

9.2.047ter **Qualification Time Trials**

The participation in the qualifiers stage of the *UCI BMX world championships* will be determined by the time trial event. This time trial event consists in a maximum of two single runs for each competitor. ~~The riders will be eligible for the qualifiers stage based on their best lap time.~~

**The time trials will consist of two single runs with the following purposes.**

- 1. To qualify riders to the qualification stage.**
- 2. To determine the final Time trials results and seeding.**

The ranking obtained in the time trial event will be used to determine seeding of the qualifiers stage (including the final), according to article 6.1.079.

The number of entered riders per category at qualification determines how many riders qualify **after the first run of the time trials**, according to the following table:

**128+ Entries Qualify the top 128 (and top 16 into a time trials superfinal) from the time trial to sixteen 8-rider 1/16 finals, featured over one round.**

64-128 Entries Qualify the top 64 (and top 16 into a time trials superfinal) from the time trial to eight 8-rider eighth finals, featured over three rounds.

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**In addition, the first run qualifies the top 16 (or as stated above) to a time trials superfinal. In the time trials superfinal run, the result will determine the final result of the time trials and final seeding into the qualifier stage.**

A rider who fails to start on his designated start time in the first time trial run will be classified as a Did Not Start (DNS) **and will be ineligible to transfer in the qualifiers stage.**

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#### 9.2.048 Registration of participants

At standard bicycle races, in the elite and junior elite categories, a rider may only be entered if he scored at least one UCI ranking point in the current world championship qualification year or at the preceding world championships.

A national federation may enter up to three riders who do not meet the requirements of the criteria listed above.

~~There are no restrictions for cruiser races.~~

Furthermore, each national federation shall be permitted to register up to 16 riders in masters.

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