

2016-17 Regulation Changes – CYCLO-CROSS

This document has been produced to help guide officials through any changes within the 2016 handbook and to give a brief outline of the reason for the change.

Additions are in bold and have been highlighted; a line has been placed through removals.

Reg	Regulation	Reason																		
5.10	Under 12s shall compete only amongst themselves. Event organisers may choose to sub-divide the Under 12 category into separate races or starts for different age groups (e.g. U10s, U8s etc.). Where such races are held, riders may only compete in the youngest age group to which they are eligible.	To ensure that under 12 riders compete in their own age band, and do not "ride up" within the wider under 12 band.																		
5.11	Youth riders shall not compete against any categories other than themselves and women, except that: where the Chief Commissaire considers there to be insufficient entries to justify a separate race, races for youth riders may be held in conjunction with the event for the next highest age category, provided that the race durations outlined in regulation 12.1 are respected.	For clarity, remainder of 5.10 renumbered as 5.11.																		
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7.2.2	At the discretion of the Federation, certain championship categories may be contested within a single race. In particular, the women's race shall incorporate the junior women's category in accordance with UCI regulations.	Example no longer applies.																		
7.2.8	Entries for all National Championships must be on the official entry form. in the official entry format.	Paper entries no longer accepted.																		

9.6	Where planks are used, the obstacle must consist of two planks placed 4 to 6 metres apart. Planks must be solid for their entire height, not made of metal and shall stretch the full width of the course. The maximum height shall be 40 cm; in Category A events only a single section of planks is permitted. In the event that the course is abnormally slippery, the plank section may be removed on the decision of the chief commissaire.	<i>In line with UCI regulations and safety requirements.</i>
9.11	Under 12s events races	<i>Consequential to 5.10 above.</i>
9.11.1	An event Races for under 12 year olds shall be promoted on a simple course at each cyclo-cross meeting. A maximum entry fee of £5 may be charged. The course laid out for under 12s should emphasise the need to develop riding skills and should aim to provide fun and encouragement to young riders. In particular care should be taken to avoid the need for strenuous physical effort.	
10.1	The equipment pit is that part of the circuit where riders can change wheels or bicycles, or receive mechanical assistance . Servicing and the changing of bicycles will only be allowed in these pits. Any rider passing the yellow flag marking the exit of the pit area must continue on the course until reaching the next pit area. The provision of equipment pits is obligatory in all races except those for under 12s and those promoted under the Go-Cross category.	<i>In line with UCI regulations.</i> <i>To precisely determine the point after which this provision applies.</i>
10.2	In category C races a minimum of one and a maximum of two pit areas shall be provided. In category B races and above two single pits, or one double pit as defined in regulation 10.4, shall be provided. Equipment pits shall be judiciously located adjacent to the course, in places where speeds are not high, but not on stony or downhill stretches. They shall be free of artificial obstacles. In category B events and above the race lane and the pit lane shall be separated and distinctly marked out by tape or barriers.	<i>To extend the provision for a separate pit lane to category B events (update of first sentence of 10.7, which is now deleted).</i>
10.5	Pits shall be straight and in clearly defined areas. They should be signposted and precisely marked by yellow flags located at the beginning and the end of the separation between the race and pit lanes. at each corner	<i>To define more precisely where the yellow flags should be located; in line with UCI regulations.</i>
10.7	In category A events the race lane and the pit lane shall be separated and distinctly marked out by tape or barriers. A rider may use the pit lane only in the event of a change of bicycle or wheel. A rider may only take the pit lane with the intention of changing a bicycle or wheel, or receiving mechanical assistance. Access shall be provided for riders' assistants only on one side of the pit lane.	<i>To update in line with UCI regulations regarding mechanical assistance, but to introduce an explicit reference of intent for domestic regulations to offer flexibility to commissaires.</i>
11.5	Riders shall not receive assistance at the start, or during the event, other than under the provisions of regulation 10. The handing up of refreshment is forbidden.	<i>Consequential change to 10.5 above.</i>
11.8	When being lapped, it is the responsibility of the lapped rider to surrender the racing line. When being lapped or overtaken by a faster rider from another category, the rider being overtaken should be prepared to surrender the racing line.	<i>To extend this provision to riders in another category running concurrently, rather than restrict it to riders being lapped in the same category.</i>

Please note that any regulations not mentioned above remain unchanged from the 2015 handbook.