

2018/19 Regulation Updates – Cyclo-Cross

This document guides officials through the changes within the 2018 handbook, and gives a brief outline of the reason for the change. Additions are in **bold and highlighted**, and deletions have been ~~crossed through~~.

Reg	Regulation	Reason
7.2	<p>National Championships</p> <p>7.2.1 Each season the Federation shall authorise the conducting of a National Championship for each of the following categories:</p> <p>Senior men Senior women Under 23 men Under 23 women Junior men Junior women Youth Under 16 men Youth Under 16 women Youth Under 14 men Youth Under 14 women Veteran men (40-49) Veteran women (40-49) Veteran men (50-59) Veteran women (50-59) Veteran men (60+) Veteran women (60+)</p>	To separate out the 60+ band and to establish gender equality across the categories offered (with the usual provisions on numbers, combining categories, etc.).
7.3	<p>Regional Championships</p> <p>7.3.4 Regional championships may be held for any category recognised under 7.2.1 above, subject to the provisions of general technical regulation 18.7. Categories may be grouped together in combined races at the discretion of the region and organiser.</p> <p>Every championship event must include races for the following categories:</p> <p>“Youth Men”, “Youth Women”, “Junior Men”, “Senior Men”, “Senior Women”, “Veteran Men 40-49 years” and “Veteran Men 50+ years”.</p> <p>Where entries permit, and at the discretion of the promoting organisation or region, races may be split into the following sub-categories:</p> <p>Youth Men: Under 16 Men and Under 14 Women</p> <p>Youth Women: Under 16 Men and Under 14 Women</p> <p>Senior Women: Senior Women, Junior Women and Veteran Women</p>	To remove the overly complex existing regulations, and align to national championship categories.

<p>7.3.5</p>	<p>Veteran Men 50+ years: Veteran Men 50-59 years and Veteran Men 60+ years</p> <p>Gold, silver and bronze medals shall be awarded in each category.</p> <p>Categories recognised under regulation 7.3.4 may be grouped together into combined races within the event programme. There may be separate starts for each category or sub-category, except that junior women shall be fully incorporated into the senior women's category in accordance with UCI regulations.</p>	
<p>7.3.6</p>	<p>Organisers may recognise further sub-categories, e.g. Under-23, Veteran 5-year classifications, but these shall not be subject to separate starts.</p>	
<p>7.3.7</p>	<p>Gold, silver and bronze medals shall be awarded in each category, subject to the provisions of general technical regulation 18.7.</p>	
<p>7.3.8</p>	<p>Organisers shall recognise the winning team in each championship run under the provision of regulation 7.3.4, provided that at least three teams have entered. A team shall comprise a minimum of three riders, and the team championship shall be awarded to the team whose best three finishing positions, when added together, are the lowest aggregate total. In the case of a tie, the team with the best placed third competitor shall be the winner.</p>	<p>Team awards used to work when seniors/juniors/veterans were combined into one race, and there was one overall team award, but now that categories have separate races they have become less relevant and difficult for organisers to cater for. Removing the regulations does not prevent organisers from offering such an award if they so wish, but makes it discretionary rather than obligatory.</p>
<p>7.3.9</p>	<p>Gold medals shall be awarded to the first three riders of each winning team.</p>	
<p>7.4</p>	<p>Inter-Area Team Championships</p>	<p>This competition no longer exists, and if revived is likely to be in a different format which can be addressed via separate competition regulations outside the formal rulebook, as is the case with other inter regional competitions.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>10.1</p>	<p>Equipment Pits</p> <p>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. In races for Under 12s no exchange of equipment is allowed. 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</p>	<p>To limit the equipment required for under 12s races. Pits for under 12s are currently rare</p>

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	equipment pits is obligatory in all races except those for under 12s and those promoted under the Go Cross category.	
10.2	The provision of equipment pits is obligatory in all races except those for under 12s, those promoted under the Go Cross category, or as One Bike events. In these races equipment pits will not be provided. Where a One Bike category forms part of a wider event, competitors in that category may not use the equipment pits or enter the pit lane.	To recognise the provision of “one bike” events, primarily aimed at newcomers, where two bikes, helpers etc. are not required.
10.7	Any rider passing the yellow flag marking the exit of the pit area must continue on the course until reaching the next pit area.	To move the reference to passing yellow flags to after the point in the regulations where the purpose of the yellow flags is defined.
14	Prize Money	The “one prize per five competitors” regulation was deemed to be unworkable in the current climate of high participation and multiple categories/sub categories and also counter to the aim to achieve gender equality. A survey of regional prize money policy had indicated that more than half of leagues do not apply the regulation and others struggle to do so.
14.1	With the exception of Go-Cross races, organisers shall provide a minimum prize list for each main category (seniors, juniors, veterans, women, youth) made up as follows: 1—5 entrants: 1 prize 6—10 entrants: 2 prizes 11—15 entrants: 3 prizes and so on The total number of prizes must not be less than one fifth the total number of competitors.	
14.2	Prize values to a minimum of 75% of the net entry fees taken from youth riders should be given in youth events. Prizes shall be awarded to Under 16 Boys, Under 16 Girls, Under 14 Boys and Under 14 Girls, according to the level of participation of each sub category.	
App.	Domestic Events (other than National Trophy and National Championships) Band 3 (double points) – category A. (<i>Regional Championships, other events designated Cat. A status</i>). If there are less than 20 eligible riders in any category the points scale shall default to Band 4; if there are less than 10 eligible riders in any category the points scale shall default to Band 5; if there are less than 5 eligible riders in any category the points scale shall default to Band 6. Band 3 (single points) – category B. (<i>Regional league events - unless granted Cat. A status</i>). If there are less than 20 eligible riders in any category the points scale shall default to Band 4; if there are less than 10 eligible riders in any category the points scale shall default to Band 5; if there are less than 5 eligible riders in any category the points scale shall default to Band 6.	Amendment of domestic points bands to allow more riders to accrue points (now down to top 20 at most regional league races, subject to number of entrants)

<p>Band 4 - category C. (<i>Non-league ranking events</i>). If there are less than 10 eligible riders in any category the points scale shall default to Band 5; if there are less than 5 eligible riders in any category the points scale shall default to Band 6.</p> <p><i>NB: the above applies to all categories.</i></p> <p>National Trophy Band 2 (single points) – Senior (open)</p> <p>Band 3 (double points) – Youth U16, Youth U14, Junior, Veteran 40-49, Veteran 50-59, Veteran 60+.</p> <p>National Championships Band 2 (double points) – Senior (open)</p> <p>Band 3 (triple points) – Youth U16, Youth U14, Junior, Veteran 40-49, Veteran 50-59, Veteran 60+.</p> <p><i>NB: The system of defaulting to a lower points scale according to entries will also apply to these National Trophy and Championship events. Where the published scale offers multiple points, the lower scale used will award points at the same multiple rate.</i></p>	
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Please note that any regulations not mentioned above remain unchanged from the 2018 handbook.