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## Restart of the UCI International Road competitions in the 2020 season

Dear Presidents of National Federations and Continental Confederations,  
Dear organisers of the UCI International Road events,  
Dear UCI Road Teams' Managers,

The UCI has recently published [a press release relating to the main lines of the UCI International Road Calendar for the end of the 2020 season](#), which makes it possible to envisage a resumption of international events in the coming months and today the UCI has also published the revised calendar of the UCI WorldTour and the UCI Women's WorldTour with the conclusion of the international Road cycling season on Sunday 8 November 2020.

Given the exceptional circumstances that we are all facing, I would like to provide more details on the practical arrangements for the reorganisation of the 2020 UCI International Calendar and the UCI Regulations for the restart of the 2020 season, in response to the exceptional circumstances that we are all facing.

### Reorganisation of the end of 2020 season calendar

The revised UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour calendars have been announced today. The reorganisation process for all the other events for the end of the season will take place within a limited period of time including the publication of the dates of all other events of the UCI international calendar Men and Women before 20 May at the latest.

As everyone can imagine, not all events can be rescheduled for the end of the season at their preferred date, and unfortunately not all the organisers' requests will be honoured. I count on everyone to demonstrate common sense and solidarity amongst organisers and amongst countries to allow all events to take place in the best possible conditions.

This reorganisation process will be carried out by the UCI Sports Department, which will communicate the administrative procedure to be followed by National Federations and Professional Leagues, regarding the creation of the calendar.

### **2020 National Championships (art. 1.2.028, 1.2.029)**

The UCI has determined a new date for the organisation of the 2020 Road National Championships for Elite Road Races on the weekend of 22 and 23 August 2020. Time trials can be organised earlier in the week.

I am conscious that several National Federations may not be authorised to organise their National Championships on this weekend. Depending on the evolution of the situation an additional alternative date could be proposed to National Federations. The UCI will liaise with concerned National Federations on this topic at a later stage.

National Federations which cannot organise their National Championships on these dates must inform the UCI via the usual pdf event registration form.

### **Registration fee on the UCI International Calendar**

UCI International Calendar registration fees will not be required by the UCI for events which are cancelled in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. All the issued invoices will be the subject of a credit note and the payments already collected by the UCI will be credited to the organisers' account for the 2021 season. However, the organisers who wish to be reimbursed should send their request to [accounting@uci.ch](mailto:accounting@uci.ch).

Likewise, the UCI will not apply an additional tax when a change of event date is requested by an organiser as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Concerning any of the contributions to the UCI antidoping program, the UCI has called on the Cycling Antidoping Foundation (CADF) to inform the UCI, which is waiting for the CADF's response on this matter. The UCI will come back to you in more details on this topic upon assessment of the CADF's conclusions.

### **UCI Points and UCI Road Rankings**

The UCI Road Rankings are suspended until the date of resumption of competition on the UCI International Calendar. The points already allocated remain acquired in the various rankings. The points acquired on events from the 2019 season are kept in the rankings until the organisation of the event in 2020 season. The 2019 points of the events, which are definitively cancelled in 2020, are withdrawn after 52 weeks has elapsed.

These methods of calculating the UCI rankings guarantee consistency of the rankings and their continuity, making it possible, for example, to maintain the provisions relating to the obligatory invitations of articles 2.1.007bis (for the UCI WorldTour and the continental circuits) and 2.13.006 (for the UCI Women's WorldTour), which will be applied in the usual way for the 2021 season.

Furthermore, the UCI will analyse, as soon as possible, and in any case, at the end of the 2020 season the consequences of the situation linked to COVID-19 on the various rankings.

### **Special provisions for the UCI Under 23 Nations' Cup events (2.14.021)**

No representative 2020 ranking of the UCI Under 23 Nations' Cup being available, organisers of UCI Under 23 Nations' Cup events taking place from July 2020 must invite the 15 first nations of the final ranking of the UCI Under 23 Nations' Cup for the 2019 season, as published on the UCI website.

## **2020 UCI Road World Championships qualification system**

In order to allow National Federations with extra time to prepare their participation to the UCI Road World Championships, qualifications will be based on the UCI World Ranking and UCI Continental Rankings already calculated and published on Tuesday 17 March 2020 (instead of Sunday, 16 August 2020) for the Women Elite, Men Elite and Under 23 categories. This decision also aims to ensure the greatest level of equity amongst nations, using this ranking that was calculated before the start of the crisis and that takes into account the majority of the UCI international events over 52 weeks.

In order to take into account the fact that most Continental Championships could not take place before the UCI Road World Championships, or may be cancelled in 2020, the provisions of the qualification system for all categories (ME, WE, MU, MJ and WJ) aiming at authorizing the participation of the defending Continental Champions, in addition to the quota allocated to their nations, are removed. This aims to ensure equity amongst the different continents and not penalise the continents which could not organise their event in 2020.

The qualification system for the Junior categories must be also modified to adapt to exceptional circumstances. Indeed, as no representative ranking is available, the participation quotas for the year 2020 will be identical to the participation quotas for the year 2019.

For the Under 23 and Junior categories, the UCI may study exceptional requests from the National Federations and may allocate additional participation quotas, depending on availability and the criteria that the UCI will establish while respecting the relevant provisions of the UCI Regulations.

A new version of the qualification system for the 2020 UCI Road World Championships will be published on the UCI website shortly to reflect these changes and quotas will also be published in due time.

## **Adjustment of participation rules in events**

### Participation in Men Elite UCI ProSeries events (2.1.005)

The number of UCI Continental Teams authorised to participate in a Men Elite UCI ProSeries event will not be limited for the 2020 season (instead of a maximum of two in the article). However, the organisers must ensure priority to the participation of UCI ProTeams.

### Participation in the Women Elite Class 1 and Class 2 events (2.1.005)

Until the end of the 2020 season, all eight UCI Women's WorldTeams will be allowed to participate in a Class 1 event (instead of maximum five UCI Women's WorldTeams in the article).

Regarding Class 2 and in accordance with the exemption granted at the start of 2020, a maximum of three UCI Women's WorldTeams may take part in a Women Elite Class 2 event. This exemption is maintained but the maximum of three UCI Women's WorldTeams is now raised to five UCI Women's WorldTeams until the end of the 2020 season.

In addition, Women Junior riders (second year) may participate in the Women Elite Class 2 events in national teams, regional teams, club teams or a mixed team.

This flexibility should allow riders in this category to benefit from a more extensive schedule of events and allow teams to build up more easily with a enough riders.

#### Flexibility of the number of riders per team on the events (2.2.003, 2.13.005)

For UCI WorldTour events, the number of riders per team will remain eight for Grand Tours and seven for other stage races. Provisions of Article 2.2.003 applies if a team starts the race with fewer riders than established without valid justification.

Organisers of one-day races of the UCI WorldTour may reduce the number of riders per team to six (instead of seven riders normally) subject to the agreement of the Professional Cycling Council for each event. This flexibility will allow organisers to adapt the number of riders according to the circumstances of their events, considering, for example, the requests of the teams when possible. Also, this provision should allow organisers that have this possibility to invite more UCI ProTeams to their events to the benefit of the latter.

For one-day races of the UCI WorldTour, if the organiser sets the number of riders at seven, the teams may start with six or seven riders, without being penalised. If the organiser sets the number of riders at six, the teams must start with six riders. This additional flexibility will allow teams engaged on multiple fronts to participate in a greater number of events based on their available roster.

Regarding the one day or stage races of the UCI Women's WorldTour and Women Elite UCI ProSeries, the organiser may reduce the number of riders per team to five (instead of six or seven riders). In this case, the organiser may invite a maximum of 26 teams (instead of 24 teams).

In all cases, the number of riders per team must be clearly indicated in the technical guide for the event and communicated to the teams sufficiently in advance. The maximum number of 176 riders taking part in a race must be respected.

#### Participation in national calendar events (2.8.004, 2.1.009)

To ensure a gradual return to competition during the months of July and August, during which international travel may be restricted in some countries, riders belonging to a UCI team (including riders from UCI WorldTeams and UCI Women's WorldTeams) may participate in individual events in the country of their residence (a country which issued their license) or the country of their nationality, without limitation in number and including the events entered on the national calendar. These provisions will apply for the months of July and August only and the National Federations must give their agreement (in addition to the prior agreement usually required from the teams). National Federation shall also regulate the application of this provision for races in their country if necessary. Also, the legal provisions adopted by the countries, regarding travel restrictions or other health provisions linked to COVID-19, must be respected.

Still with the aim of adapting to the difficulties of international travel, UCI Continental Teams, as well as UCI Women's Continental Teams, registered in a country outside Europe, may always take part in the events of their country's national calendar. Also, with the agreement of the National Federations concerned, these teams may participate in the events of the national calendar of a border country, without limitation, until the end of the 2020 season.

### **Adjustment of the minimum requirements for events on the UCI International Calendar**

#### Number of foreign teams at the start of the events (art. 2.1.003)

Exceptionally for 2020, Class 2 and Class 1 events that fail to ensure the participation of at least five foreign teams at the start of their event will not be penalised and will not be excluded from the International Calendar for this reason.

Minimum number of teams at the start for the Men Elite UCI ProSeries events (2.2.003, 2.18.007)

For 2020, the provisions relating to the minimum number of teams at the start of a Men Elite UCI ProSeries events are suspended.

Minimum number of teams at the start for the Women Elite events (Appendix A of the UCI Regulations)

For 2020, the provisions relating to the minimum number of teams at the start of Women Elite events for all the events on the UCI Women International Calendar are suspended.


All the measures set out in this letter aim to ensure the continuity of the activities of the National Federations, the organisers, the teams and the riders in the best possible conditions of fairness and respect for the UCI Regulations while offering the necessary flexibility for everyone to get through this crisis that affects us all.

However, these measures, which will be published in the Regulations section of the UCI website, are conditioned on a restart of the international cycling season, at least partially, on 1 July 2020, which remains the preferred hypothesis to date.

Depending on the evolution of this situation and in particular as well as the decisions of countries' government and in the event of a change in the date of restart of the season, the cancellation of a large number of events or even the entire end of the 2020 season, the rules and procedures presented above will be subject to amendments, which will be communicated to you in due course. Given the uncertainty regarding the resumption of competitions as planned, we invite all stakeholders to consider the different assumptions that could materialise.

My services at the UCI Sports Department are fully mobilised and are available to answer any questions regarding these new provisions.

I wish everyone a good continuation in the anticipation of restarting the 2020 cycling season and please accept my most cordial greetings.

  
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