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Elite – U23 – Juniors

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1. OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES

1.1. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC) / COMITE D'ORGANISATION

Comité d'organisation de Cyclo-Cross
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Email : cc.pontchateau@gmail.com
Website / Site internet : www.cyclocross-pontchateau.com

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Honorary President / <i>Président d'Honneur</i>	Jean-Yves Plaisance	
Coordinator / <i>Coordinateur</i>	Bernard Clouet	tel : 06.87.33.21.93
Accommodation / <i>Hébergement</i>	Tourism office	
Transport / <i>Transports</i>	Marcel Jeanne	tel : 07.86.70.37.68

1.2. FFC REPRESENTATIVES / REPRESENTANTS FFC

President / <i>Président</i>	Michel Callot
Vice President / <i>Vice-Président</i>	Sylvain Duployer
Events Director / <i>Directeur des Évènements</i>	Nicolas André
Cyclo-cross events coordinator / <i>Responsable épreuves Cyclo-cross</i>	Brendan Gicquello

1.3. UEC REPRESENTATIVES / REPRESENTANTS UEC

UEC Management Board / <i>Comité directeur UEC</i>	Enrico Della Casa (ITA)	President
	Henrik Jess Jensen (DEN)	Vice President
	Delmino Albano Magalhães Pereira (POR)	Vice President
	Katarina Jakubova (SVK)	Member
	Dragomir Kouzov (BUL)	Member

UEC General Secretary / <i>Secrétaire général UEC</i>	Alasdair MacLennan (GBR)
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UEC Events Coordinator / <i>Coordinatrice événements UEC</i>	Tiziana Lardieri (SUI)
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UEC Advisor / <i>Consultant UEC</i>	Jos Smets (BEL)
UEC Technical Delegate / <i>Délégué Technique UEC</i>	Eddy Lissens (BEL)
UEC Photographer / <i>Photographe UEC</i>	Massimo Fulgenzi (ITA)
UEC Video Operator / <i>Opérateur video UEC</i>	Christian Bohm (ITA)

UEC Cyclo-Cross Commission / <i>Commission Cyclo-Cross UEC</i>	Peter Privara (SVK)	President
	Edward Collins (GBR)	Member
	Pascual Momparler Guardiola (ESP)	Member
	Miranda Colenbrander (NED)	Member

1.4. COMMISSAIRES PANEL / COLLEGE DES COMMISSAIRES

President of the Commissaires Panel / <i>Président du Collège</i>	Laurent Genetelli (BEL)
UCI Commissaire / <i>Commissaire UCI (UEC designation)</i>	Matus Radosa (SVK)
National Commissaires / <i>Commissaires nationaux (FRA)</i>	
▪ Commissaire 1 :	Yann Robic
▪ Commissaire 2 :	Laurent Idelot
▪ Commissaire 3 :	Philippe Lambert
▪ Finish judge:	Claude Godin
▪ Timekeeper judge :	Cécile Cardi
▪ Secretary :	Christophe Le Dastumer
Assistant National Commissaires / <i>Commissaires assistants (FRA)</i>	
▪ Pauline, Bradane	
▪ Marie Mélanie Verger	
▪ Stéren Le Mauff	
▪ Caroline Desmons	
▪ Lilian Ponier	
Race Secretary / <i>Secrétaire</i>	Federica Guarniero (ITA)
Timing, results / <i>Chronométrage, résultats</i>	Chronorace (BEL)
Announcer 1 / <i>Animation 1</i>	Daniel Mangeas (FRA)
Announcer 2 / <i>Animation 2</i>	Damien Martin (FRA)

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION / VOYAGE ET HEBERGEMENT

Travel and accommodation expenses to and from Pont-Château must be covered by the National Federations.

Les frais de voyage et d'hébergement de et vers Pont-Château sont à la charge des Fédérations Nationales.

Gare	<u>Nearest airports / Aéroports les plus proches :</u>	Nantes Atlantique Aéroport	50 km du site
		Rennes Bretagne Aéroport	90 km du site
		Pont-Château	1 Km du site
		Savenay	15 Km du site
		St Nazaire	25 Km du site
		Nantes	50 Km du site

All participants must hold a valid passport or identity card.

Tous les participants doivent être en possession d'un passport ou d'une carte d'identité valable.

2.2. VISAS

Visa obligations must be respected.

Each Federation is responsible for obtaining all necessary documents for their delegation to enter the country. More information can be found on <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/web/france-visas/>

For all invitation letter requests please contact the UEC: mail@uec.ch

All riders and attendants must hold an insurance valid in France.

Les obligations en matière de visa doivent être respectées.

Chaque Fédération est responsable de l'obtention de tous les documents nécessaires à l'entrée de sa délégation dans le pays. Vous trouverez de plus amples informations sur le site <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/web/france-visas/>

Pour toute demande de lettre d'invitation, veuillez contacter l'UEC : mail@uec.ch .

Tous les coureurs et accompagnateurs doivent être en possession d'une assurance valable en France.

2.3. OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF THE COMPETITION VENUE / ADRESSE DU SITE DES COMPETITIONS

Parc de Coët-Roz
44160 PONCHÂTEAU
GPS : 47°26'32.6"N 2°05'05.9"W

2.4. RACE COURSE / PARCOURS



2.5. ACCOMMODATION UEC OFFICIAL HOTEL

Domaine de la Bretesche

44780 Missillac

<https://www.bretesche.com/fr/>

2.6. MEDICAL – EMERGENCY - TAXI

Emergency

Secours Urgence	112
Urgence vitale	15
Police	17

Medical team of the Organising Committee

Medical team : AMSLO (number tbc)

Croix-blanche : (number tbc)

Emergency number outside the competition hours: 112

Details of the medical team :

1 doctor and 1 nurse for 3 days

6 paramedics Friday and 12 paramedics on Saturday and Sunday

1 Ambulance Friday and 2 ambulances on Saturday and Sunday

Fire department (800 m) 112

Hospitals

Centre Hospitalier (hospital)

11 bd de l'Europe

44600 Saint Nazaire

Tél. : + 33 2 72 27 80 00

Urgence vitale : 15

25 km

CHU Nantes

9 Rue Moncoustu

44093 Nantes cedex 01

Urgence vitale : 15

50 km

3. TEAM SERVICES

3.1. ACCREDITATION

Accreditations can be collected from Thursday, 3 November at the accreditation centre:

Salle de la Boule d'Or
38 Rue Maurice Sambron
44160 Pont-Château

Please ensure that you collect your accreditation as soon as you arrive at the venue as it will be required for access to all parts of the venue. Accreditations must be worn and visible whenever you pass through accreditation controls.

Accreditation Centre opening times

Thursday, 2 November	10:00 – 12:00	National teams
	14:00 – 17:00	Organising Committee
Friday, 3 November	09:30 – 12:30	13:30 - 17:00
Saturday, 4 November	12:00 – 15:00	
Sunday, 5 November	08:00 – 11:00	13:00 – 15:00

Permanence (LOC office) is located:

Salle de la Boule d'Or
38 Rue Maurice Sambron
44160 Pont-Château

Permanence opening hours

Thursday	2 November	10:00 – 12:00 – 14:00 - 18:00
Friday	3 November	08:00 – 17:00
Saturday	4 November	08:00 – 17:00
Sunday	5 November	08:00 – 17:00

3.2. COMMISSAIRES PANEL MEETING

Salle de la Boule d'Or
38 Rue Maurice Sambron
44160 Pont-Château

Thursday, 2 November 18.45

3.3. CONFIRMATION OF STARTERS / LICENSE CHECK

Registration, check clothing and confirmation of starters will take place:

Salle de la Boule d'Or
38 Rue Maurice Sambron
44160 Pont-Château

Thursday, 2 November 10:00 – 12:00

Team Managers must confirm all starters, presenting all licenses (with passport for the Juniors category) and provide a sample of teams' apparel.

3.4. TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING

The meeting will take place in:

Salle de la Boule d'Or
38 Rue Maurice Sambron
44160 Pont-Château

Thursday, 2 November 18:00

Attendance is required by:

- UEC Cyclo-cross Commission President
- UCI Commissaires
- Team Managers: 1 person per team
- ITA Doping Control Officer
- Event Director
- UEC Technical Delegate

4. MEDIA

4.1. MEDIA CENTRE

Media Centre location: Chalet de Coët-Roz, Pont-Château, near the finish line.
GPS : 47°26'32.6"N 2°05'05.9"W

Media Centre Opening hours:

Friday, 3 November	9:30 – 12:30	13:30 - 17:30
Saturday, 4 November	9:00 – 18:00	
Sunday, 5 November	9:00 – 18:00	

In order to access the Media Centre, an accreditation is required.

To apply for media accreditation, please visit the UEC website www.uec.ch

Media accreditation can be collected at the accreditations centre and photographers' bib's can be collected the media centre during opening hours.

Please ensure that you collect your accreditation as soon as you arrive at the venue as it will be required for access to all parts of the venue. Accreditations must be worn and visible whenever you pass through accreditation controls.

For any requirements, LOC Press Officer Sylvie Pasqualin s.pasqualin@ff.fr or Audrey Charpigny a.charpigny@ffc.fr.

UEC Press Officer Stefano Bertolotti: s.bertolotti@uec.ch

4.2. FLASH INTERVIEW ZONE

Next to the Awards Ceremony podium, a flash interview zone will be organized open for the media, where media can have a short interview with riders they wish to do so.

5. COMPETITION PROGRAMME **subject to TV adjustment*

Friday, 3 November

09:30 – 12:00 Official training - all categories

13:30 – 15:00 Official training - all categories

15:15 Team Relay

16:15 Official ceremony Team Relay

Saturday, 4 November

09:00 - 10:30 Official training - all categories

11:00 Women Juniors (40')

11:50 Official ceremony Women Juniors

12.00 - 13.15 Official training - all categories

13:30 Men U23 (50')

14:30 Official ceremony Men U23

15:00 - 15:50 Women Elite (50')

16:00 Official ceremony Women Elite

16.00 - 17.00 Official training - all categories

Sunday, 5 November

09:00 - 10:30 Official training - Men Junior, Women U23 and Men Elite

11:00 Men Juniors (40')

11:50 Official ceremony Men Juniors

12.00 - 13.15 Official training - Women U23 and Men Elite

13:30 Women U23 (45')

14:25 Official ceremony Women U23

15:00 Men Elite (60')

16:10 Official ceremony Men Elite

6. EVENT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

Article 1 - GENERAL RULES

- 1.1** The Union Européenne de Cyclisme in cooperation with the local organising committee (LOC) will organize the 2023 UEC Cyclo-Cross European Championships held on 3 - 5 November in Pont Château (France).
- 1.2** The events will be organized in accordance with the rules of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) and these rules will be the reference for everything that is not mentioned in the current document.
- 1.3** The Championships (Juniors/U23/Elite) may be contested by riders entered by their National Federation as a National Team.
- 1.4** Entrants for European Championships shall hold licenses issued by a Federation affiliated to the UEC and have the nationality of the Federation doing the entry.
- 1.5** The riders (Juniors/U23/Elite) to contest each Championship shall be confirmed by an official of their Federation to the Commissaires during the confirmation procedure, before the start of the Team Managers meeting.
- 1.6** Riders ages shall be calculated as defined by the UCI rules (5.1.001). Junior and U23 riders cannot race with elite during the European Championships, except U23 riders approved by the UCI to upgrade to the Elite category.

Note that this upgrade is valid for the Cyclo-cross discipline only. In Cyclo-cross, those riders will never recover the Under 23 status, for the rest of their career.

- 1.7** Body numbers – Clothes
The riders are obliged to use the body-numbers which will be supplied by the organization. Changes to these and clothes are not allowed. Riders must compete in their national jersey (where applicable).
- 1.8** Unforeseen
In those cases in which the regulations do not specify, the commissaires panel, in conjunction with the UEC Technical delegate and the organization (where applicable), will decide.

Article 2 - TYPE OF THE EVENTS

2.1 Categories

The events are open to athletes of the following categories:

Women Juniors (17 - 18 years)	2006 – 2007
Women U23 (19 - 22 years)	2002 – 2005
Women Elite (23 years and older)	2001 and older
Men Juniors (17 - 18 years)	2006 – 2007
Men U23 (19 - 22 years)	2002 – 2005
Men Elite (23 years and older)	2001 and older

2.2 UCI Individual classification

According to Appendix 4 of UCI rules, riders will receive the points corresponding to UCI Cyclo-cross individual classification.

Article 3 - PARTICIPATION

NATIONAL TEAMS (JUNIORS, U23 AND ELITE)

3.1 National Federations may enter the following riders per Championship:

- ✓ **8 riders per nation and per category**
- ✓ **4 reserve riders per nation and per category**

3.2 The National Federations have to register their riders (Juniors/U23/Elite) staff and NF Official Delegates directly on the UEC website <https://welcome.endu.net/landing/uec/>

Staff accreditation can only be requested through <https://uec.getyourevent.online>

The registration opens:

Thursday, 1 September 2023 (12:00 CET).

Deadline for the registration:

Friday, 27 October 2023, (23:59 CET)

3.3 Attendants

Each rider may be accompanied by a paramedical assistant and two mechanics.

The paramedical assistant and the mechanics must be provided by the organizer with a bracelet, which gives them access to the start / finish zone or the pit area.

Important

National coaches are asked to prepare in advance the list of assistants working with riders in the start / finish area and in the pit area.

The template form for that list can be found on UEC website and should be returned to v.petsas@uec.ch for the pre-check of assistants' licenses (template form: 2023 UEC Cyclo-Cross European Champs NF registration teams assistants).

Only those declared assistants will be allowed to receive bracelets to access the start / finish zone or the pit area.

The bracelets must be worn by the people confirmed by the National Coach or National Team Manager, he carries this responsibility. These bracelets give access to the course without accreditation.

Article 4 - STARTING ORDER

The start order for ME, MU, MJ, WE, WU and WJ categories will be as follows:

As per the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross individual classification of the current season.

Unclassified riders by nations' rotation as follows:

- For unclassified riders, the start order within the team must be confirmed by the national federations during rider's confirmation.
- Taking each nation in turn on the basis of the classification by nation of the concerned category from the world championships of the previous season, a place shall be allocated to the next rider in sequence;
- Federations which do not appear in the classification by nation specified above shall, on the basis of the same rotation system, take the last places, in an order determined by drawing lots.

Article 5 – ALLOCATION OF START NUMBERS

Men Elite, Men Under 23, Men Juniors, Women Elite, Women Under 23 and Women Junior

Race numbers in sequence from 1 upwards are allocated to the national federation of the 2022 European Champion in the concerned category.

Other numbers are allocated to national federations according to the ranking of their best individual ranked rider in 2022 European Championships.

For nations not ranked or not having taken part in the 2022 European Championships the preceding season, the allocation shall be done by drawing lots by the commissaires' panel.

Article 6 – ALLOCATION OF BOXES IN THE PITS AREA

The pit boxes are allocated the day prior to the continental championships during the team managers meeting as follows:

ME, MU, MJ, WE, WU and WJ categories

1. Separately for each category on the basis of the most recently published UCI cyclo-cross ranking by nation of the current season for the category concerned (or the final ranking of the previous season if no ranking has yet been published for the current season);
2. The allocation of boxes to teams that do not feature in the relevant ranking shall be by drawing lots;
3. The president of the commissaires' panel shall prepare per category the number of pits allocated to each nation, taking into account the number of riders. Three boxes maximum will be allocated to one nation. Nations with a small number of riders may be grouped in the same box;
4. The national team managers shall select their preferred boxes in the order determined by points 1 and 2. Any nation that is allocated 2 or 3 boxes must chose the numbers of these boxes back to back;
5. In case of absence of reply of the team manager or blocked situation, the president of the commissaires panel shall fix the relevant boxes allocation. The final distribution of boxes per nation will be communicated to teams and commissaires.

Article 7 - CLOTHING

All riders of **ME, MU, MJ, WE WU and WJ categories** must start in their national jerseys (art.1.3.059).

The World Champions must start with their rainbow jersey.

The advertisements on jerseys have to be in conformity with art. 1.3.057 of UCI regulations.

Each Team Manager must present the national clothing (jersey and shorts or the national skinsuit) to the commissaires' panel at the starter's confirmation and issuing of start numbers.

Article 8 - CYCLO-CROSS TEAM RELAY UEC EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

8.1 Participation, Registration

For the team relay, each nation may enter only one team. Each National Team shall be made up of :

- 1 Men Elite or 1 Men Under 23,
- 1 Men Under 23 or 1 Men Junior,
- 1 Men Junior,
- 1 Women Elite or 1 Women Under 23,
- 1 Women Under 23 or 1 Women Junior,
- 1 Women Junior.

Incomplete teams are not allowed. One rider cannot race in more than 1 of the above-listed categories.



Each rider selected must already be entered for the individual UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships events. The registration of nations to the Cyclo-cross Team Relay event will be as following:

- by Friday 20 October 2023, 09h00 CET: reply of nations to the participation intention form ("yes", "no", "do not know yet") by e-mail to: v.petsas@uec.ch
- by Friday 27 October 2023, 16h00 CET: registration of nations with 6 riders by e-mail to: v.petsas@uec.ch
- by Thursday 2 November 2023 at 16h30 CET: team composition and start order must be confirmed by e-mail to: v.petsas@uec.ch

The Team Manager must use the form provided to notify the names and categories of the riders making up their team and their start order to the chief commissaire's panel before the above-mentioned deadline. The start order may not be altered subsequently.

8.2 Bib Numbers, Gridding, Start

The order of Nations is drawn based on the results of the team relay event in the preceding UEC European Championships.

For the 2023 UEC Cyclo-cross European Championships, the results of the Cyclo-cross Team Relay event of the 2023 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships, Hoogerheide (NED) will be taken as reference.

The order of Nations not placed will be determined by drawing lots.

This order of Nations for the UEC European Championships team relay shall determine the following elements:

- the order of Nations on the entry list and the allocation of bibs numbers: the first nation will receive the number 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, the second nation the number 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, and so on;
- the call-up order of the first riders to start the team relay: the first rider to start of the nation number 1 of the order will be called first, then the first rider to start of the nation number 2, and so on;
- the number of the start box of the relay zone;
- the number of the pit box of the pit area.

Teams are responsible for determining the order of riders and for their timely presence in the relay zone.

8.3 Team Relay Race

Riders waiting for the relay will have the opportunity to stay sheltered in a tent near the relay area. This space will be heated in case of low temperature or wet weather. The timely arrival of the rider in the relay zone remains the responsibility of the national team.

Each rider shall race during one complete lap of the course used for the individual races of the UEC European Championships. At the end of his lap and in the official relay zone, he shall give the relay to the next teammate.

The finishing rider must touch the hand, arm or shoulder of the next racing rider, when he/she is standstill in the relay box. No flying relay shall be accepted. When he/she is touched by the finishing rider, the next racing rider can start and ride his/her lap.

If the rider finishing his/her relay passes his teammate without touching him, he/she must immediately make a u-turn and come back to the box allocated to his nation. The riders racing after the last relay shall finish their lap by crossing the finish line of the venue.

The information of the logistic conditions of the Relay zone (location of relay boxes, location of warm-up and waiting boxes) will be communicated to National Federations between 23 and 30 October 2023.

8.4 Pit Area

4 Mechanics per nation will be allowed in the pit area, they will receive a bracelet that will give access to the pit area for the Team Relay only.

The boxes allocation will be allocated following the above-mentioned order of Nations: the Nation 1 receive the box nr 1, the Nation 2 the box nr 2 and so on...

8.5 Awards Ceremony, Prizes

The 6 riders of each of the 3 first ranked nations will have to present to the Team Relay UEC Cyclo-cross European Championships awards ceremony. The riders of the 1st nation will all receive one UEC European Champion jersey. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the 18 riders following their Nations' rank.

UCI points are allocated to the nation's women elite and men elite rankings only and not to the riders individually. A minimum of 5 nations must compete in the cyclo-cross team relay for UCI points to be awarded.

Article 9 – OTHER UCI-RULES

1. Wearing a rigid safety helmet shall be mandatory during competitions and training sessions.
2. Bicycles used for Cyclo-Cross races must comply with UCI regulations.
3. For the Cyclo-Cross bicycle the width of the tyres (measured between the widest parts) shall not exceed 33 mm and it may not incorporate any form of spike or stud (1.3.018).
4. Using of disc brakes are allowed in cyclo-cross training and competition (1.3.025).
5. For races on the road and cyclo-cross, the use of fixed sprocket is forbidden: a braking system that acts on both wheels is required.
6. The article on the maximum gear ratio for junior is not valid for Cyclo-cross events.
7. Personal high-pressure cleaners are forbidden in the pit area during the continental cyclo-cross championships.
8. UCI cyclo-cross teams
 - The European Championships is a competition raced by National Teams and not by Trade Teams.
 - UCI cyclo-cross teams registered with the UCI receive 2 accreditations for the team managers zone in the pit area and 2 parking passes so that Teams' management may assist to the UEC European Championships.
 - The parking pass for UCI Cyclo-cross Teams will not give access to the National Teams parking.
 - If one vehicle must access to the National Teams parking, it must be integrated in the list of vehicles for that National Team by the National coach.

Article 10 - AWARD CEREMONIES / JERSEY & MEDALS

Every European Championship will be awarded for:

The 1st place: Champion(s) jersey and Gold medal

The 2nd place: Silver medal

The 3rd place: Bronze medal

Within 10 minutes following the end of each race (unless otherwise provided and duly recorded in an official communiqué), the European Champion, as well as the second and the third placed riders shall be ready for the official ceremony that will be held after each race in the finish area.

Riders ME, MU, MJ, WE WU and WJ categories shall appear in racing attire, wearing their national jerseys but bare-headed and without headband or glasses, until they leave the official ceremony enclosure.

Article 11 – PRIZE MONEY

PLACE	MEN ELITE	WOMEN ELITE	MEN U23	WOMEN U23	MEN JUNIORS	WOMEN JUNIORS
1	€ 1'400,00	€ 1'400,00	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ 350,00	€ 350,00
2	€ 800,00	€ 800,00	€ 400,00	€ 400,00	€ 200,00	€ 200,00
3	€ 600,00	€ 600,00	€ 300,00	€ 300,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
TOTAL	€ 2'800,00	€ 2'800,00	€ 1'400,00	€ 1'400,00	€ 700,00	€ 700,00

The prize money will be transferred by the UEC directly to the concerned National Federations.

Article 12 - ANTIDOPING

The UCI antidoping regulations are entirely applicable to the event.

The antidoping controls will be under the responsibility of the ITA (International Testing Agency) and AFLD (Agence Française de Lutte contre le Dopage).

Article 13 - PENALTIES

The UCI penalty scale is the only one applicable.

Article 14 - RESPONSIBILITIES

The Organizer and the UEC will not, under any circumstances, be liable to any accidents or damage that occurs during training and competitions.

The Organizer and the UEC decline all responsibilities towards the riders and others in case of an accident. For all cases not covered by these specific regulations, the UCI rules will apply. Any problems will be solved between the organizers, the Commissaires Panel and UEC officials.

7. PARKING

Parking P1	Officials, media, VIP
Parking P2	National teams 2 passes : 1 pass for Friday/Saturday + 1 pass for Sunday. No overnight camping or permanent parking is allowed in this parking area One car per rider of a national team (Friday/Saturday or Sunday)
Parking P3	Overnight camping or permanent parking is allowed in this parking area Parking pass P3 (individuals and rider's camper) Parking pass P2 (only for national federations and UCI team).

The parking passes for the national teams will be collected in the accreditation centre, by one delegate per nation only.

The parking passes for the riders will be distributed after the team managers meeting.