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Amendment of regulations for 2013

Dear Sir or Madam,

You may have noticed that Parts 1 and 2 of the UCI Regulations have been updated on the UCI website. These updates consist of a number of amendments to the rules that I would like to bring to your attention. In numerical order:

- A new licence for "Vehicle drivers in a road event" has been introduced. **NOTE: This measure specifically concerns members of the press.**
- A new registration condition has been introduced for sports directors (and assistant sports directors) working with UCI ProTeams.
- The scope of application of Article 2.2.001 is extended to the development team of a Professional Continental Team.
- The status quo regarding race communications (earpieces) is maintained for 2013 – Article 2.2.024.
- The time limit for a one-day race has increased to 8% – Article 2.3.039.
- A second scale of time bonuses has been introduced for Grand Tours – Article 2.6.019.

Finally, a request is made to teams concerning the number of riders registered for UCI WorldTour events with a view to a change of the regulations for 2014.

CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS

➤ A new licence for "Vehicle drivers in a road event"

Art. 1.1.010
[...]

1.8 Other

1. Vehicle driver (car, motorbike, etc.) in a road event

This provision removes the exemption described by Article 2.2.035 that concerned journalists and guests of honour. The article in question has been amended as follows:

Followers

2.2.035 All persons in a race **convoy**, except for accredited journalists and guests of honour **who are not vehicle drivers**, have to be licence holders. [...]

From now on, anyone behind the steering wheel of a vehicle in a race convoy must hold a licence, without exception. Individuals who do not already carry out a function in cycling that requires a licence must obtain a **licence as a vehicle driver** from their National Federation. It should be emphasised that this imperative applies only to those people who want to **drive** a vehicle. Passengers are not subject to this new requirement.

We invite you to consult Articles **2.2.050** and **2.2.053** which provide further details of the various obligations and consequences of this new provision.

Note: The regulations do not specify the conditions for granting a licence to drivers. This means that the content of Article 1.1.006 remains fully in force, in particular with regards to the right of National Federations to issue "licences according to such criteria as they may determine".

➤ **A new registration condition for sports directors (and assistant sports directors) working with UCI ProTeams**

In 2009, the Professional Cycling Council (then known as the UCI ProTour Council) decided that from 2013, all sports directors working with a UCI ProTeam would have to have passed the examination of the UCI course for sports directors. This decision was communicated and has been the subject of an annual reminder to all teams.

The amendments to Articles 1.1.075 and 1.1.077 enshrine this decision by the PCC in the regulations.

It should be noted that sports directors joining a UCI ProTeam for the first time are allowed an additional year to fulfil the requirement. This exception concerns, for example, personnel of a team recently promoted to UCI ProTeam status, or a rider who is acting as a sports director following retirement from competition.

➤ **Extension of the scope of application of Article 2.2.001 to the development team of a Professional Continental Team**

In order to guarantee the sporting integrity of competition, Article 2.2.001 prohibits the participation in the same event of teams that have:

- a) a paying agent in common,
- b) a main partner (sponsor) in common.

Furthermore, (c) a **UCI ProTeam** may not participate in the same event as its development team.

The amendment of Article 2.2.001 extends this exclusion to (d) a **Professional Continental Team** and its development team.

"[...] Likewise, the participation of both a UCI Professional Continental Team and the development team supported by this same UCI Professional Continental Team is prohibited."

➤ **Status quo for 2013 regarding race communications (earpieces) – Article 2.2.024**

Article 2.2.024 has been modified such that the rules are unchanged for 2013.

➤ **The time limit for a one-day race has increased to 8% – Article 2.3.039**

Last year it was decided to ensure strict application of the time limits for stage races. As these are established by the organisers of events, all organisers were asked to review and increase time limits in order to avoid commissaires having to make numerous disqualifications.

In one-day events, the time limit was set by the regulations at 5% of the winner's time. The amendment of the regulations has increased this time limit to 8%.

➤ **A second scale of time bonuses for Grand Tours – Article 2.6.019**

Some Grand Tours have been reluctant to award time bonuses in their events as these are considered excessive (20", 12", 8" at the finish and 6", 4" and 2" at intermediate sprints). As a result, it has been decided to offer flexibility on time bonuses by introducing a second scale of 50% of the original scale. Consequently, the following time bonuses may also be awarded during Grand Tours: 10", 6", 4" at the finish and 3", 2", 1" at intermediate sprints. It remains up to the organiser whether to award any time bonuses at all and which scale to use. A few clarifications are required however:

- If the lower scale is used at the finish, then the lower scale must also be used for intermediate sprints. The sporting logic is that the total time bonuses for intermediate sprints must not exceed the time bonuses at the finish.
- On the other hand, the lower scale for intermediate sprints may be used in conjunction with the higher scale at the finish.
- The organiser may also decide to only award time bonuses at intermediate sprints and not at the finish, or vice versa.

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REQUEST BY THE PROFESSIONAL CYCLING COUNCIL


The Professional Cycling Council deplors the fact that some teams present incomplete squads for UCI WorldTour events. It is not unusual for teams to field 7, or even 6, riders for events for which the statutory number of riders is 8. Of course, this observation does not apply to cases of force majeure or when enrolled riders cannot take to the start line for other justified reasons.

When this practice is implemented deliberately, it damages the image of the UCI WorldTour and is also harmful to the organiser who is required to invite all UCI ProTeams to the event.

Consequently, we would like to inform you that the PCC has submitted a proposal to the Road Commission to amend the regulations to make it obligatory for teams to field complete squads for UCI WorldTour events (i.e. with the number of riders established by the regulations). If this obligation is not respected, strict sanctions will apply.

Meanwhile, the PCC has already requested teams taking part in UCI WorldTour events to show respect to their hosts and cycling in general by ensuring that a full complement of riders lines up for each event. This request also refers to the spirit of Article 2.15.127 requiring UCI ProTeams to participate with a team of competitive riders.

Thank you for taking note of the issues raised above. Please accept my kindest regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Chevallier', written over a horizontal line.

Philippe Chevallier
Sport and Technical Director