

Rule Changes (2007-2009)

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1. 2009 Changes

1.1 Misconduct

Add:

- 11.4 - Misconduct may be punished after the expiration of the protest period. Only the Board of Directors may impose punishment under the rule.

1.2 Align MTB Categories align with USA Cycling

Change:

- 6.3 - MOUNTAIN BIKE CATEGORIES
 - Cat 1 (current Expert and Semi-pro): Racing skills, strength, race experience, and stamina have reached an exceptional level; racing is very competitive. Riders must have a racing age of at least 15 to race as a Category 1 in the endurance disciplines.
 - Cat 2 (current Sport): Racing reflects improved skills, strength, race experience, and stamina. A rider must advance to Cat 1 after placing in the top five in five races.
 - Cat 3 (current Beginner): Racing is for the entry-level rider. Racers have limited racing experience and have a lower fitness and skill level than in Category 2. After placing in the top five in five races, a Cat 3 racer must advance to Cat 2.

1.3 Align Cyclocross age changes with USA Cycling

Note: Language has not been finalized.

Change:

- 6.5 - AGE GRADED CATEGORIES
- A rider's racing age shall be his or her age on December 31 of the current year. All references to age of riders, race age groups, or age class shall be interpreted as referring to racing age. The following terms refer to specific age groups.

Racing Age Age Group

- Under 10 Youth
- 10-18 Junior
- 19-22 Under 23
- 23-29 Elite
- 30+ Master

However, a rider's cyclocross racing age shall be his or her racing age on the first of January that is included in the same cyclocross season

Youth riders may enter only youth races. A youth race is a race held only on a closed course that is open only to riders with racing ages below 10.

2. 2008 Changes

2.1 Change in penalty assignment scope

Change:

- 2.12 Penalty - a punishment for infraction of the rules. Penalties may be applied to clubs/event organizers (or their designees) , individual riders or teams. Unless otherwise specified in these rules, penalties are at the discretion of the Chief Referee.

2.2 Upgrade/Downgrade redirection

Change:

- 6.1 - UPGRADING AND DOWNGRADING
Upgrading and Downgrading guidelines for road and mountain bike racing will be published by the Executive Director. Ability categories provided by other organizations will be recognized by these guidelines."

2.3 Mixing of classes and categories

Add:

- 6.6 Mixing of Classes and Categories
 - 6.6.1 Eligibility. No rider may race in a category other than that which is stated on his or her membership.
 - 6.6.2. Women may enter any race for which they are eligible by age, category, and any performance requirements and may enter categorized races for men that are up to one category lower than their women's category, or in the case of category 1 women, up to two categories lower.
 - 6.6.3. Mixing of Classes. An organizer may offer races for combined classifications and categories but the categories in a given race must be the same for all age groups. All riders shall race the same distance unless there is a distance handicapped start for separate groupings of riders.

2.4 Modify accepted helmet standards

Change:

- 7.1. - HELMETS
Every rider warming up or racing while at the race venue shall wear a protective, securely fastened helmet that satisfies at least one of the following helmet standards:

- US Department of Transportation (DOT)
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard Z90.4
- Snell Memorial Foundation Standard "B" or "N" series
- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard F-1447
- Canadian Standards Association standard (CSA) CAN/CSA-D113.2-M
- US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)
- European Committee for Standardization (CE EN1078) standard for bicycle helmets

2.5 **Track: clarify handlebar rule**

Change:

- 7.9 - RULES SPECIFIC TO TRACK RACING
 - 7.9.2 For timed trialed events:
 - Riders may use upturned or forward pointing handlebars or bars that provide support for the forearms (i.e. cow-horn, tri bars, etc.) except in Team Sprint.

2.6 **No hand drawn numbers**

Add:

- 8.7 Hand drawn numbers are not allowed.

2.7 **Set protest time for internet result posts**

Change:

- 12. - PROTESTS
 - 12.5 Any protest about the order of finish must be lodged within 15 minutes of posting if posted at the race or within 24 hours if posted on the internet. There is no fee required for a protest about the results. In stage races or series races results may be protested until the end of sign in of the following stage or the next race in the series. For the final race in stage races or the last race in series events and for all other races, if there are no protest within 15 minutes of posting the above time frame the results will may be considered final.

2.8 **Clarify appeals process**

Change:

- 14. - APPEALS

A member may appeal a suspension or referee ruling by sending a request of appeal to the OBRA Executive Director who will convene a meeting of the OBRA

Board of Directors within ten days of the receipt of the letter (telephone conference calls or Internet contact acceptable). The OBRA Board of Directors will collect information from appropriate sources and then either uphold or remove the suspension or referee ruling.

2.9 **Restrict crossing the finish line**

Add:

- 15. - ROAD RACING
 - 15.1 - INDIVIDUAL ROAD RACE
 - 15.1.2 - General rules.
 - Riders may cross the finish line only while racing.

2.10 **TT riders must ride on the right**

Add:

- 15.5.9 In a time trial riders will ride as close to the right side of the road as practical.

2.11 **Track: individual pursuit starts and finishes**

Change:

- 16.3.7 - INDIVIDUAL PURSUIT
 - .
 - Starts.
 - .
 - (b) The start shall be by gunshot, start tones or other audible signal. .
 - (c) The starter within the first 30 meters shall call a false start should either rider move forward before the gun is fired start is signaled or if either rider is pushed.
 - .
 - Finish.
 - .
 - (c) In all rounds, if neither rider catches the other, then a single gunshot shall may be fired when the first rider finishes and another may be fired when the second rider finishes."

2.12 **Remove redundant section**

Delete:

- 18.0 COMPETITION PROTESTS
- Renumber following rules.

- This rule is redundant. Protests are covered in 12. -PROTESTS

3. 2007 Changes

3.1 Added Super D discipline

Add :

- Create a 2nd mountain bike discipline by separating out downhill/super d into their own tracking field

3.2 Last 3 K rule in stage races

Change:

- 15.6.16
 - To mandate officials announce whether the finish would be considered an 'uphill' finish at the beginning of the event. If it is uphill, the 3 km rule does not apply.

3.3 Anti-doping changes

Change:

- Summary: Section 18
 - Delete website from Rule book.

Add:

- Statement: This list is subject to change at any time and it is the athlete's responsibility to be familiar with the current list

3.4 Racer radio restrictions

Add:

- 7.5 - Non-handheld radios with only one earpiece providing communication with coaches, managers or other riders may be used only in road races that include Cat 1 or 2 riders and do not include Cat 4 or 5 riders. Audio playback devices are specifically prohibited.

3.5 Remove short sleeve jersey restriction

Delete:

- Rule 9.2.1 mandating that jerseys must cover the shoulder and shorts must be mid thigh.