



BID GUIDE
**2025-2026 UCI PARA-CYCLING
ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1 FOREWORD FROM UCI PRESIDENT DAVID LAPPARTIENT

Para-cyclists worldwide dream of wearing the rainbow jersey of UCI World Champion, a distinction that goes to only the very best of our sport.

Each year, para-cycling's road specialists have the chance to win that precious jersey at the UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships.

The UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships are para-cycling's leading annual road event and are much awaited by athletes and fans alike. To perform to their best, the athletes need to be sure that they can compete in the best possible conditions, which is why the role of the event's host is so important.

The UCI greatly appreciates the interest and commitment shown by potential organisers. In bidding to host the UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships, you have already demonstrated your wish to invest in the future of this sport and I thank you sincerely for that.

To help simplify the bidding process, we have prepared this concise, practical guide that was prepared after consultation with our various partners. Our aim is to help potential hosts compile a water-tight candidature file that contains all the required elements, for example concerning the competition site, infrastructure, transport, emergency services, accessibility etc.

This bidding guide also answers frequently asked questions such as: What commitments do candidate organisers make? What services does the UCI offer? What are our obligations? What about scheduling and deadlines?

I wish you the best of luck in your bidding procedure and hope that we will be able to come to your city or region with an edition of our UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships.



David Lappartient
UCI President



2 A BIT OF HISTORY

Para-cycling has been officially administered by the UCI since an agreement to transfer governance of the discipline from the International Paralympic Committee was signed on 7 February 2007. This discipline is divided into road and track races for a total of seven events.

The UCI defines functional categories for men and women of all ages. Riders are allocated to the appropriate category depending on their functional capacity.

The competitions comprise 4 divisions (tandems, tricycles, handcyclists, and cyclists), and a total of 13 functional categories (5 C, 5 H, 2T and 1B) for men and women in all the age categories defined by the UCI. Riders are placed in the appropriate category in the light of their functional capacity.

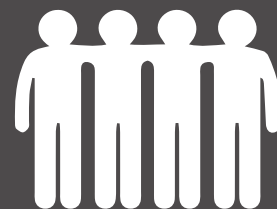
The main events are the UCI World's Championships, the Paralympic Games and the UCI World Cup (since 2010).



1994
FIRST WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS



2007
PARA-CYCLING OFFICIALLY
ADMINISTERED BY THE UCI



4 DIVISIONS
5 C, 5 H, 2T AND 1B

ORGANISERS OF THE UCI PARA-CYCLING ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:

2022: Baie Comeau (CAN)

2023: Glasgow (GBR)

2024: Zurich (SUI)

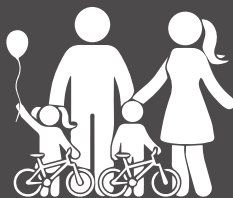
THE ADVANTAGES OF HOSTING A UCI EVENT

Hosting a UCI event will help a city to achieve **economic, touristic and social** objectives.

According to UCI experience, the most efficient strategy is to host several events over 3-4 years **to create a link** between cycling and the city.



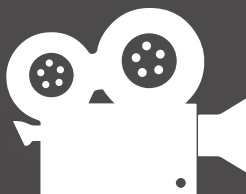
**BOOST
THE REPUTATION
OF YOUR REGION**



**SHOWCASE
YOUR INITIATIVES
FOR DEVELOPING
THE BICYCLE**



**INCREASE
LOCAL ECONOMY
ACTIVITIES**



**PRESENT YOUR
REGION/CITY TO THE
WORLD BY PROPOSING
A MEDIA COVERAGE**



**INTRODUCE THE
PARA SPORT TO
THE PUBLIC**



**PROMOTIONAL PLATFORM
FOR YOUR CITY/REGION**



4 SPORT & COMPETITIONS IN NUMBERS



+300 ATHLETES
FROM ~45 NATIONS



4 DAYS
OF COMPETITION



FOUR DIVISIONS
TANDEMS, TRICYCLES,
HANDCYCLES, AND CYCLISTS



~600
ACCREDITATIONS



PROGRAMME

- INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIALS
(ALL CLASSES,
MEN AND WOMEN)
- ROAD RACES
(ALL CLASSES, MEN AND WOMEN)
- TEAM RELAY (MIXED HANDBIKE)



5 RESPONSIBILITIES

| SERVICE PROVISION | ORGANISER | UCI |
|---|----------------|-----|
| Organisation of the UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships | ✓ | |
| Coordination of the UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships | | ✓ |
| Practical Organisation Guide | | ✓ |
| Staff before, during and post event | ✓ | ✓ |
| UCI Technical Delegate | | ✓ |
| UCI Timing Delegate | | ✓ |
| Commissaires' Panel | | ✓ |
| UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships label & guidelines | | ✓ |
| Press service and worldwide promotion of the event | ✓ | ✓ |
| Start and Finish structures and event backdrops | ✓ | |
| Implementation of UCI partners | ✓ | |
| Implementation of OC partners | ✓ | |
| Accreditation system and delivery | ✓ | |
| TV production | Cf. appendix D | |
| Timekeeping and TV Graphics | ✓ | |
| Organisation of anti-doping controls and its related costs | ✓ | ✓ |
| Post-event reports and social media analysis | ✓ | |
| UCI World Champion jerseys & medals | | ✓ |
| Local promotion | ✓ | |

ORGANISER REVENUES



100% OF VIP
HOSPITALITY SALES
(EXCEPTION UCI VIP TICKETS)



100% OF TICKETS
SALES OF THE EVENT



100% OF OFFICIAL
PROGRAM SALES



100% OF FOOD
& BEVERAGE
ON SITE



100% OF RENT
OF SPACES FOR EXPO AREA
(EXCEPTION OF THE UCI PARTNERS)



100% OF ONSITE
MERCHANDISING SALES



100% OF THE
ACCREDITATION
SALES



70% VISIBILITY
ON BRANDING

BIDDING PROCESS CHRONOLOGY : A ONE YEAR CYCLE



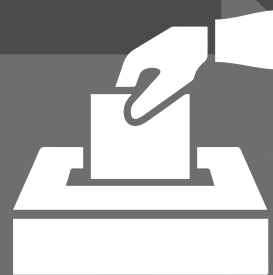
DECEMBER
LETTER OF INTENT



JANUARY
BID FEES &
BID DOCUMENTS



JUNE
CONTRACT
SIGNATURE



SEPTEMBER
VOTE OF THE UCI MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE AND PRESENTATION
TO UCI CONGRESS

BIDDING DOCUMENTS : CONTENTS & REQUIREMENTS

1. SITE

- General presentation of the host region
- Geographical location/situation
- Accessibility
- Connections to road network
- Proximity to airport
- Accommodation capacity (hotels etc)
- Start and finish area
- Parking facilities
- Facilities for participants (showers, changing rooms, secured bike park...)
- Facilities for officials (meeting rooms, antidoping, media area, LOC permanece...)

2. COURSE MAP / ROAD BOOK

3. COURSE DETAILS

- Profile
- Safety plan
- Mechanical assistance

4. SCHEDULE

- Road Races
- Individual Time Trial
- Team Relay

5. OFFICIAL HOTEL

6. SAFETY

- Medical plan including ambulances access, hospitals, medical posts of the courses and start/finish area, etc.

7. DETAILED BUDGET

(use the UCI template in Appendix J)

8. SUPPORT & APPROVALS

- Letter of support from the host National Federation
- Letter of approval (course and organisation) from the local authorities
- Presentation of the Organising Committee, including any previous experience

UCI MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DECISION : CRITERIA

EVENT DELIVERY

- Logistics: accessibility of the area
- Legacy / cycling development plans
- Overall event sites
- Circuit features: attractive images - technical

SPORT ATTRACTIVENESS

- Sporting difficulty
- Spectators & atmosphere expected
- UCI geographical strategy
- Cycling development

FINANCE

- Financial Guarantee
- Provisional budget including the UCI fees
- Economic opportunities

RESOURCES

- Political risk: stability - elections
- Relations with UCI: multi-year events plan
- Organiser experience
- Stakeholders' commitment



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APPENDIX A : **BUSINESS MODEL**

The UCI proposes business models that can be adapted to the local economic environment. Transparency and flexibility are key elements in the relations between the UCI and the organisers.

UCI FEE PER EDITION:

CHF 35,000.-

+ CHE 10.- PER PARTICIPANT

BANK GUARANTEE

A bank guarantee equivalent to 20% of the contract amount will be requested 60 days after the awarding of the event and will remain in place until 180 days after the last day of the Championships.

CONTRACT SIGNATURE

The contract must be signed by the city or the region where the event will be organised. The Organising Committee or the National Federation may also co-sign the contract.

APPENDIX B : EXPENSES COVERED BY THE UCI

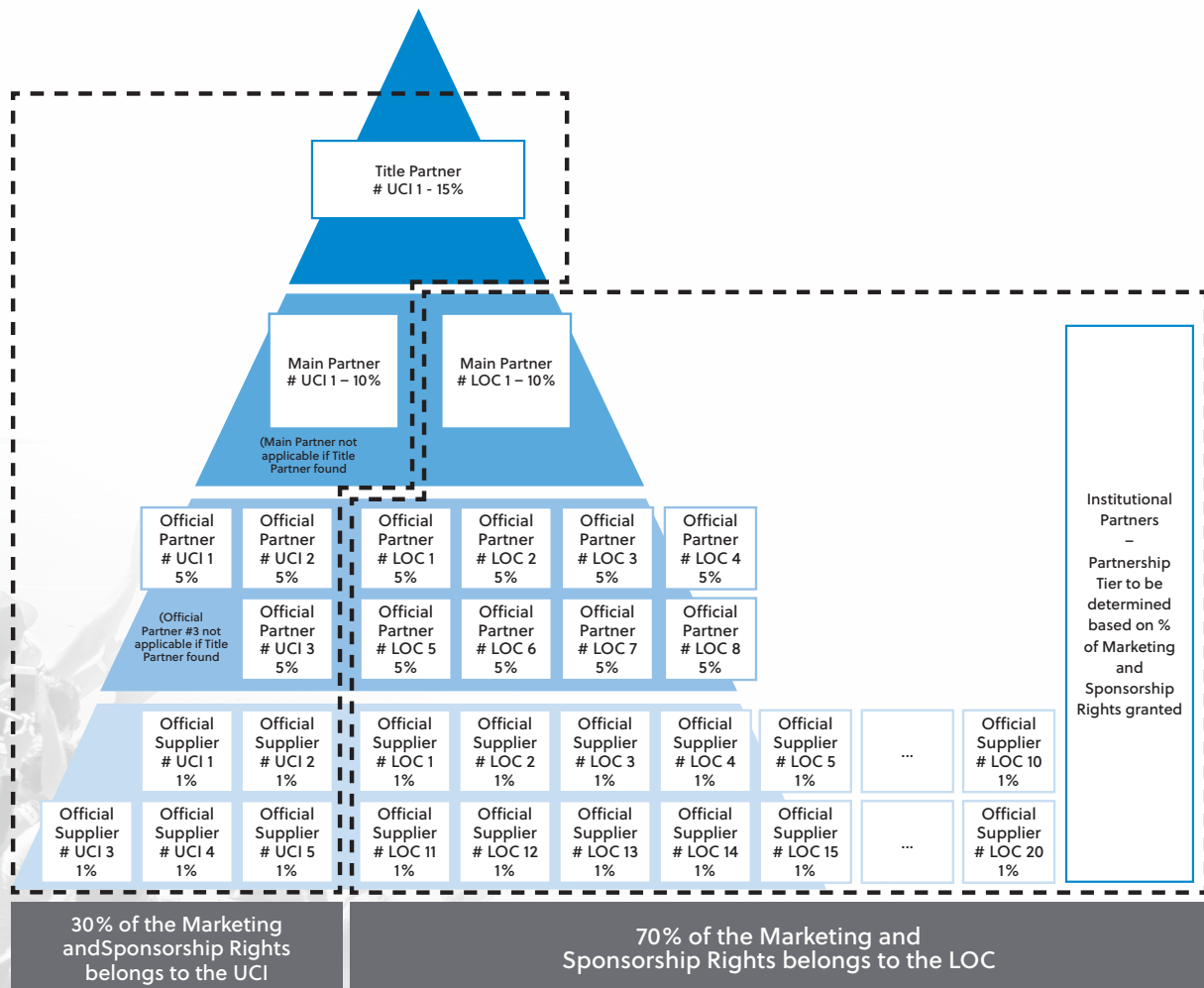
THE UCI COVERS THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES

- Presence and travel of the UCI, ITA staff and Officials: Doping Control Officer, International Commissaires, Technical delegate, Timing expert, UCI Doctor and UCI staff
- Site visits
- Medals and UCI World Champion jerseys
- Anti-doping laboratory analysis expenses and blood tests• UCI partners' dedicated branding
- Photographers & TV broadcasters bibs
- Cost of the sample analyses done in an accredited World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) laboratory
- UCI partners' dedicated branding
- UCI flags and UCI banners.

APPENDIX C : MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP RIGHTS

PERCENTAGE OF VISIBILITY AND MARKETING STRUCTURE

70% of visibility for the Organiser as per the structure below.



The structure is composed of 4 different tiers which the UCI's and Organiser's commercial and institutional partners will feed into.

These tiers will be reflected accordingly in all the event's communication and visual material. The digits indicate the potential number of partners (of both the UCI and the Organiser) at each level. The percentages represent the approximate share of marketing and sponsorship rights each level will be entitled to.

RESERVED PRODUCTS/SERVICES CATEGORIES

The UCI reserves the following products/services categories for its partners. Please kindly note that the below categories are subject to contract renewals and may be subject to changes. A detailed overview may be provided by the UCI upon the Organiser's request.

- Timepieces and all kind of watches (digital and analogue), smartwatches or activity trackers, clocks, countdown clocks, jewellery pieces with a time piece; timing systems, timing, scoring, scoreboard equipment, system and services; time measuring products, TV graphics system and services, results systems and Commentators Information System and services
- All kind of specific / technical cycling clothes, namely cycling jerseys, bib shorts, gloves, socks, caps, skinsuits, thermo vests and raincoats
- Bicycle-shoes, bicycle components, pedals, rims, wheels, handlebars and stems (except forks, saddles, feeding bottles and tyres), connected cycling components (solely limited to the list of products herein and power meters); e-components (motor, drivetrain, switch unit, computer display and battery)
- IT (anything related to data processing including computing technologies, hardware, software, network providers, etc.)

In addition, the Organiser agrees not to enter into any partnership with any tobacco manufacturer, companies producing pornographic products, spirits, or sport betting companies (some categories are prohibited and others tolerated under certain conditions by virtue of articles 1.1.008 to 1.1.090 of the UCI Regulations).

ORGANISER'S PARTNERS

Outside of the reserved products/services categories, the Organiser is free to negotiate with partners in other products/services categories, provided that the exclusive rights of the UCI partners are scrupulously respected. The Organiser's partners are subject to the UCI's approval before the Organiser and the partner enter into an agreement.

MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP INVENTORY

The UCI World Championships offer its partners clear visibility through the event marketing and sponsorship inventory. Please see below a non-exhaustive list of the key items.

- Boards and banners
- Solid arches on course
- Inflatable items off course
- Backdrops and structures
- Finish line paintings
- Official communications (programme, result list, etc.)
- Public announcements by speaker
- 30-second clip played on giant screen
- Digital visibility
- Expo area
- VIP hospitality

IMPLEMENTATION OF VISIBILITY

The Organiser is responsible for the implementation of its own and the UCI partners' signage in, on and around the sport circuit. The appointed implementation team(s) will be piloted by the Marketing representatives of the Organiser and of the UCI.



APPENDIX D : TV PRODUCTION AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA RIGHTS

TV PRODUCTION

Television production is not compulsory. Nevertheless, if the Organiser wishes to invest in TV production, the Organiser, initially, should liaise with the UCI to set up an initial discussion with its distribution partner.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA RIGHTS

The UCI is the sole and exclusive owner of all Electronic Media Rights in the widest sense of the term, including any media rights within the territory of the Championships (Host Country Rights). Host Country Rights' acquisition by the Organiser can be discussed together with the television production.

NOTE: *the above model reflects the current situation but is subject to contract renewal between UCI and its distribution partners (currently EBU for Europe only and IMG).*



APPENDIX E : EVENT MERCHANDISING

The event merchandising includes all merchandising products carrying the event logo.

The event merchandising can be a source of revenues for the Organiser but it generates also an important workload and can be a source of financial risks for the Organiser.

To make the Organiser's life easier, the UCI has launched a merchandising program: an official partner has been appointed by the UCI and it offers a range of products ready to be ordered.

The UCI official partner will have the exclusivity on the production of the merchandising items: all event merchandising orders have to be addressed to the UCI official partner.

The Organiser owns 100% of the distribution of the event merchandising onsite and will retain 100% of the onsite sales revenues (with the exception of the below reserved categories).

The UCI and the Organiser will discuss the possible distribution channels and opportunities.

PRODUCTS EXCLUSIVITY – CYCLING CLOTHES AND WATCHES

The UCI official partners for the categories "cycling clothes" and "watches" have been granted the respective exclusivity in relation to the production of cycling clothes and watches merchandising.

Consequently, the Organiser is obliged to produce any cycling clothes or watches for its event merchandising via the relevant UCI supplier.

APPENDIX F : **COMMUNICATION & PROMOTION**

The Organiser will have to ensure the promotion of the event, via a Communication and Promotion plan to be defined in collaboration with the UCI. The UCI will also promote the event on its owned platforms and channel. Visuals and contents coming from the Organiser for both above / below-the-line communication will be validated by the UCI.





APPENDIX G : VIP HOSPITALITY

The VIP hospitality is a significant opportunity to generate revenues for the Organiser. The UCI family should have access to the highest level of hospitality.

50 hospitality tickets / day shall be delivered to the UCI.

All VIP revenues, UCI hospitality tickets excluded, are for the Organiser.





APPENDIX H : SPORTS REQUIREMENTS

Circuits should be jointly designed as a result of collaboration between the Organiser, the UCI Technical Delegate and/or UCI Sport Coordinator. At least two potential circuits must have been previously identified by the Organiser and pre-approved by the concerned authorities. These circuits must respect the UCI regulation 16.7.003. The same circuit can be used for both the road race and time trial event.

IDEAL CONFIGURATION OF THE CIRCUITS

- 1 single starting / finishing zone for the time trial and road race
- 1 circuit for road race
- 1 circuit for time trial
- 1 circuit for team relay
- Road in excellent condition (road: minimum width 6m / time trial: allowing vehicles to overtake everywhere)
- Courses must be closed for the entire duration of the races (1 hour before, 30 minutes afterwards) and for training sessions on the evening of the start of the competitions.
- For road races, straight for at least 400m leading up to the finishing line
- Warm-up circuit with a length of at least 400m close to the start of the time trial
- Adequate number of barriers of sufficient height (about 1,30 m – 1,50 m, near the start/finish area, road closure near dangerous areas, etc.)
- No operational level crossing
- Protected access for authorised vehicles to the start/finishing zone which must also be accessible throughout the events
- If the start and finish of the time trial are not located at the same place, a protected liaison route must be provided to facilitate the return of the official vehicles (diversion)
- Diversion road for following vehicles near the finish line (time trial only)
- Staging area for following vehicles in the time trial.

For distances of the road events see UCI regulation 16.7.002 (road race) and 16.7.009 (time trial).

ROOMS NEEDS

- 1 Organiser permanence
- 1 Doping control station
- 1 medical station + ambulances
- 2 equipped classification rooms + waiting area
- 1 equipped room or clinic for Visual Impair Classification
- 1 room for the confirmation of starters and team managers' meeting
- 1 commissaires' office
- 1 media room
- 1 UCI office
- Start finish area (protocol, TT infrastructure, arch, giant screen, expo area, etc.)
- Athletes' village
- Changing rooms (male/ female)
- Sufficient toilets and adapted toilets by the finish line, the protocol area, athletes' village, offices





APPENDIX I : CLASSIFICATION

PARA-CYCLING ATHLETES ARE DIVIDED INTO FOUR DIFFERENT DIVISIONS

- C – Cyclist: conventional bike with some minor adaptations
- T – Tricycle: three-wheeled bike
- B – Blind: tandem
- H – Handbike

Each division (except tandems who are all racing together) is sub-divided into different sport classes (1 to 5 for C and H, 1 to 2 for T), depending on the severity of the impairment, which is assessed during a medical examination by classifiers prior to competition.

APPENDIX J : UCI OFFICIAL HOTEL AND MEETINGS

The Organiser must supply the official hotel and single rooms for the UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships.

The hotel must be a quality tourist hotel/restaurant (four stars).

The minimum reservation for the UCI is about 40 rooms, max 240 nights to be borne by the Organiser in full board accommodation (representative of the UCI Management Committee, UCI staff & officials including commissaires, Classifiers, ITA staff & officials, subcontractors, UCI guests, etc.) including one suite for the UCI President when available.

Parking for UCI & ITA officials and guests should be provided free of charge when possible.

Local transportation (airport- venue – official hotel) shall be provided to meet all groups' needs during the whole period of the Championships (frequent shuttles and dedicated vehicles) NB: some vehicles can also be used for the races.

OFFICIAL DINNER

The Organiser can arrange one official dinner. The date of the dinner and the list of guests are established in close collaboration with the UCI.

APPENDIX K : ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

The UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships are subject to anti-doping controls according to the UCI Anti-doping Rules. The International Testing Agency (ITA), entity mainly in charge of the implementation of the UCI's anti-doping program, will appoint two or more Doping Control Officers (DCOs), refer to ITA's instructions.

ITA will be responsible for the cost of the DCOs daily allowances and travel arrangement to the event. All costs related to accommodation, catering and individual transportation during the event for the DCOs, are borne by the organiser.

The UCI is responsible for the cost of the sample analyses carried out in an accredited World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) laboratory. Laboratory that ITA will duly confirmed. However, the cost of the transport of the samples to the laboratory is borne by the organiser. Organiser shall therefore assist the DCOs with the transport of the samples with a courier company

SAMPLE COLLECTION PERSONNEL

The organiser is also responsible for all practical aspects of the controls and shall provide the DCOs with the following:

- Male doctor or male nurse & female doctor or female nurse: assigned solely for the anti-doping controls (please note this doctor cannot be the race doctor).
- Chaperons: one chaperon per rider to be tested (shall be of the same gender as the rider).
- Assistant: is required to assist the DCOs before and during the event and act as the liaison with the organiser.

DOPING CONTROL EQUIPMENT

Anti-doping kits and ITA forms are provided by the ITA.

DOPING CONTROL STATION (DCS)

The DCS shall be equipped in such a way to facilitate the running of the controls, be located in the immediate vicinity of the finish line and shall be clearly signposted from the finish line. Privacy of the riders shall be respected. The organiser shall designate an official to monitor the entrance to the DCS, and only allow people involved in doping controls to enter. The DCS should be lockable.

The DCS shall be heated or climatized, large enough, solely used for anti-doping purposes and shall include a waiting room, two administration areas including lavatories in each for the passing of the sample.

APPENDIX L: ORGANISER BUDGET

The budget template can be downloaded in Excel table format from [*this link*](#).



APPENDIX M : EVENT LEGACY

DEVELOPING CYCLING IN YOUR CITY

Hosting a UCI event provides the perfect platform for promoting the development of cycling in your city.

- Do you want to promote your region/city as a bike-friendly environment?
- Do you wish to develop tourism in your area and encourage your citizens to use bikes as a means of transport?

Hosting a UCI event will provide a concrete translation of your ideas and plans. The UCI can support you as you build a strategy to develop cycling: we can provide you with ideas and benchmarks from successful initiatives around the world to help you to reach your goals.

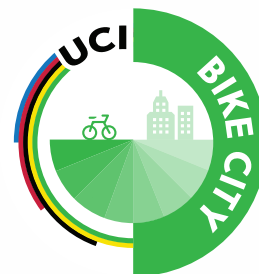
We share the same target: to develop cycling!

Cycling is more than a sport, it is the answer to many concerns of our society: public health, environment, traffic...

UCI BIKE CITY LABEL

In order to promote cities and regions that invest in cycling, the UCI has created a "UCI Bike City Label". This label will distinguish cities active in two areas:

- Hosting a UCI event
- Developing cycling within its population.



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The city/region will be entitled to use the label over a five-year period.

The label will be awarded each year during the UCI Road World Championships. A communication plan dedicated to the winners will be established through the UCI's various communication channels.

ABOUT THE UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE

The Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) is the world governing body for cycling recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The UCI's mission is to develop and promote cycling - in close collaboration with National Federations - as a competitive sport, as a healthy recreational activity and as a means of transport.

The UCI governs eight disciplines of the sport of cycling: road, track, mountain bike, BMX Racing, BMX Freestyle, cyclo-cross, trials, indoor cycling. Five of them are represented at the Olympic Games (road, track, mountain bike, BMX Racing and BMX Freestyle), two at the Paralympic Games (road and track) and four at the Youth Olympic Games (road, mountain bike, BMX Racing and BMX Freestyle).

Additionally, the UCI promotes a number of its own events, including the UCI Road World Championships, an iconic annual event, and a wide range of other UCI World Championships and World Cups across the various disciplines. The different sizes and scopes of our events ensure that UCI cycling events can be hosted by all cities.

INTERNATIONAL UCI EVENTS ARE HELD ANNUALLY FOR ALL OUR DISCIPLINES

ROAD

UCI Road World Championships
UCI Gran Fondo World Championships
UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships
UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup

MOUNTAIN BIKE

UCI Mountain Bike World Championships
UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships
UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Championships
UCI Pump Track World Championships
UCI 4X World Championships
UCI Masters Mountain Bike World Championships
UCI Mountain Bike World Cup
UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Cup

GRAVEL

UCI Gravel World Championships
UCI Gravel World Series

TRACK

UCI Track World Championships
UCI Junior Track World Championships
UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships
UCI Track Champions League
UCI Track Nations Cup
UCI Masters Track World Championships

CYCLO-CROSS

UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships
UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup
UCI Masters Cyclo-cross World Championships

COMBINED

UCI Cycling World Championships (every pre-Olympic year).

CYCLING ESPORTS

UCI Cycling Esports World Championships

BMX

UCI BMX Racing World Championships
UCI BMX Racing World Cup

BMX FREESTYLE

UCI Urban Cycling World Championships
UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup

TRIALS

UCI Urban Cycling World Championships
UCI Trials World Cup
UCI Trials World Youth Games

INDOOR CYCLING

UCI Indoor Cycling World Championships
UCI Cycle-ball World Cup
UCI Artistic Cycling World Cup

THE UCI HEADQUARTERS ARE LOCATED IN AIGLE, SWITZERLAND, AT THE UCI WORLD CYCLING CENTRE.



The information contained herein represents the current requirements of the UCI and matters concerning the UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships may evolve and be altered. Substantial amendments and modifications to the UCI's requirements will be reported to the Organiser and shall be reflected through the Organisation Guide that will be provided and/or in the Organisation Agreement that will be signed with the Organiser.

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