

To Road Events Organisers

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Communication to road events organisers – 2021 season

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,
Dear organisers,

The 2021 season is underway and we can work together to overcome the challenges that we are all facing at this time.

To assist you in the planning of your event we would like to provide important information to ensure the continuation of this road season.

Race safety and regulation changes

Event safety is a priority for the UCI and each party plays a key role on this topic. Several meetings took place in the past few months involving all cycling families' representatives.

Thanks to the active collaboration of each of the working group members, important measures and regulations changes were decided and recently published:

- [Amendments to Regulations as from 08.02.2021](#)
- [Amendments to Regulations as from 01.04.2021](#)

Please take the time to read them carefully and we also encourage you to share these rule changes as well as the various guides published [on the publications page](#).

However, we would like to raise your attention on few specific topics:

- As of this week, organisers are required to name a safety manager for their event, within their organisation, whose role is defined in article 2.2.015. To this end, each organiser is asked to declare its safety manager to the UCI [by following this link](#);
- Also for immediate application, the UCI is in the process of reinforcing the "drivers briefing" that shall be organised for all international events. The UCI is currently finalising an educational document that will allow commissaires and organisers to provide a driver briefing before the start of each event

(article 2.2.034 bis); On his side, the organiser will inform all the drivers in the race convoy and provide a room equipped with a video projection system; This drivers' briefing replace the existing drivers course for media that were only delivered on UCI WorldTour events.

- From 1st April, event organisers will be required to set up litter zones every 30 to 40 km. Also, a litter zone must be organised in the last kilometres of the event (article 2.3.025); as an organiser, you know how important it is to respect the environment and how crucial this subject is for the local authorities that host your events on their territories ;
- Still from 1st April, requirements concerning the barriers at the finish area are reinforced with, for example, the obligation of a continuous line of barriers on both sides of the finishing straight. All barriers must be attached to each other, with no gaps (no pedestrian crossing, no space for the photo finish, etc.). The use of gates integrated into the barriers is possible but only beyond 100m after the finish line (article 2.2.017) ;
- Finally we have updated [the special provisions for the 2021 season](#), which provide flexibility to teams and organisers with regard to financial obligations or the participation rules in events.

To conclude on the subject of race safety, we inform you that a detailed explanatory document will be provided to riders, organisers and teams in the next few days in order to clarify some aspects of the recently published regulations.

Procedures to be followed with regard to the covid-19 pandemic

[A page on the UCI website](#) is dedicated to the resumption of competitions in the context of the covid-19 pandemic. Specific rules are to be followed by organisers for all categories of races.

Organisers shall also upload the following four documents [on the dedicated platform set up by the UCI](#), at least 14 days before the start of your event:

- The LIST of participating teams (in the format of the XLS file attached to this email) ;
- The list of MEASURES implemented by the organiser (according to the XLS file also attached to this email) ;
- The PROTOCOL for the management of covid-19 cases as well as the conditions of isolation, the availability of laboratories to carry out a diagnosis or the location and open hours of these laboratories ;
- The SITUATION of the pandemic, including information on the phase of the pandemic in the region and country where the competition is taking place and the number of confirmed cases per week, per 100,000 people during the two weeks prior to the competition.

In addition, the protocol and the rules to be followed by the organisers and teams for the resumption of the competitions will be updated shortly. A separate communication will be sent to you on this subject.

2021 Calendar fees

As a reminder, calendar fees paid in 2020 for an event that has been cancelled are automatically carried over to the year 2021.

On a side topic, Article 1.2.012 of the UCI regulations specifies that "the total amount of the calendar fee must be paid by the organiser to the UCI upon reception of an invoice from the UCI".

The UCI will send the invoice three months before the event and the organisers will receive administrative reminders to help you with the respect of the deadline.

Obligatory invitations to road events

The UCI has published [the list of teams that event organisers are required to invite](#) during the 2021 season.

Organisers' Platform

We remind you that the [Organisers' Platform](#) contains useful documents: Enrolment form for teams, official form for date changes, cancelation of event, administrative changes as well as the visual guidelines and logos for the UCI Series.

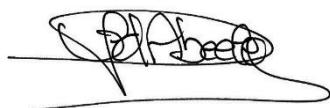
UCI Safety Manager

To finish this communication, we would like to inform you of the arrival in the UCI Sports Department of Mr Richard Chassot as UCI Safety Manager, whose role is dedicated to safety and supervision of the safety of the events on the UCI International Road Calendar.

If you have any questions regarding the safety of your event, you can contact Mr Richard Chassot (richard.chassot@uci.ch / +41 79 213 44 81).

We wish you all the best for the rest of the season and we would like to thank all of you and congratulate for organising your event in such a difficult period for everyone. We are convinced that working in a united way with all the cycling families will allow for the 2021 season to take place in the best conditions and will offer a high-quality sporting show.

Yours sincerely,



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