



UCI update on the 2020 UCI events calendar

Since early May, the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) has provided regular updates on the changes made to the road, mountain bike and, more recently, <u>cyclo-cross</u> calendars. As the UCI has always said, the new dates that have been announced are subject to developments in the ongoing global health crisis and the decisions made by the relevant authorities in the countries hosting our competitions. What follows is an update on the UCI events (UCI World Championships and World Cups) in various disciplines cancelled at the request of their organisers.

Mountain bike

The Lenzerheide (Switzerland) and Les Gets (France) rounds of the **2020 Mercedes-Benz UCI Mountain Bike World Cup**, respectively scheduled for 4-6 and 19-20 September, have been cancelled at the request of the organisers. By way of a reminder, the Mont-Sainte-Anne (Canada) and Val di Sole (Italy) rounds, which were initially due to be held on 21-23 August and 12-13 September respectively, have also been removed from the 2020 UCI Mountain Bike International Calendar. Unfortunately, these competitions will not be rescheduled this year. At the time of writing, the rounds at Nove Mesto na Morave (Czech Republic, 29 September to 4 October – a double XCO round), Maribor (Slovenia, 15-18 October – a double DHI round) and Lousã (Portugal, 29 October to 1 November – a double DHI round) were still scheduled to go ahead. The staging of two rounds on the same weekend will give athletes, teams and National Federations increased visibility, reduce the logistical costs they face and ensure the continuation of the competition.

The **2020 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships presented by Mercedes-Benz** in cross-country, downhill and pump track are also going ahead and will take place on 5-11 October in Leogang (Austria).

The **2020 UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Championships** are going ahead on 23 August 2020 in Leuven (Belgium), while the <u>2020 UCI World Cup calendar</u> in the speciality has been reorganised.

The **2020 UCI Masters Mountain Bike World Championships**, which were due to be held in Pra Loup (France), have been cancelled, as have the **2020 UCI Mountain Bike Four-cross World Championships** in Val di Sole (Italy).

The **2020 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships** are still going ahead, on 24-25 October, in Sakarya, Turkey.

Moving on to the **2020 UCI E-Mountain Bike Cross-country World Cup**, the round due to be held in Barcelona (Spain) on 2-3 October has been cancelled. Having initially been been scheduled for 17-18 April and 5-6 June respectively and then postponed, the Locarno (Switzerland) and Bologna (Italy) rounds have also been cancelled.

BMX Racing

Following extensive discussions with the event's organising committee, the **2020 UCI BMX World Championships,** which had been scheduled to take place in Houston (USA) on 26-31 May and which had previously been <u>postponed</u>, have unfortunately been cancelled at the request of the organisers. Despite its best efforts to come up with an alternative, the UCI regrets to announce that there will be no UCI World

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Championships in the discipline in 2020. The next World Championships will be held on 20-25 August 2021 in Papendal (Netherlands), after the Olympic Games in Tokyo.

As for the **2020 UCI BMX Supercross World Cup**, the two rounds scheduled for Rock Hill (USA) are going ahead and will take place on 6-7 November.

BMX Freestyle

Despite all the hard work we did with our partner Hurricane in attempting to find solutions for the 2020 season, all the rounds of the UCI BMX Freestyle Park and Flatland World Cup have been cancelled and will not be rescheduled this year.

<u>Trials</u>

Three of the five rounds in the **2020 UCI Trials World Cup** have been cancelled: Salzburg (Austria), Val di Sole (Italy) and Lenzerheide (Switzerland). The Wadowice (Poland) and Il Ciocco (Italy) rounds are going ahead as planned.

Urban cycling

Despite in-depth discussions with several potential candidates for hosting the event, the **UCI Urban Cycling World Championships**, comprising the BMX Freestyle (Park and Flatland) and Trials World Championships, will not be held in 2020, on account of the global health crisis.

Gran Fondo

Due to be held in Vancouver (Canada) on 9-12 September, the **2020 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships** have been cancelled at the request of the organisers. Although a number of other options were considered, the UCI regrets to announce that there will be no UCI Gran Fondo World Championships this season. We are working with our partner Golazo to set up a qualification system for 2021 that takes into account the places that had been secured for this year's now-cancelled UCI World Championships.

Indoor cycling

Discussions are continuing with the organisers of the **2020 UCI Indoor Cycling World Championships**, scheduled for Stuttgart (Germany) on 27-29 November. As for the **UCI World Cups** in the discipline, to date the final of the UCI Cycle-ball World Cup will go ahead as planned on 27-29 November in Prague (Czech Republic), as will the final of the UCI Artistic Cycling World Cup, to be held on 21 November in Albstadt (Germany). The St. Gallen (Switzerland) round planned 10 October is still running for the time being.

Para-cycling

As already announced by the UCI, the **2020 UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships** have been <u>cancelled</u>, as is unfortunately the case with the two rounds of the 2020 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup.

Track cycling

Please note that the **2020 UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships**, which were due to be held in Cairo (Egypt) on 16-21 August <u>are cancelled</u>. However, the same venue will host the 2021 edition in April (on dates to be confirmed) instead of Tel Aviv (Israel), which the organisers have accepted to postpone to 2022.

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Road

The UCI wishes to remind you that the **2020 UCI Road World Championships** scheduled to take place in Aigle-Martigny, Switzerland, from 20-27 September will go ahead, following recent announcements by the Swiss Federal Council and discussions with the organising committee and all the event stakeholders.

Finally, the UCI would like to specify that the 2019 UCI World Champions in the disciplines for which the 2020 UCI World Championships are cancelled will keep their rainbow jerseys until the next edition.

The **UCI President David Lappartient** said: "Spring has been very difficult for cycling, but we are finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel with the first road races taking place in July and the resumption of the UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour expected in August. However, as we have always said, the restart of the season, whatever the discipline, will depend on the evolution of the health situation in the organising countries. Several competitions scheduled for the second half of the year 2020 had to be cancelled because the conditions for their good organisation were not met. This may mean that the UCI World Championships in some disciplines will not be held this year. This is a great disappointment, but the health of the athletes and all those involved in our events, or simply present at them, is our top priority. »

<u>Covid-19 pandemic: keeping track of events on the UCI International Calendar that are postponed or cancelled</u>

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