



## NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Members,

The UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships and the first UCI Management Committee meeting of the year launched the month of February.

Our Management Committee meeting in Hoogerheide, the Netherlands, on 2 and 3 February was, as always, extremely productive. This year we discussed at length the very important and delicate subject of sanctions taken against Russia and Belarus. After much consideration, our members unanimously adopted a resolution which is in line with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board meetings of 25 January 2023 and 7 December 2022, as well as the 11<sup>th</sup> Olympic Summit of 9 December 2022. I invite you to read details of the resolution in our [press release published on the UCI website](#).

At the same time, Hoogerheide hosted a fantastic edition of the UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships which included many highlights, not least the award of the first rainbow jerseys for the team relay. Team victory for the hosts the Netherlands set the tone for an incredible weekend of individual racing that crowned six extremely worthy UCI World Champions.

Just last Saturday, on 18 February, we crowned two more 2023 UCI World Champions, for cycling esports. The third edition of the UCI Cycling Esports World Championships saw the introduction of an exciting new format that included three short and explosive events, each eliminating a proportion of the peloton, with only ten men and ten women making the final event – the Podium. The racing took place on a new specifically-built Scotland map, inspired by the Scottish landscape and the city of Glasgow, which will play host to the inaugural 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships in August.

Indeed, we have now passed the “six months to go” milestone before these inaugural UCI Cycling World Championships, and excitement is building. As you know, it is my firm desire to see the participation of all 202 of our National Federations, and at a recent meeting of the Solidarity and Emerging Cycling Countries Commission, members looked at how we could support National Federations from Groups 3 and 4 to attend this fantastic event in Glasgow and across Scotland. The Commission met on 25 January, and it was a pleasure to welcome nine of the members to the UCI headquarters in Aigle in person to discuss different solidarity projects in support of National Federations and Continental Confederations. As stated in our Agenda 2030, our Federations are central to the development of cycling worldwide, and the UCI remains very much at your service.

**David Lappartient**  
UCI President  
IOC Member



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## UCI NEWS

### Newly elected Presidents

On the European continent, Mr Tom Daly has been elected President of Cycling Ireland.

On the Asian continent, Mr Le Van Thang has been elected President of Vietnam Cycling Federation.

We wish them all the best in promoting and developing cycling in their country and thank them for their involvement in our sport.

### UCI Webinar Series



**2023 UCI  
WEBINAR SERIES**  
**UCI CLIMATE ACTION TRAINING**  
THURSDAY 2 MARCH  
9-11 CET and 15-17 CET

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**Ben Barrett**  
UCI Sustainability  
Consultant



As part of its **sustainability strategy**, which was launched in 2021, the UCI has created a bespoke online training course to inform and engage the cycling family about the climate emergency and how the sport can reduce its impacts and mitigate unavoidable emissions. Raising climate change awareness and the sustainability skills of cycling stakeholders worldwide will be crucial for the sport's sustainable development, as training is the biggest driver for change to get everyone moving in the same direction.

The objective of this training session is to get cycling organisations to move beyond ad-hoc environmental practices to comprehensively incorporating climate change and its impacts into operations, events, procurement, infrastructure and communications.

**Date:** Thursday 2 March 2023

**Times and registration links:** **09:00–11:00 CET** or **15:00–17:00 CET**

**Speaker:** Ben Barrett, UCI Sustainability Consultant

For more information, please visit the **UCI website** or contact the International Relations department at **internationalrelations@uci.ch**.

## SPORT

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### UCI MAJOR EVENTS

#### **2023 UCI Cycling World Championships – Glasgow and across Scotland**

##### **Information Bulletin**

The first edition of the information bulletin dedicated to the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships is available on the **UCI website**.

Further information can be consulted on the **organiser's website**.

##### **Ticket presales**

Presale tickets for the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships are now available for purchase **here**.

#### **2024 UCI Emerging Cycling Countries World Championships**

The 2024 UCI Emerging Cycling Countries World Championships will be held between 2 and 10 March 2024 in Cairo, Egypt.

The disciplines which will feature are track, road (road race, time trial), BMX Racing and mountain bike (cross-country Olympic, short track).

There will be two categories: Women Over 17 and Men Over 17.

##### **Equipment**

In general, the equipment regulations for each of the included disciplines shall apply.

In the case of the road discipline, in keeping with the nature of the event, each rider who participates in the time trial must use the same bicycle as the one used in the road race, without modification. As such, bicycles specifically designed for use in time trials shall not be permitted.

The same rule shall apply for track time trial events such as the kilometre time trial.

##### **Eligibility criteria**

The eligibility criteria have been approved by the UCI Management Committee and will be as follows:

- Nations in groups 3 and 4 of the UCI National Federations' classification for the period 2023 – 2025 are eligible to participate only when they did not qualify or only qualified in

a single discipline for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. In case of participation in a single discipline at Tokyo 2020, they will not be eligible to participate in that discipline during the 2024 UCI Emerging Cycling Countries World Championships.

- Nations in groups 3 and 4 of the UCI National Federations' classification for the period 2023 – 2025 are non-eligible when they participated in two or more disciplines at Tokyo 2020.
- Nations in group 2 of the same economic classification with a population of less than 1,000,000 inhabitants will also be allowed to participate, subject to the same restriction related to qualification for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
- No nations from group 1 in the same economic classification are eligible.

Eligible countries will receive an invitation to participate and more information in due course. You may also contact us at [olympics@uci.ch](mailto:olympics@uci.ch) should you have any questions.

## ROAD

### 2023 UCI Road Teams

At the end of the registration procedure, a total of 284 UCI Road Teams, for all categories, are registered for the 2023 season. We would like to thank the National Federations and teams for their involvement in the process.

Continent	UCI Women's WorldTeams	UCI WorldTeams	UCI ProTeams	UCI Women's Continental Teams	UCI Continental Teams	TOTAL
EUR	10	12	15	42	91	170
AME	3	2	2	6	23	36
ASI	1	3	0	6	51	61
AFR	0	0	0	0	4	4
OCE	1	1	1	2	7	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>57*</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>284*</b>

\*The total includes the WCC team, which is not affiliated to a National Federation (art. 2.17.005)

All teams must ensure that their information as well as the names of their riders and Sport Directors are duly published on the UCI website before going to any event. Should there be an issue, please contact [road@uci.ch](mailto:road@uci.ch) with enough time ahead of the event to ensure a solution can be found.

The teams must also ensure that the team members have a valid 2023 UCI licence, indicating the correct role and team.

In addition, for all UCI events, the teams must only wear the jerseys approved on the UCI DataRide – Teams platform. We invite the teams for which the jersey has not already been validated to get back to the UCI as soon as possible. Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact [road@uci.ch](mailto:road@uci.ch).

### Participation of UCI Continental Teams and UCI Cyclo-cross Professional Teams in UCI ProSeries events

(Article 2.1.005 of the UCI Regulations)

The table with the list of teams authorised to participate in UCI ProSeries events is available on the [UCI website](#) and will be updated regularly during the year. Please contact [road@uci.ch](mailto:road@uci.ch) if you have any doubt in this matter. No derogation will be granted for teams not respecting the conditions and timeline.

### Participation rules

(Articles 2.1.005bis and 2.2.001 of the UCI Regulations)

As per article 2.2.001 of the UCI Regulations, “riders belonging to a team registered with the UCI with the same paying agent or main partner may not compete in the same race except in the case of an individual event”. Likewise, all the affiliated club teams with the same paying agent, team representative or main sponsor as a UCI Team must be declared to the relevant

National Federation. We invite all the National Federations which have not yet informed the UCI to do so as soon as possible by contacting [road@uci.ch](mailto:road@uci.ch). We kindly ask that National Federations inform the UCI immediately of any changes during the year.

Finally, in order to benefit from the participation rule mentioned in article 2.1.005bis of the UCI Regulations for the development teams of a UCI WorldTeam or UCI ProTeam, teams must be managed by the same paying agent, with a common identity (see articles 2.13.218–219; 2.15.242–243 and 2.16.055–056).

The list of teams concerned by the provisions of articles 2.1.005bis and/or 2.2.001 of the UCI Regulations for the 2023 season is available on the [UCI website](#).

### **Mandatory invitations to road race (art. 2.1.007bis, 2.14.020, 2.14.021, 2.14.038 and 2.14.051 of the UCI Regulations)**

The [list of mandatory invitations](#) extended to teams for road events is published on the page dedicated to the UCI Regulations on the UCI website. We kindly request that this updated list is used.

### **Prize money platform**

During January and February, the UCI WorldTour, UCI Women's WorldTour, UCI ProSeries and Class 1 organisers for both men and women events must update (or create if needed) their account on the centralised prize money management platform, so that prize money can be paid in accordance with the UCI Regulations (art. 1.2.071). No payment of prize money for these events is allowed outside of the platform. Any contravention to the UCI Regulations shall be sanctioned.

During February and March, the UCI WorldTeams, UCI Women's WorldTeams, UCI ProTeams, UCI Continental Teams, UCI Women's Continental Teams, National Teams, UCI Cyclo-cross Professional Teams and their riders must also update (or create if needed) their account on the [centralised prize money management platform](#), so that prize money can be paid in accordance with the UCI Regulations (art. 1.2.071).

Any prize money which will be due to teams not included in the above list (i.e.: club teams, UCI Cyclo-cross Teams, regional teams) will be transferred to the National Federation of the team concerned, which will then proceed with the payment of the prize money.

Should teams encounter any issue or have any queries, they can contact [road@uci.ch](mailto:road@uci.ch) or the platform administrators ([contact@cpm-uci.org](mailto:contact@cpm-uci.org)).

### **Update of Covid-19 protocol – Organisers**

We kindly request that you acquaint yourselves with the most recent UCI [press release](#) on this matter. Please note that the updated protocol is also available [on the UCI website](#).

We remind organisers that they must provide the following information on the [dedicated platform](#) set up by the UCI, [at least 14 days before the start of their event](#):

1. The phase of the pandemic as the competition approaches, including the values of the two criteria reported in paragraph D1, as well as the [“colour” of the geographical area](#), defined by the following criteria:
  - a. The number of confirmed Covid cases per 100,000 people and per week.
  - b. The effective reproductive rate (*Re*) and an assessment of the severity of the pandemic in the geographical area according to a colour code (green = low risk, orange = moderate risk, red = high risk).
2. A summary of the risk-mitigation measures put in place.

### **2023 UCI Cycling World Championships – Road General information**

Please see dedicated section for general information. Do not hesitate to contact [rwc@uci.ch](mailto:rwc@uci.ch) if you have any queries about the road event.

### **Qualification system**

The qualification system for the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships – Road has been published **on the UCI website**.

The nations interested in taking part in the team time trial – mixed relay must request an invitation by sending an email to [rwg@uci.ch](mailto:rwg@uci.ch) before **15 May 2023**.

The allocated quota places for the other events will be published on 23 June 2023. The deadline for confirming the (total or partial) use of the quotas for the Men Elite road race event is **30 June 2023**. Online registration begins on 27 June 2023 at 12:00 (GMT+2) on the dedicated UCI online platform: <http://regonline.uci.ch>.

In all cases, the UCI must receive registration enrolments before the deadline set out in article 9.2.004 of the UCI Regulations. All applications must be received before **28 July 2023 at 12:00 (GMT+2)**. After this deadline, enrolments will no longer be accepted.

## TRACK

### **2023 Tissot UCI Track Nations Cup**

The official documents, including registration information and important dates, are available on the **UCI website**.

#### Milton (Canada) – registration deadlines

- Registrations open on Monday 6 March 2023, 12h00 CET
- Registrations close on Monday 20 March 2023, 12h00 CET

As a reminder, as per article 3.4.009 of the UCI Regulations, National Federations and teams will be fined for each rider registered to the event and not present without a previous announcement.

## MOUNTAIN BIKE

### **2023 UCI Cycling World Championships**

Information related to the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships is regularly published on the **UCI website**.

### **2023 UCI Pump Track World Championships**

Following the approval of the UCI Management Committee in early February, the **2023 UCI Pump Track World Championships** will take place on 18 November in Neuquen, Argentina.

### **2023 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup**

Information related to the 2023 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup is regularly published on the **UCI website**.

### **2023 UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Cup and World Championships**

Information concerning the **2023 UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Cup** and **2023 UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Championships** will be updated regularly on the UCI website.

### **2023 UCI Junior Series – XCO**

Information concerning the 2023 UCI Junior Series Cross-country Olympic (XCO) is published under the mountain bike official documents section on the **UCI website**.

### **2023 UCI Mountain Bike Teams**

The 2023 UCI Mountain Bike Teams are published on the **UCI website**. For this season, 184 teams from 29 nations registered. The split per format is 75 cross-country teams, 12 marathon teams, 51 downhill teams, six mixed teams cross-country and marathon, eight mixed teams downhill and enduro (including enduro-E) and 32 enduro teams (including enduro-E).

Amongst these teams, the top 15 teams for cross-country, downhill and enduro had the opportunity to register as a UCI Elite Mountain Bike Team.

## BMX RACING

## **2023 UCI Cycling World Championships**

Preparations for the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, Masters and Challenge is well underway with modifications of the track planned for March 2023.

### Championship quota places

The quota document for the Junior, Under 23 and Elite categories can be found on the [UCI website](#).

### Track and venue bookings

Bookings of the venue for championship and challenge riders as well as National Federations can be made by contacting [lingsay.bruce@glasgowlife.org.uk](mailto:lingsay.bruce@glasgowlife.org.uk) at the Glasgow BMX Centre.

Booking slots will be available up until 9 July 2023.

### Information

Information on the event will be published on the UCI website on the dedicated 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships page. This information is being updated on a regular basis and can be consulted on the [UCI website](#).

## **2023 UCI BMX Racing Teams**

Three UCI BMX Racing Teams have registered for 2023. Details are published on the [UCI website](#).

## **2023 UCI BMX Racing World Cup**

The 2023 UCI BMX Racing World Cup series begins in Sakarya ([Turkey](#)) with Rounds 1 & 2 on the 03/04 June 2023.

The BMX Racing track at Sakarya is being remodelled in the spring of 2023 with rebuilding of the first and second corners. This work is planned to improve the rider lines through the corners and increase rider safety.

Details of the 2023 UCI BMX Racing World Cup rounds will be updated on the [UCI website](#).

## **BMX FREESTYLE**

### **2023 UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar**

BMX Freestyle Park and BMX Freestyle Flatland C1 events and National Championships can still be added to the 2023 UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar with enough notice given so that athletes can plan to attend the competitions.

### **2023 UCI Cycling World Championships**

The athlete quota document can be found on the [UCI website](#).

## **TRIAL**

### **2023 UCI Trials World Cup**

As approved by the UCI Management Committee, the following 2023 UCI Trials World Cup events have now been published on the [UCI website](#).

- 7–9 April – Vic–Catalonia, Spain
- 21–23 July – Ploeuc–l'Hermitage, France

### **2023 UCI Trials World Youth Games**

**The competition guide and programme for the Under 16 event to be held in Durana–Araba–Basque Country (Spain) is published on the [UCI website](#).**

Registration opens on 23 June and closes on 6 July 12h CET via [this form](#), which must be completed by the National Federation.

### **2023 UCI Trials Regulations**

For the upcoming season, the UCI regulations in effect are available on the [UCI website](#).

### **2023 UCI Trials International Calendar**

National Federations and organisers of international events are reminded that the UCI is still accepting applications for the 2023 UCI Trials International Calendar.

We would also encourage National Federations to register their National Championships on the mandatory date of 24 and 25 June 2023.

The 2023 UCI Trials International Calendar is published at the [UCI website](#).

For any information regarding how to register your event, please email to [offroad@uci.ch](mailto:offroad@uci.ch).

### **2023 UCI Cycling World Championships**

The athlete quota document can be found on the [UCI website](#).

### **2024 UCI Trials World Cup and 2024 UCI Trials World Youth Games**

Any organisation, city or National Federation wishing to bid to host a round of the 2024 UCI Trials World Cup or the 2024 UCI Trials World Youth Games should submit their interest to [offroad@uci.ch](mailto:offroad@uci.ch). Full event information and bid documents can be found [here](#).

## **2024 UCI URBAN CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The date for the 2024 UCI Urban Cycling World Championships in Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) is confirmed for 10–14 December 2024 and will feature the BMX Freestyle Park, BMX Freestyle Flatland and trials disciplines.

## **PARA-CYCLING**

### **National Classifier training**

The UCI hosted two National Classifier courses from 13 to 18 February. A total of 23 participants from 17 countries across four continents completed the course. National Classifiers are certified by their National Federations. The full para-cycling Classifier pathway can be found on the [UCI website](#).

### **2023 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup Calendar**

The three rounds of the 2023 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup will take place as follows:

- 20 – 24 April: Maniago, Italy
- 4 – 7 May: Ostend, Belgium
- 26 – 29 May: Huntsville, USA

International classification will be organised during these rounds. The full list of classification opportunities for 2023 is available [here](#).

Registration for the first round will open on 23 February 2023 at 12:00 (CET) and close on 12 March 2023 at 12:00 (CET). More information on the World Cups is available [here](#).

### **Paris 2024 Paralympic Games qualification slot**

According to the [qualification guide](#) of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, the first slots based on the 2022 UCI Para-cycling Nations Ranking have now been calculated. In total, 47 nations earned at least 1 slot for the 2024 Paralympic Games. The full list of awarded slots and how to proceed to retain these slots can be found [here](#).

Nations may now earn slots for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games through the UCI Paralympic Ranking allocation. The first event to earn points for this ranking is at the UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup in Maniago, Italy, starting on 20 April.

## **INDOOR CYCLING**

### **2023 UCI Artistic Cycling World Cup**

At the first UCI Management Committee meeting of 2023, the following dates and venues were approved for the 2023 UCI Artistic Cycling World Cup:



Event	Date	Venue
Round I	29 April 2023	Frankfurt am Main (Germany)
Round II	27 May 2023	Bruckmühl (Germany)
Round III	28 October 2023	Kisvárda (Hungary)
Final	25 November 2023	Merelbeke (Belgium)

### 2023 UCI Cycle-ball World Cup

The first 2023 UCI Cycle-ball World Cup took place on 12 February in Osaka, Japan.

The winner of the first round and current leader of the series are Timon and Yannick Fröhlich from Altdorf (SUI). Second place went to Markus Dörr and Luca Kovacevic from Germany, followed by the local heroes Murakami Yusuke and Takahashi Yuma on third place.

During the event, the Japanese Cycling Federation organised an exhibition game of two female cycle-ball teams, which was a great presentation of their efforts for gender equity within the sport and an important step into a new direction.

Further information concerning the [2023 UCI Cycle-ball World Cup](#) and the [2023 UCI Artistic Cycling World Cup](#) will be updated regularly on the UCI website, and we encourage you to check the latter for official schedules, qualification quotas and deadlines relating to the series.

### 2023 UCI Indoor Cycling World Championships

The 2023 Indoor Cycling World Championships will be held in Glasgow (Great Britain), as part of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, where Women's Cycle-ball will make its first appearance.

The ticket sales for the 2023 UCI Indoor Cycling World Championships started earlier this month. These tickets are available on the [organiser's website](#).

Please note that camping is strictly forbidden in the city of Glasgow. There are campsites located outside the city area that can be reached by public transport. This means that it will not be possible to camp near the Emirates Arena.

## CYCLING FOR ALL



### **UCI Bike City Wollongong – Making cycling accessible to all**

Host of the 2022 UCI Road World Championships last September, Wollongong is pursuing its 2030 cycling strategy by strongly promoting inclusion in cycling. Awarded the UCI Bike City label in 2021, the Australian city has partnered with local organisations to implement adapted bike programmes and initiatives. Read the UCI's recent article to learn more about Wollongong's journey enabling people of all ages and all abilities to improve their cycling skills and fitness [HERE](#).

The UCI Bike City label recognises cities and regions that not only host major UCI cycling events but also demonstrate outstanding commitment to Cycling for All. Visit the UCI website [here](#) for more information on the UCI Bike City label and on the application process.

### **Autonomy Mobility World Expo 2023**

The UCI is delighted to confirm that it is once again an institutional partner of the [Autonomy Mobility World Expo \(AMWE\) 2023](#), which will take place in Paris, France, on 22 and 23 March 2023 at Paris Expo Porte de Versailles. AMWE is the world's largest annual gathering of international policymakers, institutions, NGOs, corporations, companies, and start-ups focused on sustainable urban mobility solutions welcoming 200+ exhibitors, 300+ speakers, and 8,000+ participants every year in March.

The UCI will be hosting two panels on Thursday 23 March, promoting the link between the sport, active mobility and livable cities, in collaboration with several cycling family representatives. The full conference programme can be consulted [here](#).

As an institutional partner, the UCI has access to a limited number of free passes for AMWE 2023; please do not hesitate to contact the UCI at [cyclingforall@uci.ch](mailto:cyclingforall@uci.ch) to request a discount code should you wish to attend the event and meet with UCI representatives on site.

### **ITDP 2024 Sustainable Transport Award**

In January, Paris (France) – which was awarded the UCI Bike City Label in 2019 – received the 2023 [Sustainable Transport Award](#) from the Institute for Transportation & Development Policy (ITDP). This honour recognises the city's innovative efforts to promote inclusive and active mobility, expand cycling and pedestrian infrastructure, and reclaim urban space for public use.

The ITDP – with whom the UCI collaborates on the [Cycling Cities](#) campaign – now invites all cities to apply for the 2024 Sustainable Transport Award (STA). Each year,

the STA Committee selects a city that has implemented innovative sustainable transportation projects during the preceding year. Applications open on 8 February 2023 and must be completed by 31 March 2023. Please visit [staward.org](http://staward.org) to apply.

## ANTI-DOPING

Report any concerns on REVEAL – International Testing Agency’s reporting platform



Have you ever seen, heard, experienced, or suspected a doping offence and did not know how and to whom you should report it? REVEAL is a platform developed by the International Testing Agency (ITA) that helps you to do so. It offers the sport community the opportunity to report confidentially and anonymously on a secure platform any doping offences or any suspicions to the ITA. In this way, you actively support the investigation of anti-doping rule violations or criminal behaviour.

Every piece of information is crucial in the fight for Clean Sport and we count on you to play a role and report any anti-doping concerns. Any information provided helps us to uncover doping, to catch cheaters and allows us to move closer to a clean and fair playing field for all.

If you are wondering if your information is important enough, if you have doubts regarding the relevance of your information or if you are afraid of sharing it, please be assured that the Intelligence & Investigations department of the ITA will treat your information in a confidential and sensible manner.

Furthermore, if you wish to stay involved you can open a secure mailbox on REVEAL or give the ITA your contact details so it can stay in touch with you.

Why and how to promote REVEAL? By promoting REVEAL on your website, you are contributing to a clean sport and raise awareness about the importance of reporting to all your members. To make sure that all your members know about the possibility of sharing information through REVEAL, we strongly encourage you to place a promotional banner on your website. To this end, please make sure to add the correct link: <https://www.reveal.sport>.

### EDUCATION – ITA Webinar Series

The International Testing Agency (ITA) discusses through its monthly public webinars advanced anti-doping knowledge with leading experts and relevant athletes who share their experience.

The Union Cycliste Internationale strongly encourages you and your members to [subscribe](#) to the ITA webinar series and to follow the ITA on its dedicated [YouTube Channel](#).

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE UCI CYCLING ESPORTS WORLD

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

The third edition of the UCI Cycling Esports World Championships on 18 February took on a new, innovative format that was popular with the athletes and spectacular for the spectators.

Three short, explosive events – the Punch, the Climb and the Podium – gradually whittled the field down as the racing in the new Scotland virtual world became increasingly intense.

In both the women's and men's competition, only the top 30 from the Punch race qualified for the Climb, with the rest being eliminated from the competition. Athletes had to finish in the top ten of the Climb to go through to the Podium event and battle for the rainbow jersey. The Podium event saw one rider eliminated through each archway until only three remained to fight for the podium and the title of 2023 UCI World Champion.

Read the race report [here](#).

## UCI WCC CORNER



### WCC Team ready for action

After spending some of the off-season in their own countries, the members of the UCI WCC Team are back in Aigle and ready to attack another year of racing. Three new athletes join the UCI World Cycling Centre's UCI Women's Continental Team, which also has a new coach, Anna Wiese. Read more about the 2023 team and its coach [here](#).

### Simon Hupperetz leading Rwanda's charge to 2025

All eyes will be focused on Rwanda when the UCI Road World Championships are staged in the Central African country in 2025. It will also be an opportunity for the athletes from this "land of a thousand hills" to show the rest of the world just what they are capable of. Simon Hupperetz has been appointed Rwanda Development Project Lead and is determined to see the country's young cyclists do more than simply participate in this historic event. Read more about his work and ambitions [here](#).



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