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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members,

This month got off to an excellent start with the year's second meeting of the UCI Management Committee, held in Cagliari (Italy) from 2 to 4 May.

Members treated numerous important topics, notably the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in events on the UCI International Calendar.

As a result of these discussions, the Management Committee agreed, in line with the International Olympic Committee's latest recommendations and under strict conditions, to authorise the participation of athletes of Russian and Belarusian sporting nationality in events on the UCI International Calendar as "neutral individual athletes". The UCI continues its commitment to political neutrality and to the right of all athletes, regardless of their nationality, to be treated without discrimination.

I invite you to read the **press release** we published on this decision on 3 May.

Members of the Management Committee also approved several UCI World Cup calendars as well as initiatives to reinforce gender equality and the participation of women at different cycling events. You can find out more about the <u>UCI Management Committee</u> meeting in our press release published at the end of the meetings.

Discussions were also productive and extremely interesting at the final Continental Confederation Congress of the year, held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 25 April. I was honoured to participate in the Confédération Africaine de Cyclisme (CAC) Congress in the presence of Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Sport and the Arts, the Honorable Ababu Namwamba. My thanks go to the President of the Kenya Cycling Federation Mr Julius Mwangi and CAC President Dr Mohamed Wagih Azzam for their warm welcome and excellent organisation, both of the Congress and the UCI Sharing Platform held the day before. It was fantastic to witness the motivation and commitment of our African National Federations as the continent gears up to host the UCI Road World Championships in Kigali, Rwanda, in 2025.

The CAC Congress coincided with the "100 days to go" celebrations for the UCI Cycling World Championships taking place in Glasgow and across Scotland from 3 to 13 August. We are well and truly into the final stretch before this momentous event, and it was a pleasure to welcome its CEO Trudy Lindblade and Chair Paul Bush to our UCI headquarters on 10 May to discuss preparations. On the same day, our latest meeting of the Chefs de Mission saw the participation of 170 National Federation representatives. This meeting dealt with practical and concrete aspects such as accreditations and the competition entries process, as well as the sporting programme and UCI Juniors Conference.

It was a pleasure for me to meet up with our UCI Women's Continental Team, the WCC Team, at La Classique Morbihan, in France, on 5 May. After putting in some strong performances, they further developed their experience against an international field the next day at the Grand Prix du Morbihan Féminin. The week before, I had visited the Tour de Bretagne to greet riders before the start of the fifth stage between Sérent and Louisfert, and I returned to the region last weekend for the UCI Nations' Cup Junior event, the Trophée Centre Morbihan.

At UCI WorldTour and UCI Women's WorldTour level, our Grand Tours are now under way, and after a magnificent edition of the Vuelta España Femenina at the beginning of the month, the men are now battling it out on the roads of Italy in the Giro d'Italia.

Meanwhile, the UCI World Cups and series for our disciplines that will feature at the inaugural UCI Cycling World Championships are all underway or about to begin. The next month is going to be another one full of action!

David Lappartient UCI President IOC Member



#### **UCI NEWS**

#### 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships and 192nd UCI Congress

As part of its Solidarity Programme, the UCI will once again support its Group 3 and 4 affiliated National Federations to attend the 192nd UCI Congress, UCI Official Gala Dinner, National Federations' Seminar and the 11 days of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships.

On presentation of proof of attendance (confirmed travel arrangements and visas), one twin-bedded rooms per National Federation from 2 to 14 August 2023 at the Clayton Hotel in Glasgow, transfers to and from Glasgow Airport, Edinburgh Airport or Glasgow Central Station, and shuttle services to the UCI Congress and the National Federations' Seminar will be borne by the UCI. By receiving this support, the National Federation is obliged to attend the above-

mentioned events.

Furthermore, Groups 3 and 4 affiliated National Federations will exceptionally receive support of up to CHF 1500 (European National Federations), CHF 2000 (African, Asian, and Panamerican National Federations), CHF 3000 (Oceanian National Federations) for the travel of the President and CHF 2500 (European National Federations), CHF 3000 (African, Asian, and Panamerican National Federations), CHF 4000 (Oceanian National Federations) to support the participation of an athlete participating in the UCI World Championships.

For more information, please contact the UCI International Relations department at <a href="mailto:internationalrelations@uci.ch">internationalrelations@uci.ch</a>.

#### Visas - Practical Visa Application Sessions

UCI is aware that the procedure involved in obtaining an entry visa to the United Kingdom can sometimes be complex and time-consuming. That is why we wish to offer our support in this process.

In order to facilitate the visa application for delegations from National Federations participating in the UCI 2023 World Cycling Championships in Glasgow and Scotland, UCI is organising information sessions. These sessions will cover the necessary steps to obtain your visa. The dates and times of the sessions are as follows:

- Friday 26 May from 14:00 PM to 15:00 CEST, for African National Federations (in English).
- Tuesday 30 May from 9:00 AM to 10:00 CEST, for Asian National Federations (in English).
- Tuesday 30 May 30 from 16:00 to 17:00 CEST, for Pan-American National Federations (in English).
- Wednesday 31 May 31 from 16:00 to 17:00 CEST, for Pan-American National Federations (in Spanish).

We strongly recommend you to participate in these information sessions and kindly request that you come prepared with all the necessary documents and information to facilitate your visa application. Please prepare the personal data of each member of your delegation, a copy of the passport, as well as the arrival and departure dates for each individual.

Invitations for these sessions will be sent to you separately. For more information, please contact UCI International Relations at <a href="mailto:internationalrelations@uci.ch">internationalrelations@uci.ch</a>.

#### **Newly elected Presidents**

On the European continent, Mr Alexandru-Catalin SPRINCEANA has been elected President of the Romanian Cycling Federation.

On the Asian continent, Mr Pankaj SINGH has been elected President of the Cycling Federation of India.

We wish them the greatest success in promoting and developing cycling in their respective countries, and we thank them for their involvement in our sport.

#### **UCI Webinar Series**



One of the key areas of the Agenda 2030 is the protection of athletes and the integrity our sport, notably with an effective fight against doping. In order for the public to continue following our sport with passion, we must guarantee the credibility of the sporting results. The UCI has been strongly encouraging National Federations to run education and prevention activities and implement innovative actions to ensure cycling takes the lead in the fight against doping.

This webinar will be conducted in two parts. First, the UCI will introduce its Cycling Integrity programme, which hinges on three pillars: clean cycling, safe cycling and fair cycling. Secondly, we will look in more detail at how the UCI keeps cycling clean through its comprehensive antidoping programme. We will also be looking both at the preventative actions, education initiatives and reporting mechanisms to be implemented by National Federations.

- Registration links : 09:00-10:00 CET or 15:00-16:00 CET
- Speakers: Fanny Bellier, Integrity and Education Manager and Simon Geinoz, Head of Legal Anti-Doping Services

#### **SPORT**

# 2023 UCI CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – GLASGOW AND ACROSS SCOTLAND

#### Chef de Mission webinars

The third Chef de Mission webinar was held on 10 May with a great turn-out. The **presentation** from the webinar is available on the UCI website.

The next webinars for the Chef de Mission will be held online on 14 June and on 19 July (an invitation including the agenda, a meeting link and time will be sent by email in due course).

Regular short meetings will also be held online during the World Championships (dates will be confirmed in due course).

#### Information Bulletin

Please take note of the following important information:

- VISA
- Accreditation
- Athlete registration
- Accommodation
- Customs for equipment import/export

· Main contacts for both UCI and LOC

that is available in the <u>Information Bulletin</u> published on the dedicated section on the <u>UCI</u> website.

#### ROAD

#### **Sport Directors' course**

The next UCI Sport Directors' course will take place from 30 October to 3 November at the UCI World Cycling Centre in Aigle, Switzerland. All information, including how women can apply for a scholarship to attend the course, is available on the <u>UCI website</u>.

Furthermore, the list of UCI-certified Sport Directors is available at the same location, thus enabling teams to contact Sport Directors who have obtained the UCI certification.

#### **UCI Riders' Agents exam**

The next UCI Riders' Agents exam will be held in Aigle, Switzerland, on 16 June 2023. All related information is available on the <u>UCI website</u>.

# Instructions for registration of UCI Women's WorldTeams, UCI WorldTeams, UCI ProTeams, UCI Continental Teams and UCI Women's Continental Teams

As every year, instructions for the registration of UCI Women's WorldTeams, UCI WorldTeams and UCI ProTeams applying for a licence and/or registration for the 2024 season will be sent at the end of June. The procedure can also be checked in Part II (chapters 13 for UCI Women's WorldTeams, 15 for UCI WorldTeams and 16 for UCI ProTeams) of the UCI Regulations. For UCI Continental Teams and UCI Women's Continental Teams instructions will be sent in August.

The UCI Women's WorldTeams and UCI WorldTeams must also, by 1 July, submit to the external auditor PwC the name of their company auditor as well as the interim accounts as of 30 June (cf. art. 2.13.141–142, 149; 2.15.079–080, 087).

#### 2023 National Road Championships - registration

National Federations are invited to ensure that their 2023 National Road Championships are registered on the UCI International Calendar. The registration form is available on the <u>National Federations' and Organisers' platform</u> and is to be sent to <u>road@uci.ch</u>.

For riders to be awarded UCI points, the event must be registered on the UCI International Calendar beforehand, and the results uploaded in UCI DataRide no later than two days after the final day of the event (art. 1.2.029 of the UCI Regulations).

#### 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships - Road

#### General information

Please see the dedicated section on the <u>UCI website</u> for general information. Do not hesitate to contact <u>rwc@uci.ch</u> if you have any queries about the road events.

Further information will be available in the Technical Guide, to be published in June.

#### Qualification system

We kindly remind you that the qualification system for the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships - Road has been published on the **UCI website**.

#### Rider registration and accreditation procedure

Every nation participating in the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships – Road will be asked to register its riders for the different events via the <u>Online Registration System</u>, in accordance with the deadlines specified in article 9.2.004 of the UCI Regulations (from 27 June to 28 July).

Team staff will be required to request an accreditation via the **Online Accreditation System**, which will open on 27 June 2023.

#### TRACK

# 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships - Track

The competition programme, preliminary training information and accreditation information specific to track are available on the **UCI website**.

Further information will be available in the Technical Guide, to be published in June.

Regulation changes for track that will enter into force ahead of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships (01.08.2023) can be found on the <u>UCI website</u>.

#### 2023 UCI Junior Track World Championships - Cali (Colombia)

As per article <u>9.2.027bis</u> of the UCI Regulations, to be eligible for the UCI Track World Championships, a nation must have participated in the most recent UCI Junior Track World Championships. To satisfy this eligibility criterion for the 2024 UCI Track World Championships to be held in Ballerup (Denmark), a nation must participate in both the 2023 (Colombia) and 2024 (China) editions of the UCI Junior Track World Championships. We remind nations that the minimum participation to satisfy this criterion is one rider (men or women) per nation, in a minimum of one event, at each of these two editions of the UCI Junior Track World Championships.

# **MOUNTAIN BIKE**

#### 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships - Mountain Bike

Information concerning mountain bike at the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships is regularly published on the <u>UCI website</u>.

National Federations must book their team area directly via the organisers.

#### 2023 UCI Pump Track World Championships

Information concerning the 2023 UCI Pump Track World Championships is regularly published on the <u>UCI website</u>.

#### 2023 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup

Information concerning the 2023 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup is regularly published on the <u>UCI</u> <u>website</u>.

For cross-country Olympic, cross-country short track, cross-country marathon and downhill, online registration is handled by the National Federations and/or UCI Teams via the <u>UCI website</u>.

For enduro and E-enduro, online registration is handled by the National Federations and/or UCI Teams via <u>this link</u>.

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

Information concerning the <u>2023 UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Cup</u> and the <u>2023 UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Championships</u> will be updated regularly on the UCI website.

The newly published 2023 UCI Mountain Bike Eliminator World Cup calendar is available on the <u>UCI website</u>.

#### 2023 UCI E-Mountain Bike Cross-country World Cup

Information concerning the 2023 UCI E-Mountain Bike Cross-country World Cup is regularly published on the <u>UCI website</u>.

The newly published 2023 UCI E-Mountain Bike Cross-country World Cup calendar is also available on the <u>UCI website</u>.

#### 2023 UCI Junior Series - XCO

Information concerning the 2023 UCI Junior Series for cross-country Olympic is published under the mountain bike official documents section on the <u>UCI website</u>.

#### **UCI MTB Teams**

As you are aware, changes to the riders' list are permitted only during the riders' transfer period. For 2023, the transfer period is from 10 to 14 July.

The process will be carried out through the UCI DataRide platform, as for the registration:

- The team goes on the platform to make the necessary change(s)
  - If a rider is leaving your team, please do not use the (X) at the end of the line to remove him/her but change the end date of the contract
  - If a rider is entering your team, please use the correct start date of the contract
  - The requirements to add a rider are the same as for the first registration (contract dates, upload of the contract).
  - For any change in the riders' list, please upload the following documents
    - Rider leaving a team: upload the letter signed by all the parties stating that the contract has come to an end (replace the contract)
    - Rider entering a team: upload the new contract
    - Rider transferring from a team to another: upload the new contract and the letter signed by all the parties stating that the old contract has come to an end.

As you can only submit one pdf document, please merge the contract and letter if applicable.

- The team submits the new list of riders so the National Federation can validate it please also inform your National Federation that you made some changes, so they know they have to validate the information
- The National Federation submits the list of riders so the UCI can validate it
- The UCI can then update the team list.

#### **BMX RACING**

#### 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships - BMX Racing

General Information concerning BMX Racing at the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships is regularly updated on the <u>UCI website</u>.

#### Championship pre-event training

The Glasgow BMX Centre will be open for training sessions for Championship riders from 27 July 2023 to 01 August 2023. Sessions must be pre-booked by Federations or Championship riders individually by completing the <u>Championship Training Booking Form</u> and emailing the completed form to <u>bmxworldchamps23@britishcycling.org.uk</u>.

Payment must be made within 7 days of the booking confirmation to secure the times booked.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: There will be no 'night training' sessions during the UCI World Challenge competition for Championship riders.

#### Challenge riders and families - campervan accommodation

A motorhome and campervan campus will be available from 02 to 10 August 2023. This campus is conveniently situated within a central Glasgow location with easy access to the city centre, transport networks and venues of other cycling disciplines of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships. There will be a regular shuttle bus service for passengers and a transfer service for bikes to and from the Glasgow BMX Centre in Knightswood.

This campus will be available to book from 22 May 2023 by using this link to the **Sportive Breaks website**.

#### 2023 UCI BMX Racing World Cup

Information concerning the 2023 UCI BMX Racing World Cup is available on the UCI website.

Entry deadlines for the following 2023 UCI BMX Racing World Cup events should be noted by National Federations and registered UCI BMX Racing Teams.

Rounds 3 & 4, Papendal (NED)

Opening: 01.06.2023 (12:00 CEST)Closing: 12.06.2023 (12:00 CEST)

#### 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup

The UCI has announced the calendar for the 2024 UCI BMX Racing World Cup:

- Rounds 1 and 2: Rotorua (New Zealand), 10–11 February 2024
- Rounds 3 and 4: Brisbane (Australia), 24-25 February 2024
- Rounds 5 and 6: Tulsa, USA, 27-28 April 2024
- Rounds 7 and 8: Papendal (Netherlands), 22-23 June 2024.

#### **BMX FREESTYLE**

#### 2023 UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup

The competition guide for the 2023 UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup (Park) in Brussels (Belgium) is available on the <u>UCI website</u>.

#### 2023 UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup calendar

The dates and venues for the second half of the 2023 UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup have been set as follows:

- Round 4: Bazhong, Sichuan Province (China) 13–15 October Park
- Round 5: Doha (Qatar), 30 November to 2 December Park and Flatland
- Round 6: Al Ula (Saudi Arabia), 7–9 December Park

#### Annual judges meeting

The annual judges meeting will take place in Aigle, Switzerland, on 26–28 September 2023 in conjunction with a training camp and C1 competition at the UCI World Cycling Centre.

#### CYCLO-CROSS

#### Registration of UCI Cyclo-cross Teams for the 2023-2024 season

The registration guide is available here.

New teams are invited to request their UCI DataRide platform username and password by writing to <a href="mailto:offroad@uci.ch">offroad@uci.ch</a>.

Key dates of the registration process for UCI Cyclo-cross Teams:

- 31 July 2023: registration deadline for teams and approval by their National Federation;
- 16 August 2023: publication of the list of UCI Cyclo-cross Teams.

#### 2023 UCI cyclo-cross training camp

The 2023 camp will be organised from Tuesday 10 to Sunday 15 October 2023 in Aigle, Switzerland, at the UCI World Cycling Centre (WCC). The camp will conclude with the participation in a cyclo-cross race organised around the UCI WCC in Aigle. An invitation letter has been sent to National Federations. For more information please contact: **formation@uci.ch**.

#### 2023-2024 UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup, youth categories

In March, the UCI modified ithe list of UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup rounds that will host the youth categories (Men Under 23, Men Junior, Women Junior) for the next season: Benidorm, Costa Blanca (Spain) will also host these youth categories, in addition to Troyes (France), Dublin (Ireland), Namur (Belgium), Antwerpen (Belgium) and Hoogerheide (Netherlands). The final calendar can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

## **TRIALS**

#### 2023 UCI Trials World Cup

A new event has been added to the 2023 UCI Trials World Cup calendar. The final round of the series will take place in Aarhus, Denmark, from 1 to 3 September. The Competition Guide and programmes are available on the <u>UCI website</u>.

#### 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships - Trials

Information related to trials at the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships taking place between 3 and 13 of August in Glasgow and across Scotland (GBR) is regularly published on the the <u>UCI</u> website.

#### 2023 UCI Trials International Calendar

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

Also, we encourage the National Federations to register their Trials National Championships on the mandatory date (24–25 June 2023).

The 2023 UCI Trials International Calendar is published on the UCI website.

For any information regarding how to register your event, please email offroad@uci.ch.

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

National Federations and organisers of international events are reminded that the UCI is presently seeking bids for rounds of the 2024 UCI Trials World Cup and for the 2024 UCI Trials World Youth Games. Download the information for organisers **here**.

For any information regarding how to bid, please email offroad@uci.ch.

#### PARA-CYCLING

### UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup - Maniago, Italy

Round one of the 2023 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup took place in Maniago, Italy from 20-23 April. Full results can be found on the <u>UCI website</u>.

#### UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup - Ostend, Belgium

Round two of the 2023 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup took place in Ostend, Belgium from 4-7 May. This event saw the largest ever participation in a UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup round with over 450 athletes from 46 nations. Full results can be found on the <u>UCI website</u>.

#### Para-cycling nations survey

All National Federations, National Paralympic Committees or team managers for para-cycling road attending the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships are requested to fill out a survey highlighting their needs as soon as possible. The survey can be found <u>here</u>.

# **INDOOR CYCLING**

#### 2023 UCI Cycle-ball World Cup

The third round of the 2023 UCI Cycle-ball World Cup is scheduled on 24 June 2023 in Dornbirn (Austria). It is the home of the current UCI World Champions and the last international event before the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships.

This UCI World Cup round will function as final preparation for the Commissaires who will be officiating at the UCI World Championships. The Commissaire's Seminar will be organised as part of the event.

#### 2023 UCI Artistic Cycling World Cup

The second round of the UCI Artistic Cycling World Cup is taking place on 27 May in Bruckmühl (Germany). The local organiser is the current club of reigning Single Women UCI World Champion Jana Pfann and 2022 silver medallist Ramona Dandl.

## 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships - Indoor Cycling

The Technical Guide for the event, including all relevant information for the discipline, will be published within the next two months. It will be available on the **UCI Website**, latest 15 June.

#### **EQUIPMENT**

## UCI Track Equipment Registration Procedure, Paris 2024

We would like to draw your attention to the UCI Track Equipment Registration Procedure, for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, which can be accessed through the <u>Equipment page</u> on the UCI website. This document outlines the scope and key elements of the registration procedure, ensuring compliance and transparency

#### <u>Step 1 - 2023 UCI Track World Championships in Glasgow, Great Britain</u>

We kindly remind you that to register your equipment for the Olympic Games in Paris 2024, Track events, nations must submit it via the Online Registration Form by 13 July 2023. The 2023

UCI Track World Championships in Glasgow will be the final opportunity for submitting equipment.

To expedite the registration procedure, we recommend submitting relevant design drawings to the UCI Innovation Unit well in advance of arriving in Glasgow. Please note that equipment already present on the <u>Provisional List of Equipment – Paris 2024 & Final List of Equipment – Tokyo 2020</u> should not be submitted.

It is important to note that this registration procedure applies exclusively to the Olympic Games in Paris 2024, Track events. While the UCI Regulations govern other events and disciplines, this specific registration procedure will not be enforced for other events during the Olympic Games in Paris 2024.

We encourage you to review the UCI Track Equipment Registration Procedure for Paris 2024 and the practical examples in section IV. For any inquiries or further clarification, please contact materiel@uci.ch.

## CYCLING FOR ALL



#### Celebrate World Bicycle Day with the UCI (3 June 2023)

On 3 June, the UCI and the UCI World Cycling Centre will celebrate World Bicycle Day. We will communicate on specific activations, communications content and the festivities at our headquarters in Aigle, Switzerland, in a dedicated newsletter. Stay tuned and join the UCI for this special occasion.

# Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines: UCI Bike City preparing for the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics

Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines was awarded the UCI Bike City label in 2018. Five years on, we take a look at the cycling vibes in this agglomeration of 12 French communes as it gears up to welcome some of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic events: read more on how Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines uses the upcoming mega-event as a catalyst for a shift towards more active travel in this <u>article</u>.



Have you ever seen, heard, experienced, or suspected any 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 secured platform any doping offences or any suspicions to the ITA.

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 concern. 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 appropriate 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 it on your website, you are contributing to a clean sport and raising 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: www.reveal.sport.

**EDUCATION - ITA Webinar Series** 

# **MONTHLY WEBINAR**

# **24 May** 14-15 CET



# PREPARING FOR MAJOR GAMES

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**WITH SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION:** العرى I ENGLISH I ESPAÑOL I FRANÇAIS I РУССКИЙ

The Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) is pleased to inform you that the next educational webinar -Preparing for Major Games - organised by the International Testing Agency (ITA), will take place on 24 May 2023.

A Major Games can be the pinnacle of an athlete's career. As athletes prepare physically and mentally to perform at their best, it is important they are prepared to fulfil their anti-doping responsibilities. This means understanding what they need to do in advance and knowing what to expect in relation to anti-doping during the event, so athletes can focus on performance.

In view of the importance of this topic, the UCI strongly encourages you to attend this webinar that will provide many practical tips for athletes and Athlete Support Personnel.

As always, the webinar will be delivered in English with simultaneous translation into Arabic, Spanish, French and Russian. Please find below further information regarding this webinar:

- Topic: Preparing for Major Games
- Registration link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_fF4WoozFQYKO2UdIB59-Bw#/registration

- Event date: 24 May 2023, 14:00 15:00 CET
- Panelists:
  - Vanessa Webb, ITA Major Events Project Manager
  - O Marc Mundell, OLY, ITA Education Ambassador
- Moderator: Nikki Hamblin, ITA Education Team

# **SUSTAINABILTY**

#### Keep it clean - all you need to know about invasive and non-native species

Taking part in the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships events is a great way to explore Scotland's natural environment and we all have a responsibility to help protect it.

The spread of invasive non-native (or alien) species (INNS) is becoming a major issue because they compete with native plants and wildlife, which can cause significant changes to entire ecosystems that harm the economy, environment, and human health.

The introduction or spread of INNS can occur when sports equipment, clothing, footwear, or vehicles are contaminated for example with seeds, spores, eggs or larvae. If these manage to survive, thrive and become established, they can pose a serious threat to native species and

their ecosystems.

Everyone visiting Scotland for the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, from spectators to teams, can help prevent the introduction of INNS by following this simple 'Keep it Clean' biosecurity routine:

#### Keep it clean

Before travelling to a 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships event location please ensure that you check and clean your bike and equipment using the below guidance. Don't give invasive species an easy ride!

#### 1. Check

Check bikes, equipment, clothing, and vehicles for any soil, dirt, mud, or plant material.

Pay particular attention to areas that are damp or hard to inspect, for example under mud guards, or in tyre treads. Seeds can also collect in the dust at the bottom of your bags, so be sure to shake your bags and bike travel case before packing.

#### 2. Clean

Clean and wash all equipment thoroughly with water. Ensure that anything washed off is contained and disposed of onto a surface, such as gravel or hard-standing ground, where it can be dried out and prevented from entering any watercourse or drainage system.

Brush off shoes, clothes, and equipment to dislodge seeds that may be attached. A stiff brush works best, but your hand or cloth can also work.

Some event locations may have designated cleaning stations. If so please check and clean your bike and equipment on site before leaving the event location.

#### 3. Repeat!

Read the full <u>Keep It Clean information pack</u> at Forestry.scot and don't forget to check and clean before visiting another 2023 UCI Cycling World Championship event, or other locations around Scotland and Great Britain.

This guidance has been developed in collaboration with the UCI, NatureScot, Forestry Scotland and the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature). The UCI is a signatory to the Sports for Nature Framework and committed to taking action that contributes to global biodiversity goals.

# **UCI WCC CORNER**



#### Ready for the BMX Racing season

The BMX Racing athletes are nearing the end of their first training camp, which took place in France (Besançon and Sarrians) this month. Their preparations for the upcoming rounds of the UCI BMX Racing World Cup will continue in Aigle, where the start ramp at the UCI WCC's BMX Racing track has been equipped with a new all-weather material.

Read more about the athletes, their new coach Twan van Gendt and their season's racing calendar in the article published on the <u>UCI website</u>.

#### Visit from former Ethiopian road trainees

The UCI Women's Continental Team WCC Team was joined for training by a former team member from Ethiopia, Eyeru Tesfoam Gebru. Part of the UCI WCC's intake from 2018 to 2020, Eyeru now rides for the UCI Women's Continental Team Grand Est – Komugi – La Fabrique. She returned to the UCI WCC from 1st to 8 May to train in the mountains for the Tour Féminin International des Pyrénées (Class 2.1 – 9–11 June) and the Tour de Suisse Women (UCI Women's WorldTour – 13–20 June). She left the UCI WCC in good shape, finishing 2nd in the Prix du Saugeais (9 May) in France behind Line Burquier, who is the reigning Under 23 UCI World Champion for mountain bike cross–country Olympic (XCO).

Eyeru Tesfoam Gebru has an Olympic scholarship to prepare for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, and will also be part of the UCI WCC Refugee Team competing in the team time trial-mixed relay at the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships taking place in Glasgow and across Scotland in August.

Her return to the UCI World Cycling Centre coincided with that of fellow Ethiopian Hagos Welay Berhe, who was based in Aigle from 19 April to 3 May. Now a neo pro with UCI WorldTeam Jayco AlUla, Berhe returned to the UCI WCC for the third time, after an African Junior Road training camp in 2019 and a short stay in 2020 before the Covid-19 pandemic forced the temporary closure of the centre and its facilities.















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