

Information for BMX Freestyle Park Riders

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1. Who can I contact if I have questions?

The UCI has hired **Bart de Jong** to help us manage BMX Freestyle Park. Bart has been involved in BMX Freestyle around the world for many years.

Here is what Bart does:

- ✓ He represents the UCI at major UCI BMX Freestyle Events.
- ✓ He is available to answer riders' questions, and listen to their opinions about how the sport should develop.
- ✓ He makes sure that event organisers follow the UCI rules and event standards.
- ✓ He helps the UCI update the UCI BMX Freestyle Park regulations.
- ✓ He helps our national federations begin managing BMX Freestyle Park in their own countries.

You can contact Bart via e-mail as follows: bart.dejong@uci.ch



Important! If you aren't sure about something, **please ask Bart**. We want you to have a great experience at our events and to give you the information you need to succeed.

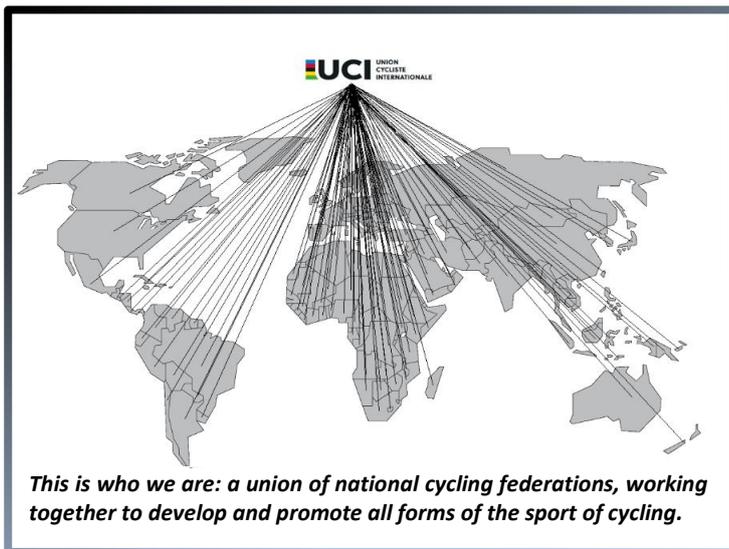
2. What is the UCI?

The UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) is a non-profit international sport federation. We manage, develop and promote all forms of the sport of cycling throughout the world.

We are recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as responsible for all disciplines of the sport of cycling throughout the world. We are based in the town of Aigle, in the French-speaking part of Switzerland.

The UCI is a union of national cycling federations, each responsible for developing cycling within its own country. Our members are the single national cycling federation that we recognise in each of 185 countries.

Individual riders are not members of the UCI; national cycling federations are our members. Individual riders are members of the national cycling federation in the country where they live.



The main job of the UCI is to manage the sport internationally. This includes major events such as world cups and world championships.

At the local level, our national federations are responsible for managing the sport, each within their own country.

In general, the UCI handles the elite international side of the sport; our national federations handle amateur and local competition.

We do 3 main things that affect your experience at our events.

We Create and Update the UCI BMX Freestyle Park Rules

With the help of experts like FISE and Bart, we set the international rules for each cycling discipline. The benefit of providing rules for BMX Freestyle Park events is that all riders will know in advance how all UCI BMX Freestyle Park events will be run, and how they will be judged. Our goal is to set rules that provide a level playing field for everyone.

You can find the rules on the UCI web site (www.uci.ch); go to the bottom of the page and click on the link for "Regulations" (it is in the dark grey area, on the right side). In the table that appears, there is a link to the rules for each cycling discipline.

We Set the UCI International Event Calendar and Event Standards

We set the UCI BMX Freestyle Park calendar, and also require certain quality and safety standards for those events. As the calendar grows over time, this will help to prevent date conflicts between events, and will provide more chances for riders to compete at good quality, safe and well managed events.



We Train and Appoint Judges and Officials



We select and train competition judges and officials. For now, we are working with the judges and officials already used for FISE World Series events. However, over time, we will train more judges, and help our national federations to train judges for local competitions.

This is important, because the ability of the judges to apply the UCI BMX Freestyle Park rules has a big impact on how your performance as a rider is scored.

3. What do I need to know for 2016?

Here are a few things that are important for you to know about the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup in 2016.

1. It is easier for everyone (including you) if you register in advance for each event. You can do this on the FISE World Series web site (www.fise.fr); once there, click on "Rider Area" in the top right corner of the screen.
2. Once you arrive at the event, you need to visit the registration office to confirm that you are there, and that you still plan to participate. Also, you need to sign an event declaration and waiver.

Important! If you are a minor, your parent or guardian must also sign. Make sure they come with you to the registration office.

3. All of the information you need for each UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup, including the series standings, is available on www.fise.fr
4. It is possible that you might be tested for doping. We don't want to take the focus away from the sport or from your enjoyment of it, but this is an important part of keeping the sport fair for everybody. In case this happens, you need to know what to expect, and what your rights and responsibilities are. You can find a document that explains the basics [here](#).

We suggest you read it, and if you have any questions, ask us.

4. What do I need to know for 2017?

In addition to what you need to know for 2016, there are two important things that you need to know for the 2017 season.

1. Beginning on 1st January 2017, To participate in UCI BMX Freestyle Park events, you will need to become a member of the national cycling federation in the country where you live. By doing so, you will receive a license, which will give you the right to participate in UCI BMX Freestyle events. You will need to show this license at every UCI event that you participate in. See the section called "How do I get a license?" for more information.
2. In addition to the 2017 UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup series, the first ever UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Championships will be held in 2017 for both Men and Women. The winner in each category will hold the title of "UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Champion" until the 2018 World Championships is held.

Once the location and dates of the 2017 World Championships are announced, we will give you more information about this event.

5. How can I get a license?

Simple... become a member of the national cycling federation in the country where you live.

Once you become a member of your the national cycling federation, you will receive a license which allows you to participate in UCI BMX Freestyle Park events around the world.

To make this easier, here are a few things you need to know:

1. **See the list of national federations below.** We have gathered the contact details of the national federations in the countries where many of the riders who participate in BMX Freestyle Park events live. In most cases, you can register directly through each federation's web site. Here is a link: <http://www.uci.ch/inside-uci/organisation/national-feds/#!EU>
2. **Do you have 2 or more nationalities?** If not, ignore this section. If so...
 - a. If you have more than one nationality, you will need to choose between them when you first register for your license. For most people, this choice is permanent. So think very carefully before deciding. It is this country that you will represent in all events where you compete.
3. **Do you live in more than 1 country, or do you live in a different country than that of your nationality?** If not, ignore this section. If so...
 - a. In case you split your time between several countries, you will apply for a license in the country where you have your main residence (which is probably also the country where you pay taxes, or that issues your driving license). Don't worry if you live in a different country than that of your nationality; your nationality will be listed on your license.

For example: A canadian citizen living in the USA would apply for membership in USA Cycling. However, this rider's license would still list his or her nationality as "Canadian".
4. **Be sure that you get an International License.** When getting your license, be aware that some countries also offer licenses that are only valid within that country. To participate in a UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup or UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Championships, be sure that you get a license that is valid internationally. All international licenses have the text "Union Cycliste Internationale" or "UCI" printed on them.
5. **Sign your license.** When you receive your license, be sure that you sign it.
6. **Bring your license with you to registration at every event.** You will need to show it as evidence that you have a license.

Handy Tip: Keep a copy of your license with your bike equipment in case you forget it.
7. **When to renew your license.** Your license is valid from the day that you sign it, until midnight on 31st December of that year. You need to renew your membership at the start of every year before participating in more events.
8. **Your license is an identity document.** It is about the size of a credit card, that lists your name, nationality, date of birth and competition categories. It may also contain your picture. Also, you must sign it to indicate that you agree to be bound by the UCI Regulations and submit to any anti-doping tests

9. **You need to have a license because:**

- a. By getting a license, you must agree to be bound by the UCI rules and to submit to any anti-doping tests. Agreeing to this is a condition of participation.
- b. Of insurance reasons to protect yourself and others. Your national federation is required to provide you with insurance that covers you for your participation in the sport. In this way, if you accidentally hurt yourself or somebody else, you and any other people involved are protected.

Good to Know! The amount of the membership fee and the amount of time needed to process your application depends the policies of each national federation. You will also need to provide proof of nationality (for example, a copy of your passport) the first time that you apply. Be sure that you apply for your license for the next season as soon as possible, but at latest, by the end of January.

The UCI is working with our national federations to make sure that they will be able to issue licenses to BMX Freestyle riders from 1st January 2017. If you are having problems, contact **Bart de Jong** (bart.dejong@uci.ch) and he will put you in touch with your national federation.

You can find the national cycling federations on the UCI web site at this link: <http://www.uci.ch/inside-uci/organisation/national-feds/#!EU>

The list is organised by continent. For each federation, an e-mail address and web site is provided.