

PART 7 TRIALS REGULATIONS

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I Chapter GENERAL RULES

§2 Calendar

Events classes and date protection

7.1.003 The calendar season starts on January 1 and continues until December 31 of the same year. International Trials events are registered on the international calendar in accordance with the following classification:

- *world championships (CM)*
No other trials event (CDM, ~~WUG~~, CC, CN, HC, C1, JMJ) may be organized on the weekend prior to or on the same dates as the world championships.
- *world cup (CDM)*
No other trials event (CM, ~~WUG~~, CC, CN, HC, C1, JMJ) may be organized on the same dates as the world cup.
- ~~– *world urban games* (WUG)*
No other trials event (CM, CDM, CC, CN, HC, C1) may be organized on the same dates as the world urban games.
*The format will be described in the specific competition guide.~~
- *continental championships (CC)*
No other trials event (CN, HC, C1, JMJ) may be organized on the same continent during the continental championships.
- *world youth games (JMJ)*
No other trials event (CM, CDM, CC, CN) may be organized on the same dates as the trials world youth games.
- *national championships (CN)*
Further, CN are mandatory dates as per art. 1.2.029. No other trials event (CM, CDM) may be organized on the same dates as the national championships.
- *international events (HC)*
No other trials event (CM, CDM, CC) may be organized on the same dates as the HC international event. However, the UCI may grant derogations, at its sole discretion, provided that the two races in question do not take place in the same country.
- *international events (C1)*
No other trials event (CM, CDM, CC) may be organized on the same dates as the C1 international event. However, the UCI may grant derogations, at its sole discretion, provided that the two races in question do not take place in the same country.

(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 18.03.15; 02.02.17).

Definition

7.1.011 Trials is a cycling competition, the objective of this sport is to get over obstacles grouped into sections, without setting foot on the ground or on the obstacle or any part of the bicycle (only the tires) touching the ground or on the obstacle as this incurs penalty points (dabs). The rider with the lowest total of penalty points shall be declared the winner in his category. The total duration of the event, necessary to negotiate all sections, is set accordingly.

At the World Championships, the rider with the highest total of points shall be declared the winner in his/her category.
(text modified on 18.03.15; 02.02.17.)

7.1.018 Each side of the section must be marked by plastic course tape. The tape should be installed 20 to 30 cm above the ground. There can also be plastic course tape inside the section to indicate different ways of difficulty or to close some obstacles adding difficulty.

The tape should be minimum 12 cm wide and of high quality, as defined in the technical specifications of the organizers guide.

Inside the sections there are coloured arrows indicating.

- Direction: one arrow indicating the riders sense.
- Gates: two arrows (same colour and number) pointing at each other and leaving a space between them, where riders must pass through them.

Arrows inside the section must be numbered for easier understanding. The last arrow must be indicated with a circle around the number.

At the World Championships, arrows inside the section with the same number and different letter, belong to the same obstacle (for example 1A and 1B).
(text modified on 1.02.12; 18.03.15; 02.02.17).

7.1.025 bis At the World Championships sections must be designed/built according to the UCI trials section building guide and must include six main obstacles.
(article introduced on 02.02.17).

§7 Starting and riding regulations

7.1.037 Penalties inflicted by the commissaires' panel shall be entered on the score card given to each rider at the start. In addition, penalty points shall be entered on the penalty check list, to be kept for each section. In case of a difference between the score card and the check list, the commissaires' panel decides.

At the World Championships, points counted by the commissaires' panel shall be entered on the score card given to each rider at the start. In addition, the counted points shall be entered on the check list, to be kept for each section. In case of a difference between the score card and the check list, the commissaires' panel shall decide.
(text modified on 02.02.17).

§10 Classifications and results

- 7.1.045** The rider with the lowest total of penalty points shall be declared winner in his category.
At the World Championships, the rider with the highest total of points shall be declared the winner in his/her category.
 (text modified on 1.02.12; 18.03.15; **02.02.17**).
- 7.1.046** The other places in the classification shall be allocated in ascending number of penalty points imposed.
At the World Championships, the other places in the classification shall be allocated in descending number of points gained.
 (text modified on 18.03.15; **02.02.17**)
- 7.1.047** In case of a tie (where two or more riders have the same penalty points total), the tie shall be solved in the following order:
1. Highest number of sections covered with zero penalty points;
 2. Highest number of sections with one single penalty point, with two penalty points, etc;
 3. Best result of the ½ Finals;
 4. In a competition without a ½ Finals and concerning a podium place, a decisive section to be covered will be appointed by the commissaires' panel. In the decisive section, the time will be the decider in case of equal points. Should several riders obtain five penalty points, the winner will be the rider who goes furthest in the section;
 5. In cases of equal penalty points other than for a podium place, the total competition time will be the decider.

In case of a tie in the final the points in the ½ Finals will act as a tiebreaker.

At the World Championships, in case of a tie (where two or more riders have the same total of points), the tie shall be solved in the following order:

1. Highest number of sections covered with maximum points possible;
2. Highest number of sections with fifty points, with forty points, etc;
3. Best result of the ½ Finals;
4. In a competition without a ½ Finals and concerning a podium place, a decisive section to be covered will be appointed by the commissaires' panel. In the decisive section, the time will be the decider in case of equal points. Should several riders obtain zero points, the winner will be the rider who goes furthest in the section;
5. In cases of equal points other than for a podium place, the total competition time will be the decider.

In case of a tie in the final the place in the ½ Finals will act as a tiebreaker.
 (text modified on 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 18.03.15; **02.02.17**).

§13 Clothing and safety equipment

Camera

- 7.1.062 bis** Cameras and supports are not permitted during ¼ Finals, ½ Finals and final rounds. The UCI can decide to allow a camera during final but only for the usage of the TV production company.
 (text modified on **02.02.17**).

§16 Infractions, penalties and protest

Part 2: Penalties

- 7.1.083** Any support on the obstacle or on the ground to re-establish the rider's balance, be it with a part of the body or with a part of the bicycle, except the tyres (1 penalty point).

The body is split into 4 parts:

- feet until the ankle;
- between the ankles until the hip;
- upper part of the body, from the hip including the arms and the head;
- hands until the wrists (incl. the handlebar if it's touched by the hand).

In case of a support of more than one part, the penalty points will be cumulated. If one or more parts of the body are touching the obstacle or the ground, they are penalized with penalty points. Contacts with parts of the bike on the ground or on the obstacle, which are not caused in order to re-establish the rider's balance, are permitted.

Brushing without any weight on the touching part of the bike or the body during the bicycle movement shall be permitted. It is allowed to turn the foot on place.

If a rider is approaching the gate from behind the visual line (with bike and/or parts of the body) in static position (without attempt) and puts the foot on the obstacle/ground to cross the gate (5 penalty points). The rider is not allowed to continue riding the section.

If a rider is approaching the gate from front of the visual line (with bike and/or parts of the body) in static position (without attempt) and puts the foot on the obstacle/ground to cross the gate (1 additional penalty point). The rider is allowed to continue riding the section.

During a rider's attempt on an obstacle (after a frontal, upwards or sideways movement) from front of the visual line and he/she puts the foot on the obstacle/ground (1 penalty point). The rider is allowed to continue riding the section.
(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 18.03.15; 02.02.17).

- 7.1.085** Passing the maximum time cut of 2 minutes for the section (1 penalty point per 10 seconds).

At the World Championships, passing the maximum time cut of 2 minutes for the section the rider is not allowed to continue riding. The rider keeps the previous score gained.
(text modified on 18.03.15; 02.02.17)

- 7.1.087** Entering the gate of some other category, skipping a gate or a direction of his own category or not riding the gates or direction in the correct order (5 penalty points).

Entering a gate or a direction in the wrong sense for the first time (5 penalty points). A gate is passed only if the line between the two arrows with the same number is crossed in the correct sense of the arrows. Once the gate is passed, if it is crossed backwards, the rider will have to pass it again (in the correct sense of the arrows).

An arrow is passed only if the line between the arrow, and the next tape in the sense of the arrow, is crossed in the correct sense of the arrow. Once the arrow is passed, if it is crossed backwards, the rider will have to pass it again (in the correct sense of the arrow).

The crossing is only valid if at least one wheel axle crosses **above** the arrow level or gate line. If both axles cross the line below the arrow level, the crossing is not passed yet. The crossing with both axels below the arrow level shall be permitted for all other categories.

(text modified on 1.10.13; 18.03.15; **02.02.17**).

- 7.1.094** It is forbidden to mark 5 penalty points on the score card without having entered the section.

At the World Championships, it is forbidden to mark 0 points on the score card without having entered the section.

(text modified on 18.03.15; **02.02.17**).

- 7.1.096** Per minute for being late at the start (1 penalty point) in case of starts at minute intervals.

At the World Championships, per minute for being late at the start (minus 10 points) in case of starts at minute intervals.

(text modified on 18.03.15; **02.02.17**).

External assistance

- 7.1.097** Relatives, followers or attendants shall in no case interfere in the competition.

The following acts by attendants or followers to help riders shall be prohibited and penalized by 10 penalty points against the rider helped:

At the World Championships, the following acts by attendants or followers to help riders shall be prohibited and penalized by minus 100 points against the rider helped:

- A. Taking up position, for the rider, at the entry to a section
- B. Criticizing the commissaire
- C. Entering a section (assistance to protect the rider without influencing his performance in the race shall be permitted)
- D. Giving advice (positions) to a rider riding in the section

(text modified on 1.02.12; 18.03.15; **02.02.17**).

- 7.1.098** Losing the points card or omitting a section (10 penalty points).

At the World Championships, losing the points card or omitting a section (minus 100 points).

(text modified on 18.03.15; **02.02.17**).

- 7.1.099** Unsporting behaviour (10 penalty points).

At the World Championships, unsporting behaviour (minus 100 points).

(text modified on 18.03.15; **02.02.17**).

7.1.105 ~~Supplementary Additional~~ penalties that only the technical delegate can impose in agreement with the panel, shall be added to the other penalty points.

~~At the World Championships, supplementary penalties that only the technical delegate can impose in agreement with the panel, shall be subtracted to the other points.
(text modified on 02.02.17).~~

7.1.106 Any rider exceeding the set duration of the race shall be penalized by 1 penalty point for each minute or part thereof in the default time.

~~At the World Championships, any rider exceeding the set duration of the race shall be penalized by with a deduction of 10 points.for each minute or part thereof in the default time.
(text modified on 18.03.15; 02.02.17).~~

7.1.109 Non-respecting of the rules concerning the number plate and/or the body number (10 penalty points).

~~At the World Championships, non-respecting of the rules concerning the number plate and/or the body number (minus 100 points).
(text modified on 18.03.15; 02.02.17).~~

§17 Riding system applicable at the World Championships.

7.1.120 The penalty points (dabs) will apply as per art. 7.1.082 to 7.1.119.

~~A rider starts the section with zero dabs and zero points.~~

~~Every time that the rider crosses a gate with zero dabs, his/her score will be added by 10 points. The point of view to validate the gates is the rear wheel's axle.
The same procedure must be followed with the other gates of the section.~~

~~In the case that the rider commits a dab at the beginning of the section before crossing any gates or between gates, he/she will accumulate penalty points up to total of five.~~

~~The rider can only make five dabs in the whole section. If a rider has got five dabs before finishing the whole section, he/she has to leave the section, but he/she keeps the previous score gained.~~

~~If a rider is approaching the gate from behind the visual line (with bike and/or parts of the body) in static position (without attempt) and puts the foot on the obstacle/ground to cross the gate (5 penalty points). The rider is not allowed to continue riding, but he/she keeps the previous score gained.~~

~~If a rider is approaching the gate from front of the visual line (with bike and/or parts of the body) in static position (without attempt) and puts the foot on the obstacle/ground to cross the gate (1 additional penalty point). The rider is allowed to continue riding, but he/she doesn't get points.~~

During a rider's attempt on an obstacle (after a frontal, upwards or sideways movement) from front of the visual line and he/she puts the foot on the obstacle/ground (1 penalty point). The rider is allowed to continue riding, but he/she doesn't get points. (article introduced on 02.02.17).

III Chapter UCI TRIALS WORLD CUP

Competition format

7.3.008 In the women's category, each trials world cup race shall include a ½ Finals and a Final.

In the men's categories, each trials world cup race shall include a ¼ Finals, a ½ Finals and a Final.

Women Elite ½ Finals

The trials world cup event will begin with a ½ Finals. The world cup ½ Finals is open to all riders entered. The ½ Finals shall consist of two laps of five sections. The commissaires' panel will set the competition time according to the number of entered riders.

Women Elite Final

The best six riders in the ½ Finals will be eligible to compete in the Final. The penalty points obtained in the ½ Finals do not count in the Final. ~~The six finalists will get a handicap.~~

In case of a tie, the penalty points in the ½ Finals will act as a tiebreaker.

Men Elite 20 and 26 ¼ Finals

The trials world cup event will begin with a ¼ Finals. The world cup ¼ Finals is open to all non-qualified riders entered. The ¼ Finals shall consist of two laps of five sections. The commissaires' panel will set the competition time according to the number of entered riders.

The Men Elite ¼ Finals will be set in groups:

- Groups (3 or 4) will be determined depending on the number of riders entered.
- If the number of riders entered is 30 or lower, they will be split in 3 groups.
- If the number of riders entered is more than 30 they will be split in 4 groups.
- Groups will be determined as per riders order in the current UCI ranking, as e.g. group of 10 riders, positions: 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43 and 47. (This principle is to avoid having riders ranked in highest position in the same group).
- For 3 groups the best four riders of each group will be eligible to compete in the ½ Finals plus the three or more of the lucky losers in overall should be qualified.
- For 4 groups the best three riders of each group will be eligible to compete in the ½ Finals plus the three or more of the lucky losers in overall should be qualified.

Men Elite 20 and 26 ½ Finals

The number of riders qualified in the ½ Finals including the top ten is always 25. At least the first fifteen riders in the ¼ Finals in each category and the ten highest ranked riders on the UCI ranking qualify for the ½ Finals. More riders can qualify if the number of directly qualified (from the UCI ranking) is less than ten riders.

The ½ Finals shall consist of two laps of five sections. The commissaires' panel will set the competition time.

Men Elite 20 and 26 Finals

The best six riders in the ½ Finals will be eligible to compete in the Finals. The penalty points obtained in the ½ Finals do not count in the Finals round. ~~The six~~

~~finalists will get a handicap.~~

In case of a tie, the penalty points obtained in the ½ Finals will act as a tiebreaker.

Handicap

~~The six finalists will get the following handicap for the final:~~

- ~~— First: 0 penalty points~~
- ~~— Second: 1 penalty point~~
- ~~— Third and fourth: 2 penalty points~~
- ~~— Fifth and sixth: 3 penalty points~~

Final procedure

At the Finals round it will be applied the six by six system:

Before the start, the six riders will be presented on the start podium, in inverse order to the position obtained in the ½ Finals round. After the presentation, they must go to section one.

The order to start will be determined by the result obtained in the ½ Finals round. Rider that obtained the sixth place shall start first in section one and so on. The same principle applies for the remaining sections.

Once a rider finishes a section, the next rider has maximum thirty seconds to start the section. After this thirty second the section time is running.

In case of slight injury, the other rider must overtake and start the section in front of him/her.

In case of tie, article 7.1.047 shall apply.

~~At the final the three by three system described hereinafter will be applied:~~

~~The starting order will be based on the result obtained in the ½ finals. Riders that ranked sixth, fifth and fourth places in the ½ finals shall start together and the rider with highest penalty points obtained in the ½ finals will start first.~~

~~Riders ranked third, second and first places in the ½ finals shall start together once the previous riders have finished all five sections. The rider with highest penalty points obtained in the ½ finals shall start first.~~

~~All riders must start in section number one; the riders must do the sections in order.~~

~~The three riders will be presented on the stage and, after the rider's presentation; they must go to section number one. Once the first rider has finished section number one, the second rider shall start section number one. Once the second rider has finished the section number one, the third rider shall start section number one.~~

~~Meanwhile the second rider is riding section number one, the first rider can decide to wait or proceed to section number two. However, once the third rider has finished section number one, the first rider has a maximum of one minute to start section number two. After this minute, the time in section number two starts running.~~

~~The same principle applies for the remaining sections.~~

~~In case of mechanical problems or slight injury, the other rider can overtake and start the section first.~~

(text modified on 1.02.11; 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 18.03.15; 02.02.17).

IV

Chapter UCI TRIALS WORLD YOUTH GAMES

Competition type and categories

7.4.006 For the UCI trials world youth games events, the competition type is open (free choice of wheel size between 18" and 26") and their categories are youth girls, pousins, benjamins, minimes, cadets youth-girls and girls, as described in article 7.1.002 of the present rule book.

(text modified on 1.02.11; 02.02.17).

V

Chapter UCI TRIALS NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION

Starting procedure

7.5.003 World Championships

The total UCI points of a national team is the sum of each rider's individual UCI points. The total number of UCI points will determine the start order in the trials national team competition. The national team with the lowest total UCI points will start first.

The start order of the riders in each national team is determined by each team manager. The first rider to start the competition belongs to the national team with the lowest UCI points. The second rider is from the national team with the second lowest UCI points and so on. The same procedure applies for the remaining riders.

Riders ride the sections one by one and only once.

World Youth Games

The girls and cadets' total UCI points of each national team will determine the start order in the trials youth national team competition.

The national teams without UCI points will start first. The start order will be determined at random.

The national team with the lowest total UCI points will start after the national teams without UCI points.

The start order of the riders in each national team is determined by each team manager.

The first riders to start the competition belong to the national teams without UCI points. The remaining riders are from the national teams with UCI points and so on. The same procedure applies for the remaining riders.

Riders ride the sections one by one and only once.

(article introduced on 18.03.15; 02.02.17).

VI Chapter UCI TRIALS RANKING

7.6.004 Riders who are tied in the individual ranking shall have their positions decided by their ranking in the most recent event of the season, in the following order:

1. world championships;
2. world cup events;
- ~~3. world urban games*~~
- ~~3~~ 4. continental championships;
- ~~4~~ 5. national championship;
- ~~5~~ 6. hors class events;
- ~~6~~ 7. class 1 events.

~~*Points will be allocated according riders' position and wheel size used.~~
(text modified on 1.10.13; 18.03.15; 02.02.17).

7.6.006 Points scale

Rank	UCI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (CM)		UCI WORLD CUP* (CDM) All classes	CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (CC)			NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (CN)		INTERNATIONAL EVENTS	
	Men elite	Women / juniors		Men elite	Women	Men juniors	Men elite	Women juniors	HORS CLASS (HC) Men elite / Women	CLASS 1 (C1) Men / Women elite
1	300	125	200	100		70	50	25	40-50	30-40
2	250	110	160	90		60	40	20	30-40	20-30
3	200	105	140	80		50	35	18	25-35	15-25
4	180	100	125	70		45	30	16	20-30	12-20
5	160	95	110	65		40	28	14	19-28	10-19
6	140	90	100	60		38	26	12	18-26	9-18
7	130	85	95	58		36	24	10	17-24	8-17
8	120	80	90	56		34	22	9	16-22	7-16
9	110	75	85	54		32	20	8	15-20	6-15
10	100	70	80	52		30	19	6	14-19	5-14
11	98	65	75	50		29	18	5	13-18	4-13
12	96	64	70	49		28	17	4	12-17	3-12
13	94	63	65	48		27	16	3	11-16	2-11
14	92	62	64	47		26	15	2	10-15	1-10
15	90	61	63	46		25	14	1	9-14	9
16	88	60	62	45			13		8-13	8
17	86	59	61	44			12		7-12	7
18	84	58	60	43			11		6-11	6
19	83	57	59	42			10		5-10	5
20	82	56	58	41			9		4-9	4
21	81	55	57	40						
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~~*World Urban Games will be allocated World Cup (CDM) UCI points.~~
(text modified on 1.02.12; 1.10.13; 18.03.15; 02.02.17).