

Statutes of the European Cycling Union (UEC)

European Continental Confederation of the UCI

Article 1

Title, Office, Financial Year, Official Languages

1. The confederation is named “European Cycling Union” which is abbreviated as “UEC”.
2. The headquarters is in Erlenbach (SUI). It may be moved to another place in Switzerland, by a decision of the Management Committee of the UEC.
3. The financial year is the calendar year.
4. English and French are the official languages. Correspondence must be in one of these two languages.

Article 2

Identity, Purposes

1. Identity

- a) The UEC is the continental confederation of the European national cycling federations in accordance with article 23 and subsequent articles of the UCI statutes.
- b) The UEC seeks to preserve the unity of world cycling, to promote the interests of European cycling in all disciplines, and to represent the interests of the European cycling federations.

2. Purposes

- a) To reinforce the importance of the European cycling federations, to foster contacts between them and to strengthen fraternal relationships between the member federations,
- b) To promote the development of cycling in Europe,
- c) To inform the UCI of the specific problems concerning Europe and to present solutions to them,
- d) To prepare proposals for sports activities in Europe particularly:
 - i. To prepare a European event calendar,
 - ii. To plan and to organise courses for commissaires and for technicians,
- e) To organise European Championships and European Cups,
- f) To promote sporting ethics in general and particularly in cycling,
- g) To combat all forms of racial, political, and religious discrimination within all continental sport organisations.

Article 3

Principles

1. The activities of the UEC are based on the following principles:
 - a) Respect for the equality of all member federations,
 - b) Non-interference in the internal affairs of affiliated federations,
 - c) The UEC recognises the statutes and regulations of the UCI, in particular the provisions of articles 25 and 26 of the UCI statutes. In the absence of a specific UEC regulation, the provisions of the UCI statutes shall apply,
 - d) The UEC supports the UCI in all aspects of cycling.

Article 4

Membership

1. The national cycling federation of a country having its capital within Europe is a member of the UEC. Exceptions must be decided by proposition to the Management Committee, by application of art. 23 of the UCI statutes.
2. With UCI membership all European national cycling federations automatically acquire UEC membership without the necessity of any further specific procedure. The converse of this applies in the event of loss of UCI membership.
3. The members of the UEC agree to recognise and safeguard the statutes and regulations of the UCI. They will not establish nor recognise any statutes or regulations which are contrary to the statutes and regulations of the UCI or UEC.

Article 5

Exclusion

1. The General Assembly of the UEC can propose to the UCI, the exclusion of a member federation, if this federation has seriously or repeatedly violated the interests of the UEC.

Article 6

Suspension of membership rights

1. If a member federation does not pay its UEC subscription for two (2) consecutive years, the General Assembly, or Management Committee, can propose to the UCI, the suspension of its membership rights, in accordance with article 17 of the UCI statutes,
2. In addition, the General Assembly can suspend a member federation, from UEC membership, in the following situation:
 - a) On proposal of the Management Committee, if this federation has seriously or repeatedly violated the interests of the UEC.
3. The suspension of a member from the UEC entails the following measures in particular:
 - a) Non-participation in the General Assembly of the UEC,
 - b) Inadmissibility of the nomination of its affiliates for elections,
 - c) Exclusion of its riders from European Championships,

- d) Exclusion of its riders from all other competitions organised by UCI member federations.
4. Concerning c and d above, exceptions may be made in the interests of the riders concerned by either the Management Committee of the UEC or the UCI.
5. These sanctions will not be imposed, if the reasons for non-payment are outside of the control of the member federation. In this case, the Management Committee of the UEC may extend a delay of payment, to be confirmed at the next General Assembly, and without prejudice to the decision of the UCI.

Article 7

Bodies

1. The bodies of the UEC are:
 - a) The General Assembly,
 - b) The Management Committee.

Article 8

The General Assembly

1. The General Assembly of the UEC will be convened by postal notification or by electronic transmission giving one month's notice. Normally it will take place in the first three month of the year.
2. Extraordinary General Assembly may take place:
 - a) After a decision of the Management Committee,
 - b) After the request of at least one third of the membership, with indication of the reasons.
3. The invitation, accompanied by the agenda, must be circulated to the members, giving at least one month's notice of the holding of the meeting.
4. The President, or if he/she is unable, a Vice-President, will chair the General Assembly.
5. A properly convened General Assembly is competent to pass resolutions, irrespective of the number of members present.
6. The procedure of the General Assembly, the details concerning the agenda, and any elections, follow the statutes and regulations of the UEC and UCI.
7. Each member federation has one vote in the General Assembly.
8. The majority of the votes cast, shall decide the voting in elections. Abstentions and invalid ballot papers are not included in the counting procedure. A majority of two thirds is necessary for a modification of the statutes.
9. As a general rule matters will be decided by an open ballot. However, on request of at least seven members a secret ballot may be carried out. In general elections are by secret ballot. When there is only one candidate for a position or if the number of candidates is the same as the number of positions, then the election is declared without the need for a ballot.
10. Proposals for discussion must be received at the headquarters of the UEC, at least fourteen days before the General Assembly. Any proposal received after the deadline must be requested by a two thirds majority, by ballot at the meeting,

if it is to be included for discussion.

Article 9

Duties of the General Assembly

1. The General Assembly shall have the following exclusive powers and duties:
 - a) To make decisions concerning the statutes and their modification,
 - b) To elect a President and the six (6) members of the Management Committee,
 - c) To elect two (2) Auditors,
 - d) To elect fourteen (14) European delegates for the congress of UCI (article 36 of the UCI statutes),
 - e) To appoint the European candidates for the UCI Management Committee (art. 47, 48, 51, 52 of the UCI statutes),
 - f) To receive and to approve the Annual Accounts and Report from the Management Committee,
 - g) To fix the membership subscriptions,
 - h) To determine the date and place of the Annual General Assembly,
 - i) To approve the budget for the following financial year,
 - j) To nominate Honorary Presidents and Honorary Members.

Article 10

The Management Committee

1. The Management Committee is composed of:
 - a) The President,
 - b) Three (3) Vice-Presidents,
 - c) The Treasurer,
 - d) Two (2) other members.

The Management Committee shall elect the Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer, from amongst its members.

2. The members of the Management Committee are elected for four years.
3. The Management Committee is entrusted with the direction of the UEC. It has the responsibility to regulate, and decide the duties of the UEC, in line with the promotion of cycling at European level, except where these statutes give this right to the General Assembly.
4. The Management Committee may formulate internal regulations.
5. In judicial and extra-judicial proceedings, the UEC shall be represented by the President, or if he/she is unable, by a Vice-President, or by the Treasurer.
6. The Management Committee shall meet as often as is necessary, but at least once a year. The President will determine the time, date and place of such meetings.
7. In urgent cases, decisions may be taken by means of telephone conference,

video conference, postal correspondence or electronic transmission.

Article 11

Duties of the Management Committee

1. The duties of the Management Committee are in particular:
 - a) To take all necessary decisions for the orderly functioning of the UEC and to complete its tasks within the framework of the UCI,
 - b) To determine the date and the place of the General Assembly, to prepare and to organise for it,
 - c) To safeguard the interests of the UEC and its members within the UCI,
 - d) To carry out the decisions of the General Assembly,
 - e) To propose the membership subscriptions for the UEC,
 - f) To set the budget for the UEC,
 - g) To decide on contracts with third parties,
 - h) To appoint the General Secretary, who will carry out his duties under the direction of the Management Committee,
 - i) To set up the calendar for the European Championships and Cups and to fix the venues for these competitions,
 - j) To appoint the members of regular and ad-hoc commissions.

Article 12

Elections

1. During the General Assembly , that will be held in the year following a summer Olympic Games, the General Assembly will elect for 4 years:
 - a) The President,
 - b) Six (6) other members of the Management Committee,
 - c) Two (2) Auditors,
 - d) Fourteen (14) European Delegates to the UCI congress according to the procedure under article 36.1. of the UCI statutes.
2. Each candidate must be proposed by the federation of which he/she is member. This proposal must be received by postal correspondence or electronic transmission at the UEC headquarters at least fourteen days before the General Assembly.
3. The validity of the candidates will be verified by the Management Committee.
4. Each voting member must vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies. All other votes are null and void.

Article 13

Delegates of the UEC to the UCI congress

1. During the UCI congress the UEC Delegates must respect the decisions of the UEC General Assembly.

2. If a UEC Delegate, for the UCI congress, is unable to carry out his duties, the Management Committee shall nominate a replacement.

Article 14

Designation of the European candidates for the UCI Management Committee

1. The candidates for the UCI Management Committee are nominated to the UCI congress, by the Continental Confederation, under article 51 of the UCI statutes. Article 12 of the UEC statutes applies accordingly, for the designation of the UEC candidates.

Article 15

Finances

1. The Treasurer is responsible for the proper and fiscally correct accounting of the UEC. He/she must submit, annually, to the ordinary General Assembly, a detailed report concerning income and expenditure.
2. The elected Auditors must verify the accounts and submit their report to the same ordinary General Assembly.

Article 16

Subscriptions

1. The member federations are obliged to pay the annual subscriptions, approved by the ordinary General Assembly, by March 31.
2. The member federations of the first group are obliged to pay the UCI and the UEC annual subscriptions by March 31 to the UCI and the member federations of the second group are obliged to pay the UEC annual subscriptions by March 31 to the UEC.

Article 17

The UEC office

1. The UEC office is the official headquarters of the UEC. The Management Committee may work from another location if this provides better opportunities for carrying out the business of the UEC.
2. The management of the office is entrusted to the General Secretary.
3. It is the responsibility of the General Secretary to administer the office correspondence as well as recording the minutes of the General Assembly and of Management Committee meetings.

Article 18

Minutes

1. Minutes of the business conducted at the General Assembly, and at the Management Committee must be recorded. All resolutions of the bodies must be specified. The minutes of the General Assembly must be distributed to the members without delay.

Article 19

Commissions

1. In order to fulfil its duties, the UEC is empowered to set up commissions. It

may use the UCI commissions if they approve.

Article 20

Dissolution

1. In the event of dissolution, the UEC assets will be transferred to a European charitable organisation, which will continue to promote and develop the sport of cycling. Under no circumstances will there be a division of the assets amongst the constituent federation members.

Article 21

1. The UEC was founded on April 7th 1990 in Zurich (SUI).
2. These statutes take effect from March 7th 2010.