

# **PART 6BIS BMX FREESTYLE**

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# PART 6 BIS BMX FREESTYLE

## Chapter I LICENCE-HOLDERS

### BMX Freestyle Competitions

**6bis.1.001** BMX Freestyle Competitions are judged events, in which riders are scored based upon their skill at executing a routine, including one or more of a variety of different manoeuvres, that are known as “tricks”.

Within the context of these regulations, BMX Freestyle Competitions or Events shall refer to either or both of two different BMX Freestyle specialities:

- Park;
- Flatland.

These regulations apply in general to both BMX Freestyle specialties, except where specifically noted otherwise.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.1.002** As BMX Freestyle Competitions are not races, only those elements of Part I of the UCI Regulations, “General Organisation of Cycling as a Sport” that are specifically mentioned in Part VI bis “BMX Freestyle Competitions” shall apply to BMX Freestyle Competitions.

In case the words “race” or “races” are used in any other parts of the UCI Regulations that also apply to BMX Freestyle Competitions, these words shall be taken to mean a BMX Freestyle Competition or Competitions. Likewise, the words Competition and event can be used interchangeably.

**6bis.1.003** The season for BMX Freestyle shall begin on 1<sup>st</sup> January and end on 31<sup>st</sup> December.

## Chapter II CATEGORIES AND LICENSES

### Age of Participants

**6bis.2.001** For participation in events on the international calendar, rider categories are determined by the age of those competing. A rider's age is defined by the difference between the year of the event and the year of birth of the rider, as defined in article 1.1.034.

A rider must be at least 7 years of age to compete in a BMX Freestyle Competition. The minimum age of 7 refers to the real calendar age on the day of event commencement.

### Competition Categories

**6bis.2.002** Two levels of categories are defined for BMX Freestyle Competitions.

- A. UCI Categories: These categories shall be held at all events registered on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar;
- B. National Categories: These categories shall be held at all competitions registered on a BMX Freestyle national calendar.

The Competition categories recognized by the UCI for BMX Freestyle Competitions are as follows:

- A. UCI Categories for BMX Freestyle Competitions:
  - Categories for Men: Men Elite, aged 15 and over;
  - Categories for Women: Women Elite, aged 15 and over;
- B. National Categories for BMX Freestyle Competitions:
  - Categories for Men:
    - Amateur Men;
    - Youth Men, aged 7 – 14;
  - Categories for Women:
    - Amateur Women;
    - Youth Women, aged 7 – 14.

For the National Categories listed above, National Federations may decide to change the age limits or add additional categories such as other age categories, open categories\*, and / or ability categories.

\*Open categories are those with specific age or ability limits as defined by the National Federation.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.2.003** A rider cannot participate in both the Amateur and Elite categories during the same season. Riders may only change their category on the occasion of renewing their license at the start of the next season.

### Combination of Categories

#### **6bis.2.004** Park Competitions

A BMX Freestyle Park Competition can only be held for categories in which 5 or more riders have completed the registration and riders' confirmation process. In case a category has less than 5 riders registered and confirmed, that category may be combined with a different category at the discretion of the Competition organiser.

If adequate numbers of five riders are registered and confirmed during the riders confirmation, the category will be run even if less riders show up at the start, for whatever reason.

Flatland Competitions

For BMX Freestyle Flatland Competitions, the process above for BMX Freestyle Park Competitions shall be followed, however the minimum number of riders needed to hold a separate competition for the category shall be 3 riders registered and confirmed following riders' confirmation.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**Licences**

**6bis.2.005** Everyone participating in BMX Freestyle Competitions, in whatever capacity, must have a license. In this regard, articles 1.1.001 – 1.1.034 and 1.1.040 – 1.1.087 shall apply.

The licence must indicate the category of the rider.

*(text modified on 02.02.19; 11.02.20)*

## Chapter III CALENDAR AND THE ORGANISATION OF UCI EVENTS

### Calendar

**6bis.3.001** The UCI Management Committee shall approve the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar. In this respect, articles 1.2.001 – 1.2.030 of the UCI Regulations shall apply.

In the interest of promoting growth in the discipline, licence-holders shall be authorised to take part in events which are not registered on a national calendar or the UCI International Calendar unless the UCI has issued a prior communication declaring that article 1.2.019 (Forbidden Races) shall apply in case of participation in the event. The UCI's assessment of whether article 1.2.019 shall apply shall be based on legitimate objectives including, without being limited to, the integrity and fairness of sporting competitions, ethical values in sport, athletes' health and safety, the integrity of the sporting calendar.

*(text modified on 01.01.25)*

### **6bis.3.002** In General

All events registered on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar shall hold, at least, the UCI Categories identified in article 6bis.2.002. Without prejudice to article 6bis.3.029, such events on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar shall comply with the UCI Regulations for the UCI Categories.

The UCI has the sole authority to allocate any Competition on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar.

The UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar shall consist of the following types of Competitions:

#### Park and Flatland Competitions

- A. UCI BMX Freestyle World Championships (CM):
  - No other Competition may be registered on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar on the same dates as the UCI BMX Freestyle World Championships.
- B. UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup (CDM):
  - No other Competition may be registered on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar on the same dates as any UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup.
- C. Continental Championships (CC):
  - Only riders with the sporting nationality of a country within the Continental Confederation in question are permitted to enter that Continental Championships. No other HC, C1, C2 or CN Competition in the same continent may be registered on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar on the Continental Championships date for that continent.
- D. International BMX Freestyle Competition (HC):
  - No C1, C2 or CN events may be organised on the same date as an HC event on the same continent.
  - Events registered on the UCI International BMX Freestyle Calendar for the first time (new organiser, new venue, or both) are not eligible for Class HC status.
  - HC Status can only be obtained subject to compliance with the following cumulative conditions and requirements:

- A detailed technical guide must be presented to the UCI during the calendar registration process. A template for such technical guide is provided by the UCI upon request;
  - The event has been registered for at least the last three years on the UCI International Calendar;
  - At least 10 nations represented in the last edition of the event;
  - A high level tv production taking into account the sporting aspect.
- E. International BMX Freestyle Competition (C1):
- Federations may apply for the registration of one or more International BMX Freestyle Competitions on the UCI calendar within each calendar year.
- F. International BMX Freestyle Competition (C2):
- National Federations may apply for the registration of one or more International BMX Freestyle Competitions on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar within each calendar year. C2 category is open to registration of events which differ from the UCI Regulations in accordance with article 6bis.3.029.
- G. National Championships (CN):
- Every national federation has the possibility to register a single National BMX Freestyle Championships in Park and/or Flatland on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar within each calendar year:
    - A separate Competition must be held for CN and cannot be incorporated in another event registered on the UCI International Calendar.
- H. Regional Games.

Additionally, the Olympic Games (OG) and Youth Olympic Games (YOG) shall be included on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar for the Park specialty.

Without prejudice to article 6bis.3.029, event organisers of a BMX Freestyle event must ensure that the event is conducted in strict compliance with the UCI Regulations. As part of such obligations, events registered on the UCI International Calendar must comply the UCI financial obligations (in particular as concerns the UCI International Calendar fee and the prize money) approved by the UCI Management Committee and published on the UCI website.

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 02.02.19; 01.02.22; 01.01.25)*

### **Obligations of the Organiser and other License Holders**

**6bis.3.003** Organisers of BMX Freestyle Competitions and other license holders have the responsibilities and obligations outlined in articles 1.2.031 – 1.2.047 of the UCI Regulations.

**6bis.3.004** The organisation of a BMX Freestyle Competition may decide to limit the number of entries in any category, but only if this limit is announced in the Technical Guide for the Competition. Otherwise, the organiser can not refuse the entry of any license-holder, without prejudice to the provisions set down in article 1.2.022. Likewise, the organiser can not refuse to allow a rider who has completed the registration process to start, without prejudice to any other provisions of these regulations that may apply.

In principle, BMX Freestyle Competitions registered on the UCI International BMX Freestyle Calendar are open competitions, in which riders of any nationality who have a valid license may enter.

The organiser is not allowed to accept any entries after the riders' confirmation deadline found in the Technical Guide. The Commissaire appointed to supervise the Competition shall rule in the event of a dispute.

Ignorance of the provisions of the Technical Guide or of the competition schedule shall not be admitted as an excuse by any rider or other license holder.

*(text modified on 02.02.19; 01.01.26)*

**Field of Play (FOP) and Safety**

**6bis.3.005** The organiser must provide an adequate security service and organise efficient cooperation with public authorities.

Without prejudice to the relevant legal and administrative provisions and the general duty of care, the organiser shall ensure that the Field Of Play or the Competition grounds include no places or situations that could constitute a particular safety risk to anyone (riders, attendants, officials, spectators, etc.).

**6bis.3.006** In no case can the UCI or its National Federations be held responsible for defects in the FOP or installations or for any accidents that may occur. This responsibility lies with the organiser.

**6bis.3.007** Riders shall study the FOP / Competition facilities in advance as defined in Chapter VI of these regulations.

**6bis.3.008** The organiser shall set up an adequate medical service.

**6bis.3.009** The organiser shall appoint one or more doctors to provide riders with medical care.

**6bis.3.010** Facilities for rapid transfer to hospital must be available. At least one ambulance shall follow the Competition or be available at the Competition venue.

Prior to the start of the competition, the organiser must make available to starting riders a list of the hospitals contacted to handle any injuries.

**Prizes**

**6bis.3.011** All information on prizes (number, nature, amount, conditions of awarding) shall be clearly stated in the programme or Technical Guide.

The UCI Management Committee may set minimum prize levels for competitions on the international calendar, as set out in the UCI Financial Obligations.

Prizes shall be paid to the beneficiaries or their representatives no later than 90 days after the finish of the competition. Unless otherwise stated in the UCI Financial Obligations, the event organiser is responsible for providing the prizes.

**6bis.3.012** If there is any dispute that might influence placing and hence entitlement to a prize, the prize shall be withheld by the organiser until a decision has been reached.

*(text modified on 01.01.21)*

**Riders Meeting**

**6bis.3.013** If they decide that it is necessary, the organiser and the Commissaire acting jointly may decide to call a riders' meeting. If it is not mentioned in the Technical Guide, a notice announcing the time and place of the meeting shall be announced at the Competition venue (example: posted in the riders' area at the Competition, or an announcement is made).

**Registration and Riders' confirmation**

**6bis.3.014** The registration process is controlled by the organiser and is described in the Technical Guide.

Riders shall enter BMX Freestyle Competitions by completing the entry process required by the organiser. This may be done in person at the event (at the time and place specified in the Technical Guide) or on-line. The organiser may decide to only accept on-line entries; if so, this will also be announced in the Technical Guide.

In the event that a field limit is in place as defined in the Technical Guide, priority will be given to online registrations. In this way, on-site registration will be allowed only within the limits of the available places (if any).

The organiser may decide to charge an entry fee; if so, this fee must be paid at the time of registration at the latest.

Entry in the Competition implies agreement with the competition schedule and all provisions of the Technical Guide.

Participants under the age of majority in the country in which the Competition is held must provide parental consent when they register using the form provided by the organisation.

As a consequence of registration, the rider (or their parent or guardian) attests that they are medically fit to participate in the Competition. Neither the organiser nor the UCI shall have any duty of care in this regard – determination of fitness to compete is the sole responsibility of the rider (or their parent or guardian).

**Riders Confirmation**

**6bis.3.015** Riders confirmation is the process done under the responsibility of a Commissaire, by which entered riders complete the registration process. The Commissaire shall have the exclusive authority to decide whether a rider's entry is valid or not.

Riders confirmation is done at the times and place described in the Technical Guide.

During riders' confirmation, each rider or their representative must attend to verify their intention to start in the Competition.

A valid cycling license as defined in Part I of the UCI Regulations shall be required and must be shown at riders' confirmation to verify their identity. A national identity card or passport may also be required.

Only after paying the entry fee (if any), signing any waiver required by the organisation, and completing riders' confirmation is a rider considered to be fully registered for the Competition. At this point, the rider is then given their accreditation allowing them to participate.

Riders must be completely registered before beginning their first practice; they are not allowed in the Competition venue until they are completely registered.

As a condition of registering in the Competition, all riders accept and agree to follow the UCI Regulations and likewise accept the layout and form of the field of play on which the Competition will be held.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.3.016** The organiser shall provide the Commissaire and panel of Judges with a final list of riders in each category who have completed the registration and confirmation process.

**6bis.3.017** No further entries shall be accepted following the end of riders' confirmation. Likewise, any riders who entered but did not attend riders' confirmation, shall be removed from the list of entries and not allowed to start.

A rider whose licence could not be verified and whose status as a non-suspended licence holder cannot be established in any other manner may not start and may not figure in the classification of the Competition.

**6bis.3.018** Following the end of riders' confirmation, the Commissaire and the organisation shall draw up the start lists and practice groups (if any) for the Competition.

### **Classification and Results**

**6bis.3.019** Following the end of a BMX Freestyle Competition, the results (final classification) for each category will be posted in the riders' area at the Competition venue before the awards ceremony is held.

In case any categories were combined following riders' confirmation, the results for the combined category shall be split back into the original categories for the purpose of awarding prizes and points.

**6bis.3.020** Without prejudice to any changes resulting from the application of the regulations by the competent bodies, in the event of material errors in the recording of the riders' results, the classification of the Competition may be corrected by the UCI in the case of an event registered on the UCI international calendar, or by the organiser's national federation in the case of an event on a national calendar. This can only be done within 30 days of the end of the Competition.

The UCI or respectively, the organiser's national federation, shall notify the organiser and all riders involved of any such correction.

### **Awards Ceremony**

**6bis.3.021** All riders concerned shall, in accordance with their placing, classifications and performances, participate in official ceremonies as described in the Technical Guide.

**6bis.3.022** Unless otherwise stated, riders shall appear at official ceremonies wearing Competition clothing.

### **Supervision of BMX Freestyle Competitions**

**6bis.3.023** The proceedings at BMX Freestyle Competitions shall be supervised by a Commissaire and panel of Judges.

The organiser shall take particular care to ensure that these officials may work in optimum conditions.

**6bis.3.024** Articles 1.2.115 – 1.2.132 concerning Commissaires shall apply.

The Commissaire shall be appointed by the national federation of the organiser for events on a national calendar or by the UCI for events on the international calendar, as appropriate.

The Commissaire shall act as Competition director and is appointed to supervise the sporting aspects of the event according to the UCI regulations.

The Panel of Judges is responsible for evaluating the performance of the riders during the Competition and for delivering their scores.

**6bis.3.025** The Commissaire, Head judge and representatives of the organisation shall meet before the start of the Competition. They shall also attend any riders' meeting.

**6bis.3.026** The Commissaire shall draw up a detailed report on the Competition using the form provided for this purpose by the UCI. The report must be accompanied by the following documents:

- the start lists (following riders' confirmation);
- the final results for each of the UCI Categories;
- a copy of the Technical Guide;
- Any communiques describing decisions taken to manage the event (for example, changes to the schedule).

For events on the UCI International BMX Freestyle Calendar, the Commissaire shall also ensure that the final results are uploaded to the UCI DataRide system at latest no more than 2 hours following the end of the Competition.

### **Powers of the Commissaire and Panel of Judges**

**6bis.3.027** Articles 1.2.126 – 1.2.132 of the UCI Regulations shall apply to the Commissaire and judges panel appointed to supervise BMX Freestyle Competitions.

### **UCI Classifications**

**6bis.3.028** [article abrogated on 01.01.25]

### **Special format events**

**6bis.3.029** Events in the specialities of BMX Freestyle Park or BMX Freestyle Flatland which do not follow the provisions of Chapter VI may apply, through the national federation in accordance with the process set out in articles 1.2.001 et seq., for registration on the UCI International Calendar.

The UCI's assessment of whether an event can be registered on the UCI International Calendar shall be based on legitimate objectives including, without being limited to, the integrity and fairness of sporting competitions, ethical values in sport, athletes' health and safety, the integrity of the sporting calendar. Events which do not comply with such principles shall not be registered on the UCI International Calendar. In such a case, the UCI may determine that they shall not be authorised for licence holders in accordance with article 1.2.019.

*(text introduced on 01.01.25; text modified on 01.01.26)*

## Chapter IV CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

### General Rules concerning the Bicycle

**6bis.4.001** Bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions shall comply with the spirit and principle of cycling as a sport. The spirit presupposes that cyclists will compete in Competitions on an equal footing. The principle asserts the primacy of man over machine.

Bicycles and their accessories used in BMX Freestyle Competitions shall be of a type that is sold for use by anyone practising BMX Freestyle as a sport.

It is up to each license holder to check the conformity of their equipment.

**6bis.4.002** Articles 1.3.001 – 1.3.003 shall apply to BMX Freestyle Competitions.

The Commissaire has the authority to refuse any equipment that he considers will place the safety of the rider or any other person at risk.

**6bis.4.003** Bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions are vehicles with two wheels of equal diameter. The front wheel shall be steerable; the rear wheel shall be driven through a system comprising pedals, a crank-set and a chain, without electric or other assistance. Fixed gear bicycles are not permitted.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.4.004** Bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions shall be of a type that is generally taken to be a BMX Freestyle bicycle. This position requires that the only points of support can be the following: the feet on the pedals and the hands on the handlebars. A saddle is required.

The bicycle should have handlebars which allow it to be ridden and manoeuvred in any circumstances and in complete safety.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.4.005** With the exception of riders entered in Youth categories, all bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions must be equipped with matching wheels that are nominally 20" in diameter. The total diameter of the wheels, inflated tires included shall not exceed 22 ½" (57 cm).

The bicycles of riders in Youth categories may be equipped with wheels smaller than 20" nominal diameter; however, such wheels shall not be smaller than 16" nominal diameter.

Bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions may be equipped with one or more hub axle extenders, also known as "pegs", provided that these are securely attached.

### Safety Equipment

**6bis.4.006** Wearing a helmet certified for cycling is an obligation attached to all Park categories, as specified in article 1.3.031. This helmet must be worn at all times while riding. Only accessories approved by the helmet manufacturer may be attached to helmets.

The helmet strap must be securely fastened at all times when riding, whether during Competition, warm-up or practice.

It is strongly recommended that riders wear:

- A. back, elbow, knee and shoulder protectors;
- B. protection of the cervical vertebrae.

*(text modified on 01.02.18, 02.02.19)*

### **Clothing**

**6bis.4.007** Riders in BMX Freestyle Competitions shall wear clothing that is traditionally associated with BMX Freestyle. Such clothing in its design or construction must not constitute a danger to the safety of the rider (example: exceptionally loose clothing which could become caught in the rider's bicycle).

Likewise, the design or advertising printed on such clothing must not contain any offensive statement or image which could damage the public image of the organiser, the UCI, nor of BMX Freestyle as a sport.

For avoidance of doubt, riders must wear a shirt (either with or without sleeves) during official practice, Competition, and during official ceremonies and press activities.

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 08.02.21)*

**6bis.4.008** Articles 1.3.060 – 1.3.067 and article 1.3.072 (the section concerning World Champions' Equipment) shall apply to BMX Freestyle Competitions.

### **Identification of Riders**

**6bis.4.009** Riders must at all times wear the visual identification provided by the organisation (sticker, wristband, bib or strap, whatever the case may be). Riders not doing so may be refused access to the Competition venue or may be refused their start.

Specific Rules Concerning Flatland Competitions.

**6bis.4.010** Though they are recommended, helmets are not required for BMX Freestyle Flatland Competitions.

*(article introduced on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.4.011** [article abrogated on 02.02.19]

**6bis.4.012** Should the bicycle or one of its components break during a run, then the rider may decide whether to continue, to stop, or to replace their bicycle with another. In no case will a time-out or extra time be given.

*(article introduced on 01.02.18)*

## Chapter V CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS, AND PENALTIES

### Conduct of Participants

**6bis.5.001** Each participant is engaged on their own behalf and those of their employees and agents and must observe all the provisions of the UCI Regulations and the Technical Guide for the Competition. Every participant shall follow the directions of the organisation and appointed officials, and any penalties that may be applied.

Anyone signing the registration form declares that they have acquainted themselves with and accept the UCI Regulations and Technical Guide.

**6bis.5.002** Fair play and respect are two indispensable values at all UCI BMX Freestyle Competitions.

In keeping with these values, riders may not add extra elements to the field of play defined by the organiser for a BMX Freestyle Competition, nor may they alter it in any way; likewise, they shall not start a run from outside the boundaries of that field of play.

*(text modified on: 01.02.18)*

### Penalties

**6bis.5.003** Without prejudice to any specific provisions of these regulations, the Commissaire appointed to manage a BMX Freestyle Competition has the right to give an official warning, disqualify or refuse the start of a rider who violates the following standards of safety or good conduct:

- A. failure to respect the equipment regulations;
- B. failure to respect the published event schedule;
- C. failure to respect restricted areas or the time limits of the Competition;
- D. failure to respect the start order for the Competition;
- E. deliberately causing damage to equipment, the venue, or the environment;
- F. participating in the event (regardless of the stage) under the influence of alcohol or other illegal substances;
- G. smoking in a prohibited area, such as the rider's area, on the field of play or in secured zones around it;
- H. behaving in an inappropriate manner (for example: use of obscenities, insults, inappropriate language, obscene gestures);
- I. any other behaviour that is against the interests of the fair conduct of the Competition, or which damages the reputation of the sport, the organisation, or the UCI:
  - In particular, any insults or disrespectful behaviour directed at or against the judges, the organisation, the UCI, or other officials may be penalised.

Without prejudice to any other disciplinary measures that may apply, in relation to this point neither verbal nor physical aggression will be tolerated; exclusion from the Competition or event area will be immediate.

In addition, the rules of conduct outline in article 1.2.079 to 1.2.082 of the UCI Regulations shall also apply.

The decision of the Commissaire in warning, disqualifying or refusing the start of a rider cannot be protested.

An official warning shall be noted on all results in which the rider concerned is listed. In case an official warning is given, any further misconduct by the rider concerned within the same event shall result in disqualification.

The Commissaire shall make an official report to the UCI following the competition concerning the circumstances of each official warning, disqualification or refusal of start.

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 02.02.19)*

**6bis.5.004** [article abrogated on 01.02.18]

**6bis.5.005** [article abrogated on 01.02.18]

## Chapter VI BMX FREESTYLE COMPETITIONS

**6bis.6.001** Within BMX Freestyle Competitions, riders perform timed routines, and are scored based upon various factors, including the difficulty and quality of execution of their run.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

### Competition Format

**6bis.6.002** Riders registered to compete in a Competition will be classified and entered into every BMX Freestyle Competition according to their age, gender, and Competition level as described above in article 6bis.2.002.

**6bis.6.003** A BMX Freestyle **Park** Competition may be composed of the phases (qualification, semi-final or final) described below, and within each phase, a number of heats. **A BMX Freestyle Flatland Competition may be composed of the phases (qualification or final) described below, and within each phase, a number of heats.**

For Park Competitions, a heat is a group which comprises 4-6 riders. In the case of 7 entries, the heat will consist of 7 riders.

For Flatland Competitions, riders are organised into heats at the discretion of the organiser, Periodic breaks may be inserted into the program in order to allow for rider rest and warm-up.

The combination of phases and heats (if applicable) for a category depends on the number of entries, and is found in the following table.

### Park Competitions

Number of entries	Competition phases	Qualification rule	Number of heats
5 - 8 entries	2 phases: Qualification x 1 Final x 1	Top 4 in Qualification advance to Final	Qualification: as below  1 heat of 4 in Final
9 – 15 entries	2 phases: Qualification x 1 Final x 1	Top 8 in Qualification advance to Final	Qualification: as below  2 heats of 4 in Final
16 - 31 entries	2 phases: Qualification x 1 Final x 1	Top 12 in Qualification advance to Final	Qualification: as below  2 heats of 6 in Final
More than 31 entries	3 phases: Qualification x 1 Semi-final x 1 Final x 1	Top 24 in Qualification advance to Semi- final  Top 12 in Semi-final advance to Final	Qualification: as below  4 heats of 6 in Semi-final  2 heats of 6 in Final

**Number of heats:** The number of heats in each round is found in the table above. For the **qualifying** phase, the number of heats should be chosen such that as many heats as possible have 4-6 riders.

Whenever it is not possible for all heats to have 6 riders, a number of heats will have either 4, 5 or 6 riders according to the table in annexe II. By preference, heats should be formed with the highest number of riders possible. Any heats that do not have 6 riders, will be at the start of the heat order.

Flatland Competitions

Number of entries	Phases de compétition	Règlement de qualification
3 - 4 entries	1 phase: Final x 1	All entered riders participate in the final
5 - 8 entries	2 phases: Qualification x 1 Final x 1	Top 4 in qualification advance to final
9 – 15 entries	2 phases: Qualification x 1 Final x 1	Top 8 in qualification advance to final
<b>More than 16 entries</b>	<b>2 phases:</b> Qualification x 1 Final x 1	Top <b>12</b> in <b>qualification</b> advance to Final

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**6bis.6.004** A run is the individual unit of Competition in a BMX Freestyle Event, during which a rider performs a routine consisting of various tricks, which is evaluated by the judges.

Park Competitions

At all phases of the Competition, within each heat, each rider shall do 2 runs.

In general, riders do their first run in the start order defined in article 6bis.6.005. Once the final rider in the order within each heat has taken their first run, the riders will do their second run in the same order.

Flatland Competitions

At **qualifying** phases of the Competition, within each heat, each rider shall do 1 run; this run shall be done by the riders in the start order defined in article 6bis.6.005.

**At final phases of the Competition, within each heat, each rider shall do 2 runs; these runs shall be done by the riders in the start order defined in article 6bis.6.007.**

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 01.01.26)*

**Start Order**

**6bis.6.005** Qualification Phase

Park Competitions

Within the Qualification phase, riders are randomly assigned to each heat.

However, in case an event that is part of a series or the UCI World Championships, the Qualification phase shall instead be done in reverse order of the defined UCI ranking or defined series ranking; that is, riders are assigned to their heats in order, starting with the unranked or lowest ranked riders, and ending with the highest ranked riders in the last heat.

In such a case, within each heat, the start order continues to be in reverse order of ranking, so that the highest ranked rider within each heat goes last in that heat. Any unranked riders are seeded randomly in the first heats in the order.

In case of the first event in a series, the final ranking of the previous season of the series will be used.

Flatland Competitions

The start order in the Qualification phase is done at random, unless a UCI ranking is used for the UCI World Championships or a series ranking is used; in that case, the start order of the Qualification phase is done in reverse order of the series ranking among the riders who are present. Unranked riders shall ride first, in random order.

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 01.01.25)*

**6bis.6.006** Within the Semi-final phase (if done), the start order is in reverse order of the results of the Qualification phase.

**6bis.6.007** Within the Final phase, the start order is in reverse order of the results of the preceding phase.

**6bis.6.008** Within each phase of the Competition, the riders in each heat are entitled to a warm-up before their heat begins.

Park Competitions: a minimum 40 second warm-up must be given.

Flatland Competitions: Within each phase, a 3-minute warm-up period will be allowed on the riding surface of the Flatland Area at most every 8 riders. The first such group of riders shall also be entitled to this 3-minute warm-up prior to starting the Competition.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.6.009** In the Semi-final (if held) and the Final, any rider who is not present within the Field Of Play (FOP) or the riders' area as described in the Technical Guide at latest by the start of the warm-up period preceding that phase, shall not be allowed to start. They will be scored as DNS ("Did Not Start") for the phase in question.

*(text modified on 01.01.25)*

**6bis.6.010** In case one or more riders do not start in a Semi-final or the Final for the reason of missing the deadline described in article 6bis.6.009, the heats shall be redrawn as described in article 6bis.6.003.

In case one or more riders withdraw (or are disqualified or refused their start) once the deadline described in article 6bis.6.009 has passed, the heats will not be changed.

### **Scoring and Results**

**6bis.6.011** Park Competitions

Each judge shall give each rider a score of between 0.00 and 99.99, taking into account the rider's entire performance. The scores of individual judges are not given for each run.

In the qualification phase, scores given by all judges for each rider are averaged; this average score is the official score of the rider's performance over 2 runs for the heat in question. In the Semi-final and Final phase, scores given by all judges for each rider are averaged; the final score is the best score of the 2 runs during the Semi-final and Final phase. Each average score is reported accurate to 2 decimal places; any fractions of points beyond this are dropped (no rounding of scores is done).

### Flatland Competitions

Each judge shall give each rider a score of between 0.00 and 99.99, taking into account the rider's entire performance. The scores given by all judges for each rider are averaged; this average score is the official score of the rider's performance for the heat in question. The scores of individual judges are not given. Each average score is reported accurate to 2 decimal places; any fractions of points beyond this are dropped (no rounding of scores is done). **In the final phase, scores given by all judges for each rider are averaged; the final score is the best score of the 2 runs during the final phase.**

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 08.02.21; 01.01.26)*

### **Best Trick Competition**

**6bis.6.012** The organiser of a BMX Freestyle Competition may decide to hold a best trick contest as part of a BMX Freestyle event. Such a Competition shall be held according to rules that the organiser may determine. Such rules must be explained in the Technical guide. Participation can never be mandatory.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

### **Non-starters and Withdrawing from Competition**

**6bis.6.013** Within each phase it is possible that one or more riders may not start, or withdraw from Competition.

In case a rider is refused his start for any reason or withdraws or simply does not show up before beginning their first run, he shall be scored as "Did Not Start" for the phase in question. Such a rider is not eligible to transfer to the next phase of the Competition.

Should a rider withdraw after completing part of his first or second run, he shall be considered as having started in that phase of the Competition and will be scored on the portion of the run(s) that they were able to complete before withdrawing.

In case a rider registered for the Competition does not show up at the FOP for a Semi-final or Final within the time-lines identified in article 6bis.6.009, their DNS shall be converted to a disqualification unless the rider withdraws for an acceptable reason such

as injury or an act of god beyond their control. It is the responsibility of the rider or their representative to contact the organisation and provide acceptable proof of this.

**Results for Each Phase**

**6bis.6.014** Within each phase, a result shall be established in order of the highest score to the lowest. Ties shall be broken according to article 6bis.6.015.

In the Qualification phase, results shall be reported at most 120 minutes after the Qualification phase is finished.

In the Semi-final, results shall be reported at most 30 minutes after the Semi-final is finished.

In the Final, results shall be reported at most 15 minutes after the Final is finished.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.6.015** In case of a tie, the judges shall discuss the performance of each rider concerned, and will decide which rider had the better performance before reporting the scores in question.

*(text modified on: 01.02.18)*

**6bis.6.016** Within the results established for each phase, riders who are scored as DNS ("Did Not Start") are put in last place for the phase in question.

In case of multiple DNS riders, they will be placed after the riders who started, in the order of their results in the previous phase.

In case one or more riders do not start in the Qualification phase, they shall automatically be considered as Disqualified (DSQ) and will not be ranked in the final results of the Competition.

**Competition Classification**

**6bis.6.017** After the Final of a BMX Freestyle Competition is completed, a Competition classification accounting for the results of all phases of the event is produced as follows:

1. all riders not Disqualified (DSQ) who qualified for the Final, in order of their scores in the Final (from highest score to lowest). DNS riders in the Final as described in article 6bis.6.016;
2. if it was held, all riders not Disqualified (DSQ) who qualified for the Semi-final but did not qualify for the Final, in order of their scores in the Semi-final (from highest score to lowest). DNS riders in the Semi-final as described in article 6bis.6.016;
3. if it was held, all riders not Disqualified (DSQ) who started in the Qualification phase, in order of their scores in the Qualification phase, but who did not qualify for the next phase of the Competition.

*(text modified on 02.02.19; 01.01.25)*

**Judging System**

**6bis.6.018** A panel consisting of 3 to 6 judges (including a head judge) shall be appointed to each BMX Freestyle Competition. They shall independently evaluate the performance of each rider based upon the judging criteria.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

- 6bis.6.019** No scores shall be released as official until verified and approved by the Head Judge.
- 6bis.6.020** No riders nor their family members, team representatives, members of the press, nor spectators should approach the judges stand or speak with the judges during the Competition or when calculating scores. A separate, access controlled area where the judges shall watch the Competition and perform their work shall be provided by the organiser.
- (text modified on 01.02.18)*
- 6bis.6.021** The judges shall operate from a position where they can witness the entire performance of each rider.
- 6bis.6.022** Each judge must ensure of the discretion of their scoring. Judges must not communicate with any riders during Competition.
- 6bis.6.023** The judges shall deliberate with each other before any score is published.
- 6bis.6.024** After the Final, the judges shall remain at the Competition venue until the award ceremonies are concluded. Likewise, the judges shall remain at the Competition venue until 15 minutes after the list of results from each previous phase is published.
- 6bis.6.025** The judges must act in a professional and impartial manner, and in doing so must put aside all preconceptions such as style preferences, or past performances. The performance of each rider during each run shall be judged entirely on its own merits.
- Judges may not discuss their individual scores nor the scores given by other judges with anyone outside of the judges' panel, nor may they comment on the specific process by which the scores were assessed, nor ties broken.
- (text modified on: 01.02.18)*
- 6bis.6.026** Judges may not independently change their scores either on the computer terminal or on the manual judging sheets. In case a mistake has been made, only the Head Judge can authorize a correction.

### **Judging Criteria**

**6bis.6.027** In General

The overall composition of the runs is most important as the judges evaluate the sequences of tricks, the amount of risk in the routine, and how the rider uses the course. The judges take errors such as falls and stops into consideration as described in article 6bis.6.028.

### Park Competitions

The performance of each rider is judged on overall impression including, but not limited to:

- A. difficulty (refers to not only the tricks performed but also the placement of the tricks within the course and the combinations used);
- B. height (amplitude of the tricks performed);
- C. flow;
- D. originality (tricks and lines) and versatility;
- E. style;
- F. progression;

- G. variety of tricks (refers to a good mix of standard airs, rotations, grinds,...);
- H. risk factor;
- I. landings;
- J. use of the course;
- K. execution.

#### Flatland Competitions

The performance of each rider is judged on overall impression including, but not limited to:

- A. difficulty/risk;
- B. flow/style;
- C. originality (tricks and lines) and versatility;
- D. consistency (refers the stability, fluidity and control of manoeuvres performed);
- E. variety of tricks;
- F. control of the tricks,
- G. bike control;
- H. execution.

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 01.01.22)*

#### **6bis.6.028** In General

Each judge may deduct a number of points from a rider's score in case that rider commits one or more errors. The number of points deducted depends on the quantity and severity of the errors, and their overall impact on the rider's performance.

Errors are defined as interruptions in a run or losses of control such as those listed below.

#### Park Errors

- A. minor errors can include flat landings, deck landings, sliding, light foot touches and other instabilities;
- B. medium errors can include stopping in full or heavy foot touches;
- C. major errors can include actions such as "throwing away" the bicycle or crashing.

#### Flatland Errors

- A. minor errors can include rear tire or front tire touching the riding surface during a trick (depending on the trick), a light foot touch, or handlebar touching the surface (assuming the trick continues);
- B. medium errors can include landing the bicycle sideways or heavy foot touches;
- C. major errors can include actions such as "throwing away" the bicycle, crashing, or touching the riding surface with both feet.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

#### **Procedure for Managing the Competition**

#### **6bis.6.029** In General

The Commissaire appointed to manage the Competition is responsible for time-keeping.

#### Park Competitions

Within each heat, each rider shall do 2 runs. Each run will have a duration of one (1) minute.

#### Flatland Competitions

During the qualifying phase, each rider shall do 1 run. Each run will have a duration of between 2 and 3 minutes; the duration of a run for the qualifying phase of the Competition will be set in the technical guide. In the final phase, each rider shall do 2 runs. Each run will have a duration between 1 and 3 minutes; the duration of a run for the final phase of the Competition will be set in the technical guide. In case of bad weather or an unusually high number of entries, the organiser can decide to reduce the duration of a run to the minimum prior to the start of the Phase in question.

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 01.01.26)*

### **Starting a Run**

#### **6bis.6.030**

#### In General

Riders are responsible to follow the progress of the Competition and must be ready to begin their run at the point in time when their position in the start order arrives. Riders shall have 1 minute to begin their run from the point in time that they are informed that they may begin; at that point the time for that rider's run shall begin, whether they begin riding or not. In case the rider is not ready when the time for his run begins, he may nevertheless begin riding at any point before the time for his run ends.

#### Park Competitions

Riders may begin their run from any position within the boundaries of the field of play and must be ready in their chosen starting position prior to beginning their run.

The time for each run will be started when in the opinion of the Commissaire, the rider begins moving in case he starts on a flat surface or drops in from an obstacle or higher level of the park. In this regard, the decision of the Commissaire responsible for time-keeping shall be final and may not be protested.

Any riding taking place outside the boundaries of the field of play shall not be considered by the judges. For avoidance of doubt, railings along the edge of the field of play shall be considered as part of the field of play.

#### Flatland Competitions

Prior to beginning their run, the bicycle must be upright with both tires in contact with the riding surface. Riders must begin their run while on their bicycle, in a normal bicycle riding posture (that is, legs straddling the top tube with both hands on the handlebars and at least one foot on one of the pedals).

The time for each run will begin when in the opinion of the Commissaire, the rider begins the very first movement in the first trick. The decision of the Commissaire responsible for time-keeping shall be final and may not be protested.

At the point in time when the clock reaches 0 time, the judges shall begin their deliberation and ignore any additional movements of the rider in question.

*(text modified on 01.02.18, 02.02.19)*

### **Finishing a Run**

**6bis.6.031** A run ends when the time for the run has elapsed.

If a rider is stationary when the time runs out, nothing else will be scored.

#### Park Competitions

When the time runs out, any trick that is fully completed shall be counted. A completed trick is one in which both wheels are in contact with a flat (horizontal) part of the park surface. Any trick attempted (completed or not) after the time has run out will not be counted by the judges.

#### Flatland Competitions

The judges shall not consider any trick which is not completed when the time runs out.

*(text modified on 01.02.18, 01.01.22; 01.01.25)*

### **Time out for Mechanical Problems, including Flat Tires**

**6bis.6.032** During a run, if a rider's bicycle suffers any kind of a breakage or mechanical problem, including a flat tire, the rider has until the time elapses for his run to either fix the problem or to get another bicycle and / or continue riding. If the time for his run elapses before he continues riding, then his run shall be declared finished, and he shall not be allowed to start riding again.

Whether or not the rider is able to restart his run before the time elapses, the judges shall only consider any riding that was done within the time limit.

#### Park Competitions

For avoidance of doubt, the score awarded to a rider for a heat is determined based upon his performance in both runs during qualification, and the best run during Semi-final / Final, whether completed or not, within the heat in question

*(text modified on: 01.02.18)*

### **Outside Interference**

**6bis.6.033** The commissaire may decide to allow a rider to re-start a run in case of outside interference which, in the opinion of the Commissaire, has a visible impact on the rider's progress through the field of play, or on his performance. Such interference must be physical in nature such as debris blowing into the boundaries of the field of play and making physical contact with the rider, or coming in to his path causing him to alter his direction of travel, or lose control of his bicycle. For avoidance of doubt, background noise and weather conditions such as wind are not considered as outside inference. Likewise, the presence of other riders within that heat, or event staff normally allowed within the boundaries of the field of play shall not be considered as interference unless there is a deliberate attempt or obviously careless movement which blocks the rider's progress.

In case the rider believes that he has been unfairly interfered with, he must immediately stop his run and complain to the Commissaire, who will review the situation and render a decision. In case the rider decides not to stop his run at that moment, no later complaint concerning interference shall be considered.

The Commissaire's decision is final and may not be appealed. In case a run is restarted, it shall be done after the end of the second run for all riders within the heat in question.

In case the run to be re-started is the final run of a heat, then the rider concerned will be allowed a 2 minute rest break before re-starting the run in question.

*(article introduced on 02.02.19)*

**6bis.6.034** [article abrogated on 01.02.17]

**6bis.6.035** [article abrogated on 01.02.17]

**6bis.6.036** [article abrogated on 01.02.17]

**6bis.6.037** [article abrogated on 01.02.17]

**6bis.6.038** [article abrogated on 01.02.17]

**6bis.6.039** [article abrogated on 01.02.17]

### **Delays**

**6bis.6.040** The Commissaire and the Technical Delegate (if appointed), together with the organiser, may decide based on their assessment of the riding conditions whether or not a weather time-out is necessary.

### Park Competitions

If the Competition is stopped at any point during a heat, then the entire heat may be re-run once the Competition is started again. However, the results of any heats that have been fully run before the Competition was stopped shall stand; no such heats will be re-run.

If the Competition can't be later restarted, article 6bis.6.041 applies.

### Flatland Competitions

In case of a weather delay, the contest shall be restarted at the point where it stopped. If the Competition can't be later restarted, article 6bis.6.041 applies.

*(text modified on 01.02.18, 01.01.22)*

### **Cancellation**

**6bis.6.041** The Commissaire, together with the organiser, may decide based on their assessment of the riding conditions whether or not a Competition can be finished.

For whatever reason, in case a Competition can't be finished after it has started, the results of the last phase completed shall form the final result.

If the Competition is stopped before the Qualification phase is completed, there shall be no result; in this case, no prizes will be awarded.

## Chapter VII COMPETITION FACILITIES AND FIELD OF PLAY

### Park Competition Facilities

**6bis.7.001** As general principle, the field of play, or “park” in which BMX Freestyle Park Competitions take place is a facility composed of various ramps and obstacles that are designed and optimised to allow riders on BMX Freestyle bicycles to compose runs through the park consisting of a number of tricks. It is understood that while the type and difficulty of the tricks that are possible depend on the creativity and skill of the rider, the format of the BMX Freestyle Park also has a significant influence in that the size, shape, and spacing of the ramps and obstacles within the park provide the space and possibility to achieve the necessary altitude to make various types of tricks and styles of BMX Freestyle riding possible. As such, a basic BMX Freestyle Park which is constructed for that purpose must be a minimum of 15 metres wide and 25 metres long. Also, neither the width nor the length of the park can be greater than 60 metres.

A safety zone of at least 2 metres must surround all sides of the stage on which the park is built, in areas where a rider or bicycle could be ejected from within it. No person other than accredited staff and riders entered in the Competition are permitted to stay in the safety zone.

To ensure safety, for edges of the park which do not consist of quarter pipes (normally the longer edges of a rectangular park), at least 2m of flat stage must separate the obstacles from the edge of the stage.

The park can be all at the same level (ground level) or spread across several different levels raised above the others. However, the base or ground area of each such level where the obstacles sit shall be flat and must be built of a material that is hard enough to allow the riders to preserve their momentum.

A safety barrier or equivalent fall protection is needed at any edge of a raised level which is also an outside edge of the park. This must be built in a way so as to not impair the full use of the park by the riders, nor put their safety at risk.

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 02.02.19)*

**6bis.7.002** The field of play must contain a minimum of 3 obstacles. An obstacle is any feature within the park which is raised above the level where it sits. This can include the walls of the park, if any.

Obstacles that have their base above ground level must be at least 2 metres wide; again, the 2 metres safety zone must be maintained. Such obstacles may also be connected as described above.

**6bis.7.003** Ramps, as well as the ground surface between them, must be built from a sufficiently hard and even surface which provides good traction for bicycle tires, such as wood or concrete; regardless of the materials used, such surfaces must not have any significant defects such as gaps, bumps, or holes.

**6bis.7.003 bis** The type of field of play that can be used for BMX Freestyle Park competitions, including the materials of which it can be made, depends on the level of contest that will be held.

Local, Regional, National, National Championships and International C1 Events

Existing facilities made of either wood or cement can be used. While it is preferred that such facilities are designed specifically for BMX Freestyle, various public freestyle facilities such as bowls and skateboard parks can also be used. It is strongly recommended that where possible, such a field of play should incorporate at least 3 of the obstacles typically found in a BMX Freestyle Park as outlined in the UCI BMX Freestyle Park Guide.

Continental Championships

A facility specifically made for BMX Freestyle riding must be used, whether built of wood or cement; such a field of play shall comply with the principles and guidelines outlined in the UCI BMX Freestyle Park Guide.

UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Events, UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Championships, Multi-Sport Games including the Olympic Games

A field of play specifically constructed for BMX Freestyle must be used and shall consist of wooden ramps. Such a field of play shall comply with the principles and guidelines outlined in the UCI BMX Freestyle Park Guide.

*(article introduced on 02.02.19; text modified on 01.01.25)*

- 6bis.7.004** A riders' area which can only be accessed by people with the necessary accreditation or riders who are registered in the Competition shall be provided next to the park.
- 6bis.7.005** In general, the park and its surrounding infrastructure must be built in a way so that the safety of the riders is protected. In doing so, the park and safety zone, including the edges of all obstacles, must be free of sharp edges. Likewise, no object that could present an impalement risk is allowed within these areas.
- 6bis.7.006** The standards in articles 6bis.7.001 to 6bis.7.004 are required for BMX Freestyle Park Competitions on the international calendar. For other events, they should be considered as guidelines.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**Flatland Competition Facilities**

- 6bis.7.007** The Field of Play or "Flatland Area" in which BMX Freestyle Flatland Competitions take place must be a minimum of 10 metres wide and 10 metres long to allow all styles of flatland riding. Neither the width nor the length of the Flatland Area can be greater than 25 metres.

A 1 metre safety zone shall separate the public from the edges of the Flatland Area. The riding surface of the Flatland Area must be flat, and of solid construction without significant surface defects or obstructions, or anything which could reasonably cause an injury in case of a fall.

If the Flatland Area is painted, any paint used must be non-slip and should not reduce traction. The surface of the Flatland Area must provide good traction for the riders; materials which could be slippery (for example, glossy paint or carpet) must be avoided. In general, dark colours are strongly recommended to avoid glare.

The boundaries of the Flatland Area shall be visibly and clearly marked.

*(article introduced on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.7.008** A riders' area which can only be accessed by people with the necessary accreditation or riders who are registered in the Competition shall be provided next to the Flatland Area.

*(article introduced on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.7.009** A warm-up area at least 6 metres wide and 6 metres long which is located close to the Flatland area is recommended.

*(article introduced on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.7.010** The standards in article 6bis.7.007 to 6bis.7.009 are required for BMX Freestyle Flatland Competitions on the international calendar. For other events they shall be considered as guidelines.

*(article introduced on 01.02.18)*

## Chapter VIII COMPETITION OFFICIALS

- 6bis.8.001** BMX Freestyle Park Competitions shall be controlled by the following officials:
- A. 1 Commissaire, referred to as the Commissaire of President of the Commissaires' Panel;
  - B. a panel of between 3 and 6 judges, including a Head Judge.

BMX Freestyle Flatland Competitions shall be controlled by the following officials:

- A. 1 Commissaire, referred to as the Commissaire of President of the Commissaires' Panel;
- B. a panel of between 3 and 6 judges, including a Head Judge.

### In General

The officials listed above shall have a valid license as required by Part I of the UCI Regulations.

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 08.02.21)*

### **The Commissaire**

- 6bis.8.002** The Commissaire is the official who is charged with controlling the sporting aspects of the Competition. He has the same responsibilities and powers that are described for Commissaires in Part I of the UCI Regulations.

Without prejudice to any other duties described in the UCI Regulations, during BMX Freestyle Park Competitions, the Commissaire alone is specifically responsible for managing the clock, deciding on outside interference, and assessing penalties.

Also, any riders' meeting (if held), riders' confirmation and the awards ceremony are conducted under the responsibility of the Commissaire.

The Commissaire shall also serve as the Technical Delegate in case one is not appointed.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

### **The Panel of Judges**

- 6bis.8.003** The Panel of Judges is charged with assessing and scoring the performance of each rider in accordance with the UCI Regulations. One of these Judges shall be designated as the Head Judge by the UCI for international events, or by the competent national federation for national events.

- 6bis.8.004** The Head Judge is responsible for the work of the Panel of Judges, and shall ensure that riders are scored, that those scores are delivered, and that ties are broken in a way that respects the procedures and limits set by these regulations.

### **The Announcer**

- 6bis.8.005** The Announcer is an official who is responsible for informing the riders and the spectators about the progress of the Competition. In doing so, he shall work with and be bound by the instructions of the Commissaire.

In no way can the words of the announcer be considered as an official result, decision or obligation of the organiser, the Commissaire or the Panel of Judges.

If a rider requests that the announcer is quiet during his run, the announcer must respect that rider's request.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

#### **The Technical Delegate**

**6bis.8.006** The UCI, or the responsible national federation in case of a national event, may decide to appoint a Technical Delegate. The Technical Delegate is the official responsible to ensure that the field of play and technical installations are in accordance with the UCI Regulations. He shall arrive the day before the first practice and will attend any riders' meetings. He shall have the organiser correct any irregularities that are discovered before the first practice begins. He shall also serve as the link between the organisation and the UCI headquarters.

The Technical Delegate shall make a report to the UCI following the Competition.

#### **Appointment**

**6bis.8.007** The Commissaire and Panel of Judges (in whole or in part) for UCI World Cup and UCI World Championship events and the Olympic Games shall be chosen by the UCI. Otherwise, the Commissaire and Panel of Judges shall be chosen by the National Federation of the country where the event is held (or if not, then by the Organiser) in the order of priority found below. In any case, all such officials must do their work in accordance with the UCI Regulations.

Order of Priority:

- A. from the list provided by the UCI, if such officials are not available in sufficient quantity, then;
- B. from the list of national officials provided by the National Federation in the country where the event is held, if any, then;
- C. other officials.

The announcers shall be selected by the organiser.

For events on a national calendar, these officials will be chosen in accordance with the policies of the responsible National Federation.

For avoidance of doubt, the expenses and per diem of all such officials is borne by the organiser.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

#### **Position within the Field of Play (FOP)**

**6bis.8.008** All Competition officials shall operate from a position that allows them to see as much of the FOP as possible. They may adjust their position if need be.

## Chapter IX RULES FOR THE UCI BMX FREESTYLE WORLD CUP

### **General Terms Applicable to the UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup**

**6bis.9.001** The UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup is a Competition contested over a number of events in different countries. The events shall be organized for men and women. The UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup is the exclusive property of the UCI.

The organiser of the UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup may set special regulations for each UCI World Cup event, so long as those regulations do not conflict with the UCI BMX Freestyle regulations. Such special regulations will be defined in the Technical Guide.

The Competition specialties in the UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup may comprise Park Competitions, Flatland Competitions, or both.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

### **Registration Conditions**

**6bis.9.002** Registration in the Men Elite and Women Elite categories for the UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup shall be done by pre-registration only. Once the pre-registration deadline has passed, no further entries shall be accepted.

At registration, each rider or their representative must present a valid cycling licence as defined in Part 1 of the UCI regulations and a valid form of ID such as a passport or national ID card.

### UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Events

With the following exceptions, every rider entered in a UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup must have 50 or more points in the latest UCI BMX Freestyle Park Individual Ranking that is published prior to the opening of registration.

Entries will be limited to the 72 top ranked riders in the UCI BMX Freestyle Individual Ranking (as of Tuesday prior to the opening of registration). In case, the entries reach more than 72, the places will be first allocated to riders who have registered from nations (1 maximum per nation) that do not have any riders with 50 points and then to the highest ranked riders in the UCI BMX Freestyle Individual Ranking up to a limit of 72.

### Exceptions:

- riders ranked in the top 50 of the final UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup ranking of the season prior may enter if they do not presently have 50 or more points as of the ranking deadline for any particular event;
- in case a national federation does not presently have any riders with 50 or more points as of the ranking deadline for any particular event, that federation nevertheless has the right to enter a single rider for the category in question.

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 02.02.19; 08.02.21; 01.01.25)*

**6bis.9.003** The registration deadlines are published in the Technical Guide and must be respected. Any entry received after the registration deadline is a late entry; the organisation may decide to charge a higher entry fee for such late entries. In any case, the last possibility to enter the event is the final deadline for riders' confirmation. No entry received after this will be accepted.

**6bis.9.004** The maximum number of participants is set in article 6bis.9.002. No further entries will be accepted once any such limit has been reached.

*(text modified on 01.01.25)*

**6bis.9.005** Participants and / or riders must register in the category for which they have been issued a license.

**6bis.9.006** Registration fees may vary from one event to another.

*(text modified on 08.02.21)*

**Invited Riders**

**6bis.9.007** [article abrogated on 08.02.21]

**6bis.9.008** [article abrogated on 08.02.21]

**Competition Categories and Format**

**6bis.9.009** For each Competition specialty, the UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup is contested by two categories – Men Elite 15+ and Women Elite 15+.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.9.010** Park Competitions

For Men Elite, the Park Competitions are organised as follows:

1. a Qualification phase, which must be completed by all riders. The riders with the best score from the Qualification phase will advance to the Semi-final. The number of riders who advance from the Qualification phase is at most 24;
2. a Semi-final phase with 24 riders, the 12 riders with the best score in the Semi-final phase advance to the Final
3. a Final phase, with 12 riders.

In case 24 or fewer riders are entered and confirmed following riders' confirmation, then the system outlined in article 6bis.6.003 shall apply instead.

*(text modified on 01.02.18, 02.02.19; 08.02.21; 01.01.25)*

**6bis.9.011** Flatland Competitions

For both Categories, the Flatland Competitions are organised in accordance with article 6bis.6.003.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup Ranking**

**6bis.9.012** For each Competition specialty, a ranking consisting of all events in the UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup series shall be drawn up for Men Elite and for Women Elite. Points will be awarded based on the final ranking for each event, according to the schedule found in annex I. The ranking shall be updated following each event.

In case of a tie on points, the rider with the better result in the final classification of the latest round held shall break the tie.

Following the last event in the UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup Series each season, the highest ranked rider in Men Elite and also Women Elite will be declared the UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup Winner, respectively, for the year in question.

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 02.02.19; 08.02.21; 01.01.25)*

### **Competition Schedule**

**6bis.9.013** The schedule for each event will be published in the Technical Guide. Without prejudice to any other specific provisions of these regulations, the elements described in articles 6bis.9.014 to 6bis.9.016 shall be respected within the schedule. The Competitions and practices for the Men Elite and Women Elite categories shall at all times take priority over those for any other categories that may be held, even if it means that the amount of time available for those other categories must be reduced or eliminated.

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 02.02.19; 01.01.21)*

### **Practice**

**6bis.9.014** Park Competitions

Each event schedule will include (at minimum) the following amount of practice time:

1. the day before the Qualification phase, a practice session will be provided for each category. The amount of time allowed must in the opinion of the Technical Delegate be the minimum needed to allow the riders to become reasonably familiar with the park;
2. on each Competition day, a minimum 15 minutes warm-up will be provided before the start of Competition for each category.

### Flatland Competitions

Each event schedule will include at least 1 official practice session as described in the Technical guide. Riders may be divided into several practice groups in case of a large number of entries. In this case, riders are not permitted to practice outside of their assigned practice group.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.9.015** In case the schedule must be changed, an adequate amount of practice time, as decided by the Technical Delegate shall be provided for each category, even if it takes place immediately before the Competition; in this case, the 15 minutes warm-up need not be provided.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.9.016** In both Competition specialities, the Women Elite category during the UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup (both disciplines) shall be given a separate practice from any Men's category. The amount of time allowed for this practice will be the same as that allowed for each group of the Men Elite category. In case the Women Elite category is large enough to be split into groups, each Women Elite practice group shall receive the same amount of practice time as each Men Elite practice group.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.9.017** Park Competitions

In case a category has more than 20 riders entered and confirmed following riders' confirmation, the category will be split as evenly as possible into two or more practice groups each consisting of not more than 20 riders. The amount of time allowed for each

practice group shall be the same, and will be decided by the technical delegate, as will the method used to decide the composition of the practice groups.

Flatland Competitions

In case a category has more than 10 riders entered and confirmed following riders' confirmation, the category will be split as evenly as possible into two or more practice groups each consisting of not more than 10 riders. The amount of time allowed for each practice group shall be the same, and will be decided by the technical delegate, as will the method used to decide the composition of the practice groups.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.9.018** Park Competitions

Riders must train in the practice group to which they have been assigned. Riders training in a different practice group, or outside of the official schedule, may be disqualified.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.9.018** Park Competitions

**bis**

In case the field of play is completed prior to the start of the event schedule, it shall remain closed to all riders. No one other than registered and confirmed riders shall be allowed to ride on the park; such riding may only take place within the confines of the official schedule for the event. In this way, all riders within each Competition category have an equal opportunity to practice on the field of play.

**Delays**

**6bis.9.019**

If an event is delayed, all athletes and staff must stay at the Competition venue until informed otherwise by the organizer. The riders will be notified of the new schedule as soon as it has been decided.

Riders are responsible to read the schedule and for checking to see if it has been amended. Neither the UCI nor the organizer shall be held responsible in case a rider misses the Competition due to a change.

**Schedule Changes**

**6bis.9.020**

In case the schedule must be altered as described in 6bis.6.040 and 6bis.6.041, the Competition format may be altered as follows, depending upon the number of entries and the situation:

- A. the Qualification phase may not be held, in which case all entered riders will start in the Semi-final round (or Final, in the case that there were not enough entries for the Semi-final phase to be held);
- B. the Semi-final phase may not be held, and only a Final held;
- C. if the Final is not held, the results of the Semi-final will be used as results of the event for the prize money and overall series points.

If an entire event and/or discipline is stopped and can't be resumed before the conclusion of the Qualification phase, neither prizes nor points will be awarded. In this case, a meeting will be called with the riders to inform them.

In case the event is stopped and can't be resumed before the Qualification phase is finished, then there shall be no result.

As example, if the Qualification is completed and no more, then the rankings from this round is taken as the results.

If the Semi-final is finished, then the Semi-final results are taken, with the riders not transferring from the Qualification round ranked below the Semi-final riders.

*(text modified on 01.02.18, 08.02.21; 01.01.25)*

- 6bis.9.021** The organizer and the UCI acting jointly may decide to change the schedule before the start of the event.
- 6bis.9.022** During the event, the Commissaire, Technical Delegate (if appointed) and organizer, acting jointly, will decide together if the schedule must be changed.
- 6bis.9.023** If there is a schedule change prior to the first day of practice, the adjusted schedule will be posted on the event web site and at the Competition venue. In case of a change during the event, the revised schedule will be posted, at minimum, at the Competition venue.

## Event Format

### **Qualification Phase**

- 6bis.9.024** The start list order and grouping of riders into heats are done in reverse order of the current UCI BMX Freestyle Park World Cup ranking. The final ranking of the previous year is used in the case of the first event of the season.

Any riders not ranked will start before the ranked riders, in a randomly determined order.

*(text modified on 01.02.18; 01.01.25)*

- 6bis.9.025** Scores for all riders competing in the Qualification phase are published no later than 120 minutes after the Qualification phase is finished.

*(text modified on 02.02.19)*

### **Semi-final phase**

- 6bis.9.026** Park Competitions

The start order and group of riders into heats are done in reverse order of the classification from the Qualification Phase.

*(text modified on: 01.02.18; 01.01.26)*

- 6bis.9.027** [article abrogated on 01.02.18]

- 6bis.9.028** In the Semi-final, the scores will be reported by the judges no later than 30 minutes following the end of the Semi-final.

**Final Phase**

**6bis.9.029** Park Competitions

The start order and group of riders into heats are done in reverse order of the classification from the Semi-final Phase (highest ranked rider from the Semi-final goes last).

Flatland Competitions

The start order and group of riders into heats are done in reverse order of the classification from the Semi-final Phase.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.9.030** [article abrogated on 08.02.21]

**6bis.9.031** In case one or more riders do not start or are disqualified in the Final, regardless of the reason, the Final will be run with less than the number of riders specified in article 6bis.9.029.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.9.032** Finals during the UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup may feature a best trick Competition, which will be managed according to article 6bis.6.012 if held.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.9.033** In the Final, the scores will be reported by the judges at latest, following each heat.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.9.034** If held, the winner of the best trick Competition will be announced following the end of the Competition, but before the prize giving ceremony.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

**6bis.9.035** [article abrogated on 01.02.18]

**6bis.9.036** [article abrogated on 01.02.18]

**6bis.9.037** [article abrogated on 01.02.18]

**6bis.9.038** [article abrogated on 01.02.18]

**6bis.9.039** [article abrogated on 01.02.18]

**6bis.9.040** [article abrogated on 01.02.18]

**6bis.9.041** [article abrogated on 01.02.18]

**6bis.9.042** [article abrogated on 01.02.18]

## Chapter X UCI BMX FREESTYLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

(chapter introduced on 01.02.18)

### Categories

- 6bis.10.001** The UCI is the exclusive owner of the UCI BMX Freestyle World Championships. The UCI BMX Freestyle World Championships is contested by riders competing in the following two categories:
- A. Men Elite: aged 15 and over;
  - B. Women Elite: aged 15 and over.

### Competition Specialties

- 6bis.10.002** The UCI BMX Freestyle World Championships is contested for the Park and Flatland specialty.

*(text modified on 01.02.18)*

### Competition Format

- 6bis.10.003** The UCI BMX Freestyle World Championships is generally held in accordance with the Competition format and procedures outlined in Part VIbis of the UCI Regulations. Competition Specific regulations may be defined in the **technical** guide at the UCI's discretion. In the event of a conflict between such a specific regulation and an article of Part VIbis, then the specific regulation found in the **technical** guide shall apply.

*(text modified on 01.01.26)*

- 6bis.10.004** Each National Federation shall be entitled to enter 2 reserve riders in each category. The final deadline to change entered riders for reserve riders is the end of the riders' confirmation period defined in the official event schedule.

*(article introduced on 02.02.19; text modified on 01.01.25)*

- 6bis.10.005** For the Park discipline (only), each national federation shall be permitted to enter a maximum number of riders in each category, as determined by the Ranking by Nation closest in time to the deadline published by the UCI for each such category for the World Championships of the year in question. The maximum quota available to each national federation defined by that quota for each category is found in the table below.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Quota</b>
1st to 3rd	Maximum 6 riders
4th to 6th	Maximum 5 riders
7th to 9th	Maximum 4 riders
10th to 14th	Maximum 3 riders
15th to 19th	Maximum 2 riders
Host country of the championships (if not already qualified)	Maximum 2 riders
All others, including countries not ranked	Maximum 1 rider

*(text modified on 02.02.19, 01.01.22)*

## Chapter XI UCI BMX FREESTYLE RANKING

(chapter introduced on 01.02.18)

### Categories

- 6bis.11.001** The UCI is the exclusive owner of the UCI BMX Freestyle Rankings. The UCI BMX Freestyle Rankings consist of a UCI Individual BMX Freestyle Ranking for the following categories, as well as a ranking by nation.
- A. Men Elite: aged 15 and over;
  - B. Women Elite: aged 15 and over.

The UCI BMX Freestyle Rankings are drawn up over a period of 1 year in accordance with the conditions set out below, by adding the points won since the preceding ranking was drawn up, and respecting the provisions of article 6bis.10.002. At the same time, the remaining points obtained up to the same day of the previous year by each rider in international BMX Freestyle events are deducted.

Each time the UCI BMX Freestyle Ranking is updated, the new rankings come into force on the day of publication and stand until the publication of the subsequent rankings.

A set of rankings as defined above shall be drawn up for UCI BMX Freestyle Park and Flatland Competitions on the UCI BMX Freestyle International Calendar.

The UCI BMX Freestyle Rankings for the Park specialty shall consist only of BMX Freestyle Park events; the UCI BMX Freestyle Rankings for the Flatland specialty shall consist only of BMX Freestyle Flatland events.

*(text modified on 02.02.19, 08.02.21)*

### Event Classes

- 6bis.11.002** A rider can gain points in the UCI BMX Freestyle Individual Ranking for their category in different classes of BMX Freestyle Competitions. The rider's points total is subject to the following rules:
- A. OG: Olympic Games;
  - B. CM: UCI World Championships:
    - Only the points from the latest UCI World Championships held shall be included in the individual UCI BMX Freestyle Ranking, even if it is held less than one year after the last edition of this event.
    - The points from the latest UCI World Championships shall remain in the individual UCI BMX Freestyle Ranking until the event is next held, even if more than one year passes between them.
  - C. CDM: UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup: All results for events held in the period over which the current ranking is drawn up.
  - D. CC: Continental Championships:
    - For any given continental confederation, only the points from the latest Continental Championships held shall be included in the individual UCI BMX Freestyle Ranking, even if it is held less than one year after the last edition of this event.
    - The points from the latest Continental Championships held shall remain in the individual UCI BMX Freestyle Ranking until the event is next held, even if more than one year passes between them, as long as the next edition of the Continental championships is registered on the UCI International BMX Freestyle Calendar for the next season. If this is not

the case, the points from the continental championships held shall expire after 12 months.

- Only riders of the concerned continent can obtain UCI points at a Continental Championships.
- E. HC: International Competitions: Best 3 results for events held in the period over which the current ranking is drawn up.
- F. C1: International Competitions: Best 3 results for events held in the period over which the current ranking is drawn up.
- G. C2 and Regional Games (JR): International Competitions: Best 3 results for events held in the period over which the current ranking is drawn up.
- H. CN: National Championships (country of the rider's nationality):
  - Only riders of the nationality concerned can obtain UCI points at a national championship.
  - The UCI points allocated shall remain valid until the next National Championships or for a maximum of 12 months if no National Championships are organised.

*(text modified on 01.01.25; 01.01.26)*

#### **Points Table**

**6bis.11.003** Points in the UCI Individual BMX Freestyle Ranking are awarded in accordance with the table found in Annex I.

#### **UCI BMX Freestyle Individual Ranking**

**6bis.11.004** A UCI BMX Freestyle Individual ranking will be established for all categories mentioned in 6bis.2.002.a. The UCI BMX Freestyle Individual ranking will be calculated on the total points of all events held in each such category, as described in article 6bis.1.001.

*(text modified on 08.02.21)*

#### **UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup Ranking**

**6bis.11.004 bis** A UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup ranking will be established for all categories mentioned in 6bis.9.009. The UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup ranking will be calculated on the total points of all UCI World Cup events held in each such category, as described in article 6bis.1.001.

*(article introduced on 08.02.21)*

#### **Tie Breaker**

**6bis.11.005** In case of a tie in the UCI BMX Freestyle Individual Ranking, the tie will be resolved in the following order of priority:

- A. UCI BMX Freestyle World Championships points;
- B. UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup points;
- C. Continental Championships points;
- D. Class HC international Competition (3 best results);
- E. Class 1 international Competitions (3 best results);
- F. Class 2 international Competitions (3 best results);
- G. National Championships.

*(text modified on 01.01.23; 01.01.25)*

#### **Ranking by Nation**

**6bis.11.006** A ranking by nation for Men Elite and Women Elite is drawn up for BMX Freestyle in both specialities. The ranking by nation is calculated by summing the points of the two best

placed riders for men and the two best placed riders for women from each nation in the UCI BMX Freestyle Individual Ranking.

A rider's points are awarded to the nation of this nationality, even if he is a license holder of the federation of another country.

Tied nations have their relative positions determined by the place of their best rider on the individual UCI BMX Freestyle ranking.

### **Olympic Qualification**

**6bis.11.007** To determine the qualification quota for the Olympic Games for Men Elite and Women Elite, a Qualification System for the next Olympic Games will be determined and published on the UCI website.

*(text modified on 01.01.25)*

### **Ranking Updates**

**6bis.11.008** Unless otherwise announced by the UCI, the UCI BMX Freestyle Rankings are updated weekly on Tuesday, and also on 31<sup>st</sup> of December.

*(text modified on 01.01.23)*

### **National Championships**

**6bis.11.009** Every nation will have a possibility to host a national championship, counting for the UCI BMX Freestyle ranking. A national championship can only be open for a rider who holds a passport in the respective country (home country) as indicated in 1.2.028. If a nation still decides to allow riders from a different nationality during the National Championships, the foreign rider won't receive UCI points and the finishing place of the riders of the designated nation stays unchanged.

**ANNEX I UCI BMX FREESTYLE RANKING POINTS TABLE**

RANK	OG	CM	CDM	CC	HC	C1 AND CN	C2 AND JR
1	2500	2000	1000	500	350	200	50
2	2000	1700	900	450	305	160	30
3	1700	1500	820	410	270	130	20
4	1500	1350	770	380	245	110	10
5	1400	1200	720	350	220	90	5
6	1300	1050	670	320	195	70	
7	1200	950	620	290	170	50	
8	1100	850	570	270	150	30	
9	900	750	520	240	130	20	
10	800	650	470	210	110	10	
11	700	600	430	180	90		
12	600	550	390	160	80		
13		500	350	140	70		
14		450	310	120	60		
15		400	270	100	50		
16		350	230	85			
17		300	200	70			
18		260	170	65			
19		220	140	50			
20		180	110	40			
21		150	90	30			
22		120	70	20			
23		90	50	10			
24		80	40	5			
25		70	30				
26		60	29				
27		50	28				
28		45	27				
29		40	26				
30		35	25				
31		33	24				
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44		13	11				
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*(annex modified on 01.01.22; 01.01.25; 01.01.26)*

**ANNEX II TABLE OF HEATS FOR PARK COMPETITIONS**

(annex introduced on 08.02.21)

Entries	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4	Heat 5
5	5				
6	6				
7	7				
8	4	4			
9	4	5			
10	5	5			
11	5	6			
12	6	6			
13	4	4	5		
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27	5	5	5	6	6
28	5	5	6	6	6
29	5	6	6	6	6
30	6	6	6	6	6