



I'Union Européenne de Cyclisme Constitution (UEC)*

International Cycling Union (UCI) European Continental Confederation

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Article 1

Title, Headquarters, Financial Year, Official Languages

1. The name of the association is the EUROPEAN CYCLING UNION (UEC), which is abbreviated to "UEC". The UEC was founded on 7 April 1990 in Zurich (SUI).
2. The UEC headquarters are in Lausanne (SUI). They may be moved to any other city or town in Switzerland, as decided by the UEC Executive Committee.
3. The financial year is the calendar year.
4. French and English are the official languages. Correspondence must be in one of these two languages. For any UEC official document, in the event of any difference between the French and English versions, the version in which the document was initially drafted shall be the authoritative one. Failing which, the French version shall be the authoritative one.

Article 2

Identity, Purpose

1. UEC identity:

- a) The UEC is the European continental confederation for national cycling federations in accordance with article 23 and subsequent articles of the UCI Constitution.
- 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 European cycling federations.

2. Purpose:

The UEC's purpose, subject to UCI's prerogatives, is:

- a) to reinforce the importance of national cycling federations, to foster contacts between them and to strengthen friendship between member federations,
- b) to promote the development of cycling in Europe,
- c) to inform the UCI about the specific problems concerning Europe and to propose solutions,
- d) to put forward proposals for sports activities in Europe to the UCI, particularly:
 - i. the drawing up of the European cycling calendar,
 - ii. the planning and organisation of training courses for commissaires and technicians, etc.,
- e) to organise European Championships, European Cups and, together with European Olympic Committees (EOCs), European Games,

- f) to promote sporting ethics in general and especially in cycling,
- g) to encourage the fight against doping under the UCI's authority,
- h) to combat all forms of racial, political, gender and religious discrimination within all continental sports organisations,
- i) to draw up and implement all rules for the organisation of cycling activities in Europe.

Under the supervision of the UCI Management Committee and, if necessary, the UEC may:

- a) establish forms of co-operation with and between European countries, when there is not a federation in these particular countries;
- b) establish forms of co-operation with and between European territories attached to one or several countries from one or several other continents, subject to the agreement of the federations of the aforementioned countries.

Article 3 **Principles**

1. UEC activities are based on the following principles:
 - a) respecting the equality of all affiliated federations,
 - b) non-interference in the internal affairs of affiliated federations,
 - c) respecting, as an independent association, the UCI Constitution and Rules, in particular the provisions of articles 25 and 26 of the UCI Constitution.
 - d) The UEC supports the UCI in all aspects of cycling.

Article 4 **Membership**

1. Any national federation from a country with its capital situated on the European continent is a UEC member. Exceptions may be decided at the proposal of the Management Committee, by application of article 23 of the UCI Constitution. In accordance with the interpretation of the present Constitution, a country extends to a territory where there is a National Olympic Committee recognised by the IOC.
2. With UCI membership, all European national cycling federations automatically acquire UEC membership without the need for any further specific procedure. Furthermore, the loss of UCI membership shall lead to the loss of UEC membership.

3. UEC members agree to recognise and respect the UCI and UEC Statutes and Rules. They shall not establish or recognise any statutes or rules which are contrary to the UCI or UEC Statutes and Rules.
4. The list of UEC affiliated federations is attached to the present Constitution.
5. Overseas territories dependent on UEC affiliated federations have full rights of participation in the activities of these federations. Furthermore, according to the measures of article 24.4-b) of the UCI Constitution, they may participate in the activities of other continental confederations.

Article 5

Exclusion

1. The UEC General Assembly can propose to the UCI the exclusion of an affiliated federation, if this federation has seriously or repeatedly violated the UEC's interests.

Article 6

Suspension of membership rights

1. If an affiliated federation does not pay its UEC membership fee for two (2) consecutive years, the General Assembly or Management Committee can propose to the UCI to suspend the federation's membership rights in accordance with article 17 of the UCI Constitution.
2. In addition, the General Assembly, on the Management Committee's proposal, can suspend a UEC affiliated member, if this federation has seriously or repeatedly violated the UEC's interests.
3. The suspension of a UEC member entails the following measures:
 - a) not being permitted to take part in the UEC General Assembly;
 - b) ineligibility of candidates proposed by the member concerned;
 - c) exclusion of its riders from continental championships;
 - d) exclusion of its riders from competitions organised by UCI affiliated federations.
4. Concerning c) and d) above, exceptions may be made in the interest of the riders concerned by either the UEC Management Committee or the UCI Management Committee.
5. In the event of late payment due to exceptional circumstances which are outside the federation's control, the UEC Management Committee may grant a payment deadline to be confirmed by the next General Assembly and without prejudice to the UCI's decision.

Article 7

Bodies

1. The UEC bodies comprise:
 - a) The General Assembly (or Congress),
 - b) The Management Committee.

Article 8

The General Assembly (or Congress)

1. The UEC Annual General Assembly will be convened by the Management Committee by letter or email one month before. In principle, it will take place during the first three months of each year.
2. Extraordinary General Assemblies may take place:
 - a) on the decision of the Management Committee,
 - b) at the request of at least one fifth of the members with an indication of the reason.
3. The invitation, as well as the agenda, must be sent to the members at least thirty days before the date of the Assembly.
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. By way of exception, a quorum including at least half of the members must be present for the General Assembly to deliberate the validity of a change to the Constitution or the dissolution of the UEC.
6. The General Assembly's schedule, the agenda, the procedure and elections shall be in accordance with the principles and measures stipulated by the UEC and UCI Constitution and Rules in force.
7. Each affiliated member has one vote in the General Assembly.
8. Electronic voting may be used for votes and elections. The majority of the votes cast shall decide the voting in elections. Abstentions and invalid ballot papers are not included in the counting procedure. Any decision to change the Constitution and dissolve the UEC must be passed by a two-thirds majority.
9. As a general rule, matters will be decided by an open ballot. However, on the request of at least seven members, a secret ballot may be carried out. As a general rule, elections are by secret ballot unless there is only one candidate for the post concerned or if the number of positions is the same as the number of candidates. The election will then be declared without the need for a ballot.

10. Proposals for discussions at the General Assembly must be received at the UEC headquarters at the latest fourteen days before the General Assembly. Any proposal received after the deadline or made at the General Assembly must be requested by a two-thirds majority by ballot at the meeting, if it is to be included for discussion. In any case, the General Assembly is permitted to take whatever decision it deems appropriate with regard to these proposals.

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 Constitution and its modification;
 - b) To elect a President and six (6) Management Committee members;
 - c) To elect (2) two auditors and an external auditor, if required;
 - d) To elect the UEC delegates for the UCI Congress (art. 36 of the UCI Constitution),
 - e) To appoint European candidates for the UCI Management Committee (art. 47, 48, 51 and 52 of the UCI Constitution),
 - f) To receive and approve annual accounts and the Management Committee report;
 - g) To set membership fees;
 - h) To determine the date and place of the Annual General Assembly;
 - i) To approve the budget for the following financial year;
 - j) To appoint 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) three (3) other members.
2. The Management Committee elects the Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer from amongst its members.

3. The Management Committee members are elected for four years by the General Assembly.
4. In the event of any vacancies, the Management Committee will remain validly constituted and the vacant posts shall be filled at the next General Assembly. When the post of President is vacant, the measures of article 12.6 and 12.7 shall apply. When the total number of vacancies is more than 3, an electoral General Assembly must be convened immediately.
5. The management of the UEC is entrusted to the Management Committee. It is responsible for taking decisions and implementing the measures for all UEC duties, in line with the promotion of cycling on a European level, except where the Constitution gives the right to the General Assembly or another UEC body.
6. The Management Committee may draw up a work plan.
7. In judicial and extra-judicial proceedings, the UEC shall be represented by the President or if he/she is unable, by a Vice-President appointed by the President or, failing that, the Treasurer.
8. The Management Committee shall meet as often as is necessary, but at least twice a year. The President will decide the time, date and place.
9. In urgent cases, decisions may be taken by written or electronic consultation. In this case, there must be quorum of at least half of the members for a decision to authorise it validity and the means provided for the consultation must ensure that enough information is given to Management Committee members.
10. In extremely urgent cases, the President shall take any decisions deemed necessary. He will inform the Management Committee immediately about these.

Article 11

Management Committee duties

The Management Committee is responsible for the management of the UEC and all of the tasks that the current Constitution does not allocate to the General Assembly or any other UEC body.

The Management Committee's duties 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 propose the date and place of the General Assembly, to prepare and to organise 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 membership fees for the UEC;

- f) To set the UEC budget;
- g) To decide on contracts with third parties;
- h) To appoint the Secretary General, who will carry out his/her duties in line with the guidelines of the Management Committee,
- i) To draw up the calendar for the European Championships and Cups and to decide on the venues for these competitions;
- j) To appoint commissions;
- k) Generally, to manage UEC affairs and represent it in compliance with the Constitution.

Article 12

The President

1. The UEC President is elected for 4 years by the General Assembly. He/she chairs the General Assemblies and the Management Committee.
2. He/she has the right to attend all meetings of all UEC bodies and commissions, except for CCOEV meetings.
3. He/she shall represent the UEC in all public proceedings, before the courts and in relations with other sports organisations.
4. The President may delegate some of his/her duties to Management Committee members or the Secretary General.
5. The President shall decide on the employment and salaries of UEC staff. He/she has the authority over this in co-operation with the Secretary General and the UEC internal rules, and shall decide if necessary to make any redundancies or dismissals.
6. In the event of the temporary vacancy of the post of President or if he/she is unable to carry out its functions, his/her duties shall be assumed by one of the Vice-Presidents, appointed by him/her, or if necessary, by the oldest of them.
7. Should the post of President become permanently vacant, he/she shall be replaced until the next General Assembly by a Management Committee member it has elected. At the following General Assembly and after finalising the Management Committee, the permanent replacement of the President shall be decided for the duration of the remaining term of office. Only Management Committee members – including the newly elected member – may apply for the post.

Article 13
Elections

1. During the meeting held in the year following the summer Olympic Games, the General Assembly, in the 7 months before the 1st April in the year of the election of the UCI Management Committee, shall elect for a 4-year period:
 - a) The President,
 - b) Six (6) other members of the Management Committee,
 - c) The delegates of the UEC members for the UCI Congress, in accordance with article 36.1 of the UCI Constitution,
 - d) Two (2) auditors and/or external auditor if necessary,
2. The candidates for the posts mentioned in b), c) and d) of paragraph 1 of the present article must be proposed by the federation of the nationality of the candidate or, provided they have the nationality of a UEC member federation, by that which issued his/her licence. Furthermore, candidates for the post of auditor must have recognised qualifications in accountancy. The applications must be sent to the UEC headquarters, addressed to the electoral and voting monitoring commission (CCOEV), by post or e-mail, at least thirty days before the General Assembly.
3. The following may apply for the post of UEC President:
 - a) The outgoing President;
 - b) Anyone whose application is put forward by the federation of the candidate's nationality or, provided they have the nationality of an UEC member federation, by that which issued his/her licence;
 - c) Individuals whose application has been put forward by at least 3 UEC member federations, provided that they have the nationality of a UEC member federation.
4. It is possible to be a candidate in several elections, as stipulated in paragraph 1 of the present article, provided that the conditions pertaining to each of them are adhered to.
5. The validity of applications is verified by the CCOEV.
6. Every voting member must vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies. Any other vote is null and void.
7. All elections are held with a majority vote in one round. Within the limits of the number of vacancies to be filled, applicants with the highest number of votes cast will be elected.
8. As an exception to paragraph 7 above, the election of the UEC President is held with a majority vote in 2 rounds. In the first round, the candidate with the majority of valid votes cast is elected. Failing which, a second round shall be held between the two candidates who received the most votes that have been legitimately cast. In the event of a tie in the first round between several candidates in first place, the second round will be between these candidates only. In the event of a tie in the first round between

several candidates in second place, the second round will be between these candidates and the candidate in first place. In the last two cases, the candidate with the most votes shall be elected. In the event of a tie in the second round, the oldest candidate shall be elected.

9. When necessary and after consulting the CCOEV, the Management Committee shall decide on the practical measures for organising elections which, in any event, must ensure the secrecy of the vote, subject to the measures in paragraph 9 of article 8 of the present Constitution, and equality between candidates. Electronic voting is permitted.
10. At the electoral General Assembly, elections will be held successively in the order stipulated in points a), b), c) and d) from paragraph 1 of the present article. Once he/she is elected, any application of a candidate in another election is declared null and void. If they are not elected, candidates may take part in the next election, provided that they have also applied for this election and have not withdrawn it from the CCCOEV.
11. All candidates are eligible for re-election.

Article 14

UEC member delegates for the UCI Congress

1. UEC member delegates to the UCI Congress, as well as their deputies, are elected for 4 years by the General Assembly.
2. Deputies are ranked in a specific order based on the number of votes obtained when elected.
3. It is not permitted to be elected as a UEC member delegate to the UCI Congress or as a deputy, to remain in this post, if he/she becomes a UEC Management Committee or UCI Management Committee member.
4. At the UCI Congress, UEC member delegates are obliged to respect the decisions of the UEC General Assembly.
5. In the event of the temporary absence of one of the UEC member delegates at the UCI Congress, his/her deputy shall be appointed from the list of deputies, by the Management Committee or, in an emergency, by the President.
6. In the event of permanent incapacity of a UEC delegate member to the UCI Congress for whatever reason, he/she shall be replaced by deputy in order of their presentation.

Article 15

Appointment of European candidates for the UCI Management Committee

1. Pursuant to article 51 of the UCI Constitution, candidates from a UEC member country for the UCI Management Committee shall be proposed to the UCI Congress by the UEC. For the appointment of UEC candidates the electoral rules stipulated in article 3 of the present Constitution are applicable *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 16

Finances

1. The Treasurer is responsible for the proper and fiscally correct accounting of the UEC. He/she must submit to the Annual General Assembly, a detailed annual report on the accounts for the last financial year and the financial situation. The Treasurer must regularly submit details of the financial situation to the Management Committee.
2. The elected auditors and/or the external auditor, elected by the General Assembly, must verify the accounts and submit their report to the same Annual General Assembly.

Article 17

Subscriptions

1. National Federations are obliged to pay the annual subscriptions, approved by the Annual General Assembly, by 1st April of each year.

Article 18

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 Secretary General.
3. The duties of the Secretary General include – in addition to administration and correspondence - drafting the minutes of the General Assembly and Management Committee meetings.

Article 19

Minutes

1. Minutes of the business conducted by the General Assembly and by 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 20

Commissions

2. In order to fulfil its duties, the UEC is empowered to set up commissions. It may use the UCI commissions, if it gives its approval.

Article 21

The electoral and voting monitoring commission (CCOEV)

1. There shall be an electoral and voting monitoring commission (CCOEV), responsible for monitoring the regularity of electoral and voting proceedings at UEC General Assemblies. It may also be consulted by the UEC President or the Management Committee on any matter in relation to its jurisdiction.
2. The CCOEV is composed of 3 members, including a President, appointed for 4 years by the UEC Management Committee at its first meeting following its election. Their term of office shall cease upon the election of the new UEC Management Committee. They are not permitted to be members of any other UEC body or to be candidates in elections.
3. The CCOEV:
 - a) Approves candidates for the various elections stipulated in article 12 of the present Constitution,
 - b) Monitors electoral and voting proceedings at General Assemblies,
 - c) Gives its opinion, which is made public, to the Management Committee, on the practical measures for organising elections and voting proceedings at General Assemblies,
 - d) Decides swiftly and without recourse, apart from those referred to in article 23 of the present Constitution, on any dispute in relation to its duties, particularly with regard to contested elections.

Article 22

UEC Merit

The President, in co-operation with the Secretary General, shall award the UEC Merit to those people who have given outstanding service to cycling.

Article 23

Disputes

1. Any decision made by the UEC or one of its bodies that cannot be dealt with internally may be exclusively submitted on appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, that will take the final decision on the dispute, in accordance with the Code of Arbitration for Sport. The deadline for appeal is twenty one days upon receipt of the decision being appealed.
2. The Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, has exclusive jurisdiction, to the exclusion of State courts or jurisdictions, to take a final decision on disputes between the UEC and member Federations or on any other dispute related to a decision by UEC bodies.
3. If the parties fail to choose an applicable law, the Court of Arbitration for Sport shall apply Swiss Law and the law governing the UEC Constitution and Rules.

Article 24

Decision-making

1. Proxy voting is not allowed for any UEC body.
2. Postal voting is not allowed for any UEC body, except when it is expressly stated,
3. In any vote where he/she is called on to cast a vote, in the event of a tied vote, the President's vote is decisive.

Article 25

Internal rules

1. If necessary, the UEC may adopt internal rules designed to clarify the current Constitution, without changing them or altering the content.
2. The internal rules, drafted by the Management Committee, are approved and modified by the General Assembly.

Article 26

Dissolution

1. In the event of dissolution, the UEC's assets will be given to a European charitable organisation that can safeguard the promotion and development of the sport of cycling. Under no circumstances will these assets be shared out among UEC members.

Article 27

Applicable law – Effective from

1. The UEC is governed by Swiss Law. In the event of the UEC Constitution does not stipulating specific rules, the measures contained in the UCI Constitution shall be directly applicable in a suppletive capacity,
2. This Constitution is effective from 13 March 2016.

APPENDIX 1

List of UEC Affiliated Federations

Country	Code	National Federations
Albania	ALB	ALBANIAN CYCLING FEDERATION
Andorra	AND	FEDERACIÓ ANDORRANA DE CICLISME
Armenia	ARM	CYCLING FEDERATION OF ARMENIA
Austria	AUT	OESTERREICHISCHER RADSPORT VERBAND
Azerbaijan	AZE	AZERBAIJAN CYCLING FEDERATION
Belarus	BLR	BELARUSIAN CYCLING FEDERATION
Belgium	BEL	ROYALE LIGUE VELOCIPEDIQUE BELGE
Bosnia-Herzegovina	BIH	CYCLING FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
Bulgaria	BUL	BULGARIAN CYCLING UNION
Croatia	CRO	HRVATSKI BICIKLISTICKI SAVEZ
Cyprus	CYP	CYPRUS CYCLING FEDERATION
Czech Republic	CZE	CZECH CYCLING FEDERATION
Denmark	DEN	DANMARKS CYKLE UNION
Estonia	EST	ESTONIAN CYCLISTS UNION
Finland	FIN	CYCLING UNION OF FINLAND
France	FRA	FEDERATION FRANCAISE DE CYCLISME
Georgia	GEO	CYCLING FEDERATION OF GEORGIA
Germany	GER	BUND DEUTSCHER RADFAHRER e.V.
Great Britain	GBR	BRITISH CYCLING FEDERATION
Greece	GRE	HELLENIC CYCLING FEDERATION
Hungary	HUN	HUNGARIAN CYCLING FEDERATION
Iceland	ISL	HJÓLREIÐASAMBAND ÍSLANDS
Ireland	IRL	CYCLING IRELAND
Israel	ISR	ISRAEL CYCLING FEDERATION
Italy	ITA	FEDERAZIONE CICLISTICA ITALIANA
Kosovo	KOS	CYCLING FEDERATION OF KOSOVO
Latvia	LAT	LATVIAN CYCLING FEDERATION
Liechtenstein	LIE	LIECHTENSTEINER RADFAHRERVERBAND
Lithuania	LTU	LITHUANIAN CYCLING FEDERATION
Luxembourg	LUX	FEDERATION DU SPORT CYCLISTE LUXEMBOURGEOIS
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	MKD	CYCLING FEDERATION OF MACEDONIA
Malta	MLT	MALTA CYCLING FEDERATION
Monaco	MON	FEDERATION MONEGASQUE DE CYCLISME
Montenegro	MNE	CYCLING ASSOCIATION OF MONTENEGRO
Netherlands	NED	KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSCHE WIELREN UNIE

Country	Code	National Federations
Norway	NOR	NORGES CYKLEFORBUND
Poland	POL	UNION CYCLISTE DE POLOGNE
Portugal	POR	FEDERAÇÃO PORTUGUESA DE CICLISMO
Republic of Moldavia	MDA	MOLDAVIAN CYCLING FEDERATION
Romania	ROU	ROMANIAN CYCLING FEDERATION
Russian Federation	RUS	RUSSIAN CYCLING FEDERATION
San Marino	SMR	FEDERAZIONE SAMMARINESE CICLISMO
Serbia	SRB	CYCLING FEDERATION OF SERBIA
Slovak Republic	SVK	SLOVAK CYCLING FEDERATION
Slovenia	SLO	FEDERATION SLOVENE DE CYCLISME
Spain	ESP	REAL FEDERACION ESPANOLA DE CICLISMO
Sweden	SWE	SVENSKA CYKELFORBUNDET
Switzerland	SUI	SWISS CYCLING
Turkey	TUR	TURKISH CYCLING FEDERATION
Ukraine	UKR	FEDERATION UKRAINIENNE DE CYCLISME