

Road Cycling TEAMS

2015 Rule update pertinent to Domestic Racing Teams

The Road Commission of Cycling South Africa has come to the decision at the recent road Indaba to change the team structure of road cycling as follows

1. Elite, U23's, Junior men and Elite and Junior Ladies

- 1.1. All teams and clubs who wish to have representation in the Elite Open bunch, need to register their team details through to Cycling SA (events@cyclingsa.com)
- 1.2. Contacts between riders and clubs/ Teams need to comply with the basic contract conditions as per the UCI
- 1.3. A team can comprise a mixture of riders from different provinces, provinces are encouraged to enter provincial teams, and clubs are also encouraged to enter club teams
 - 1.3.1. Info required:
 - 1.3.1.1. Full names, ID's of all team members
 - 1.3.1.2. Full names, ID's of team manager
 - 1.3.1.3. Complete contact details for each team member and manager
 - 1.3.1.4. Confirmation of team kit for 2015
 - 1.3.1.5. There is no team registration fee for 2015
 - 1.3.1.6. Any rider who is part of a team or wishes to be seeded in the Elite/open bunch, must hold a full racing licence
 - 1.3.1.7. As per Cycling SA rules, full racing licences are subject to the participant belonging to a registered cycling club.
 - 1.3.1.8. Under no circumstances will vehicles higher than 1,66 m be allowed in the convoy.

2. For all events with a maximum distance of 120km

- 2.1. Elite, U23 and juniors (all fully licensed) will all start in the Elite bunch of the race;
- 2.2. There will only be one prize purse for this Elite group;
 - 2.2.1.1. **There will not be additional junior prize money for riders outside of this group**
- 2.3. Prize money will only be paid to the overall positions for the Elite race, as determined by the Event organiser.
- 2.4. Juniors will start with the Elites and Under 23 men wearing uniquely distinguished numbers.
- 2.5. There will still be a junior podium separate to that of the open race.
- 2.6. Minimum number of riders in a team, to qualify for a following vehicle is 4 (four) registered and paid up starters at the event;
- 2.7. Maximum riders to start an event is 6 (six) per team
- 2.8. No more than 6 riders are permitted to ride in the racing bunch wearing the same kit
- 2.9. Teams and club/provincial teams are allowed to sponsor more than 1 team given that each team has its own service vehicle and unique kit design
- 2.10. No more than 6 riders may be supported per vehicle
- 2.11. **Should a manager not have a valid licence issued by CyclingSA, he/she cannot form part of the convoy. No exceptions, as this is a safety issue.**

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3 Additional rules

- 3.1. Teams may register as many riders as they like, but only 6 riders may start in a single event;
- 3.2. Should a team/club/province wish to enter additional riders in that specific event, those additional riders may only race in the "A" seeded bunch, and not form part of the Elite bunch;
- 3.3. If it is desired that the balance of riders form a second team, the team principal will have to register that team under a different sponsorship brand altogether, with a separate following vehicle;
- 3.4. A team may enter additional team members into another event on the same day/weekend anywhere in the country;
- 3.5. Teams may select any of their riders for any race from their riders. This will encourage rider rotation for specific course design; this is subject to the conditions set out above, in that no more than 6 riders and minimum 4 for a following vehicle are met;
- 3.6. Should a team principal/owner register more than 1 team (and comply with the rule of separate branding on kit), team riders cannot switch between the two teams during the year;
- 3.7. Should the team principal wish to switch riders between teams, this will only be allowed with the express written consent of the Cycling SA road commission, and will be restricted to once per annum;
- 3.8. With the current format of seeding used by large events in the country, very often a team's riders are split between the Open category and A-bunch, in order to alleviate the confusion and last minute changes. Cycling SA will
 - 3.8.1.1. confirm all Elite riders with event organisers, on the proviso that all teams advise which riders will be participating in which category (refer to point above 3.1 and 3.2)
 - 3.8.1.2. Each team/club/province will advise Cycling SA, not less than 14 days prior to the event, of which riders are taking part;
 - 3.8.1.3. It is the team's responsibility to enter their riders in the correct batch;
- 3.9. We are designing a ranking system in place for riders and teams. More details to follow

4. What happens when team members are selected to represent SA?

- 4.1. From time to time riders will be selected to represent South Africa at international events, either as a member of a federation team or as a national team. Teams will be required to release the riders for those events;
- 4.2. Team managers must ensure that their riders who would be up for selection's names are on the long list and that all the riders have signed the Riders' code of conduct as per the CSA website.
- 4.3. Should a rider, or rider(s), be selected, teams will be permitted to substitute riders into their team or invite guest rider(s) for the duration that the rider(s) are absent, with written consent from that riders team/provincial or club team;
- 4.4. If a rider refuses to ride for the national team without a valid reason he will be un-selectable for 12 months.