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Technical Regulations

BMX FREESTYLE

AUSCYCLING

These Technical Regulations have been developed to ensure the safety of all participants and to encourage fair competition. AusCycling Regulations marked with an (A) may be modified by the event organiser in conjunction with the PCP.

Where any ambiguity or lack of a clear ruling exists the UCI regulations will take precedence.

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SECTION 1

General

1.00 Competitions

1.00.01 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”.

1.00.02 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

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

1.00.04 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.

1.00.05 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.

1.00.06 Park Competitions

Any trick that is fully completed when the time runs out shall be counted. A trick is also counted towards the rider’s final score if their front wheel is no longer in contact with any surface when time expires. This includes “lip tricks”, “manual links” or “wall ride lines” if initiated before time expires. In the case of a “grind”, the grind must be initiated before time expires meaning that the peg, pedal, sprocket, etc must make contact before time expires. If both tires make contact with a flat surface (not to be confused with a vertical surface such as a wall ride) at any point during a “link” or “lip trick” in a forward or stationary position, the trick will be considered incomplete. If rolling backwards (fakie), the trick will be counted if initiated before time expires. The final trick is reviewed by the judges as a single trick and attempts to intentionally extend time via a lengthy “manual link”, “grind” or “lip trick” would not result in additional points beyond the consideration of a single trick.

1.01 Equipment

1.01.01 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 rider over machine.

1.01.02 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.

1.01.03 It is up to each participant in a competition to check the conformity of their equipment.

1.01.04 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 crankset and a chain, without electric or other assistance. Fixed gear bicycles are not permitted.

1.01.05 Bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions shall be of a type that is generally taken to be a BMX 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 seat is required.

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

1.01.07 For Elite categories, the total diameter of the wheels, inflated tyres included, shall not exceed 22 ½" (57 cm).

1.01.08 The bicycles of riders in Junior (U15 and younger), Masters and Amateur categories may be equipped with wheels smaller than 20" nominal diameter.

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

1.02 Safety Equipment

1.02.01 It is strongly recommended that riders wear:

a. Back, elbow, knee and shoulder protectors

b. Protection of the cervical vertebrae

c. Helmet (in line with the AC General Regulations)

1.02.02 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).

1.02.03 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. 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, AusCycling, nor of BMX Freestyle as a sport.

1.02.04 Though they are recommended, helmets are not required for BMX Flatland Competitions.

1.03 Categories

1.03.01 The following categories must be conducted at State/Territory Championships and National Championships.

Category	Min Age	Max Age
Elite	15+	
Masters	30+	
Amateur / Open*	15+	
Junior (U15)	13	14
Junior (U13)	11	12
Junior (U11)	9	10
Junior (U9)	7	8
Junior (U7)		6

* where Elite is offered runs as Amateur, where Elite is not offered runs as Open

1.03.02 Riders are permitted to ride up one category if approved by a BMX Freestyle Development coach (or above) or National level Judge (or above).

1.03.03 For all other events the categories may be defined by the event organiser; however, no U13 rider may compete in categories where there are participants over 18 years of age.

1.03.04 At non-Championship events the organiser may run categories as they wish including combining categories.

SECTION 2

Penalties, Disciplinary & Appeals

Should a member behave in such a way as to constitute a specific infringement within the meaning of the Penalties, he or she may be referred to the AusCycling Disciplinary Procedures, whether the act in question has already been sanctioned by the Commissaire Panel in accordance with the table of race incidents.

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 AusCycling: - In particular, any insults or disrespectful behaviour directed at or against the judges, the organisation, AusCycling, 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 AusCycling Code of conduct 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 AusCycling following the competition concerning the circumstances of each official warning, disqualification or refusal of start.