

UCI International Indoor Cycling Commissaires seminar (9th and 10th of December 2017, Frankfurt)

Day 1

Peter Vandeberg welcomes the participants from Artistic Cycling and gives some general guidelines and information.

- Presentations should be in English, seminar language can be German
- Agenda is presented

Proposed agenda:

- Topics from the work group regulations (Claudia Bee)
 - Changes for 2018
 - Preview on changes for 2019
- Differences and difficulties of devaluations (Günter Altwegg)
- Group exercise
 - Training material for commissaires
 - Tasks of Technical Delegate and Chief Commissaire
- DataRide (Kurt-Jürgen Daum)

Topics from the work group regulations (Claudia)

- Claudia Bee, member of the UCI regulations commission, presents the changes of the regulations in the updated version of 2018
 - Changes are published on the UCI website
 - Organizational changes for World Championships & rules for World Records added
 - Additions regarding UCI registration for competitions
 - Minor change regarding evaluation sheet due to addition of UCI ID
 - Evaluation of tactical figures has been clarified
 - Is being discussed in the panel to clarify for all judges
 - Some clarifications in the descriptions of ACT4 and ACT6
 - Discussion whether tools need to be created to help the judges evaluate the tactical figures (10% / 50% / 100%)
 - Different proposed solutions are presented (systemic implementation, spreadsheet, graphical) and discussed
 - Discussions about interruption of the program due to bike defects and repairs
 - Different approaches between Germany and Switzerland/Austria
 - Points of discussion are restarting position and devaluation of possible falls due to unindebted damages on the bike
 - Decision was taken to adapt regulations to clarify that the athlete, who fell, needs to restart the program standing on the floor
 - There will still be some room for decision for the chief commissaire
 - The work group for the regulation will finalize proposal

- Preview of changes in regulations 2019
 - Some general wording changes without impact to the evaluation
 - New structure of figure explanations, additional figures and recalculation of points for ATC4 and ACT6
 - If no "Start" is called at the beginning, the following figure will always be devaluated with 100%
 - Final figures will no more be judged by the way of stretch
 - Turn on not performed in 50 cm diameter, devaluation might change from 100% to 50%
 - Some modifications and clarifications in the mistake groups

Differences and difficulties of devaluations (Günter)

- Horizontal position of legs during straddles
 - Horizontal is always in relation to the floor, not the position of the bike
- Sizes of rings during Eight
 - "Closing" of the Eight is not devaluated consequently enough
 - Driving out of the riding-area during the second circle of the Eight cannot be made up for on the first side of riding-area
- Driving in Mills
 - The Mill is a driving figure, so grip connection and release must take place while driving
 - Very short grip connection ("Touching") is not a grip connection and therefore the figure has never started and the devaluation is 100%
 - Difference between pairs and ACT4 as in pairs the mill doesn't have to be shown for a full circle during the mill with turns or single rings
- Handlebarstand turns
 - 2 meters must be driven after the last turn, otherwise devaluation is:
 - 10% if driving is at least to some extent visible
 - 50% if the athlete falls directly after the turn
 - Other point of view is that the 2 meters count as one part of the turn (e.g. 4 turns plus 2 meters equals 5 parts) and then it is only devaluated by way of stretch
 - Needs to be discussed again
 - Was discussed again
 - Decision: Current practice will remain until clarification will be made in regulations 2019
- Turn on the spot
 - Without standing still after turn, devaluation is 10%
- Passages
 - Example was shown, where 10% is given for a passage as the passage was almost final but not in a position to drive on
 - Some flexibility is possible between wave and 10%
- Stars and Stars turned on
 - Different devaluations for stars and stars turned on were discussed
- Remmlinger spins
 - Mill in the middle must have a full way of stretch

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Group exercise - Brainstorming

- Group A: Training material for commissaires; what do we need ?
 - How to build/plan a seminar for new commissaires? Organizational structure?
 - Videos for each figure and an example for each possible mistake (favorably linked with the regulations)
 - Also for parts of figures (e.g. swiss handlebar handstand, for each part of the exercise)
 - Full programs of athletes, which can be used to judge and compare oneself to a reference evaluation sheet
 - Different camera angles, e.g. camera from above the riding area could be very helpful for ACT4
 - Videos would need to be in excellent quality, favorably all from the same angle and e.g. for ACT4 with differently colored shirts
 - List of figures with common devaluations (e.g. all figures with horizontal lines)
 - Test exams with pictures and some related questions (favorably to be implemented into an app for smartphones)
 - Flyer/handout with the most essential information for each discipline
 - Spreadsheet and graphics for common devaluations (e.g. difficulty devaluation for turning jumps)
 - Glossary of the basic terms used (e.g. backwards vs. reverse)
 - One point of information (e.g. dropbox) which is accessible for every commissaire
 - Training for commissaires in various levels according to the previously gained knowledge
 - E.g. walk figures through without bicycles
 - Strengthen international collaboration between countries
 - Good teachers for education of new commissaires, e.g. with guest UCI commissaires
 - Output from UCI commissaires seminar available for national education of commissaires
 - Use competitions to further gain experience
 - International commissaires could meet at WC to judge certain athletes discretely on the spectator stands to align further
 - Smaller competitions can be used to train new commissaires by directly talk about devaluations during the exercises
 - An early version of “interactive” regulations is shown by Claudia, a living document where links are implemented and videos can be added to each figure
- Group B: Tasks of Technical Delegate and Chief Commissaire
(Will be discussed further after the seminar due to lack of time)

END OF DAY 1

(Night program with Rattenschwanzdurchzug; not formal exercise during visiting the bistro)

DAY 2

DataRide (Kurt-Jürgen)

- Chief commissaire is responsible to provide results of all international championships, which are included in the UCI calendar
- Different possibilities to provide results to UCI, Kurt-Jürgen used Excel spreadsheets created by UCI
 - *Event* is in artistic cycling the discipline, therefore for each discipline an Excel file must be completed
 - Spreadsheet can be found on the UCI extranet page
 - Some problems to handle teams in DataRide
 - Discussions about final results which can be added along with the ranking, but don't have to be provided (discussion is around competition with final rounds)
 - As this is a new system which started this year, improvements for 2018 are expected

UCI Extranet (Oliver)

- Brief introduction/update how to log into the Extranet and what type of information can be found there

Update from the nations

- Czech Republic (Jan Rasa)
 - Hurdle for organizers of competitions as they must pay a fee to the national federation
 - About 30 commissaires, half of them are active
 - One summit for all commissaires, one World Cup round will be organized in 2018
 - Rules are translated to Czech language (updated every three years)
- Belgium (An Bondue)
 - Activities for commissaires at national championships as well as in collaboration with Netherlands and Germany
 - Judging team consists of one UCI and three experienced judges, two new commissaires starting with U15 categories
 - One yearly summit in January, good collaboration between judges and with coaches
 - More athletes (12 in 2015, 25 in 2017) but big gap in age, only single riders and the number of coaches is not growing quickly enough

- Netherlands (Bram van Gessel)
 - Similar problems as in Belgium, only two clubs left with 6 athletes in total
 - One international competition (DIAC) and some small competitions on club level
 - Two commissaires on UCI level, no other commissaires with license
 - Collaboration with Germany (two competitions judged) and judge at European Championship

- Japan (Mihoko Hamada)
 - Two events in Japan per year, one to select athletes for World Championship and the All Japan Championship, sometimes a third competition is held
 - 5 UCI commissaires
 - Two clubs in Japan, one with 15 members (3-4 take place in all events) and one which is mostly involved with cycle ball (no experienced coach in the club for artistic cycling)

- Germany (Andreas Maier)
 - Around 10 UCI commissaires in Germany, judged at European and World Championship
 - On national level about 1-2 championships per judge and year
 - Collaboration with surrounding countries but mostly for judges who live near the border
 - Low number of competitions per judge lowers the level of judging due to lack of experience, this leads to big differences between judges and therefore to unhappy athletes and coaches
 - Due to lack of money there was no national summit held for judges in 2017
 - Two pairs (Elite open) won the German championship due to an appeal which was acceded - out of fairness two pairs were ranked 1st

- France (Veronique Rietsch)
 - Currently 2 UCI international commissaires artistic and 1 as trainee.
 - International UCI calendar competitions visited as commissaire:
Christelle ULRICH : Varnhalt, Schiltigheim
Véronique RIETSCH : Worms, Sulzbach, Varnhalt, Geispolsheim
Louise RIETSCH : Worms, mehrere nationale und regionale Wettkämpfe
 - Currently 15 national Commissaires: 5 South of France; 10 within Elzas region
 - Young commissaires do not find a lot of time for judging work !
 - Thanks to Claudia Von Rotz (SUI) for judging at Geispolsheim's competition, and thanks to Rudolf Seifert, and Andreas Maier(both GER) for judging at Schiltigheim's Competition as foreign commissaire.
 - Development:
 - The clubs have a rather stable amount of members/riders. More clubs are needed. It's
 - Because of participation at competitions the long distance between Elzas and Balbigny and Paris is a problem.
 - Finding new children/riders for our sport is difficult because of the fact that a lot of other sports are available.
 - Problems with judging; always the same; like Bend stands and side knee.

- Austria (Sandra Fritsch)
 - Artistic cycling stagnated in Austria because we haven't more capacity of halls and coaches we can't coach more athletes
 - We have to try to reach ex-athletes as coaches and or officials to get more athletes
 - 5 International UCI Commissaires Artistic; visited 32 international events
 - Once in the year we have a course for all national and international commissaires
 - And one course in Switzerland with the Swiss commissaires together
 - We work with UCI presentations

- Switzerland (Günter Altwegg)
 - 32 active Commissaire within Switzerland; from which 6 International for Artistic. Further 2 int. Commissaires (1x AUT & 1 CZE) who live in Switzerland.
 - The competition structure is organized in a way that during the first half of the year regional competition will take place, which count as qualification for national competitions (Swiss Cup for pupils and juniors)
 - During the first half of the year the Swiss championships for pupils and junior is the highlight

 - During the second half of the year, after the summerbreak, the elite competitions are organized (together with Austria (Swiss/Austrian Master)
 - The top event after summerbreak are the Swiss championships elite
 - Auch hier ist der Saison Höhepunkt die Elite Schweizermeisterschaften.
 - Next to the national competitions which are at the UCI calendar, the UCI commissaires participate also at other international competitions abroad. Like Sirnacher Spring Cup (SUI), Junior Masters/German Masters (GER)
 - Next to these events Swiss Int. commissaires are nominated frequently for competitions like Continental and Worldchampionships
 - During season 2017 no big judging problems occurred
 - The education for commissaires is always organized during the weekend of January. With a mix of practical and theoretical training the commissaires are prepared for the next judging season.

World Cup Information (Claudia)

- 4 competitions held, last one as final
 - Prague, Heerlen, Hong Kong & Erlenbach (final)
 - Number of athletes depends on nation ranking
 - World Cup points given for the first three rounds, no obligation to take part in all three rounds
 - Points from first three rounds are taken over to the final, where double World Cup points are given
 - Final ranking only depending on World Cup points
 - 69 start slots would theoretically be possible

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