



# **ICSF CONSTITUTION & PROTOCOLS**

## **CONSTITUTION**

1. The governing body for World and European cycle speedway events shall be known as the International Cycle Speedway Federation, hereafter stated as the ICSF.
2. The ICSF shall be open to all nations where organized cycle speedway competition can be staged under control of a recognized governing body
3. The purpose of the ICSF is to co-ordinate official International competitions involving member Nations
4. Each member Nation shall be invited to nominate a representative to deal with its administrative matters concerning such international competitions.
5. The ICSF shall formally meet (ideally once per year) as agreed by the member Nations. Such meetings shall be known as the International Council, or, when restricted to European issues and European nations, the European Council.
6. The International Council shall appoint a General Secretary to administer the affairs of the ICSF, and to minute International and European Council meetings.
7. Each Nation shall be permitted up to two delegates at such Council meetings. Only **one** delegate nominated by member Nation shall be entitled to vote on matters discussed at meetings. The ICSF General Secretary will not be entitled to vote on matters discussed unless a casting vote is required.
8. At Council meetings, the ICSF secretary will perform the role of chairman. In the event of a tied vote, the chairman shall be entitled to make a casting vote.
9. For the purposes of ICSF business and representation at council meetings Great Britain (via the British Cycle Speedway Commission) shall be considered as a single member nation. Matters relating to international competition exclusively restricted to the constituent nations of Great Britain (e.g. Home Internationals involving England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales) shall be the preserve of the British Cycle Speedway Commission, and thus fall outside the remit of the ICSF.
10. Decisions by the ICSF are subject to ratification of each member Federation/Council via their representatives.
11. The ICSF shall fully support any proposed programme of dope testing for banned substances and methods.

## **INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOLS**

### **1 OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED ICSF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

#### **1.1a WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

- World Individual Championships (Open) - See Item 2 (Eligibility)
- World Women's Individual Championship - See Item 2 (Eligibility)
- World Junior Individual Championship (Under 18) - See Item 2 (Eligibility)
- World Veterans Individual Championship (Over 40) - See Item 2 (Eligibility)
- World U-16 Boys Individual Championship - See Item 2 (Eligibility)
- World U-16 Girls Individual Championship - See Item 2 (Eligibility)
- ICSF Federation Cup (Men/Women/Junior) - See Item 2 (Eligibility)
- World Nations Team Cup (Senior/Junior) - See Item 2 (Eligibility)
- World Best Pairs (Senior/Junior) - See Item 2 (Eligibility)

#### **1.1b EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

- European Individual Championships (Open) - See Item 2 (Eligibility)
- European Ladies Individual Championship - See Item 2 (Eligibility)
- European Junior Individual Championship (Under 18) - See Item 2 (Eligibility)
- European Veterans Individual Championship (Over 40) - See Item 2 (Eligibility)

1.1c **EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

- European Club Championships (Open: 4-rider team event)

1.1d **ADDITIONAL COMPETITION:**

- The ICSF may introduce any additional International competition which has representation from three or more participating member Federations, when proposed and agreed via the ICSF committee.

1.2 **DEADLINES:** Any member Federation (or Council) awarded an international competition by the ICSF shall inform all eligible nations (via the ICSF secretary), within agreed deadlines, advising of the venue for the competition and the closing date for the receipt of entries.

1.3 **TEST MATCHES:** Any International competition open to only two member nations (e.g. Test Matches) may be arranged at the mutual convenience of the nations concerned (e.g. Australia v GB or Poland v GB Test Series) and these are not considered as official ICSF events.

**2 ELIGIBILITY (age categories)**

2.1 Riders are eligible for 'u-16' competitions up to 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Riders must be a minimum of 13 years old up to 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of the competition.

2.2 Riders are eligible for 'junior' competitions up to 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Riders must be a minimum of 13 years old up to 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of the competition.

2.3 Riders are eligible for 'veteran' competitions during, or after, the year of their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

2.4 Where a competition is not designated as u-16, junior or veteran, it is open to riders with minimum age restrictions. Riders must be a minimum of 15 years old up to 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of the competition for Men's events. Riders must be a minimum of 13 years old up to 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of the competition for Women's events.

**3 ENTRY TO INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

3.1 All entries shall be submitted to the designated official of the host Nation by the agreed closing date which (unless specified otherwise) should be 60 days prior to commencement of competition. The closing date for entries may be extended following agreement between the host Nation and the ICSF.

3.2 All entries, from participating Nations, shall be submitted by their National Federation or Council. Otherwise by a designated International Administrator where no such Federation or Council exists.

3.3 Each participating Nation, including the host Nation, shall determine the internal procedure for processing entries from among its own membership or teams, provided that such procedure respects the closing date announced by the host Nation and ICSF.

**4 INTERNATIONAL INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS**

4.1 The 16 rider, 20 heat formula, unless agreed otherwise, shall be used for all individual competitions.

4.2 The standard model format for individual competitions is as follows:

Qualifying rounds (if required) to produce 32 qualifiers.

Semi-finals: 2 events to produce 16 qualifiers.

4.3 Where the number of entrants demands a departure from the model format, the agreed variations (ratified by the ICSF) are permitted.

4.4 When the format of the competition has been determined, the make-up of the qualifying rounds shall be decided by random draw in line with regulation 3 (above).

4.5 All heat formulae to be employed are listed under [International Racing Regulations - Appendix 1](#)

**5 INTERNATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS (NATIONS & CLUBS)**

5.1 Unless otherwise determined by the ICSF, all World and European International team competitions shall employ the 5 rider format (4 riders plus reserve).

5.2 World Team Cup Finals must utilise the 4-team formula with 16 programmed heats followed by 4 nominated heats unless there are less than 4 teams. A qualification process must be used followed to identify 4 finalists.

- 5.3 In World Team Cup competition, at the discretion of the ICSF, Nations may be seeded to the Final (e.g. Reigning Champions and Host Nation) – Seeded Nations then to be joined in Final by qualifying Nations from semi-final.
- 5.4 European Nations Cup Finals are a one-off event which should accommodate all participating Nations (i.e. normally a 5-team format involving England, Ireland, Scotland, Poland and Wales).
- 5.5 World Team Cup and European Nations Cup Finals may also utilise a 3-Team formula if only 3 Nations are participating.
- 5.6 World and European Nations team competitions shall be restricted to one team per Nation.
- 5.7 Each participating Nation shall nominate a squad inclusive of riders properly registered within the recognized rider registration mechanism operated by their National governing body.
- 5.8 All heat formulae to be employed in International team competitions are listed under [International Racing Regulations - Appendix 2](#).
- 5.9 Where an International team competition cannot be decided by a single match, semi-finals or qualifying rounds shall be staged to determine the finalists.
- 5.10 The draw for any International team qualifying event, semi-final or final shall be made with representatives from all involved Nations being present.
- 5.11 Final team nominations shall be presented to the match referee by the team manager no less than 30 minutes prior to the official start time of each match.

## 6 INTERNATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS (APPLICABLE TO EUROPEAN CLUB COMPETITION)

*International Club competitions rules need to cater for riders who may be registered with more than one club (i.e. in different countries). These rules have been determined/agreed as follows:*

- 6.1 If a rider is registered with one club only (in any country affiliated to the ICSF), then the rider will be eligible to race for that club in European Club Championships.
- 6.2 If a rider is registered with two clubs, in the same country (as can exist under British secondary registration rules), then that rider can only compete for the primary registration club in European Club Championships.
- 6.3 In the event of a rider being registered with two (or more) clubs, in two (or more) different countries, then that rider can only compete for the primary club of their nationality/citizenship in European Club Championships.

### CASE EXAMPLE:

- A Polish National registered with both Leicester & Bydgoszcz would only be eligible to represent Bydgoszcz in Euro Club Championship
- A Polish National living in the UK and registered with Leicester only (and with no Polish club registration) may represent Leicester in Euro club championship during the year in which single registration applies.

Note: This arrangement would not impact such a rider's eligibility to represent their country of birth in either International Team or World and European Individual Championships

- 6.4 Each participating nation shall nominate clubs and teams inclusive of riders properly registered within the recognized rider registration mechanism operated by their national governing body

## 7 INTERNATIONAL PAIRS COMPETITIONS

- 7.1 International 'Pairs' Teams may consist of a nominated pair, plus a reserve (3 riders)
- 7.2 The reserve may replace team members, at the discretion of team manager, but the reserve may not exceed the number of programmed rides for any one member of the nominated pair.

## 8 REFEREES

- 8.1 The host Nation shall be responsible for the allocation of referees and pit marshals, and are expected to invite officials from other Nations to perform such duties.

The allocation of referees should take into consideration a fair means of ensuring that 'nominated' International standard referees from all nations are given opportunity to officiate.

The ICSF recommends that (where possible) a referee from each member Nation is represented in each of the finals within a specific age or gender category (e.g. referees for Junior Individual Final, Junior World Cup Final or Junior World Pairs Final should be shared among the member Nations)

However, it is also recommended that referees from the same Nation are not appointed to officiate at more than one final within the same competition category (e.g. If an Australian referee is appointed for one of the World Individual Finals then the other Individual Finals should be allocated to referees from other Nations.

8.2 In u-16, junior and veteran competitions, it is the responsibility of the referee to verify the eligibility of competitors by checking licences, passports or other official documents.

9. **AWARDS – (Awards to be provided for ICSF Events: See ICSF Minimum Requirements Document)**

10. **INTERNATIONAL RACING REGULATIONS (Rules of Racing)**

These exist as a separate defined set of regulations governing International racing (agreed by ICSF)

11. **ICSF EVENT SCHEDULES**

The following proposal (to remove congested weekend race schedules) was agreed at 2015 ICSF meeting in England:

Future World Championships will be staged over a 3-week period (21 days)

Reason: The recent addition of U-16 Boys and Girls, Veteran's & Women's World Championships, this will be necessary to accommodate full schedule of events.

12. **Clarification of minimum requirements for entry into ICSF World team competitions:**

The following proposals were agreed at 2015 ICSF meeting in England:

1. National teams from a minimum of three participating Federations will be required for any ICSF World team competitions to be viable (e.g. World Team Cup, World Pairs)
2. A minimum of three participating Federations will be a necessary requirement for any Federation Cup team competition to be viable (e.g. Currently Australia, GB and Poland, but may include New Zealand in future).
3. Composite teams (e.g. ICSF Select) should not be allowed into ICSF team competitions

**For example:** *This will remove the option of World team competitions being staged via a test match format, such as GB v Australian Women's Federation Cup or Australia v England Junior World Cup as has previously been the case. It will also ensure that a World Cup would not be staged with only England, Scotland and Wales participating (i.e. effectively a Home International)*

Updated by Mike Hack, ICSF General Secretary, 16/02/17.

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