

THE JUDGE REFEREE

Description of responsibilities and methods of decision-making

Since 1999, in a number of track cycling disciplines, the Judge Referee (JR) has had sole responsibility for deciding whether races are carried out according to the rules.

The JR was introduced by the UCI in order to ensure the speedy conclusion of formalities if rules are broken. The decision-making by the panel of three commissaires in charge of this before often took too long and was as a result an obstacle to the on-going progress of the event.

Despite his broad decision-making authority, the JR is still a member of the commissaires' panel. The effectiveness of his work is crucially dependent on cooperation with the panel, but the quality of his work depends on his knowledge of the disciplines and the tactics used in track cycling and his level of experience.

The Judge Referee (JR)

The JR has been appointed by the UCI since 2004. A JR has to be appointed according to the rules for sprint, Keirin, Madison and points races.

He observes the actions and behaviour of the riders during the race. If it is discovered that rules have been broken, he alone decides straight away, on the basis of his observations, which penalties laid down in the rules are to be imposed. These extend from a warning to disqualification from the competition in question.

Because of his decision-making authority, the JR is a very important person. He should therefore be an experienced track specialist.

The material equipment of the Judge Referee

The position of the JR is ideally determined long before the event at a meeting between the organizer and the UCI's technical delegate. It should be as high as possible on the first bend after the finish in order to ensure a good view.

The JR should be given a quiet position, out of sight of the public, outside the track, from which he has a good view of what is happening on the track. It should also be possible for up to three people to work there unrestricted. It must be equipped with a radio link to the PP, the bend judges and the starter.

In World Championships, World Cups and Olympic Games, the JR must have access to his own video system with slow motion. An engineer has to support him in operating the system.

The work of the Judge Referee

The starter and the JR should have more or less the same attitude towards the assessment of racing incidents in the course of a sprint or Keirin race. The JR must agree with the starter in which cases and by what signal the starter should if necessary stop the race.

When assessing racing incidents and in respect of any penalties imposed as a result, comparability must be assured. They should be the same for comparable situations. Account should also be taken here of the age-group and performance class and the stage of the race.

Knowledge of the rules, tactics and racing incidents typical of the discipline in question are vital for assessing any incidents.

If a decision has to be made, this is immediately notified to the official announcer.

It is always recommended to work to a specific plan. It is first of all necessary to check what has been seen, either by asking the assistant or bend judge or by looking at the video. (If a discussion has to be carried out with team leaders, it is definitely advisable to make notes.)

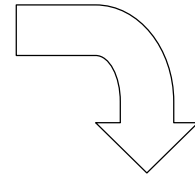
Afterwards, the seriousness of the offence and the effects on the competition have to be determined.

The UCI track penalty list must be used when deciding on the penalty.

These steps are graphically represented in the following diagram.

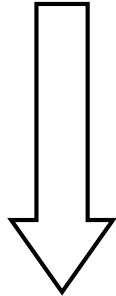
What did I see?

- what situation?
- what line-up?
- what positions were the riders in on the track?
- has there been any breach of the rules?



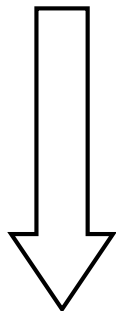
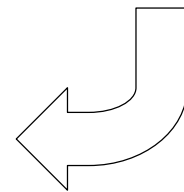
if unsure:

- discuss with assistant,
- look at video,
- talk to bend judges



How do I assess what has happened?

- what is the position in the race?
- category of the participants (educational aspects)
- tactics of the competition
- influence on the competition
- consequences of the incident (fall)



What measures should I take?

- Punishment according to UCI track penalty list
- Removal of an advantage achieved in contravention of the rules
- Penalty for intent (disqualification)



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DECISION