

A. INTRODUCTION TO THE RULES

1. Included Series Races

These rules (the “Rules”) apply to the mountain bike multi-day stage races (each, a “Race”) that collectively constitute the Epic Series™ (the “Series”) and in particular to the Epic Series Explore Races. The Races in the Epic Series Explore™ are:

- 4Islands Explore® (Croatia)
- Andorra Explore® (Andorra)
- SPAR Swiss Explore® (Switzerland)
- Other races as may be announced by the Series from time to time

2. Structure, Applicability, and Interpretation of the Rules; Certain Defined Terms

2.1 Sections. The Rules are set out in the following three sections:

• Section A (Introduction to the Rules)
• Section B (General Rules – Applicable to All Riders)
• Section C (Penalties & Fines)

2.2 Applicability. Where indicated herein, certain Rules are applicable only to a particular Race.

2.3 Completeness; Later Updates. The Rules are intended to be definitive and complete. Unless the Rules specifically and expressly incorporate any rules or regulations from an external source, such external rules and regulations are not applicable to the Races. The Rules may, however, be updated and amended from time to time. The version of the Rules in force on the start date of a Race in any year will remain applicable to that staging of such Race in such year.

2.4 Non-Compliance. Failure to comply with any of the Rules will result in a penalty, which could include a rider’s disqualification in certain circumstances. For violations of certain Rules, the penalties are set out in Section C below. For violations of any other Rules, the penalties will be in the discretion of the Race Jury.

2.5 Interpretation of Rules; Finality. The interpretation of any Rule (including evaluation of any protest, or any other matter related to the Rules; or any other matter related to participation in the Race, whether or not such matter is addressed by the Rules) will be made by the Race Jury and will be final and binding on all Race participants.

2.6 Decisions. Unless otherwise provided for in the applicable Rule, decisions of whether a Rule is violated will be made **(a)** by the Race Director or race official, *where the decision requires, as a practical matter, to be made immediately or promptly during a Race stage*, or **(b)** by the Race Jury, in all other cases (including where the decision is to be made after or before a stage).

2.7 Language. If the Rules are translated into any language other than English, the English language version of the Rules will govern and control in the event of any conflict with the translated version.

2.8 Section Headings. The section, subsection, paragraph, and item headings, subheadings, and captions shown in the Rules are for convenience of reference only and will not affect or be utilised in construing or interpreting any word, phrase, provision, or section in, or all or any portion of, any Rule or set of Rules.

2.9 Certain Defined Terms. For purposes of the Rules, the following capitalized terms are defined as follows:

- “**Blue Board Rider**” means a rider who has failed to complete any stage within the Maximum Stage Time, but is allowed to continue the Race in terms of Rule 15.
- “**DNF**” means the status of “did not finish the applicable stage.”
- “**DNS**” means the status of “did not start the applicable stage.” A rider whose status is DNS by definition also has DNF status.
- “**DQ**” means “disqualified”.
- “**OFT**” means “Overall Finish Time”, which is calculated by time as accumulated stage results.
- “**Maximum Stage Time**” means the maximum amount of time allowed (as determined by the Organisers from time to time) to officially complete any stage of the Race.
- “**Organisers**” means the Race organisers that represent the owner of the Race.
- “**Physical Assistance**” means the sharing of water and nutrition, sharing of bike parts and accessories (including the swapping of bike frames), assistance with maintenance and repair, and pushing/towing by physical contact only (but excluding any pushing/towing using any mechanical or physical devices).

- “**Race Director**” means the primary supervisory Race-operations staff member employed or contracted by the Organisers.
- “**Race Jury**” is defined as follows: If the Race is not UCI-registered, the Race Jury consists of the persons appointed by the Organisers in their sole discretion. If the Race is UCI-registered, the Race Jury consists of the Race Director, acting jointly with the commissaire(s) appointed by the UCI and/or by the national cycling federation of the Race’s host country.
- “**UCI**” means the Union Cycliste Internationale.

B. GENERAL RULES – APPLICABLE TO ALL RIDERS

3. Riders; Registration; Briefing

3.1 Eligibility.

- 3.1.1 The minimum age of participation is determined by the Organisers, and may vary by Race. For the Epic Series Explore Races the minimum age is 19 years old, as of 31 December of the year in which the Race takes place.
- 3.1.2 At Race registration, each Rider must **(a)** produce a valid, government-issued identification confirming the Rider’s identity and **(b)** meet all requirements of the Race’s national cycling federation (including but not limited to licensing and/or insurance requirements).

3.2 Registration. All riders must have registered by the registration cut-off time indicated on the Race website.

3.3 Categories. Each Epic Series Explore Race offers a Women’s and a Men’s category only.

3.4 Briefing. A Pre-Race briefing will take place at the time and place indicated on the Race website; the briefing may be online. It is each rider’s responsibility to know the content of all Race briefings (including without limitation all nightly Race briefings). Non-attendance at any Race briefing, for any reason, will not excuse any ignorance of the contents of the briefing.

4 Medical

4.1 Responsibility. Each rider must ensure that he/she is in good health and well-trained for the Race.

4.2 Medical Removal. The Organisers reserve the right to prevent a rider from starting or continuing the Race on receipt of medical advice from an official Race medic or any other medical doctor recognised by the Organisers. The decision of the Organisers in this regard is final.

5 Bicycles

5.1 Responsibility. Each rider is responsible for the maintenance of his/her own bike for the duration of the Race.

5.2 Race-Ready.

- 5.2.1 Only Riders whose mountain bikes are, in the opinion of the Race Jury, in good working order and race-ready (defined below) at the start of each stage will be allowed to start that stage.
- 5.2.2 For purposes of Rule 5.2, “**race-ready**” means the following:
 - 5.2.2.1 the front number board is securely fitted and visible from the front;
 - 5.2.2.2 the frame marking is displayed as per instructions received at registration;
 - 5.2.2.3 the bike is in safe working order, as determined in the discretion of the Race Jury; and
 - 5.2.2.4 handlebar ends and handlebar extensions must be plugged and must not have sharp or jagged edges. The use of tri-bars is not allowed.

5.3 Propelling. Bikes may be propelled only through a chainset (or belt) and only by the rider’s leg action, without any form of assistance (electrical or otherwise), subject to Rule 22.2.

6 Helmets and Attire

6.1 Helmet Requirement. Each rider must wear a helmet at all times while riding during the Race.

6.2 Helmet Standards. All helmets must comply with international ‘ANSI’ standards.

6.3 Proper Attire. Appropriate riding attire, including a shirt, must be worn at all times.

6.4 Prohibited Jerseys. Unless otherwise expressly approved under the Rules, no rider may wear any original or replica version of a leader jersey contemplated in Rule 6.6 of the Epic Series Race Rules of the full event and/or any Outcast Rider jersey contemplated in Rule 33.3.1 of the Epic Series Race Rules of the full event including any such jersey from a prior year’s Race.

- 6.5 Restriction on Logo Use. No rider may display or reproduce the official Race logo (or Series logo) or any derivative thereof on any riding attire, the bike or equipment, and/or clothing without the written approval of the Organisers (which approval may be withheld in its sole discretion), which should be obtained *prior to* any such riding attire or clothing being manufactured.

7 Compulsory Equipment

- 7.1 Each rider (or, as applicable, each team) must carry a tracking device (if the Race issues tracking devices). Races may require, riders to carry additional compulsory equipment, such as bad weather gear. Any such additional requirements will be communicated via the applicable Race website.

8 Rider Identification

8.1 Displaying Race Numbers.

- 8.1.1 Riders must display their race numbers at all times.
- 8.1.2 The front race number board must remain firmly fixed on the handlebar and may not be obscured by cables or any other item.
- 8.1.3 Race numbers on the rider's back must be attached to the rider at all times in a visible position either on the rider's jersey or on the back of his/her hydration pack. A rider will not be penalised if his/her number is obscured while wearing a jacket.
- 8.1.4 Race numbers may not be modified or mutilated in any way, including without limitation cutting, adding stickers, or removing existing stickers or trimming.
- 8.1.5 No official sponsor logos may be removed from race numbers and/or be obscured in any way.

9 Course Practice

- 9.1 Course Practice. The Organisers may, but are not required to, make provision for a course practice. No riders are allowed on the course outside the official practice times (if applicable) or on Race day before their allocated start time.

10 Stage Starts

- 10.1 Start Chute Opening Time. The Start Chute opens 15 minutes before the start of each stage, unless communicated otherwise.
- 10.2 Start Chutes; Staggered Starts.
- 10.2.1 Differential Start Chutes will be allocated according to the rider's self-seeding for the start of the first Stage and finish time of Stage 1 for the start of Stage 2. The Organisers may allocate different (i.e., "staggered") start times for each Start Chute. Any reference to start times in the Rules will be to the start time applicable to the particular rider's Start Chute.
 - 10.2.2 Epic Series Explore won't be seeded higher than Start Chute C. It is at the discretion of the Organisers to up or down grade the seeding of riders to ensure fair competition.
 - 10.2.3 The Start Chutes will close five (5) minutes before their start time. Riders arriving late must start in the next later Start Chute.
 - 10.2.4 Riders must enter the Start Chute with their bikes, and once entered must remain in the Start Chute with their bikes.

11 Route and Stages; Finishing

11.1 Completing Routes.

- 11.1.1 Riders must complete the full, final designated route and distance of all stages, including the time trial and/or prologue.
- 11.1.2 Only riders who complete each of the stages within the Maximum Stage Time will qualify as official Race finishers.
- 11.1.3 A rider must at all times follow the official route, obey the directions of the course marshals, and may not take any shortcuts or take any other advantage of a similar nature against other riders.
- 11.1.4 The responsibility for following the official route lies with each rider.

- 11.2 Route/Distance Variances. The actual Race route or distance may vary from the published or briefed distance.

- 11.3 Exit and Re-entry. Riders who exit the route for any reason must re-enter the course at the same point from which they exited.

- 11.4 Activity Outside of Route. Any walking, running, or riding by a rider outside the Race route that is carried out without the intention of promptly re-joining the Race route, or any other activity in violation of the Rules that takes place outside of the marked Race course area, is not permitted.

- 11.5 Trespassing. No rider may trespass, at any time of the year, on land that is not open to the public for mountain biking and that forms part of the Race route of any edition of the Race.

- 11.6 Finishing on Foot. Riders may cross any stage's finish line on foot provided that they have their complete bike with them when doing so.

12 Prohibited Equipment

- 12.1 Audio. The use of earphones/ear buds or two-way radios (i.e., 'walkie-talkies') is not allowed during the Race.
- 12.2 Cameras. Cameras (which includes video cameras) may be mounted on the rider's bike, but not on the rider (including the rider's helmet or chest). Cameras mounted on the rider's bike must be positioned in a safe location and manner (and otherwise in compliance with any applicable UCI regulations), and cannot protrude an unreasonable (in the Race Jury's opinion) distance from the bike (for example, no 'selfie' sticks).
- 12.3 Other Equipment. The Race Jury may at any time prohibit any other item of equipment (other than essential cycling equipment) in its discretion and riders shall at all times comply with any such prohibition.
- 12.4 Inspection. The Race Jury reserves the right to inspect, at any time, any rider's bike, apparel, gear, equipment, components, and accessories used in the Race, in order to determine compliance with the Rules.

13 Race Timing; Late Starts

- 13.1 Transponders. Each rider must wear his/her transponder at all times during the Race. No rider may carry more than one (1) transponder at any time, and no rider may pass his/her transponder on to anyone else at any time.
- 13.2 Timing Start. Timing will start at the applicable start time each Race day as set out in [Rule 10.2](#). The start line will remain open for 15 minutes after the start time.
- 13.3 Late Starts.
- 13.3.1 Any rider who cannot make his/her start time must report to the Race Jury at the start line within 15 minutes after the start time to request approval for a late start.
- 13.3.2 No rider is allowed to start late without approval. If no approval for a late start is given, the rider will be considered a DNS, and therefore as a DNF for that stage.
- 13.4 Non-Starting. Any rider who does not start a stage at all will automatically be deemed a DNF for that stage.
- 13.5 Stage Finish Time. The stage finish time is when a rider passes the stage finish line. All finish times recorded by the timekeeper shall be rounded down to the nearest second. The fractions of a second registered on each stage are used to determine the finish time for any special classifications.
- 13.6 Overall Finish Time. The Overall finish time is based on the rider's cumulative rounded finish time for each stage as set out in [Rule 13.5](#).
- 13.7 Display of Stage Finish Time and Overall Finish Time. The finish times of each stage and overall finish times will be displayed in alphabetical order and not in order of fastest to slowest finish time.
- 13.8 Awards or Prize Givings. There won't be awards or prize giving for the fastest riders. It is within the discretion of the Organization to award any special awards (e.g. best dressed rider, rider living the definition of best sportsmanship, etc.).
- 13.9 Effect of Time Penalties. All time penalties under the Rules will be added to the rider's time for the stage in respect of which the penalty is given (and as such to Overall finish time), but, pursuant to [Rule 14.6](#), will not be taken into account in determining whether the rider has exceeded the Maximum Stage Time.

14 Maximum Stage Times

- 14.1 General. Maximum Stage Times are determined according to the length of each stage and the terrain to be covered, but may be adjusted at any time by the Race Director pursuant to [Rule 14.2](#). Maximum Stage Times will be included in the Race registration pack and/or the Race App. The Maximum Stage Time will not be adjusted for any rider who is permitted a late start and/or who started in a start zone with a later start time than his/her own.
- 14.2 Formula. The Maximum Stage Time for each stage of the Race will be the greater of **(a)** the Maximum Stage Time advertised for such stage or **(b)** double the 'winning' time for such stage (i.e., the time of the first finisher, team or rider, for that particular stage).
- 14.3 Notice of Change. Any change to the Maximum Stage Time will be communicated to riders at the stage briefing on the night before the relevant stage. If applicable, the adjusted Maximum Stage Time will be signposted at the final water point/service station on the stage once the first finishers have crossed the stage's finish line.
- 14.4 Intermediate Cut-Off Points.
- 14.4.1 The Race Director may, at any times, designate intermediate cut-off points on each stage ("**Cut-Off Points**") which must be reached by specific times designated by the Race Director ("**Cut-Off Times**"), and may at any time impose additional Cut-Off Points and Cut-Off Times due to safety reasons.

14.4.2 Any riders that fail, or will in the sole opinion of the Race Director be unable, to reach any Cut-Off Point by the applicable Cut-Off Time will be prevented from continuing to ride, removed from the course, and classified as DNF for that stage.

14.4.3 The Race Jury has discretion to waive a Cut-Off Time for certain riders, in special circumstances such as mechanical problems or injured/sick riders, if the Race Jury believes the rider will ultimately be able to reach the *next* Cut-Off Point by the applicable next Cut-Off Time (or, as the case may be, to reach the finish of the stage within the Maximum Stage Time).

14.5 No Extensions to Maximum Stage Times. In all cases of maintenance and repair of bicycles or other equipment, riders are required to complete the full distance of the stage and must complete the stage within the Maximum Stage Time. Time spent on maintenance and repair will thus not entitle a rider to any extension of the Maximum Stage Time.

14.6 Time Penalties Disregarded. No time penalties under the Rules will be taken into account in determining whether the rider has exceeded the Maximum Stage Time.

15 Blue Board Rider

15.1 First Shortfall. Any rider who does not complete a stage within the Maximum Stage Time for the first time will be classified as a Blue Board Rider. Blue Board Riders may continue the Race (i.e., they may start the following stage), but will not be classified as official Race finishers.

16 Abandoning or Cancellation of a Stage by Organisers

16.1 Organisers' Discretion. The Organisers may abandon, shorten, or cancel any stage at any time, in their sole discretion, due to safety concerns or any other reason that they consider appropriate. In case of an abandoned or shortened stage, the following Rules will apply:

16.1.1 If three teams/riders have completed the stage prior to the time at which it is abandoned, the stage will be classified as an official stage of the Race and count towards the Overall finish time. Otherwise, the stage will not constitute an official stage and will be disregarded for purposes of the Overall finish time.

16.1.2 Where an abandoned stage will count towards the Overall finish time, each rider who is on the course (and otherwise not disqualified or withdrawn) when the stage is abandoned will be allocated a projected stage-finish time estimated by the Race Jury, where such estimate is calculated taking into account the stage winner's time, and based on the rider's position in the field at the time the stage is abandoned or the last timing point or other relevant point (e.g., Cut-Off Point, official water point/service station, etc.).

16.1.3 Riders will be classified as DNF if, before the stage is abandoned or shortened, they withdraw from the stage or do not reach any Cut-Off Point by the applicable time.

17 Roadways; Compliance

17.1 Closed Roads. Some sections of the course (including some public roads) may be closed to non-Race-related traffic. Their closure must be respected by all.

17.2 Shared Roads. Riders might not always have exclusive use of certain public or private roads (or other pathways) during the Race.

17.3 Traffic Regulations. All traffic regulations must be complied with at all times during the Race.

17.4 Marshal Instructions. Riders must strictly adhere to all Race course-related instructions from Race course marshals.

17.5 Railway Crossings. It is forbidden to cross level crossings when the barrier is down or closing, the warning signal ringing or flashing. Where riders are held up at a level crossing (or similar situation e.g. road crossings, obstacles on the route) it is at the discretion of the Race Jury whether to classify this a mere race incident, or whether to award a time bonus. Any time bonus awarded will be applied to GC results only and have no effect on stage results.

18 Checkpoints

18.1 Non-Detections. Riders that are not detected when passing the checkpoints may be disqualified.

18.2 Hidden Checkpoints. The location of the checkpoints will not be published, and the Organisers may utilize hidden checkpoints.

19 Nutrition and Hydration

19.1 Responsibility. Riders retain the ultimate responsibility to carry enough water and nutrition with them during the Race.

19.2 Water Points/Service Stations and Use. The Organisers will provide water at official water points/service stations on the route, which water is intended for drinking purposes only. No excessive use of water for any other purpose will be permitted at official water points/service stations.

20 Outside Support; Drafting

- 20.1 No Outside Assistance. No outside assistance is permitted under any circumstances. For purposes hereof, “outside assistance” includes Physical Assistance by any person other than **(a)** a fellow rider participating in the Race, or **(b)** an accredited Race staff member (provided the staff member’s assistance is within the scope of his/her official duties for the Race).
- 20.2 Drafting.
- 20.2.1 Riders may draft behind fellow competitors, but not behind any UCI Pro-Elite riders of the Epic Series full event or any person who is not a participant in the Race.
- 20.2.2 No other form of drafting is permitted whatsoever, including but not limited to drafting behind private vehicles, motorcycles, trucks, or official Race vehicles.
- 20.3 Support Vehicles. No escort or seconding vehicles are permitted on the Race route unless such vehicles are provided by the Organisers and display the relevant accreditation. However, supporters may, subject to Rule 17 drive their own vehicles along public roads (only if they are open to the public during the Race) to reach vantage points to vocally support riders.

21 Technical Assistance

- 21.1 Neutral Support Zones. Some Races offer technical assistance for riders at neutral tech support zones along the Race route, and riders will be informed on the Race website if such assistance will be available.
- 21.2 Spare Parts. Any spare parts must be paid at the time received – either by credit card or cash.

22 Physical Assistance

- 22.1 Permitted Assistance. In addition to the other assistance restrictions in the Rules (e.g., other subsections of this Rule 22), riders cannot receive Physical Assistance from anyone other than **(a)** a fellow rider participating in the Race, or **(b)** an accredited Race staff member (provided the staff member’s assistance is within the scope of his/her official duties for the Race)
- 22.2 Towing/Pushing. Subject to the other provisions in this Rule 22, towing between or pushing of riders is permitted by direct hand contact (e.g., hand-to-hand or hand-to-bike), but is prohibited by means of any mechanical or physical devices (including without limitation a rope, tube, or cable).
- 22.3 Restriction on Ongoing Assistance. No rider may receive ongoing or excessively repetitive assistance from any other rider of a different category, even if the type of such assistance is otherwise permitted by the Rules.

23 Withdrawals

- 23.1 Duty to Immediately Inform. Riders that cannot continue the Race for whatever reason must immediately inform the Race office. This can be done at the Race start, the finish, water points/service stations, or by calling the emergency hotline as specified in the Race registration packs and/or the rider accreditation wristband.
- 23.2 Cost of Search and Rescue. If any rider fails to inform the Race office of his/her/its withdrawal, and if a search and rescue operation is initiated for such rider, such rider (as the case may be) will be responsible for the cost of such search and rescue.

24 Code of Conduct

- 24.1 Sportsmanship. All riders must display good sportsmanship at all times, and must not use offensive or abusive language during the Race, act in an unsporting manner, or be disrespectful to anyone, including without limitation the members of the Race Jury, other riders, Race staff members or service providers (e.g., course marshals, medics, water point/service station staff, etc.), or spectators.
- 24.2 Littering; Detouring; Smoking. Riders must respect the environment at all times, and no littering or damage to the environment will be tolerated. In particular, but without limiting the generality of this Rule, the following actions are specifically prohibited: throwing away of water bottles, packaging, or bike spares along the Race route; deviating from the Race route; smoking.
- 24.3 Restricted Areas. No rider and/or supporter may access any restricted and/or prohibited area in connection with the Race (including without limitation any such areas in connection with the Race route, the Race village, etc.).
- 24.4 No Improper Interference. No rider competing in a different category may interfere with the racing dynamics of the women UCI Pro-Elite Riders (e.g. by blocking or inhibiting a female UCI Pro-Elite Rider) of the Epic Series full events.
- 24.5 No Shortcuts. No shortcuts will be tolerated at any time. The course must be ridden as the purpose of building the trail is intended to be ridden.

25 Protests

- 25.1 Formal Requirements. Any protests related to the Race must be submitted to the Race office in writing on the official protest sheets provided in the Race office.
- 25.2 Deadline – Finish Time Protests. Finish time protests must be submitted within two (2) hours after posting of preliminary finish times for the relevant stage.
- 25.3 Deadline – Race Protests. Race protests must be submitted within two (2) hours after the rider crossing the applicable stage's finish line.
- 25.4 Cash Deposit. Before a protest will be considered, the protesting rider must make a cash deposit to the Race office, along with the submitted protest. With respect to the Epic Series Explore Races the applicable amount is EUR 30.-. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be refunded. If the protest is not upheld, the deposit will be forfeited and donated for trail development.

26 Anti-Doping

- 26.1 Right to Test. The Organisers reserve the right to test all riders for doping (including mechanical doping) and/or the use of any illegal substances. Consenting to such testing is a condition to competing in the Race.
- 26.2 Test Results. All test results will be forwarded to the applicable national cycling federations, and positive results will lead to penalties as set out in [Section C](#) below.
- 26.3 Sanctioned Persons. Any person who is under provisional or final sanction by an Anti-Doping Organisation with jurisdiction under the WADA Code (a “**Person Under Sanction**”) is prohibited from participating or being involved in the Race, whether as a rider, manager, official, or in any other capacity whatsoever. If, after having accepted the rider's entry and/or manager or official's participation in the Race, the Organisers becomes aware that such rider, manager, or official is a Person Under Sanction, such entry or right of participation shall immediately be cancelled. Normal cancellation fees apply.
- 26.4 Disposition of Prize Money. If Race prize money is paid to a rider who is later disqualified from the official Race results due to a doping violation (or any other violation), the Organisers may be unable to recover any such monies from such rider. Accordingly, the Race (and the Organisers) cannot be held liable by any party for damages suffered as a result of the loss of any such prize money (including without limitation any rider who would have received the prize money but for the doping-violation rider). The Organisers reserve the right to remit any recovered prize money (or any portion thereof) to the Anti-Doping Organisation applicable to the Race, which Anti-Doping Organisation may allocate such funds as it, in its sole discretion, deems fit.

C. PENALTIES & FINES

27 Penalties for Violations of Rules

27.1 Penalties Table. Any violation of the Rules will be subject to penalties as per the table below. ("DQ" means disqualification from the Race.)

Rule # and/or Offence	First Offence	Second Offence	Third Offence	Remarks
Section B Penalties (<i>generally applicable</i>)				
Significant false information in Race registration	DQ			
5.2	Not allowed to start	DQ		
6.1	DQ			
6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5	Verbal warning	1 hr	DQ	
7	15 min	1 hr	DQ	
8.1	Verbal warning	DQ		
9.1	1 hr	DQ		
10.2.3, 10.2.4	5 min	15 min	1 hr	
11.4	1 hr	DQ		
11.5	DQ			Depending on severity of the violation, penalty may extend to a lifetime ban from riding the Race
12	1hr	DQ		
13.1	DQ			
17.4	15 min	1 hr	DQ	A serious first offence can result in higher time penalty or in DQ
20	1hr	DQ		
22.2	DQ			
24.1	1 hr	1 hr	DQ	A serious first offence can result in DQ
24.2	1 hr	DQ		A serious first offence can result in DQ
24.3	Verbal warning	15 min	1 hr	A serious offence can result in higher time penalty or in DQ
24.4	Verbal warning	1 hr	DQ	A serious first offence can result in higher time penalty or in DQ
24.5	Verbal warning	1 hr	DQ	A serious first offence can result in higher time penalty or in DQ
26	DQ			

28 Financial Penalties

28.1 Prompt Cash Payment. Any financial penalty under the Rules against a rider must be paid in cash by no later than the start of the immediately following stage, failing which the rider will be prevented from starting.

28.2 Amounts are Per Rider. Financial penalty amounts are per rider in violation of the relevant Rule.

29 Suspension/Ban from Race or Series

29.1 Discretion to Suspend/Ban. In addition to any other penalties available under these Rules, the Organisers may suspend any rider for any fraudulent conduct or representation, or for illegal transfer of entries, repeated Rule violations, intentional course-cutting, doping, mechanical doping, or dangerous or unsportsmanlike conduct. Such suspensions may be imposed for any time period up to and including the rider's lifetime, and may be imposed either with respect to any Race or the Series.

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