

BIU NEWS 2008 in July

PRIZE MONEY

The prize money for the winner of Elite in WBC will be increased from this year. This is because of abolished Master. The prize money for the winner will be 1,000 Euro (from 500 USD), the 2nd place will be 600 Euro (from 300 USD) and the 3rd place will be 400 Euro (from 200USD). This is the minimum condition, and of course the organizer can put much more prize if they can. It was accepted from all organizers of WBC by signed the agreement. About changing to EURO from USD was accepted in the 2003 BIU general meeting and started in 2004 for the sanctioning fee of WBC, but the prize money was not changed and left till the last year.

News Dated 11/07/2008

BIKETRIAL IN NEWS PROGRAM ON TV

On 9/July, Mr. Hirano (as the B J U sport director) and his daughter Yuna (Femina/top on 2008 NBC ranking) and also Yuga Ujikawa (Poussin/top on 2008 NBC ranking/the nephew of WCT champion Takahisa Fujinami) had coverage of Chukyo TV "NEWS REAL TIME". In the interview of the program, Mr. Hirano explained about the rules and technique of Biketrial. The recording was done very well and it will be on air next week on 18/July. This will be a good promotion for 2008 WBC Japan round.



News Dated 10/07/2008

TRACK APPROVAL PROTOCOL

We got the track approval protocol made by EBU for 2008 EBC. As we changed category rules, we had to change the one we have been using for WBC till the last year. Thanks a lot Mr. Musil. We think it is very well made and we will use it in the section control of jury for 2008 WBC.

EUROPEAN BIKETRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Aywaille, Belgium – 31st May – 1st June, 2008
TRACK APPROVAL PROTOCOL

JURY MEMBER	COUNTRY	DATE/TIME	SIGNATURE

	SECTION No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Date of competition
	B ₁	POUSSIN									X	X	X	X	X	
BENJAMIN										X	X	X	X	X	X	
MINIME											X	X	X	X		
C ₂	FEMINA									X	X	X	X	X	X	

	SECTION No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Date of competition
	A ₁	JUNIOR														
SENIOR																
ELITE																

SECTION RATING SCALE:

1 EASY
2 MEDIUM
3 HARD
4 VERY HARD
5 DIFFICULT
D DANGER, A CHANGE NEEDED

News Dated 10/07/2008

EBU GUIDE LINE OF SECTIONS LEVEL

The EBU made a guide line of section levels for 2008 EBC as follows and it helped the event succeed. They made this because we started new category system from this year and it was necessary to support ideas to provide good sections to riders. This experience is Important for 2008 WBC. And we recommend to each organizer of WBC will learn it.

CATEGORY	SECTION LEVEL & THE OTHER
POUSSIN	We must have a very good mix of the sections (e.g. difficulties EASY to MEDIUM – 5 sections, HARD – 3 sections). We must remember that the category POUSSIN is now “younger” by one year, so the section’s difficulty must be fit for 7 – 9 ages and so that it inspires the children).
BENJAMIN	In this category there isn’t any radical problem in sections difficulty. (There is required good mix of sections from EASY to HARD).
MINIME	The riders in 13 – 15 ages compete together and there is a big disparity between the riders in these ages. The sections must be arranged so that the difficulty levels of EASY and MEDIUM inspire the riders of age 13. The sections HARD and VERY HARD must be included in the event, where the best riders of 15 years can compete. For good sporting merits we advise the application of Art. 04 Sections (from the BIU Rules):
JUNIOR	The ages from 15 to 18 years appear as very good and the riders in these ages have a good command of the RED route with the category SENIOR. The possibility for using the 26” bike is good.
SENIOR & ELITE	In these categories it is good that the SENIORS start from 19 years of age. The riders can use the 20” – 26” bikes – this is for better competition and more freedom of choice. Because of the bigger number of riders complications can come with the queues. In this case it is necessary to apply Art. 07 System 2 (from the BIU Rules), if you can:
<i>Other:</i>	<p><i>1) The length and width of sections:</i> <i>Length: about 20 m</i> <i>Width: 1m as the minimum</i></p> <p><i>2) The number of sections:</i> <i>Group-A: minimum 10 sections and maximum 14</i></p>

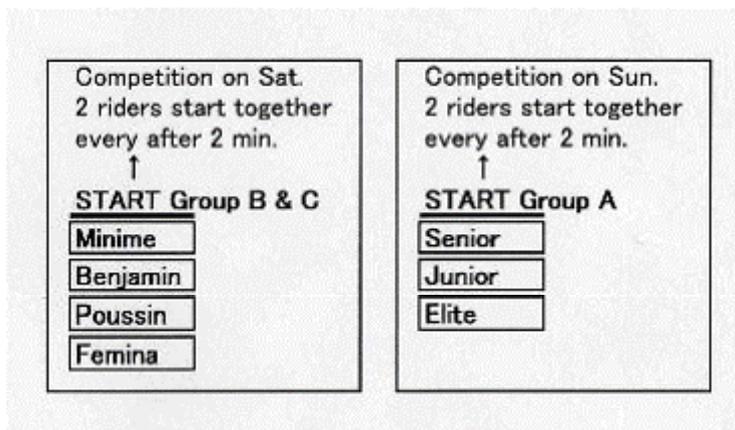
sections

Group-B & C: 8 sections (except Minime: minimum 8 and maximum 10)

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Ordinarily we can have only 8 sections but for the EBC Belgium as the top European event we can suggest to have 10 sections if possible. You can use, for example, 2 sections from the category JUNIOR, which will be prepared on Saturday. We will need two more observers on Saturday. But we hope that we can help you with the international observer team, which we will solve with Stuart Matthews.

- 1) The order of riders will be determined by means of drawing a ballot for each category.*
- 2) A start will be made individually, with intervals of 2 minutes separating each pair.*
- 3) Two riders will leave together at the same time. (Refer to the example)*



4) Start systems:

System 1: all riders start from section No. 1 and follow the numerical order.

System 2: half of riders start from section No. 1 and the rest of riders start from section No.

5, 6 or 7 (Minimum 10 sections and maximum 14 sections in an event. It depends on how many sections were provided by the organizer).

News Dated 09/07/2008

JAPAN WILL INVITE 3 BIU DELAGATES TO SEKI-ITADORI

Japan is still giving invitation to the BIU delegates for their event. In the time of Itadori village from 1992 to 2004, they invited 10 riders and 2 delegates every year at least. Then the budget for riders was cut after the village tied up with Seki city, but they still keep the budget for BIU delegates. And this year, the organizer has decided to continue it. And the BJU helped making up the invitation list for three delegates this time and it was set as follows.

- (1) Jean-Luc Chevalier – From Europe, as delegate of host country of 2008 WBC R-2 and he will be a jury.
- (2) Mike Baia – From North America, as a delegate of future host country of WBC and he will be a jury.
- (3) Syarul Nizam Bin Shariff – From Asia, to help experience for a new delegate in Malaysia. It will help the Malaysian delegate for hosting APBC in 2009. He will be a reserve jury in case.

The organizer and the BJU are hoping to have good relation with these delegates through this opportunity and want to help Biketrial promotion in those countries. Thanks BJU!!!

News Dated 08/07/2008

PORTUGAL MATTER

We are going to report you about the Portugal matter. We hope they will take the right process (as we informed it to all delegates in the rules and by the information sending many times) to send entry list for WBC.

- (1) It was 25/June, a day before the closing date of entry for 2008 WBC. I got no entry from Portugal yet and asked EBU to give the information to somebody who can help the situation and Marius sent following mail to a

rider Jorge Ferreira.

Dear Jorge,

As said on the phone, I send to you the file you can use to fulfill the data of your riders. Please, make you internal arrangements with your delegate and send your data on file to Mr. Hirano before 26th June. Information and links availables in www.biketrial-spain.com

Best regards.

Màrius Mollà

(2) 2days later on 27/June, Marius got answer from Jorge that he will acts as delegates, and we got a file (it was may be entry list but we could not open it). But we did not know if this person wants to work as just proxy delegate for Mr. Vitor or he wants to change delegate. In the right step, these things must be sent from our delegate Vitor and then no problem at all. Therefore we informed Jorge to contacts his delegate for entry and delegate matters and asked him to explain us much clearly about it. Marius explained it to Jorge as follows.

I had just receives it. Up to you to decide what to do. He says that he'll act as delegate and he send his address and contact.

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Best regards

Màrius Mollà

Jorge,

Please, tell Mr. Hirano your reasons for changing delegate and so.

1. The file had not been read... could you save it as an older version of EXCEL and discuse with Mr. Hirano as well?

I'm going out for final round of Spanish Championship and I won't have e-mail during the week end.

Regards.

Màrius Mollà

(3) We waited answer from Jorge and from Vitor for entry and delegate matters. We got nothing from Jorge but got an answer from Vitor on 3/July as follows. In his mail, he wrote us about the reason of delay entry. He wrote us that the address was wrong and he did not receive any information about WBC. But since we accept him as delegate for at least 4 years, we have been sending all information to him with the address we got, and they never returned to us (the sender) from their post office. That means they arrived to him and he got all information about WBC and the rules. In his mail, he did not write bout resigning of delegate post and he gave us his new address. This is okay and we will change the address in the list for the next time. About delegate matter, he did not write about Jorge will take proxy delegate for WBC. There was no entry list attached in this mail. So we could not do anything with this.

Dear Hiroshi Hirano,

I was informed by one racer of Trial Bike, that registration to World Championship are now already closed.

The reason of this e-mail is to ask for you give us authorization to our athletes can fill the registration, knowing that they are out of the days of registration, the reason of this delay its that I only checked the address that is on the BIU database is not correct, my address is another, I could check it on the Monty Website.

For the fact of the address is incorrect, I didn't received any mail about the races.

I use to advantage to inform you that relatively the intension of letting the charge of commission agent of BIU in Portugal, isn't a reality, even so I am a very busy person at the moment, I think that don't exist anyone with the organized profile and dynamic to fill this position.

The new address is :

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(4) I got mail from Marius and our answer to Marius as follows. They are pushing us to accept their entry or they will finish Biketrial. But actually we still do not receive their entry list yet and we even do not know about how many riders want to take part to which events? In this way we cannot negotiate any with them. Off course if there is a right reason, we can accept it with exception like extended the deadline for one more week. But as the event getting closer day by day, there must be the limit even for that. I already cut the delayed entry from Japan on the final deadline on 3/July. And they understood it. They have been supporting our sport very much for a long time, but we should not mix the matters. For us "fair for all" is the most important. We hope to get more countries as much as possible and we are trying our best that we can but we do not need the person who does not respect our sport and the rules. Because such kind of person will bring problems in the future again or more. This happened many times already. We hope you will understand this.

Dear Hiro,

It's a long text and I have no time to translate it, but in short: Portugal do not want to understand that "the rules are the rules" and that they had not made a good work. They say that they had made a lot for the BikeTrial and that they do not deserve it and, and, and... At the end they threaten with no more races of BikeTrial and so...They just want to run in Burgos... in case you see any solution, just let everybody know.

Yours sincerely,

Màrius Mollà

Dear Marius,

Without rules, it is not sport anymore. I think they know it. I cannot skip their delegate. Because they are the one to recommend this person to me. I cannot involve their domestic matters. If they have a problem to contact to their delegate, they can contact to EBU first. Please inform it to them.

Last year, an Austrian rider sent his entry after the final deadline and we did not accept it. And also an Italian rider came to Czech without entry. And I did not let the rider start. It will be nothing if they just come to Burgos without entry.

Sincerely yours,

Hiro

News Dated 08/07/2008

SAD NEWS

We got very sad news from the delegate of Sweden Roger Backgren. A 19 years old young Biketrial rider died last Friday in the hospital. Following is the mail from

[Roger and also his comment from the webpage of observedtrials.net. And pay our last respects.](#)

Dear friends.

I only want to inform you about that we last Friday lost an member of our biketrial family. Robert Jansson, an 19 year old student who lived in Gothenburg, Sweden, died after an mysterius accident in the town center. We all miss him deaply and our thoughts goes to his family.

Best Regards

Biketrial Sweden

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Roger Bäckgren

BIU/EBU Delegate

Hello.

I received word today that Robert Janson was in an accident last Thursday (26th June) night and died at the hospital on Friday. He was on his way home from a one day music festival and walked over a brigde towards the centre of Gothenburg, when he somehow fell down. Robert was taken to hospital but died from his injuries on friday. Noone knows exactly how or why, but there must have been a lot of people around going from the concerts.

Seeing as he has been on the forum almost from the beginning and probably knows a lot of the mods and seniors I thought it would be best to write straight to you instead of posting this myself, as it deserves some special attention.

It's horrible all this, so many tragic deaths of young people, fellow riders This is very hard for me, riding won't ever be the same again as he was the only one around here and we met up regularly to ride. I started to worry when I couldn't get hold of him for a few days, but this came like a total shock. His funeral will be next Friday, not religious and no dresscode all in honor of Robert.

take care.

Peter Bäckgren

News Dated 07/07/2008

ENTRY WAS CLOSED

Today the final deadline (extended a week for some cases in suspend) is over and the official entry list for 2008 WBC is up. We are going to report you about how the things were settled.

ABOUT BELGIUM:

We received the explanation from the delegate Jean-Michel Colson for the matter and we considered it belongs to "CASE 2-B". So the entry was accepted.

ABOUT JAPAN:

We received necessary data for 6 riders before the final deadline, but still 7 riders were left. And we have decided to not accept those entries to 2008 WBC.

ABOUT PORTUGAL:

We have been waited for the entry list from the delegate Vitor Emanuel. But we got no contact from him till the final deadline over.

News Dated 04/07/2008

ENTRY DATA OF WBC BY CATEGORIES AND WHEEL SIZES

The entry data of WBC by wheel size and category as follows. You can see the data of 2007 and 2006 the below

2008 WBC (R-1 SPAIN/R-2 FRANCE/R-3 JAPAN) Entry from 20 countries

Category	Entry	20"	26"	unknown	SAT/SUN
ELITE	27	17	10	0	157
SENIOR	86	54	32	0	
JUNIOR	44	33	11	0	
MINIME	49	49	x	0	130
BENJAMIN	42	42	x	0	
POUSSIN	25	25	x	0	
FEMINA	14	14	0	0	

TOTAL	287	234	53	0	
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2007 WBC (R-1 ZCECH/R-2 JAPAN) Entry from 22 countries

Category	Entry	20"	26"	unknown	SAT/SUN
ELITE	16	16	x	0	212
SENIOR	92	92	x	0	
CADET	29	29	x	0	
MASTER	17	x	17	0	
EXPERT	58	x	58	0	
MINIME	38	38	x	0	105
BENJAMIN	22	22	x	0	
POUSSIN	29	29	x	0	
FEMINA	16	16	0	0	
TOTAL	317	242	75	0	

2006 WBC (R-1 SPAIN/R-2 FRANCE/R-3 SINGAPORE/R-4 JAPAN)

Entry from 18 countries

Category	Entry	20"	26"	unknown	SAT/SUN
ELITE	13	13	x	0	212
SENIOR	94	94	x	0	
CADET	39	39	x	0	
MASTER	15	x	15	0	
EXPERT	51	x	51	0	
MINIME	39	39	x	0	95
BENJAMIN	21	21	x	0	
POUSSIN	20	20	x	0	
FEMINA	15	15	0	0	
TOTAL	307	241	66	0	

News Dated 04/07/2008

ENTRY PROBLEMS

Now only 3 problems left as follows:

ABOUT BELGIUM:

We received entry list with right data of license numbers and bikes already. One more thing is, there is one rider added to the list after closed entry on 26/June. The explanation from the delegate about the matter is not clear enough to understand it. So we asked to the delegate to explain the reason much clearly within 24 hours as maximum and we will decide the result.

ABOUT JAPAN:

We informed the BJU about the determination to accept modification of entry list by the reason of "CASE 2-B", and to complete their list before the final deadline 3/July. The BJU has agreed to keep it.

ABOUT PORTUGAL:

We got contact from a person about asking acceptance of entry for a rider. We gave advice to the person that we cannot accept any entry without through delegate of the country and make contact to his delegate for the entry. We will wait 24 hours as maximum about this matter.

News Dated 03/07/2008

DRESSLER CAMP 008

We got information from EBU about "DRESSLER CAMP 2008". One of the best riders in our Biketrial history, Josef Dressler (BIU World Master Champion in 1998 & in 2003) will make it in Tanvald, Czech Republic on 9 to 13/July for the rider who wants to improve his/her riding skill before 2008 WBC.

More information you can find at this website:

www.eurobiketrial.com

News Dated 02/07/2008

ENTRY PROBLEMS

ABOUT BELGIUM:

No answer. We hope that they will keep the final deadline (on 3/July) and complete their entry. After the deadline, the entry in suspend will be delete from the official entry list.

ABOUT CANADA:

We got their data of birth year, license numbers and bikes today. The 2 entries were accepted today and the matter is over.

ABOUT FRANCE:

Today we got right data for entry of 25 riders in suspending (matter 1 and 2). About 2 riders (matter 3), as we investigated the matter, it was simple mistake of paperwork of delegate and not any mistake of the participants. So we considered it as "CASE 2-B" and decided to accept the entry today.

ABOUT JAPAN:

We got an official letter from delegate Mr. Terai through the BJU secretariat office.

The Petition of 2008 WBC ENTRY LIST

Dear Mr. Hiroshi Hirano

I report it about a serious mistake of BikeTrial Japan Union (B.J.U.) Office. When I confirmed the entry list "2008 WBC ENTRY LIST (27062008-4)". I noticed that there was a serious mistake on the ENTRY LIST. The 13 riders who was going to participate in the WBC 2008 Japan/SEKI ITADORI (Group-B & Group-C) are not carried. I investigated this serious case immediately. I understood that it was a mistake of the B.J.U. secretariat. They sent a missing list for BIU. We reflect on this mistake seriously and has to take heavy disposal faithfully. But the 13 young riders who love BikeTrial sports, has neither no mistake nor the responsibility. Please accept this ENTRY LIST included 13 young riders. We promise to investigate the cause of the mistake and we report improved entry duties. We should take the penalty and pay some penalty if it is a period to revise the entry. We will obey the decision of Mr. Hiroshi Hirano is the president of BIU about the disposal.

June 30, 2008

The president of BikeTrial Japan Union

Kiyoshi Terai

As we investigated the matter, the BJU did not send entry form to some members for WBC by post. Those members did not know about the closing date of entry and

they have been waited till it became too late. That was the main reason of this matter. The BJU did not realize about their mistake till they got a call from one member claiming about it. We think it is very clear that it happened because of the BJU but not mistake of riders. We considered this matter will belongs to “CASE 2-B”, and decided to accept their entry. **Besides, the data of bikes must be entered before the final deadline (on 3/July). (REVISION)**

News Dated 02/07/2008

ENTRY PROBLEMS

We informed to delegates about the details of entry and the deadline by information in March and June, and also by the BIU news sometimes. And the most of delegates completed it before closing entry on 26/June. Thanks a lot for your cooperation. Up to now, We have problem as follows:

Country	Matter
Belgium	1. Data of birth year, license numbers and bikes are not entered – 1 rider 2. Data of license numbers and bikes are not entered – 21 riders
Canada	Data of birth year, license numbers and bikes are not entered – 2 riders
France	1. Data of bike is not entered – 22 riders 2. Data of birth year and license numbers are not entered – 3 riders 3. The entry was sent after closed it – 2 riders
Japan	The entry was sent after closed it and the data of bikes are not entered (REVISION) – 13 riders

There are 2 cases we cannot accept the entry as follows. The BIU will make examine the reasons and cope with them.

Case 1: Data of entry is incomplete.

(Belgium 1&2, Canada and France 1&2 are in this case)

Solution: We extended the closing date one week more and prompt to complete entry before the final deadline. We will not extend the deadline any more. Please keep the final deadline. (3/July)

Case 2: Entry was sent after the closed it

(France 3 and Japan are in this case)

A: Mistake of participant.

Solution: Sorry but we cannot help the entry in this case.

B: Mistake of the BNU or delegate. And not mistake of participants

Solution: If the entry was sent after 3/July, Sorry but we cannot help the entry in this case. But if the entry was sent before the final deadline (3/July), we can accept as we do it every year in case of if there is a right reason for the delay of sending the entry. This information was in the BIU news (News Dated 26/06/2008 and News Dated 28/06/2008). We need the explanation and the proof about it.

News Dated 01/07/2008

TOP ON JIN MAO



OT PI made the new Guinness world record with his bike Monty 221Kamel by climbing 2008 steps on 88 floors in Gin Mao Tower in Shanghai China on 1/May/2008 for “welcome Peijin Olympic games”, and for “his final ride”. Now his bike is in the special case made of glass to display on the top floor of Gin Mao Tower. It is a very famous sight seeing spot that you can see beautiful Shanghai town all around by panoramic view from there. Many people from many countries visit there every day. Sure it will remind the great world record of OT PI and our sport Biketrial. Congratulations to OT PI and thanks a lot to Gin Mao!

News Dated 01/07/2008

OUR FRIEND IN THE USA

Following is the message from Zak Maeda lives in LA in the USA.

Hey guys I had some extra time and footage left over from last year so I made a super quick edit. Nothing special, the ridings not even that great but I thought I would share it with you all. Enjoy.

Zak Maeda

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPyZyVEoGT8>

Actually, We got this message about half year ago. (sorry Zak to keep it till today). I hope you will enjoy the video. About Zak, he was a boy when we had WBC in Lake Tahoe in 1997, and his parents helped the organization a lot (we are still feeling thanks about). Greatly Zak came to Japan last year for WBC and it was just after 10 years from USA round. He grown up and became a good rider. We hope Zak could enjoy WBC and Hope he will take part it again some day.

News Dated 01/07/2008

BUE 2008 SPANISH CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND-4

2008 SPANISH CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND-4 was held in Tabuenca on 29/June. Tabuenca is the village where the WBC was held in 1998. Over 61 riders took part the event. And 11 riders took part in the Elite class. As we see the results, the winner Dani made 11 cleans but there are no cleans from fifth place. No wonder the sections of this event were super difficult.

Top 10 in Elite class:

Place.	Name	Bike	Penalty	Clean
1	Dani Comas	Monty	17	11
2	Raul Gutierrez	Monty	27	1
3	Juan Daniel De La Pena	Monty	34	5
4	Javi Alonso	Monty	45	1
5	Abel Mustieles	Koxx	58	0
6	Victor Hugo Freire	Monty	71	0

7	Jorge Arroyo	Monty	72	0
8	Daniel Cegarra	Monty	73	0
9	Jordi Rubio	Monty	76	0
10	Juan Pedro Garcia	Monty	77	0

News Dated 30/06/2008