

BIU NEWS 2008 in November

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL RULES(19)

We received answer mail from Jean-Michel today (in Black). You can check his comment and also Hiro's comment (in Blue).

Dear Hiro,

First of all, congratulations for your new election for president.

I am obliged

My company has to answer to an account control last week. Therefore, let me apologize for the few days late of my answer.

Thanks for taking time for your answer.

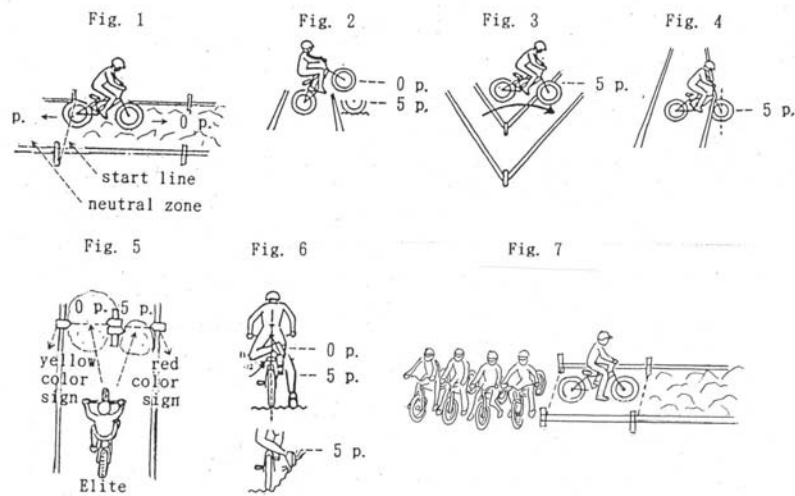
Belgium has already organized several WBC and last year an EBC. As Libor told you in France, it was a nice organization, at the level of a WBC organization, at least. Including this organizations, with a lot of work to proudly and with a high quality, promote The BIU and BBA, we have always integrated the BIU rules.

Thanks a lot!

The same in our national championship. (Eleven rounds!) In the past years, over-passing the ribbon = 5 points. Within the new rules that we published on our website, our reading is the following, as shown on the Fig.2, art. 13/13:

New rules? We do not change any decision about over and under passing ribbon matters since beginning. We just tried to explain it well by using figs in the rules.

13 One wheel flying over the ribbon without contacting the ground.(Refer to Fig.2).=0



We considered that both foot must be on the pedals, as shown on the fig.2.

The fig.2 is a sample explaining only a case of over-passing a ribbon with one wheel. Nothing else. The sentence does not talk about footing at all there. It tells about the limit of over-passing and when the rider gets 5 points by that. That ia not included about footing.

During the jury meeting, Brian exposed to all the ribbon problem. So we refer to the rules. It was decided to punch five for this matter, for every driver, because off this was not clear to all.

With your though, we have to write everything in the rules. And if not written about something, observer can give the penalty by their own thought for that. That is wrong! If the matter was not written in the rules, you cannot give any penalty to riders. That is main concept to understand rules. We do not want rules book became 1,000 pages or even more. The rules must be enough with details to not make confuse but the same time, it should be as simple as can be.

It was also decided that Brian will ask you explanations about the ribbon problem. That's what he did. You have taken a decision, nicely explained by a drawing. So now it's clear for everybody and it will be included like this in our rules.

If you think it is necessary, we will add the fig. and modify the sentence of Art 13/13 from next year.

We would like that the followings rules will be respected in the futures WBC:

16 Under-passing the vertical line of the ribbon with the wheel axle. (Refer to Fig.4). 5

17 Both the front and rear wheel axles must pass between the color signs, the ribbon and the stakes.

13/17 is important rule. Now we start discussing this part with Marius.

If i can help you with a discussion with UCI, trough Kenny Bealey, for having WBC in Europe in 2010 with a plenty off riders, don't hesitate, it's very important.

Thanks.

I want to wish to everyone to pass a nice Christmas and happy new year with a fully success in our loving sport.

Same to you!

For BBA (Belgian Biketrial Association),
Jean-michel

News No. 059 dated 26/11/2008

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL RULES(18)

We received comments from Marius about the problem of "5 points by 1 wheel fly over the ribbon with a dab".

Concerning the picture:

It's clear in the rules = 1 dab (because wheel flying is 0 and a foot on the ground is 1, both described in the rules); BUT, the picture will be very useful i the rules!

Thanks

Màrius

Below is a comment about B-2 "Confirm the penalty points when the line

between the front and the rear wheels cross over a stake or a ribbon or a color sign inside the section”.

It's 5. Picture num. Figure 2 will be very useful in the rules.

Màrius

So you think it is 5. But where in the rules?

Sincerely yours,

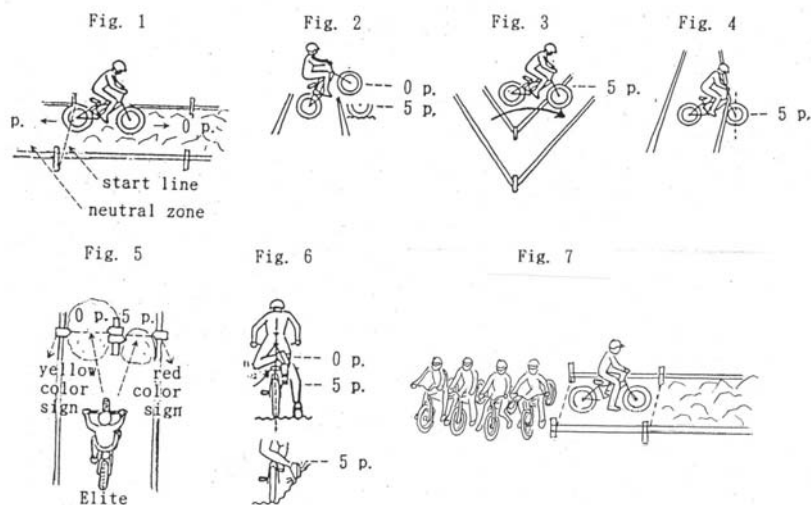
Hiro

Look at this.

ITR ART. 13 PENALIZATION 16.:

Underpassing the vertical line of the ribbon with the wheel axle.

(Refer to Fig.4).



Màrius

Yes it is 100% 5 points. But it is a case of Under-passing. The case in the subject is completely different. The bike is still in the section. And the front wheel has passed the stake (A) and the ribbon (B) already. As it written in the rules 13/17, Both the front and rear wheel axles must pass between the color signs, the

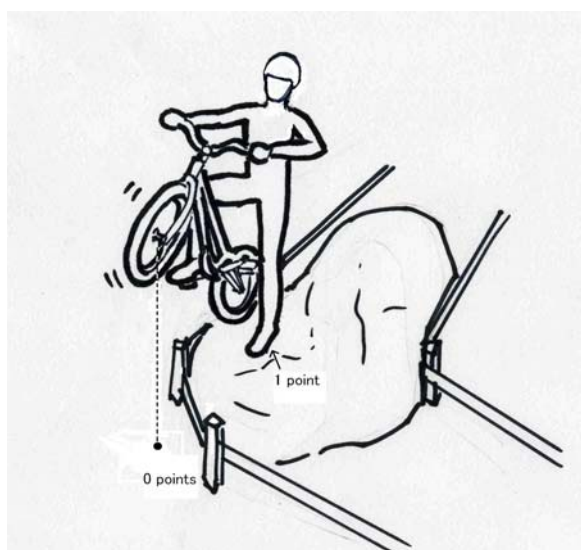
ribbon and the stakes. But The sentence of “observer in the section explained to the rider that the ribbon is a wall and the bike cannot cross over it” is not written in the rules.

Sincerely yours,
Hiro

News No. 058 dated 26/11/2008

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL RULES(17)

About “5 points by 1 wheel over the ribbon with a dab”, Brian wrote in his mail that “Nothing was seen in the rules to determine the correct penalty for this case” (refer to his mail below in square). If it is not written in the rules, and nothing was against the rules, observers cannot give any penalty points to any riders. It is very clear. From BIU side, there is nothing more to explain about it (see the comment of Hiro in the below square). We asked opinion and Belgium rules to Jean-Michel by sending our mails 3 times already (on 18, 20 & 24/Nov.) but still no answer from him. (Jean-Michel, send your comment please) If it in their rules, it is wrong and they must change it. According to the request from Brian, We can insert below figure in the rules from the next year. Do you agree it?



Dear Hiro

I think that there is one particular rule which should be made clear. Do you remember that I asked your opinion on an observation problem which arose at the European Championship in Belgium in May this year. When a rider's front wheel passes over the ribbon (tape) in the air - the rear wheel and rider are in the section - it is 0 penalty. If the rider is with one foot on the ground, and the front wheel is in the air over the ribbon, in Belgium riders were penalised 5. However many people believe (including myself) feel this should be 1 point. Can this be made clear in the rules please.

Brian Matthews.

Dear Hiro

I feel that I must continue with problem which arose at the European Championship 08 regarding the front wheel flying over the ribbon with 1 foot on the ground. At least two riders were given a 5 point penalty by EXPERIENCED observers. The issue was discussed by the Jury following the event, and the host Country explained that a "5" was always awarded nationally. The rules were referred to by the Jury and the complete European BikeTrial Union Committee including the President. Nothing was seen in the rules to determine the correct penalty for this case. It was agreed that it must be made clear to ALL Nations how this should be observed by inserting something in the rules. Once again I must make it clear that the host Nation observed the competition very well. The problem arises when a Nation interprets the rules in a different way to other Countries. Unless it is made clear by means of the rules, the same problem will occur when certain Countries host more International events.

Regards

Brian Matthews.

In the rules, one wheel can fly over the ribbon till it contacts outside of the section. In that case (report from Brian), the front wheel did not contact to the outside of the section. So 1 point by 1 dub is the all penalty he had to get. That is all. The situation is not against any

other rules. Like same as the police man cannot give a ticket to any driver if it is not in the traffic law. I do not think this is rules problem. It is very clear in the rules.

Comment from Hiro as BIU

News No. 057 dated 25/11/2008

TV PROGRAMS IN CHINA

We got information about TV programs in China from Jason. Thanks!!!

Dear Hiro

2008 China Ping Tang World Biketrial Cup TV program:

TV program 1

<http://www.xbreaker.com/ArticleShow.asp?ArticleID=2280>

TV program 2

<http://www.xbreaker.com/ArticleShow.asp?ArticleID=2279>

Later I will send you the DVD

Best Regards

Jason

News No. 056 dated 25/11/2008

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL RULES(16)

Now we forward our discussion about the subject B-2. We already got 2 opinions about it from Sweden and Singapore as follows. Thanks for them.

B-2 "Confirm the penalty points when the line between the front and the rear wheels cross over a stake or a ribbon or a color sign inside the section."

SWEDEN: Needs to be cleared out

SINGAPORE: We think the rule now is very clear about this and we do not need to change this, But to make sure we have observers with

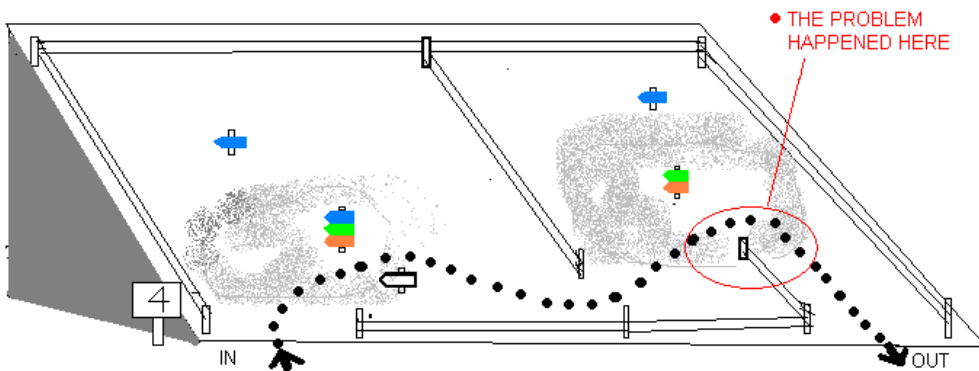
good knowledge and better if they have experience.

The main reason we put this matter here is the next. During 2008 WBC Spanish round, one rider got 5 points at the section No. 4, when the bike (the line between the front and the rear axles) crossed over the ribbon (section tape). (Refer to following figure 1 & 2.

2008 WBC SPAIN/SECTION 4/GROUP B & C

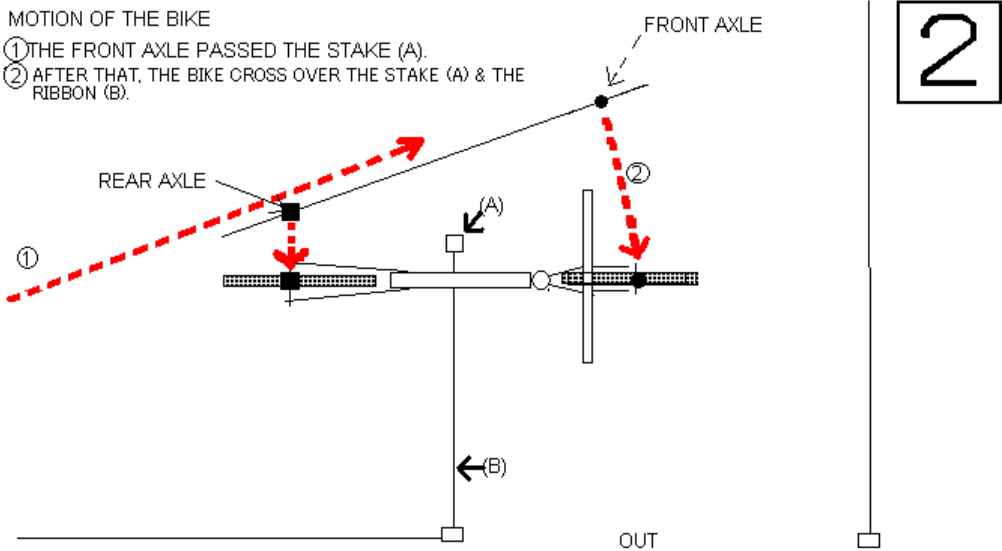
● = POUSSIN

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MOTION OF THE BIKE

- ① THE FRONT AXLE PASSED THE STAKE (A).
- ② AFTER THAT, THE BIKE CROSS OVER THE STAKE (A) & THE RIBBON (B).



SITUATION:

- (1) The bike crossed over the stake (A) and the ribbon (B) but it was still inside the section area. Not outside.
- (2) The front axle of the bike passed the stake (A) and the ribbon (B) before going down and crossed over them. The front axle did not cross over the stake (A) or the ribbon (B) directly.

- (3) It often happens that the bike going down to the right side of it in the slope like this. But the rider has chance to return back to the right point to pass the stake (A) and the ribbon (B) for the rear axle.
- (4) The observer in the section explained to the rider that the ribbon is a wall and the bike cannot cross over it.

We would like to ask to BUE about which rule from ITR was used to judge for this case. Or was it just misjudge? We need to confirm it first.

News No. 055 dated 24/11/2008

A COMMENT FROM CHINA

We received a comment from Jason (Biketrial China).

Dear Hiro

It's bad news that Bandai don't host WBC in 2009. I will ask Ping Tang to arrange the date.

Best Regards

Jason

News No. 054 dated 24/11/2008

NEWS FROM CHINA

Below is news about an event from Biketrial China. As we see the web page, all participants had a very good time together. Also it is very nice to know that now they have a young boy in Poussin age.

On 22 Nov., Shanghai 4th Biketrial Competition was hold in city park by Faithbike, riders competed in 5 sections of 2 laps, Alex(Canada) win the champion, 9 years old rider Chen Yang also ride in a section, Xbreaker provided special sponshorship to the event. Details as below:

<http://www.xbreaker.com/ArticleShow.asp?ArticleID=2277>

Best Regards

Jason

News No. 053 dated 23/11/2008

MESSAGE FROM GERMANY

Thanks a lot from Hiro to Biketrial Germany.

Dear Mr. Hirano,

I and the BikeTrial group from Germany congratulate to the choice of the BIU president. I am reliably that in the future BikeTrial strong sport in the world will be. I wish very much luck and energy for the work. I will continue to support it after my possibilities.

Frank Krumbiegel

President of the BikeTrial Union in Germany

Vieze president of the International BikeTrial Union

News No. 052 dated 23/11/2008

ANSWER FROM BANDAI CITY

Just now (17:50 on 21/November), we got information from BJU about the determination of Bandai City for 2009 WBC Japan round. It is very pity but they finally decided to not host the event in 2009. BJU and Hoshino resort will continue the project of WBC in Bandai city for the future, but now we are very sure that it will be the only one round in China in 2009. This event will be very important for us and we hope any help form all of you for the event. BIU will ask Jason to decide the date soon.

BIU 2009 World Biketrial Championship

Round	Country (venue)	Date
1	China (Ping Tang National Geo-park)	Yet to be decided

News No. 051 dated 22/11/2008

ANSWER FROM BJU

We received below mail from BJU.

Dear Jan Havelka

Thank you for the message to Itadori. We send your message for Itadori. When they read your message, they will be happy. Thank you very much for consideration.

Best regards,
Biketrial Japan Union

News No. 050 dated 22/11/2008

CONGRATULATORY WORDS FROM BJU

We received below mail from BJU.

Dear Mr. Hirano

Congratulations!! We are very glad of your BIU President reelection. Everyone in the world knows you have contributed for the Biketrial. We thank for you all of your work. When you need our help, we will give all our support to you.

Best regards,
Biketrial Japan Union

News No. 049 dated 22/11/2008

STILL NO ANSWER

We sent our mail to Jean-Michel (Belgium) to ask about his opinion on 18th and 20th (twice) about the matter judged as "5 points by crossing over a section tape (ribbon) with a dab" during the European championship in Belgium this year that according to the report of Brian. We knew that it was not misjudged by the observers. It is in the Belgium national rules. We want to confirm about from which part of our ITR was translated for that. If they added it by themselves, they should take it out from their rules. Instead of that, BIU will not accept hosting any international competitions in the country.

News No. 048 dated 21/11/2008

2009 WBC

We are still waiting for the final answer from Bandai city about 2009 WBC. Mr. Mishima (BJU secretary) is contacting to them and he will send us his report about it soon. In case they will host it. We have to set the date as soon as possible and the China round will be a week before Japan round.

News No. 047 dated 20/11/2008

MESSAGE FROM CZECH

Mr. Havelka sent us his message for Itadori. Thanks a lot for your thought! BJU will pass it to Itadori.

Dear friends,

with big sorrow at heart am with learned, that won't you organizer World biketrial Chapionship. Town Seki and Itadori was very good host of many year's standing nation informed sport biketrial. In Itadorii Czech guests under you years tie up order personal friendship, which is will guide also in survival. Perhaps with into of your exquisite nature and among friends again hereafter visit.

Thank with greeting

JUDr. Jan Havelka
chairman of the
Czech national Biketrial committee
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News No. 046 dated 20/11/2008

PORTUGAL



We got a photo of new delegate of Portugal Jorge Ferreira through Marius (BUE). We are happy to have a new delegate in Portugal after Vitor Sa. We hope this person will try to communicate with us more. Because We asked Jorge to send his face photo nearly 2 weeks ago but still no answer from him. We got this face photo finally from Marius. (thanks for your help Marius) This made us worried about the promotion of our sport in Portugal for the future. In this year, we got entry from Portugal for the WBC Spanish round. But we could not accept the entry for it was already closed. We know that was a problem of communication and our information about WBC was did not reach to the riders. We do not want same thing happen to Biketrial Portugal again next year. We hope they will change. Below is a mail from Jorge to Marius. We will put it because it must be a report of Biketrial Portugal. It was included in the mail from Marius.

Ola Marius pedona solo reponder aora pêro e tenido alguno trabajo aqui en la tienda e no pedido responder a las questiones que me disseram Te ago un breve teste de lo que fui el ano de Bike trial 2008 en Portugal

Numero de atletas – 35 inscritos

Numero de carreras de Bike Trial – 5

5 Categorias

Elites

Senior

Cadete

Iniciado

Open - Livres de idade e 1+ ano de Bike Trial

Numero de carreras Indoor – 3

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<http://it.youtube.com/watch?v=uU4J6z90TMw&feature=related>

<http://www.cptrial.pt.vu/>

nuestra pagina del Clube brevemente será una nueva
outro de existos de trial a cido el park de trial de braga donde esimos
una carrera e todo

Bueno outra pergunta es que regras seram alteradas para 2009? E se
já teneis calendário de carreras de Camp. De Espanha e Mundial

Gracias un saluto.

News No. 045 dated 20/11/2008

CHANGE OF DATE

Below is the information from EBU. The date of European Championship was changed to 30-31/May.

Dear Delegates and BikeTrial Friends,

I would like to inform you about a change in date of the European BikeTrial Championship 2009, Spain. New date for this event is: 30th and 31st of May, 2009. We are looking forward to meeting you in Spain next year.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Šmehlíková

Assistant to the President E.B.U.

News No. 044 dated 20/11/2008

NEW DVD WAS RELEASED

New DVD (double disc) of 2008 WBC R-2 was released from biketrial-spain.com. please check the below information.



Portada / Cover

Contraportada / Back page

Like every year, biketrial-spain.com is offering you a DVD about the World Championship. This time, this new DVD is reflecting all happened in the second round of 2008 World Championship, held in La Tour de Scay (France). It is an special DVD because is the second time we are offering a double disc DVD, one for saturday cathegories and other for sunday cathegories, and other important motive. It is the first time that the postedition of the DVD has been made by a professional, Xavi Martinez, who is dedicated to the Television professional audiovisual postproduction. In this way, the videos and the rest of these DVDs are better than previous DVD. The recording of the race was made by two cameramen, so we have included more different riders. We hope this new product will be glad for you. Don't forget Christmas time is closed and this DVD could be a nice and cheap present for Biketrial fans. To get this DVD, you can go to ONLINE SHOP o clicking directly on this link.

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THANKS FROM HIRO

A comment from Hiro. And some mails we got this time.

First of all, I would like to write my very special thanks to the people who are supporting me all the time. It is my pleasure to work for our sport and promote it, and help people who work with us. I will try my very best for the next 2 years. Thanks a lot!!!

Hiroshi Hirano

Mr. Marius Molla
General Secretary BIU

We accept, once again, that Mr. Hiroshi Hirano takes the position of the President to the BikeTrial International Union for the next period of 2 years. I thank him for all his time and effort that he has put into the administration of our Sport and look forward to his excellent service for the next 2 years. I am grateful for the BIU News information that he forwards frequently to the Delegates and Presidium members, and would remind all Delegates to keep Mr. Hirano informed of National news items.

Brian Matthews. (Treas. BIU), UK Delegate to the EBU.

Note: Marius, can you forward this to Hiroshi.

Brian.

First comment. Congratulations, Hiro.

Thanks
Màrius Mollà

Congratulations Hiro. I am so pleased that the care of the BIU is to be left in your hands.

Barbara

Dear Hiroshi,

be pleased with, that will you continue in lead BIU also in next years like president. I was revere with you work in years last on behalf of BIU. I wish lot success in yours work.

S greeting

JUDr. Jan Havelka

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First, congratulation for the re-election as a president of BIU. It's a very good point for our sport as you are the only who can manage all the work that must be done. Anyway with all the work you did in the past no one else could take this place.

Friendly,

Thierry

News No. 042 dated 20/11/2008

ITALIAN DELEGATE OF EBU

We got an information from EBU about Federico also became the delegate of EBU.

Dear Delegates and Biketrial Friends,

Let us inform you about a change in representation in Italian BikeTrial. We would like to express many thanks to Mr. Mauro Moioli in his very good work for BikeTrial and support for Italian riders. Last week Mr. Moioli handed over his position to the designated Mr. Federico Tarchi. We wish Mr. Tarchi good speed and next growth in BikeTrial in Italy, where, after a long time, will be the international BikeTrial event next year.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Šmehlíková

on behalf of the E.B.U. Committee

News No. 041 dated 20/11/2008

RELEASE FROM GENERAL SECRETARY

The list of candidacy for BIU president was closed on 15/November as it was publicated in the BIU news dated on 10/October. And here is the release from our general secretary Marius Molla. Thanks for his work as our general secretary.

Dear all,

The period to receive candidacies is closed and just the candidacy of Mr. Hiroshi Hirano had been received (see his letter below). Slovakia, China and Spain had already shown his support to this candidate. As there is just one candidate, voting is not necessary, but any comment will be welcome.

Best regards.

Màrus Mollà

i.a. General Secretary

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To: Our general secretary Mr. Marius Molla,

I, Hiroshi Hirano will stand for the BIU president.

The deals are as follows:

(1) I have been doing promotion for our sport in many countries in the world but it is still on the way half to get the goal. I mean we have EBU in Europe and BAU in Asia, but we still do not have the preside organizations in the north and south America. In the north, Canada is a key country and Mr. Mike Baia is doing very good promotion for our sport. In the south, Colombia is a key country and Mr. Javier Zapata is doing very good promotion for our sport. I will assist them to set up the preside organizations in each area and help them to host international events there in the near future. I am sure it will be a chance to give strong motivation to their riders and it will be a great chance to promote our sport in those areas.

- (2) Since 1992, I have been trying to make the real WBC with the world wide scale. For this, I have been trying to make it in the new countries in the new areas. My first try was Japan in 1992 (with BJU). Then in the USA in 1997 (with JP Sickler). Then Singapore in 2006 (with Ram). And China will be the next year in 2008 (with Jason). My next goal is Canada in 2010 or the later. And in the south America in the future, then mid east and Africa the later. I already organized WBC for 16 times in Japan with my very best. And as I have the most experience working for WBC, I think I can help many countries in many ways.
- (3) We should get support from more industries. That is something we missed much trying till today. But I think we have enough experience and we should also try some different approach to them. The plan 1 is invite more sports brands to the WBC and will give them an opportunity to have booth tents in WBC. I will start this from the next WBC in Japan as test case. The plan 2 is changing Constructor rules to get more interest from bike makers. BJU started new system of Constructor for BNC this year and it was a very good test for WBC.
- (4) Increase participate countries for WBC are very important for us. For this, I will try to support new countries more. In Europe, some eastern countries are still never come to WBC. And in Asia, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines are still never come to WBC. When I found right person for the delegates or riders in though countries, I will try to find budget and assist them through EBU or BAU for their experience of WBC.
- (5) My policy is "fair competitions". And only the way to make it real is keep the rules. That is simple but I have seen unfair things during the events sometimes till today. Sorry for the participants. I want to improve the level of organizations even a little by little, step by step for better competitions and make most participants satisfied. I am sure that it will bring the best results for our sport.
- (6) I started survey during WBC from this year. Asked delegates and other to fill it after each event. The questions are about the map to venue, camping condition, Sections, observers and ceremony, etc. From this, I understood the needs of people and what we have to do. I want to change things better for the future event.

(7) I can say "communication is most important thing". Therefore I will continue to send BIU news to delegates and VIP, and you will get all information we have and you will know what is going on in the almost real time. This is also important to think many matters together and find the best way for us in case.

(8) Up to now, I think above 7 things are very important for us. But whenever we face another matters or necessary things, I will try my very best to find the solutions to solve them.

Sincerely yours,
Hiroshi Hirano

Following is mails from the countries support Mr. Hiroshi Hirano for BIU president.

Dear Mr. Molla,

Biketrial Slovak Republic suggests as a president of BIU Mr. Hiroshi Hirano.

Kind regards,
Anna Sidlikova

Dear Hiro

I have received the BIU news of ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT. The details of Hiroshi Hirano will stand for the BIU president is great, I will give a support and thanks a lot for your great help for Biketrial development in China.

Best Regards
Jason

Dear Hiro,

BUE (Spain) is also giving his vote to Mr. Hiroshi Hirano candidacy.

Regards,
Marius Molla

News No. 040 dated 19/11/2008

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL RULES(15)

This is the answer to the question from Walton (Biketrial Singapore). Please check following comment of Hiro.

A-2 "Raise sanctioning fee of WBC."

BSU: 1,200 Euro to 1,500 Euro is Fine, we are not so sure about x3 for the final round, any particular reason for the x 3 times?

A comment from Hiro

Sanctioning fee: it was 2,000 German Mark in 1992 and 1993. And we changed it to 1,200 USD from 1994 to 2004. In 2004 we changed it from USD to Euro. So now 1,200 Euro is the fee. But since 1993 (when I became the president of BIU) I decided to ask X3 to the organizer of the final event (Japan) to pay this. It helped the lack of our budget. So Japan has been paying X3 from 1993 to this year. This was great support for BIU but actually it was not exactly in the rules. It has been 15 years and now I want to put this in the rules for the future. And it is important to keep our budget from decreasing the number of events in recent years,

News No. 039 dated 19/11/2008

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL RULES(14)

This time, we spot light about the proposal from Roger (in black) to the subject B-1.

B-1 "Not to allow receiving help from any body queuing in the line while the rider is checking sections for Group B and C.":

We think that the kids still should be able to get help, haven't been any mayor problems on the Saturdays. The biggest problems have been on the Sundays with riders that tries to pass the queue. Maybe we have to change the system?

Proposal : The card is handed over to the relevant staff on arrival at the section and the rider is then called acc to position in the "list" of riders

waiting to compete. If the rider is hesitating he or she waits with handing over the punch until a suitable moment. This requires no physical line in front of the section

A COMMENT FROM HIRO

I understand this reason of this proposal. It is a kind of the sight from participants having seen and had unfair act and bad manner of other riders. Here let me explain you about a bit different opinions from different sides. Ok, you think MAY BE we need to change to avoid the rider passing the queue in the section. But before think about changing it, Let us check the actual rules we have now. At the section 1 of the WBC Spanish round this year, I saw this problem happened and it was mess. A lot of riders are in the neutral zone together and they were trying to get his turn to enter the section. The reasons of this problem were as follows.

- (1) Neutral zone was too short and too wide. It was about 2 meters wide. (the preparation of the sections by the organizer was not good. And the jury had to check the sections more carefully).
- (2) The observer did not know about he must tell to the riders to queue in parallel (Check Refer 1).
- (3) The observers did not know about the neutral zone is a zone for the only the next rider to wait his/her turn to try the section (Check Refer 2).

I gave my advice to the observer at the section 1 and it was solved. So this problem can be solved if observer knows he had to control the queue. Now let us think about the changing the rules and also the risk.

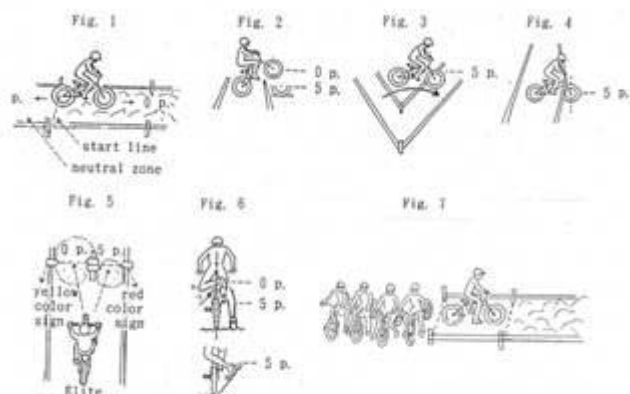
- (1) At the first, we have to change the rules of Art. 13 PENALIZATION Penalization system 31 to pass the penalization card (punch card, hereinafter card) to somebody (check Refer 3).
- (2) If riders can give the cards to someone (control) in the section when he arrived there, it means they can reserve his turn to try the section. It will make a big difference from a system of "be in the queue when he is ready to try". We must know that if we change it, it will be no more TIME KEEPING SYSTEM for riders. Because riders go around sections almost the order of start and they cannot pass the other riders. At the end, if they had time penalty by delay,

they will have a reason to protest to the organizer for the problem. Then to avoid this, we must give more time to riders for the competition. Then it is not time keeping system any more. But to add time for the competition, it will be a big problem in Asian events. In Asia, the day time is shorter than Europe. It is getting dark about 5 o'clock. Events will have a big risk to organize before get dark and extend competition time than now will be a big pressure. Up to now, why riders do not protest when they got time penalty of delay is we do not control the cards after the start to finish. If the organizer should keep the cards in each section, that will be a risk for the organizers. Imagine who will have the responsibility of keeping the cards? And I am quite sure that the keeper of the cards may be shuffle it sometimes (it usually happen when they keep it). It is too dangerous for events. Biketrial is a very complicate sport for the organizers. It will be not nice to make it more complicate, isn't it? Or before we think about changing the rules, how come we do not use the rules we have now? I see every time this problem happened, the rules were forgotten.

Refer 1:

Art. 13 PENALIZATION Penalization system 43

Upon entering section, the rider must queue parallel to his/her starting partner. (Refer to fig.7).



Refer 2:

Art. 06 NEUTRAL ZONE

A neutral zone, from 2 to 3 meters, will be set at the entry of each

section, at which the rider will wait while the preceding rider is performing the section. A line must be drawn to define the neutral zone and the entry of each section in order to indicate the beginning of the section. The rider has to start with both spindles inside the neutral zone.

Refer 3:

Art. 13 PENALIZATION Penalization system 31

The rider cannot receive any help from his relatives or friends such as (1) giving them the penalization card, (2) asking them to carry the bike by foot or car, or (3) observing section while their bike is queuing. (The riders from the blue, green, white & orange color group will be allowed to receive the above mentioned help,).

News No. 038 dated 19/11/2008

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL RULES(13)

We got comments from Walton (Biketrial Singapore) as follows (in Black).

A-1 "Modification of Constructor rules."

BSU: We think it's a good system and we support this idea.

A-2 "Raise sanctioning fee of WBC."

BSU: 1,200 Euro to 1,500 Euro is Fine, we are not so sure about x3 for the final round, any particular reason for the x 3 times?

A-3 "It will be interesting to check how many Expert or Master riders keep on WBC."

A-4 "Bad feeling concerning selections and people that incribes to the different runs of WBC and finally do not attend."

BSU: We believe this solution will help

A-6 Bad feeling concerning how difficult it becomes to find organizers for WBC. What could be changed in rules (WBC) to avoid this tendency?

BSU: We believe there could be a possibilities of conflict of interest in the organizers with other International or Regional competitions.

A-7 There is a good feeling for new categories. Three years makes a lot of differences between younger and oldest boys, but it's difficult to change it keeping the number of categories and preserving Minime to be in Junior before 15 years old...

BSU: We have no comment about the categories, we think its fine at the moment. We are open to changes and discussions.

B-1 "Not allowed to receive help from any body queuing in the line while the rider is checking sections for Group B and C."

B-2 "Confirm the penalty points when the line between front and rear wheels cross over a stake."

BSU: We think the rule now is very clear about this and we do not need to change this, But to make sure we have observers with good knowledge and better if they have experience.

B-3 "5 points penalty to move bike forward/upward while foot on the ground in the section."

BSU: This Rule will restrict younger riders in the section especially when junior and senior shares the same line. There will be sections that some junior riders may have difficulties or seem dangerous to them that they will need a point or two to get over. With this rule, We believe it will be difficult to make fair sections for all riders. We believe dabbing is also a Technic of BikeTrial Sport.

B-4 "Penalization system addition in 4 point."

BSU: We think the rule now is very clear about this and we do not need to change this.

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INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL RULES(12)

Following is the comment from Marius (Biketrial Spain) for the news No. 034.

In order to avoid this problem, Spain is not translating the rules since 2004; we force the original BIU rules as a unique issue. When an organizer need a summary, he uses it just as a guide, but any claim is reviewed with BIU document on hand. Riders (and parents) has to understand that English is important to be a worldwide sportsman-sportswoman. In Spain ALL the students are obliged to learn English after many years. I do not accept excuses from anybody.

Regards.

Màrius

News No. 036 dated 18/11/2008

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL RULES(11)

We got comments and a proposal from Roger (Biketrial Sweden) as follows (in Black).

A-1 "Modification of Constructor rules."

This can maybe work

A-2 "Raise sanctioning fee of WBC."

If this is the fee if the organizer fails to organize the event, then it's okay to raise it. If it's the fee for organizing it's not okay to raise it.

A-3 "It will be interesting to check how many Expert or Master riders keep on WBC."

It's interesting to see how many riders we have overall. My personal feeling is that we have lost a lot of riders both national and international the last years.

A-4 "Bad feeling concerning selections and people that incribes to the different runs of WBC and finally do not attend."

Yes, some kind of fee for not showing up when you are entered is OK.

B-1 "Not allowed to receive help from any body queuing in the line while the rider is checking sections for Group B and C."

We think that the kids still should be able to get help, haven't been any mayor problems on the Saturdays. The biggest problems have been on the Sundays with riders that tries to pass the que. Maybe we have to change the system?

Proposal : The card is handed over to the relevant staff on arrival at the section and the rider is then called acc to position in the "list" of riders waiting to compete. If the rider is hesitating he or she waits with handing over the punchcard until a suitable moment.. This requires no physical line in front of the section

B-2 "Confirm the penalty points when the line between front and rear wheels cross over a stake."

Needs to be cleared out

B-3 "5 points penalty to move bike forward/upward while foot on the ground in the section."

NO, that will change the grounds of the sport biketrial to something else. Very difficult for the observers and only suitable for the top riders that don't need to dab. Will be do or die instead of tactical trial.

B-4 "Penalization system addition in 4 point."

Keep it as it is. We work close together with Motortrials and need's the similarity. Do not invent rules not needed.