

### 1. OBJECTIVE OF THE EVENT

1.1. The Grand Prix MTB race, entered into the calendar of UCI international events, XCO (Olympic format) will be held according to the UCI Regulations (Part IV, Chapter II). The race has the status of "one-day races" series class 1.

1.2. The objective of the race is to select the best cyclists in each age category and to allow them to score points necessary for UCI and PZKol classifications in 2013.

1.3. The long-term objective is to prepare cyclists to take part in the most important events in Mountain Cycling, i.e. World Championship, Europe Championship and the Olympic Games.

1.4. The Grand Prix MTB race aim to popularize mountain cycling among large groups of supporters of this globally thriving sport discipline, as well as to encourage young people to actively take up mountain cycling.

### 2. ORGANIZER OF GRAND PRIX MTB

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### 3. DATES AND LOCATIONS OF RACES

September 20<sup>th</sup>, XCC format, "Jelenia Gora MTB "for Elite Women and Junior Women and Elite Men and U-23 Men. Eliminary races will proceed at big amount of application from hour 16.00. Race office open on 20.09.2014 from 14.00 -15.45 (Paulinum Hill)

September 21<sup>st</sup> XCO class C1, 'Jelenia Góra Trophy Maja Włoszczowska XCO' (Paulinum Hill) for all age categories

Race office open on 20.09.2014 from 17.00 to 19.00 and on 21.09.2014 from 8am (Paulinum Hill).

### 4. and 5. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

4.1. The condition to admit a cyclist to the race consists in presentation to the Jury Panel at the Race Office of the cyclist license valid for 2014, issued by a National Cyclist Federation associated with UCI and in obligation to confirm the start before the Race at the Race Office, at least 60 minutes before the start.

4.2. Any other cyclist licenses shall not be accepted by the Organizer and the Jury Panel.

4.3. In the Grand Prix MTB races, the following age categories for women and men shall apply.

4.3.1. Sub Junior Men – age 13-14 years – white LANG TEAM Leader Shirt

4.3.2. Sub Junior Women – age 13-14 years - white LANG TEAM Leader Shirt

4.3.3. Younger Junior Men – age 15-16 years - white LANG TEAM Leader Shirt

4.3.4. Younger Junior Women – age 15-16 years - white LANG TEAM Leader Shirt

- 4.3.5. Junior Men – age 17-18 years – blue LANG TEAM Leader Shirt
- 4.3.6. Junior Women – age 17-18 years - blue LANG TEAM Leader Shirt
- 4.3.7. U 23 – age up to 23 years (men) - white LANG TEAM Leader Shirt
- 4.3.8. U 23 – age up to 23 years (women) - white LANG TEAM Leader Shirt
- 4.3.9. Elite Men – age 23 and above - pink TAURON Leader Shirt
- 4.3.10. Elite Women – age 19 and above - pink TAURON Leader Shirt

4.4. Cyclists in the categories: Sub Junior Men, Sub Junior Women, Younger Junior Men, Younger Junior Women, Junior Men and Junior Women shall present at the Race Office, during accreditation, a valid medical certificate.

4.5. All age categories shall start according to the official Grand Prix MTB program.

4.5.1. The Sport Directors of teams are under the obligation to participate in technical briefing and to get acquainted with the program and rules of the race prior to each race.

4.6. All cyclists shall wear protective helmets, compliant with security standards in force, during all races and official trainings set by the Event Organizer.

4.7. All participants of Grand Prix MTB come to competitions at their own expense. The Organizer does not provide accommodation or board.

4.8. When presenting their valid cyclist licenses, all participants of Grand Prix MTB receive information about the race rules in force and applicable to all participants, the official program of start times for each age category, times of technical briefings as well as details of routes of each of the two races. Each team receives 4 ID cards (including two for canteen) in all age categories. ID cards will be issued on a one-off basis for all editions in the Race Office.

4.9. Players in U 23 categories have the option either to start in their category or the Elite category

5. The condition to take part is to send by fax or by mail a written participation notification for a cyclist or a group, using the form published on the Organizer's website, directly to the address or fax of the Organizer provided in point 2 of these rules.

5.1. The notification shall be sent at least 14 days before the commencement of the series of Grand Prix MTB races.

5.2. In the notification, an age category, the cyclist's or the group's parent club, cyclist's age, cyclist license number, UCI code, nationality as well as cyclist's or group's participation dates in the race or race series of Grand Prix MTB should be provided.

5.3. The condition of a cyclist's participation in the race series of Grand Prix MTB is the observance of these rules and sports regulations set by the Organizer.

## **6 and 7. RULES of GRAND PRIX MTB AND UCI and PZKol SPORT REGULATIONS**

6. The Grand Prix MTB race in the category XCO (Olympic Games format) Class 1 will be held in accordance with these rules and UCI and PZKol regulations approved for 2014.

6.1. In all matters not regulated by these rules, the Jury Panel will take decision in agreement with the Race Organizer.

6.2. The Grand Prix MTB race will be held only in individual classification for each age category.

6.3. In the Elite category (women and men) cyclists ranking from 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> place, score independent points for the UCI classification, according to the scoring scale determined by UCI for C1 category races (one-day races), XCO (cross country course).

6.4. In the race of XCC format, players may only compete in the category Elite men, U-23 Men and Elite Women and Juniors

7. The cyclist will be permitted to participate in the race after he/she confirms the start at the Jury Office and after he/she places two start numbers for 2 races, received from the Organizer, including: a plate with number in the front of the bike and one number on the hip. Cyclists who damaged, lost or forgot their start numbers have the obligation to purchase a replacement start number for PLN 30 at the Race Office. The Organizer does not refund money to cyclists for additional purchased start numbers.

7.1. In the race the riders will start all together.

In all the races ( XCC and XCO ) the numbers are assigned in the order resulting from the most recently published UCI XCO individual ranking for 2014 according to the rule:

- 1) Classified Elite riders and U-23
- 2) Classified Juniors
- 3) unclassified Elite riders and U-23 (randomly)
- 4) unclassified Junior (randomly)

7.2. The possible changes concerning the rules of holding the race and its route, and arising in the last moment, will be communicated to cyclists just before the start by the representative of the Jury Panel.

7.3. During the race, the cyclists cannot carry out training along the race route. In case of breach of the above provision, cyclists will be punished according to provisions in force, point 8 of these rules.

7.4. During the race, cyclists may not shorten or modify the route set by the Organizer. In case of breach of the above provision, cyclists will be punished according to provisions in force, point 8 of these rules.

7.5. In case a cyclist pulls off the route, he/ she should return to the race route and begin the race in the same place where he/ she pulled off it. In case of breach of the above provision, cyclists will be punished according to the provisions in force.

7.6. The competition for XCO players for all cyclists in all categories, there are 2 technical assistance boxes, situated in the canteen zones.

7.6.1. The technical assistance during the race, in conformity with the UCI regulations, comprises the repair or replacement of any part of the bike, except for crossbar. The replacement of bike is forbidden and cyclist must cross the finish line with the same number which he/ she had at the start.

7.6.2. Spare parts and tools for repairs must be stored in zones. Each cyclist shall repair or replace the equipment on his/her own or with the help of a cyclist from his/ her team taking part in the race, or a team's mechanic or a neutral mechanic. Technical assistance is allowed only in the box zone. Outside the box, only help between cyclists of the group registered in UCI or of the national team is allowed. In addition to technical assistance in the buffet area, technical assistance is permitted outside these zones only between riders who are members of the same team UCI ELITE MTB, UCI MTB team or the same national team.

7.6.3. Cyclists may have with them tools and other spare parts provided that they do not constitute any threat to them or to other cyclists.

7.6.4. Using radio or remote communication with cyclists is forbidden.

7.7. Cyclists must obey rules of good behavior during the whole race and must not make it difficult for the faster cyclist to overtake them on the race route. Cyclists whose loss is greater than 80% of lap time calculated by the Jury Panel will be withdrawn from the race. This rule does not apply when the leader of the race is on the last lap. In case of breach of the above provision, cyclists will be punished according to the provisions in force. The decision whether the rule will be applied to 80% loss in the competition shall make Referee after consultation with the organizer.

7.8. Cyclists should take care of the green areas and should follow only the officially set route. Cyclists and team members cannot pollute the area and leave trash on the race route. It is forbidden to use glass containers in the vicinity and on the race route. In case of breach of this rule, persons will be fined with PLN 50 by the security services of the Organizer.

7.9. The number of laps for each cyclist category will be determined by the Main Judge during technical briefing.

7.10. The XCO race time for each category is as follows:

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>
SUB JUNIOR MEN	0.30	0.45

SUB JUNIOR WOMEN	0.30	0.45
YOUNGER JUNIOR MEN	0.45	1.00
YOUNGER JUNIOR WOMEN	0.45	1.00
JUNIOR MEN	1.00	1.15
JUNIOR WOMEN	1.00	1.15
U-23 MEN	1.15	1.30
U-23 WOMEN	1.15	1.30
ELITE MEN	1.30	1.45
ELITE WOMEN	1.30	1.45

7.11. Drinks and meals may be served only in places designated and marked by the Organizer as the canteen zone. In the marked canteen zone, drinks and meals can be served only by people authorized to do so and having ID issued by the Organizer.

7.12. The time of the XCC race will be 25min. In case that should be qualification races for the XCC the time will be 10-12min.

## **8. LIST OF PENALTIES INCLUDED IN THE GRAND PRIX MTB RULES**

8.1. Penalties for using prohibited doping will be in compliance with the relevant provisions of UCI and PZKol in this respect.

8.2. Cyclists will be punished with disqualification if they perform any illegal repair of the bike, replace the bike, take meals outside the place designated by the Organizer and receive any prohibited help during the race.

8.3. Repeating cases of pushing other cyclist, help of a group or a cyclist may lead to the decision on disqualification.

8.4. Cutting in on another cyclist, non-sport behavior towards other cyclists, using short-cuts and switching cyclists may lead to the change of the final result or disqualification.

8.5. Cyclist can be punished for using: vulgar vocabulary towards other cyclists, spectators gathered on the route or at the finish line or towards VIPs, employees and Organizers as well as for non-compliance with the rules. Repeating cases of such behavior may lead to disqualification or suspension of the cyclist.

8.6. A fight between cyclists or fight between a cyclist and spectators or Organizer's employees will be punished by disqualification or suspension and failure to include the result of the race.

8.7. All Federations taking part in the race shall comply with the decisions of other Federations concerning the suspension of a cyclist.

8.8. During the race, the disciplinary regulations and penalties provided for by the UCI regulations will apply.

8.9. A physical contact between the cyclist and the person serving food or a mechanic is permitted only in the canteen area/technical assistance box. Drink bottle and food must be given to the cyclist by hand by a mechanic or a service member. It is forbidden to run next to a riding cyclist.

## **9. FINAL PROVISIONS**

9.1. The Organizer of the race of Grand Prix MTB series provides insurance to cyclists against third party liability for the duration of the given race and during official training.

9.2. The Organizer shall not be held liable for any force majeure which occurred during arrival and departure of cyclists to and from the race.

9.3. Each cyclist takes part in the race at her/his own risk.

9.4. The Organizer is not financially liable for things lost during the race.

9.5. The Organizer provides all cyclists taking part in the race with necessary medical assistance during the race.

9.6. Failure to know the Grand Prix MTB rules and non-compliance with them shall not be treated by the Organizer as an excuse.

## **10. GRAND PRIX MTB AWARDS**

10.1. After each Grand Prix MTB race, a ceremony of handing over the shirts to winners of each category shall take place. In-kind prizes will be released by the Organizer at the Race Office following the receipt of the jury announcement.

10.1.1. On the basis of the Polish financial regulations in force, a lump-sum tax in the amount of 10% will be deducted from all cash prizes exceeding PLN 760, pursuant to Article 30, item 1, point 2 of the Act of July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1991 on personal income tax (consolidated text, Journal of Laws of 2000, No. 14, item 176 as amended). The deducted tax will be paid by the Race Organizer to the relevant Tax Office. In case of foreign cyclists, the lump-sum income tax amounts to 20%.

10.2. During each race in the Grand Prix MTB series, the best cyclists will receive prizes according to the rules.

10.3. Three best cyclists in a given category shall participate in the decoration ceremony directly after their races end. In case a cyclist is absent from the decoration ceremony at the hour set in the race programme, he/she will be punished by the Organizer by a decrease of the cash prize specified in the rules (from 50% to 100%).

10.4. A cyclist who won in a given age category, according to the Grand Prix MTB scoring rules, is obliged to put on the winner Shirt on the podium during the decoration ceremony. In case of breach of the above provision, the cyclist may be punished with a reduction of the cash prize, specified in the rules, by the Organizer (from 50% to 100%).

10.5. In all age categories the winner is the contestant, who will cross the finish line as a first.

**ORGANIZER OF GRAND PRIX MTB – Lang Team Sp z o.o.**

**These rules have been approved by Polish Cycling Federation.**