

BIU NEWS 2008 in December

DATE OF 2009 WBC

We got a mail (below) from Anna (Biketrial Slovak) to confirm about the date of 2009 WBC. Actually our information is right and the events will be held on 27th Thursday & 28th Friday. There are 3 reasons for this determination.

#1. The date is enough away from the International Biketrial events in Vancouver Canada. (the information about those events will be sent to delegate as soon as possible) We think on 22nd & 23rd (a week later from Whistler Trialworx) are still too tight to support WBC for BIU.

#2. We took participants of students into consideration. In many countries, Summer vacation over at the end of August and schools start from the beginning of September. If we hold WBC on 29th & 30th, it will be too tight for students to return to their countries.

#3. We know it is not usual but the date is the best for the host countries. We understood that it will help many ways (especially for the budget) if they can put events (WBC and their festival) together.

Dear Hiroshi,

thank you for confirming the date of WBCH 2009. I suppose there is a mistake with the date, because the date written there is China Ping Tang 27th - 28th August 2008. So the year is obviously not correct but also 27th - 28th August 2009 is Thursday and Friday. Or is the WBCH 2009 on Thursday and Friday? Thank you for your swift answer.

Kind regards,
Anna

News No. 020 dated 16/12/2008

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL RULES (25)

Now checking rules is almost over and ask help to Brian to recheck the new part of them. The following are correspondences that you can check. Thanks to Brian!

Dear Brian,

Ref: ITR mod.18 for 2009:

Please check following items.

RED part will be added in the rules for the next year.

About No. 15, it was "Crossing over STAKE, RIBBON and COLOR SIGN with the line between the front axle and the rear axle of the bike are not allowed". But I found this will be a cause of some problems of judging front wheel cross over them with a dab or without a dab. Because ribbon and stakes are kind of a set. So I decided to take out RIBBON and STAKE from the sentence. So in case we do not want any rider bring the wheel (front or rear) on the stake or ribbon, we have to put a COLOR SIGN and they cannot go over it. This can give the choice to the organizer in case of the situation. If not, it will be too strict for riders and difficult for observers. Do you understand and agree it?

Sincerely yours,

Hiro

Art. 09 DELIMITATION

The sections should be constructed from natural elements (if possible). Each section should be surrounded by resistant and impermeable ribbon. The ribbon must be totally visible and well secured to stakes or other objects which must be fixed underground. The entirety of the ribbon must be fastened at APPROXIMATELY 30 cm from the ground (as close as possible to this height). All broken ribbon must be replaced in the same position before another rider enters the section. Aside from the pre-mentioned suggestions for marking the track and sections, it is advisable to use some form of barrier to keep on-lookers at safe distance.

Art. 13 PENALIZATION

Penalization system:

13	One wheel flying over the ribbon without contacting the ground.(Refer to Fig. 2). Front or rear wheel, in the air with a dab, over the ribbon is not penalized. Only the dab. But the	0
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	front wheel, in the air, passing over a color sign (stake with color) is 5 points. (Refer to Fig. 8).	
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15	Crossing over the COLOR SIGN with the line between the front axle and the rear axle of the bike are not allowed	5
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32	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 (3) Observing section while their bike is queuing. (The riders from the Group B & C will be allowed to receive the above mentioned help).	10-50
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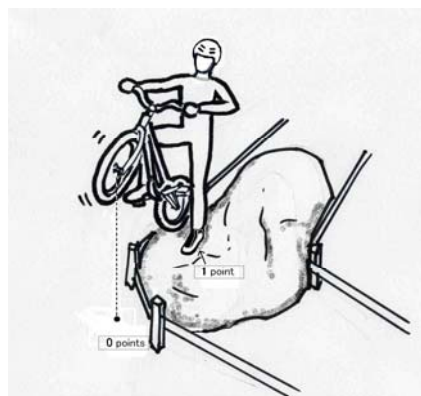


Fig. 8

Dear Hiro

Yes, this modification seems to be more simple to understand. However, will it make a problem for organizers and riders to understand when the front wheel crossed a plain stake (not coloured) - especially on a tight angle curve?

Brian.

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FIRST STEP TO INCREASE

We got a comment about report from Ot Pi. Thanks a lot!!! We got report from 19

countries I believe that they are doing their best that they can.

For increasing, the first step is changing the situation for the rest of the countries did not answer or did not send their report to us. We have to know the reasons. Because we think that sending report is almost duty for all delegates. Therefore I think it will be a strong reason to change delegates in those countries in the future. But first, I will try to contact to those delegates and ask their intention and plans.

Dear Hiro,

Congratulations for the report, it is very nice and now you can compare every year how much % increase Biketrial every year.....

Best regards

Ot

News No. 018 dated 16/12/2008

NEWS FROM CATALUNYA



We got very good news and the photo from Enric, Catalunya Spain.

Good morning Hiro.

Yesterday in the morning, we held a nice event in one of the Cesar Cañas BikeTrial schools. Every year, closed to Christmas days, Catalunya national TV (TV3) is celebrating a very important event called "La Marató de TV3" This program is on air around 16 hours, only interrupted half an hour to offer the last news. This program collects money in all Catalunya to help people with medical matters. Every year the program is dedicated to important ills as cancer, heart, .and this year it has been dedicated to

mental retard people.

We held the First Interscholastic competition involving four schools: Cesar Cañas Trial Academy (2 schools), Sabadell Trial School and Fes Bici Trial school. 76 riders (the first race for the 90% of them) took part in this race. All the registration fee was donated to La Marató cause. We finally got 775 Euros + some extra donations. The program is collecting around 6 millions of Euros (European millions) only in Catalunya region. All the country is involved in this event and this year the events dedicated to La Marató have exceeded the thousand!! The final result of the race was the less important. All the riders got presents and it was a very BikeTrial event!!

Best regards and Merry Christmas to all BikeTrial people all over the World!!!!

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BJU GENERAL MEETING WAS OVER



The meeting was held on 13-14/December at BJU office in Tokyo and the president Mr. Kiyoshi Terai and the delegates of area attended it. Mr. Hirano also attended it as the sport director of BJU and as an official of BIU, and announced some international matters (rules for the next year, etc.) and some recent news to the people. The provisional date of the National Championship was set and it as follows.

Provisional event calendar of BJU 2009 All Japan Biketrial Championship

No.	Place/Venue	Date
1	Hyougo/Inagawa	19/April
2	Seki/Itadri	28/June
3	Gunma/Nakajo	19/July
4	Hiroshima/Haizuka	11/October

News No. 016 dated 15/12/2008

BIU SURVEY 2008



Today we got a report from Portugal. Thanks a lot Jorge!!! So we add the data to the below chart and you can check it. It is 1 and half month delayed from the deadline but we will send BIU 2008 DVD to Portugal next week.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Belgium	75	11	0	0	3	3	5	2	0	0	0
Canada	100	1	3	10	7	27	NM	2	0	1	1
China	38	3	5	5	1	12	NM	3	0	0	3
Colombia	NA	4	6	6	NA	10	0	10	1	3	1
Czech	205	7	11	10	2	3	10	12	0	1	0
France	200	1	4	15	12	0	10	1	0	1	2
Germany	67	0	5	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Italy	13	10	0	0	0	20	0	3-4	2	1	0
Japan	131	4	27	NM	27	12	NM	5	3	3	5
Latvia	26	11	3	3	0	0	16	4	0	1	0
Malaysia	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal	NA	7	0	0	1	15	0	3	0	2	0
Singapore	55	4	0	18	0	27	2-3	3	0	4	1
Slovak	37	8	4	19	4	6	32	8	0	31	0
Spain	270	4	5	7	7	1	25	9	2	3	2
Sweden	50	5	2	2	2	2	10	0	0	0	0
Taiwan	37	3	3	NA	3	3	6-8	1	0	0	0

UK	32	5	40	NA	NA	1	10	NA	NA	1	0
USA	1	5	5	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,337	93	123	116	69	153	129	67	8	52	14

NA = No Answer

NM = No Management

No.	Questions
1	BNU License
2	Competitions: How many national events?
3	Competitions: How many regional events?
4	Competitions: How many local events?
5	School: How many under BNU?
6	Demonstration: How many under BNU?
7	Demonstration: How many others?
8	Expose on TV: How many times?
9	Video clips: How many DVD were released?
10	Magazines: How many magazines put Bketrrial on?
11	Bikes: How many makers producing bikes for Biketrrial?

News No. 015 dated 13/12/2008

2009 WBC

We got an information from Jason about Ping Tang confirmed the date of 2009 WBC China as follows.

2009 WORLD BIKETRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP		
Nation	Venue	Date
China	Ping Tang National Geo-park	27-28/August/2008

News No. 014 dated 12/12/2008

INFORMATION FROM CMF

We got information from CMF about their new president. Please check below mail.

Dear Mr.Hirano and Mr.Musil,

We are sending an updated information from the Czech biketrrial

association: The 29.11.2008 we organized the General Assambly of Biketrial, where the new Biketrial Comity was elected. The name of the new President of the Biketrial Association of the Czech Republic is Radim KAKAC, who has been approved by the Czech Motorcycle Federation as its Representative for Czech Republic in the BIU and the EBU. The abdicating ex President Mr. Havelka was awarded with a commemorative honour plaque CMF for his long lasting devoted work in Czech biketrial association.

Your next news send kindly to the following e-mail addresses:

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Best regards
Vaclav Kobes
President CMF

News No. 013 dated 12/12/2008

BIU 2008 DVD



Now making BIU 2008 DVD (4 discs) is over and we are just before sending it to the delegates who answered BIU SERVEY 2008 (refer to the list below). We will also send it to our officials (Pere, Brian, Libor) as our gift. We hope you will enjoy watching it.

Belgium	Latvia
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Canada	Malaysia
China	Singapore
Colombia	Slovak
Czech	Spain
France	Sweden
Germany	Taiwan
Italy	UK
Japan	USA

This time the BIU DVD became 4 discs. Because we got a lot of video clips from many countries and many people. Thanks a lot!!! We are very happy to share them with delegates for this time.

Disc	Contents
Volume 1	<p>Video from China:</p> <p>(1) 2008 China Ping Tang World Biketrial Cup/TV It is a TV program on air in November in China. Probably it is the first time documentary TV program about Biketrial in China. And sure It was a great promotion of our sport. Thanks to Jason. (30 min.)</p>
Volume 2	<p>Video From Japan:</p> <p>(1) News Real Time/Chukyo TV It is a report of the news TV program by appearance of Yuna Hirano. (10 min.)</p> <p>(2) World record/Nippon TV It is a part of a sport variety program about braking world records by appearance of Keigou Arizono. (3 min. 15 sec.)</p> <p>(3) 2008 WBC Japan/NHK Gifu It is a documentary TV program about WBC Seki-Itadori. The TV featured about a host family and friendship between a Japanese boy and a Spanish boy Marc Prat (2008 World Minime Champion). Also you can enjoy the battle of the top Elite riders, Dani Comas and Kazuki Terai. (43 min.)</p> <p>(3) Eyes of Einstein/NHK TV It is a kind of science programs. This time the TV verified the secret of Biketrial riding skills of BIU Elite</p>

		<p>Kazuki Terai. The TV used special high speed cams to verify his riding. You can watch super slow motion picture of Kazuki Terai in this program that you have never seen before. (43 min. 59 sec.)</p>
Volume 3	<p>Video from Hiro:</p> <p>(1) 2008 WBC It is an original video clip made (cam and edit) by Hiro. You can watch a lot of very spectacular crush and beautiful clean riding from WBC Spain, France and Japan. (2 min. 16 sec.)</p> <p>(2) OT PI last challenge It is as original video clip made (cam and edit) by Hiro. It is a video clip dedicate to the greatest Biketrial rider Ot Pi. That reports Ot Pi's last Guinness world record challenge that he did it in Shanghai in May climbing 2008 steps of Gin Mao Tower. (3 min. 35 sec.)</p> <p>(3) 2008 World Biketrial Master Cup It is an original video clip made (cam and edit) Hiro. You can watch very spectacular crush and clean from WBMC. (1 min. 7 sec.)</p> <p>(4) 2008 China Ping Tang World Biketrial Cup It is an original video clip made (cam and edit) by Hiro. It is a documentary of the event that you can watch all sections and what was happening during the event. Chinese riders trying very hard in each section and riding of the top riders from Spain, Japan and Canada are great. (50 min.)</p>	
Volume 4	<p>Video from Czech, Italy, Slovak and UK:</p> <p>(1) Czech TV/Sport life It is a News program about indoor event held in Czech (39 sec.)</p> <p>(2) Czech original video It is an original video about 2007 world biketrial championship held in Blansko. Very nice music with pictures (11 min. 14 sec.)</p> <p>(3) Italy TV</p>	

	<p>The first round of Italian Biketrial Championship held in Castiglioncello, Livorno (23 min. 31 sec.)</p> <p>(4) Slovak TV/POV TV It is news program about 2008 European Biketrial Cup in Zariecie on 10th and 11th May (2 min. 23 sec.)</p> <p>(5) Slovak TV/TA3 It is news program about 2008 European Biketrial Cup in Zariecie on 10th and 11th May (4 min. 53 sec.)</p> <p>(6) Slovak TV/PU TV It is news program about 2008 European Biketrial Cup in Zariecie on 10th and 11th May (2 min. 17 sec.)</p> <p>(7) Original video from UK It is an original video clip of Ben Carlie. We got this from his family in May. We put this video clip here to not forget a boy who loved Biketrial. (5 min. 24 sec.)</p>	
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We will post these DVD for you today and tomorrow. Soon you will receive it. We will be glad to have your impression about the DVD. Please send it after you check them. Thanks in advance.

News No. 012 dated 11/12/2008

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL RULES (24)

We finished all discussion about the subjects we had this time. And the following is the report.

A-1 "Modification of Constructor rules."
SWEDEN: This can maybe work
SINGAPORE: We think it's a good system and we support this idea.
A-2 "Raise sanctioning fee of WBC."
SWEDEN: 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.
SINGAPORE: 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.

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

SWEDEN: 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.

About A-3: We checked about entry number of participants with 26 inches bikes for WBC according to the suggestion. You can check the change of number in those categories in the list below (see the data). This year, we increased participants with 26 inches bikes in Junior and Senior (they were Expert till the last year), but decreased half participants with 26 inches bikes in Elite (they were Master till the last year). But in total, we increased the participants with 26 inches bikes. We guess that one of the reasons could be... Expert was a wide age category (from 15 to up) and it was quite hard for young riders because they had to compete with adult. Now they can ride in Junior in a similar age group. It is much better for them. But in Elite, We guess that for younger and elder participants with 26 inches bikes were not easy (probably became harder) this year. But as we see Dani Comas won the championship, it is not a big problem for the top riders. Any way, whenever they want, they can choose their best wheel size and not so big problems, isn’t it?

*Refer to the report of BIU for A-3 below.

A-4 “Bad feeling concerning selections and people that incites to the

different runs of WBC and finally do not attend. Pre-inscription will be welcome (with payment from each national organization). Each selection loses money in case of non attendance o by each inscribed rider not present (or something like that). Spain had lost a lot of money paying full insurance for many inscribed foreign riders that didn't attend Frías (2008 WBC Spain).”

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

SINGAPORE: 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?”

SINGAPORE: 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...”

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

REPORT OF BIU FOR A-3

	2005 WBC 4 rounds	2006 WBC 4 rounds	2007 WBC 2 rounds	2008 WBC 3 rounds
Master/Elite 08	14	15	16	8
Expert/Jun & Sen 08	78	56	53	74
Total	92	71	69	82

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.”:

SWEDEN: 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

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.

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

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.

FINAL VIEW OF BIU:

(1) There was no support to the reason of observer judged 5 points. But the cross over the stake (A) and the ribbon (B) by the bike (line between the front axle and rear axle) is not allowed. So the penalty points 5 should be accepted.

- (2) The designated sign should be well made. Especially stake on the slope must be longer enough and the ribbon height should be enough level to avoid the situation the bike go over it. Then it will be clear to see cross over the sign by the bike for the observers and spectators.
- (3) About the height of the ribbon, The rules now is Art. 09 DELIMITATION “The entirety of the ribbon must be fastened at a minimum height of 10 cm and 30 cm.” We will change it to “The entirety of the ribbon must be fastened at APPROXIMATELY 30 cm from the ground (as close as possible to this height)” from the next year.
- (4) We will add “crossing over the color sign, the ribbon and the stake with the line between the front axle and the rear axle of the bike are not allowed “ to ITR Art. 13 PENALIZATION 17, “Both the front and rear wheel axles must pass between the color signs, the ribbon and the stakes.”

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

SWEDEN: 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.

SINGAPORE: 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.”

THE FATHER OF BIKETRIAL: Thank you for to give me this opportunity to comment about the BikeTrial rules. The BikeTrial (and Trialsin) technical rules come from England moto-trial of more than 100 years ago. My position is 3 and 4 feet is 3 points. Reasons: is more easy for the checker, more logic because 5 feet is 5 points

(fiasco). If we accept 3 feet = 3 points and 4 feet = 4 points, also, why no?, 6 feet is 6 points, 7 feet, etc. For me 3 and 4 are 3 points is clear and trial idea, is right, no more comment. Monty-Pi

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

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

EXTRA SUBJECT:

The below matter was sent from Brian.

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.

(One comment from Hiro as BIU)

(1) If some thing happened like that, the rider should ask (just asking is OK) to the observer about why he got 5 points. (2) The observer should explain the reason to the rider. This is the first thing to solve the matter. In the rules, one wheel can fly over the ribbon till it contacts outside of the section. In that case, the wheel was not contact to the outside yet. So one point by 1 dub is the penalty he had to get. That is all. The situation is not against any other rules. Same as the police man cannot give a ticket to any driver if the rules are not in the traffic law. I do not think this is rules problem. It is very clear in the rules. It happened because of the inexperienced observer. Please tell the matter (which section) to Jean-Michel and must explain what was wrong in the observer meeting next time to avoid the same mistake.

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.

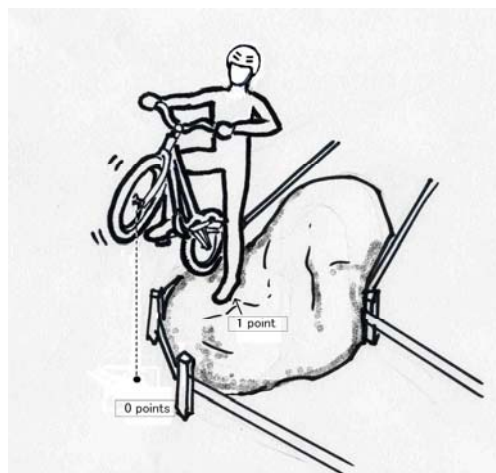
We got mail from Brian again about "got 5 penalty points by a wheel fly over the ribbon and a dabbing same time". This was not miss judge of the observers. It was in the rules in Biketrial Belgium. So it is more serious problem than we thought. First I do not know how many countries have the rules like that? We think that it is only Belgium. We do not think this is a translation problem. The things not in ITR must not be added in the national rules. I hope Jean-Michel will change the rules in Belgium as soon as possible and this matter will be over.

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

About "5 points by 1 wheel fly 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,

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 severals 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,

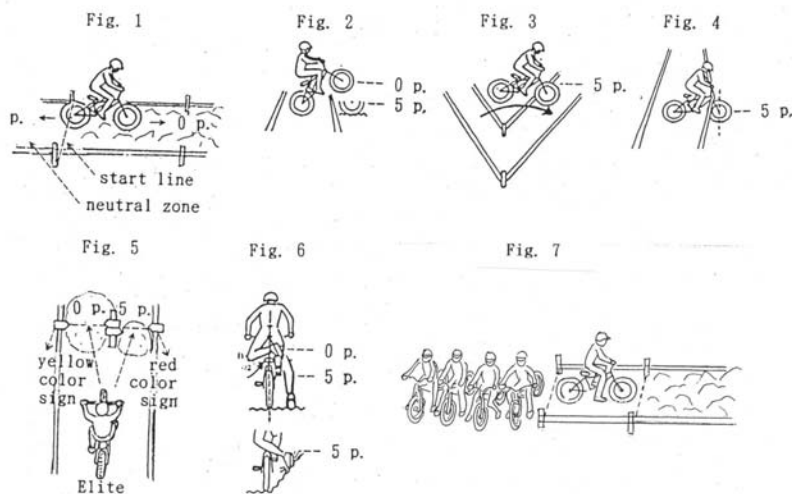
we have always integrated the BIU rules.

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. Footing matter is not included.

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 something not written in it, 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. 011 dated 09/12/2008

PERSONAL COMMENNT

Personal comment from Hiro:

In Ping Tang, I had a talk with a volunteer staff (a girl from university) about WBC. When I said "a lot countries will come to Ping Tang like Czech, UK, France from Europe and Singapore and Taiwan from

Asia". She immediately said "Taiwan is China" to me. That did not make me surprised, and I did not say anything to her. In May in Shanghai, it was 3 months before the Olympic games and the government of Shanghai was nervous about the protest of Tibet and afraid something happen during our world cup event. When I had talking with a woman of one of our staff about Tibet matter. She said "Tibet people are very bad". Even though 2 things were different matters but I felt something similar. Then I thought Taiwan should take part the WBC in China (Kevin you should visit Ping Tang with your team). It will give an opportunity for the people to think about those matters by facing the real. An international sport event of us can be a good chance to the people start thinking about the other countries through the communication in the citizen level. I think that it may be small but a great thing. Through Biketrial, I enjoyed staying Spain, France, Czech, Slovak, Singapore, Canada and USA, all countries where I have been and work with the event staff. And I got good friends there. Thanks to Biketrial!!! In my opinion, people never can be as one by ideology or the faith, but just for the sport we like. We can get together and help each other. I think that is enough and better than nothing is happen or nothing is done. Better cut off the politic thing which makes wall or trench. We must proud of WBC, EBC and APBC that we are communicate internationally through our sport and that is the best thing.

News No. 010 dated 07/12/2008

TAIWAN MATTER

We got a comment from Kevin about Taiwan matter. Following is our reply to him. We are only a sport organization with independence and we do not belong to any political parties and not against to any politic matters.

Dear Hiro,

We'll have last event of '08 at this Sunday. During the moment our riders and parents will meet together also.

Sorry to said, only one round of WBC next year in China.

As usual, we'll use Taiwan be our nation name but I guess it's should be problem for China organizer or government. Ensure our riders and Biketrial Taiwan Union rights in BIU is my responsibility wish your understanding of this situation of Taiwan. Probably it's not good timing to discuss but when you confirm everything of Ping-Tang WBC please don't forget this matter.

Sincerely yours,
Kevin

Dear Kevin,

It is very clear that we will adjust the politic situation in the host country. That is very important for the organizer because they will have the support from the government and they should follow the policy of the government. Without this, we cannot make anything. Do you understand? In the case if you host international event in your country, we will follow the policy of your government. Of course.

Sincerely yours,
Hiro

Dear Hiro,

It's really good answer. I forget China is not true freedom country. I am lucky not living there. Face to truth, what name will China can accept? China Taiwan, Chinese Taipei or Taiwan only? First one is 100% not truth situation as you know Taiwan aren't belong China and we can't accept it. Second one, we can accept it alike Olympic style. Third one – Taiwan, although it's true one because we are Taiwan Biketrial Union in BIU but China can't accept it. My suggestion, we using our BTU flag and name to participate '09 WBC. Or can you check to host guy in China what name we can use? Chinese Taipei or Biketrial Taiwan Union??

Regards,
Kevin

Dear Kevin,

As a country, Chinese Taipei is the best in this moment. Because both countries accept this name. As BIU, there will be no problem that you can bring the flag of Blketrial Taiwan Union. Because it is a federation in each area. I am thinking to introduce Taiwan (BTU) as Chinese Taipei in the presentation, not together with China. I think there will be no problem. Do you agree it? As I know about the history, Taiwan is never under China (my personal opinion), It is pity but as long as both countries having the problem, we have to respect both countries until the problem is solved.

Sincerely yours,
Hiro

We tell you that at the presentation of 2007 WBC in Itadori, they put both China and Taiwan Flags and both national anthems. Because the Gifu government did not mind it. But it depends up on the host countries that organize the WBC. We will follow the policy of the countries. If not, there will be no international competitions. And besides, we think that sport event is not right place to protest any politic matters.

News No. 009 dated 06/12/2008

2009 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

If you already have the event calendar of your national championship, riding school, etc. for 2009, please send it to BIU. Refer to the sample below for the details.

(Example)

Date	Name of the event/Round	Venue/city/district
XX/XX	XXX championship/round 1	XX/XX/XX
XX/XX	XXX championship/round 2	XX/XX/XX

News No. 008 dated 05/12/2008

DATE MATTER FOR 2009 WBC

Sorry for the delay. We are still forwarding the date matter. We hope it will be determined as soon as possible. Following is the correspondences with Jason. We are giving some advices to Ping Tang through Jason for this matter as follows. You can check them out!

Dear Hiro

Last Meeting, Ping Tang mentioned 18 August, but they must have a

meeting for the date, and I am waiting their result.

Best Regards

Jason

Dear Jason,

If without thinking about Canada, 18th August is not bad. The delay makes getting difficult to decide the date. My request is 30th August. Because we will have enough time to prepare the event. Or may be the last in July. But any way, Ping Tang can take the best date for them and for all.

Sincerely yours,

Hiro

Dear Hiro

That's what I am think about, more late than Canada or more early than is better. How do you think about 18 july? For it's 18th WBC.

Best Regards

Jason

Dear Jason,

Some countries in the world, the Summer holiday begins after 25th July. If before the date, many kids cannot come to the competitions. 25th-26th is the only opportunity in July.

Sincerely yours,

Hiro

Dear Hiro

Thanks for the information. I will suggest Ping Tang about this. Seems in August is more better.

Best Regards

Jason

News No. 007 dated 04/12/2008

TV PROGRAM OF 2008 PING TANG WORLD CUP

The DVD has arrived from China. The contents were checked already. It is a very nice TV program. BIU information CD and DVD will be sent to delegates on next Monday in our plan. The work is going on well. And of course the Chinese TV program from Jason will be included.

News No. 006 dated 03/12/2008

BIU AGREEMENT FOR 2009 WBC

Good news! We received the BIU agreement for 2009 WBC from China yesterday. The date of the event is the only left to decide.

News No. 005 dated 03/12/2008

MAIL FROM THE FATHER OF BIKETRIAL

As we are the organization to succeed Biketrial sport, getting support from Mr. Pere Pi is very important for us. Also many thanks to Monty for supporting our sport a lot in many ways since the beginning of BIU.

Dear Hiroshi Hirano,

After the last BIU elections in November, your person was elected for the next 2 years. I and Monty congratulate and give you our support as BIU President.

Monty-Pere Pi

News No. 004 dated 03/12/2008

DATE OF 2009 WBC

Jason is forwarding to get the date of the event. Ping Tang will decide it soon. So please

wait a little bit more.

Dear Jason,

How is the date schedule going? Is it possible to decide the date in this week?

Sincerely yours,
Hiro

Dear Hiro

Today I have told Ping Tang about the Canada competition date, and advice them the best date is a week after this. They will discuss about it, and told me when they got a result. I will told Ping Tang to be quick.

Best Regards
Jason

News No. 003 dated 02/12/2008

OFFICIAL RELEASE FROM THE BIU GENERAL SECRETARY

Dear all,

Just to be 100% formal:

After receiving your kind comments and nothing against the candidature of Mr. Hiroshi Hirano, this statement is to officially communicate to all delegates the election of candidate Hiroshi Hirano as President of the BIU.

Yours faithfully,
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News No. 002 dated 02/12/2008

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL RULES(23)

We have been making discussion about rules m during in November. Thanks for your opinions. Once again, you can check all subjects we had this time as follows. The subjects colored in black were finished discussing. The subject colored in blue (B-2), we still need your opinions and we will extend the term one more week (till 8/December). The subjects colored in red were not discussed this time because they were solved before opening the discussion or we had already discussed same subjects last year.

A-1 "Modification of Constructor rules."

A-2 "Raise sanctioning fee of WBC."

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. Pre-inscription will be welcome (with payment from each national organization). Each selection loses money in case of non attendance o by each inscribed rider not present (or something like that). Spain had lost a lot of money paying full insurance for many inscribed foreign riders that didn't attend Frías (2008 WBC Spain)."

A-5 "Rules have to clarify what is expected about accidents insurance for riders. For instance, Japan insurance was absolutely nothing when a rider takes two visits for an accident during the race and needed some stitches in his mouth. Rider was obliged to pay by himself three invoices!!! Spanish insurance had paid it later on, but that's not acceptable."

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?"

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..."

A-8 "It will be suitable that Elite could stay for 3 years before demotion. Now it's easier to control."

A-9 "Once again, people ask us to give in the rules the double possibility for clothing: long pants OR short pants with protections."

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.":

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

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

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

B-5 "The front wheel flying over a stake of the section. (The opinion) It is misjudged with 5 points according to how to make the section. This should make the rule clear."

Extra subject requested from Brian.

"Got 5 penalty points by a wheel fly over the ribbon and a dabbing same time in EBC".

News No. 001 dated 01/12/2008