



# CONSTITUTION FOR NORDIC CYCLING

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## § 1 Members

Nordic Cycling (NC) is an association of the member federations of the International Cycling Union (UCI) from the Nordic and Baltic countries in accordance with the UN terminology.

Memberships to new members is granted by the Annual General Meeting following an application and with the same procedure as concerns changes to this Constitution.

## § 2 Name of the association

The name of the association is Nordic Cycling, and its abbreviation is NC.

## § 3 Purpose

– NC shall continue to be an association of the cycling federations in the Nordic and Baltic countries and promote collaboration and development of cycling in these countries.

– NC shall at its Annual General Meeting discuss current and recurring issues within the UCI (doping, ProTour etc.), with the goal of communicating its position or support to the UCI and UEC.

– NC members shall give an oral report of the activities in the country in question at the Annual General Meeting.

– The NC Annual General Meeting shall provide a platform for discussion about ideas and experiences.

– The NC Committees shall, in accordance with the NC Constitution, be responsible for organizing the Nordic Championships on an annual basis.

NC shall in addition

– function as a discussion forum on international questions.

– promote harmonized rules of competition between its members, particularly for young riders

– make decisions about the organization of Nordic Championships for cycling

– promote more exchange of riders between its members in all classes of competition, particularly for young riders

– in general, promote communication and collaboration in matters of shared interest.

#### § 4 Authoritative bodies

The Board of Directors is the highest authoritative body in the NC.

Running matters of the NC are handled by Executive Committee.

#### § 5 Operating and fiscal year and Board term

The operating and fiscal year of the NC runs from 1 January to 31 December.

The term of the Board runs from one Annual General Meeting to the next. The board will be elected for a period of 3 years, so will the Executive Committee.

#### § 6 Decisions

Decisions within the NC are made by acclamation or through voting.

Voting is carried out openly, except when requested by anyone who is eligible to vote.

Matters of substance are decided by an absolute majority. Elections are decided by simple majority. Special rules are in force concerning changes to the Constitution (§ 27) and dissolution of the NC (§ 28).

In case of a tie, the decision is made by drawing lots.

#### § 7 General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting is held annually in conjunction with the Congress of the European Cycling Union, UEC, but the Board may also decide to hold the meeting at a different time.

An Extraordinary General Meeting is held if the Board so decides or when requested by at least two members of the NC.

#### § 8 Notice

Notice of an Annual General Meeting shall be sent at least a month in advance and of an Extraordinary General Meeting at least 14 days before said Meeting.

#### § 9 Documents

The agenda together with annual report and accounts as well as motions received shall be sent to the NC members at latest 14 days before the Annual General Meeting, and the agenda and documents for an Extraordinary General Meeting at least 7 days before said Meeting.

## § 10 Delegates and voting

Each member federation is represented by its President at the General Meetings.

A member federation may authorize a different delegate to vote for the federation.

One vote pr. country. Only countries represented may vote.

## § 11 Quorum

A General Meeting has the power to make decisions when at least 50% of the members-federations are represented.

## § 12 Agenda

The following items are on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting

1. Opening of the Meeting by the Chair of the Board
2. Confirmation of voting delegates
3. Deciding on a Chair for the Annual General Meeting
3. The Board's Annual Report for the past operating year
4. The Board's Accounts for the past operating year
5. Auditor's Report
6. Decision on NC membership fees for the following fiscal year and championship event fees for the following fiscal
7. Establishing the budget for the following fiscal year
8. Approval of the Nordic Championships
9. Motions from the Board and committees
10. Confirm the NC Board of Directors for the current operating year.
11. Every third year election of the Chair country which is also the coordinating country-for the following-3 years term
12. Every third year election of the next Chair country. 3 years term.
13. Election of NC Executive committee for three years at a time.  
(the chair country representative, the next chair country representative and two extra representatives by election.)
14. Decision on the time and place for the next Annual General Meeting
15. Other matters
16. Closing of the Meeting

At an Extraordinary General Meeting, only matters included in the Agenda for said meeting are admissible.

### § 13 Board and Executive Committee

The Board of Directors consists of the member federations President or an international representative.

The position as chairman of the Board and Executive Committee and NC Coordinator shall be held by each member nation for three years at a time in a rotation.

Decided by the election on the annual general meeting.

Election years 2022, 2025, 2028, 2031, etc

The chair country and its president will hold the role as NC Coordinator. The role as coordinator can be delegated to someone else from the federation or by authorization from the federation. In that case, expenses with this extra person(s) must be covered by the chair country. A person from a member nation elected to the UCI Management Committee or the UEC Management board

– always attend the meetings in Nordic Cycling.

The Executive Committee consists of the President of the chair country (acting as the chairman of Nordic cycling) and the president of the next chair country plus two other elected members. The role in the Executive Committee is related to the role and not to the person. Each national federation can decide to let them be represented by another person than their own president. The representatives must have the power to speak and vote on behalf of his/her country.

The Board is committed to

- lead the activities of the NC in accordance with this Constitution as well as competition rules and other regulations
- administer the assets of the NC
- see to that championship events are organized
- write an Annual Report and Accounts of the NC
- seek to prevent that international competitions are not organized simultaneously by the member federations
- in general, advance communication and collaboration between the member federations in matters of common interest

The Board shall meet annually in connection with the Annual General Meeting and additionally at the initiative of the NC Coordinator or when requested by at least two members federations, at least 2 times a year.

The Board has the power to make decisions when at least 50 percent of member federations are represented.

#### § 14 Daily management

Between Board meetings it is the duty of the Chair Country/Coordinator to carry out duties of the Board in accordance with this Constitution and instructions of the Board and to prepare matters for the General Meeting and to carry out General Meeting decisions.

#### § 15 Duties of the Committees

The Annual General Meeting appoints presidents of the NC Committees, whereas member federations other than that of the Committee president shall appoint a delegate to each Committee. Each member nation is required to communicate the name and contact information of its delegate to the Committee president.

Each Committee is obliged to:

- see to that Nordic Championship events are organized annually

The delegate from the organizing nation shall see to that an organizer and a Commissaires' Panel are appointed. The organizing nation is liable for the expenses of the Commissaires' Panel. A 10% share of the participation fees is payable to the federation of the organizing country while the rest belongs to the organizer.

- Seek to prevent that international competitions are not organized simultaneously by the member federations

- make sure that the competitions are on the UCI calendar

- in general, advance communication and collaboration between the member federations in matters of common interest.

Committees shall keep minutes of their meetings.

#### § 16 Fees

An annual NC membership fee decided by the Annual General Meeting shall be payable at latest by 1 October in the fiscal year in question.

An organization fee for championship events shall be payable at latest a month after the end of the event in question.

#### § 17 Audit

An Auditor, within Nordic Cycling, appointed by the Annual General Meeting shall conduct an audit into the administration and finances of the Federation.

An Auditor's Report shall be produced to the Board by the Annual General Meeting.

#### § 18 Championship events

Nordic Championship competition events are organized by member federations in turn and

in accordance with competition rules decided by a General Meeting.

Athletes from NC member federations are eligible to participate.

The organizing nation is liable for the expenses of the Commissaires' Panel. A 10% share of the participation fees are payable to the federation of the organizing country while the rest belongs to the organizer.

The member federations may not organize an international competition at the same time and in the same discipline as a Nordic Championship competition for the class in question.

#### § 19 Information

The member federations are required to send the national competition calendar and the periodical publication of the federation without delay to the NC Commission for each discipline.

#### § 20 Changes of Constitution

Changes to this Constitution require a decision of the Annual General Meeting with a majority of at least 2/3 of the votes cast.

A decision changing this Constitution enters into force immediately.

#### § 21 Dissolution of the Nordic Cycling

Dissolution of the NC requires unanimous decisions of two Annual General Meetings with an interval of two years.

The assets of the Federation are to be divided equally between the member federations.

#### § 22 Languages of the Constitution

This Constitution has been approved in one version: English.