

Softrides and other beam designed bikes

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Hi all –

Just for clarification, because the ITU Competition Rules do not have a clear description or illustration of bicycles allowed in AG competition I can confirm the ITU is taking the following position:

Firstly, it is not up to the TD to allow these bikes anymore. Without the approval of the ITU TC, non traditional bicycles cannot start.

Secondly, we are not going to open the door to these bicycles, without first conducting a wide survey and discussions among our members and the manufacturers. Although an application can come to us through the non traditional bicycles approval process, we are not going to allow them.

There is a plan from 2017 to start looking into this, and create the rules frame around it.

Therefore bikes that look like this are not allowed:



They have neither a true diamond or triangle so is considered non-traditional

At the Edmonton Grand Final we disallowed at least three and sent athletes to purchase new bikes.

“The frame of the bike shall be of a traditional pattern, i.e., built around a closed frame of straight or tapered tubular elements, (which may be round, oval, flattened, teardrop shaped or otherwise in cross-section) Bikes built around a diamond shape (no saddle down tube) or with a rear triangle which does not connect at the top of the down tube/top tube section are considered acceptable.”

Hope this clarifies the ruling. Thanks to Terry Hooper (SK) and Andrew Armstrong (BC) for pushing for this clarification. Please send this to your membership.

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