



## **Age Related Masters Racing**

Following the decision taken at last year's Congress to introduce Masters age related categories in the National Veterans RR and TT and also Hill Climb, the Board set up a representative group to consider the implementation of this. The group consulted with the Track, BMX, Off Road and Women's Commissions in order to see how such a proposal i.e. age related championships would impact in their disciplines. Some of them already work in age related categories. As the result, from 2015 CI will recognise the following bands for the Road, TT, Track and Hill Climb Championships.

M30 Male riders in the 30 to 39 age group (Within CI applies to BMX and MTB only)

M40 Male riders in the 40 to 49 age group

M50 Male riders in the 50 to 59 age group

M60 Male riders 60 and over.

The following should be noted.

Age in respect of category is found by subtracting the year of birth from the current year.

The holding of the M50 and M60 Championships will be subject to a minimum of 6 entrants.

The other Championships will be subject to a minimum of 12 entrants.

There will be no amalgamation of age bands, if the championship does not attract the minimum number of entrants it will be cancelled.

These age related categories are optional categories and must be specifically requested on a rider's initial annual licence application. Otherwise a rider of 40 or over will be issued with a Senior licence.

A male rider of 40 or over requesting the appropriate age related licence will not be able to revert back to Senior in subsequent years.

A rider of 40 or over wishing to ride the International Track Meeting, National Senior Track Championships, Ras or the National Senior RR / TT Championship must have UCI Category "Elite" on their licence. Similarly a rider of 40 or over wishing to ride the appropriate age related National Masters Championships must have CI Category "Master" (M40, M50 or M60) on their licence.

Hence a rider wishing to ride any UCI event must have the appropriate UCI category shown on their licence and this category will not be relevant to domestic events in which they must have the appropriate CI category e.g. a rider of 40 or over wishing to ride the Ras and the Masters

Championship would require UCI Category "Elite" and CI Category "Master". Or in the track context a rider wishing to ride the International Track Meeting and the CI Masters Championships would require UCI Category "Elite" and CI Category "Master".

An M30 rider who wishes to partake in any Senior/Elite National Championship which accrues UCI points would similarly need "Elite" as their UCI Category.

Masters will still be allocated A1, A2 etc. as appropriate depending on the points acquired however the following exceptions will apply, M40s on reaching 46 and M50 riders may apply for an A2 or an A3 licence with zero points in their initial annual licence application. M60s riders may apply for an A2, A3 or A4 licence with zero points in their initial annual licence application. However there are conditions relating to upgrading of these licences as detailed in the Technical Regulations.

It is intended to have the Master's Championships available for promotion as a bundle without a fixed circulation around the 4 Provinces but a promoter will have to take the M40, M50 and M60 Road Race Championships or TT Championships or may in fact take all 6 events as a bundle.

Distances for the RR Championships for male Masters will be nominally 120, 90 & 80 km. In respect of the TTs, distances will be 40km for all male Masters.

The Board will be reviewing the issue of National Championship jerseys during 2015.