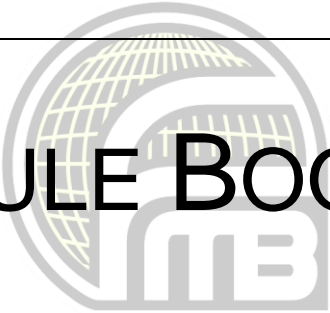




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## Preamble

*The FMBA is the world governing body for the sport of freeride mountain biking. The FMBA was founded in 2010 and is registered as a non-profit organization in Munich, Germany. The FMBA promotes Mountain Bike Freeride Sports which comprises the development, governance and structure for freeride disciplines: Dirt Jump, Park, Slopestyle, Big Mountain. The main objective of the FMBA is to continuously develop and support the progression of the sport, athletes and events. The FMBA owns and administers the FMB World Tour.*

The FMB World Tour is the official international circuit of amateur and professional Freeride Mountain Bike competitions in the disciplines Dirt Jump, Big Air, Slopestyle and Big Mountain governed by the Freeride Mountain Bike Association e.V. („FMBA“). The FMBA sanctions events, which are part of the FMB World Tour, in 4 different categories: Diamond, Gold, Silver, Bronze. The Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship (SWC) is the highest echelon of the Slopestyle sport and determines the annual Slopestyle World Champion. Athletes must compete at Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze Events on the FMB World Tour, collecting points for the FMB World Ranking, in order to qualify for the SWC. The FMB World Ranking is a roll-over ranking system, which considers the three best results of each athlete in the past 52 weeks.

## 1. General Provision FMB World Tour

### 1.1. FMBA Rules

All Event Hosts and Athletes participating in the FMB World Tour are subject to the jurisdiction of the FMBA and shall comply with, be bound by and conduct the participation as Event or as Athlete in accordance with the FMBA Rules:

- FMB World Tour Rule Book
- FMBA By-Laws
- FMB World Tour TCs
- Event Licensing Agreement

### 1.2. FMB World Tour Season

The FMB World Tour season starts on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.

### 1.3. FMB World Tour Events

Any participation in the FMB World Tour as Event, in particular to be included in the FMB World Tour Calendar as official tour stop of the FMB World Tour, requires a valid FMB World Tour Event License granted by the FMBA to the Event Host as outlined in 2.1 and the FMB World Tour TCs.

### 1.3.1. Category of Events

FMB World Tour events are classified in four categories:

- FMB World Tour Diamond Events
- FMB World Tour Gold Events
- FMB World Tour Silver Events
- FMB World Tour Bronze Events

Each category stands for a specific set of criteria that reflect the quality and sportive level of the respective event. The four categories span a path from grassroots, regional events, and athletes to practice their skills (Bronze) via proving grounds on a National to International scale (Silver) over International top tier qualifying events (Gold) to the global pinnacle events for the world's elite athletes (Diamond).

**FMB Diamond Events:** are an international level event that hosts the top professional athletes within the sport of Slopestyle. Diamond level events are the pinnacle of the sport, and all event requirements are in line with attracting and supporting these top professional athletes at this level. Diamond level events attract a wider onsite audience and a global online audience.

**FMB Gold Events:** are an international level event. Gold events attract higher level professional athletes so points, prize money, onsite support and event coverage is positioned accordingly. Gold level events appeal to a regional audience onsite and a global audience online.

**FMB World Tour Silver Events:** are intended to be a national or international level event. It is aimed at up-and-coming professional riders. Points and prize money awarded at a Silver event, are reflective of the level of athletes this event aims to attract.

**FMB World Tour Bronze Events:** are intended to be a grassroots / entry level event. It is aimed at amateur riders who are getting into the sport. This is a regional level event.

NOTE: FMB Recognized National Championships are not a category of event but are a level of sanctioning.

FMB Recognized National Championships follow all Silver Level Event rules and regulations. Exception is the competition eligibility and access rules for athletes, outlined in section 2.2.

### 1.3.2. FMB World Tour Calendar

The FMB World Tour Calendar is the official competition schedule of licensed Events. The FMBA provides the overall organization and communication of the FMB World Tour through coordination of the international calendar, communication to Athletes and media. The FMB World Tour calendar is available from the FMBA office and the FMBA website.

The scheduling of the FMB World Tour Calendar is subject to the following directives

- On a weekend of a Diamond Event no other Diamond or Gold Event shall be part of the FMB World Tour Calendar worldwide.
- On a weekend of a Gold Event no other Gold Event shall be part of the FMB World Tour Calendar worldwide.
- On a weekend of a Silver Event no other Silver Event shall be part of the FMB World Tour Calendar nationwide.
- Events that have been part of the FMB World Tour in the previous year in the Categories Gold or Diamond do have the privilege of this date for the following season as long as they comply with the requirements of the same Event Category as in the previous year.
- Existing Event names need to be respected from other Events. Naming conflicts of events will be reviewed by the FMBA on a case-by-case basis. New Events with naming conflicts to existing FMB World Tour Events might need to change their Event name in order to be integrated in the FMB World Tour Calendar.

## **1.4. FMB World Tour Athletes**

Any participation in the FMB World Tour as Athlete, in particular to be included in the FMB World Tour and to be in the position to gain FMB World Tour Ranking Points, requires a valid FMB World Tour Athlete License granted by the FMBA to the Athlete as outlined in 4.1 and the FMB World Tour TCs.

Only Athletes with a current FMB World Tour License can enter FMB Diamond, Gold and Silver events (Wild Card regulations exempt) and are ranked on the FMB World ranking and on the Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship standings. For Bronze events only, athletes may register for the FMB Free Amateur License. Athletes with a FMB World Tour License can also enter Bronze competitions (priority access) and will be ranked on the FMB World ranking.

### **1.4.1. Competition Categories**

The FMB recognizes and sanctions the following categories:

- Open Men
- Open Women

**Age Eligibility:** Both categories have a minimum age of 13 years old (determined by the year of birth/age as of December 31 of the current year the event takes place).

**Gender Eligibility:** Athletes are required to compete in the gender category that matches their gender listed on their government issued ID. Athletes will submit their government issued ID when purchasing their FMB License each year. Event Hosts are encouraged, but not required, to host both an Open Men's and Open Women's category at their FMB-sanctioned event. Athletes will only receive FMB World Tour points if they compete in the category that is associated with their FMB Athlete License.

Event Hosts are able to have additional categories at their event, however the results from those categories are not recognized by the FMB.



Subject to FMB approval, Event Hosts may raise the minimum age for a category due to insurance requirements.

## **1.5. FMB Rankings**

### **1.5.1. General**

The FMB World Tour publishes the following rankings:

- FMB World Ranking
- Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship Standings (SWC)
- Gold Cup Standings
- FMBA Red Bull Rookie Rankings
- National Standings (for countries hosting a National Championship only)

Only Athletes with a current FMB World Tour License are considered for ranking points at FMB World Tour Events. Ranking points are only awarded if an athlete actually participates in one of the competition rounds (Qualifications and/or Finals). Athletes that get injured during practice for the event don't get ranking points awarded.

The FMB ranking points for the different Event Categories and ranking positions are outlined in Appendix II.

### **1.5.2. FMB World Ranking**

The FMB World Ranking is based on a 52-week rolling period. Only athletes with a World Tour License are considered for the FMB World Ranking.

An athlete's position on the FMB World Ranking is determined by his best three results (Diamond, Gold, Silver, Bronze) within a 52-week period.

The FMB World Ranking is the basis for awarding starting places for Athletes at FMB World Tour Events as outlined in 2.2.

The FMB World Ranking is the basis to set the start order at FMB World Tour events. The start order shall be reversed order of FMB World Ranking of the week the event takes place. Any ties in the starting order shall be broken by the direct comparison of the athletes at the last event where the athletes competed against each other. The better-placed athlete gets advantage and the higher start number.

The FMB World Ranking update runs every Monday at 3:00pm CET and is published on the FMB World Tour website.

### **1.5.3. Slopestyle World Championship (SWC) Standings**

The Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship (SWC) begins with the first SWC event of the current FMB World Tour Season (Crankworx Rotorua) and ends with the SWC final event (Red Bull Joyride at Crankworx Whistler).

Only athletes with a World Tour License are included in the SWC standings. The Slopestyle World Championship Standings are updated after every stop and are published on the FMB World Tour website.

All SWC event results of the current season count for the Slopestyle World Championship Standings.

The annual Slopestyle World Champion is crowned at the final event of the SWC season, Red Bull Joyride at Crankworx Whistler.

The top 5 ranked male athletes and top 2 ranked female athletes from the SWC final standings will be prequalified to enter all Crankworx FMBA SWC events of the next Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship season. These athletes are referred to as PQ SWC (Pre-Qualified SWC) athletes.

#### **1.5.4. Gold Cup Standings**

The Gold Cup is a series comprised of all sanctioned Gold Level events in the current FMB calendar year. The Gold Cup Standings ranks athletes according to their total score based on;

- An athletes' best three (3) Gold Event results if there are five (5) or less Gold events in the current season
- An athletes' best four (4) Gold Event results if there are six (6) or more Gold events in the current season

Only athletes with a World Tour license are included in the Gold Cup Standings. The Gold Cup Standings are updated after every Gold Event and are published on the FMB World Tour website.

**NOTE:** There must be 3 or more Gold Level events for a competition category within a season for the Gold Cup Standings to be in effect and to be able to award Pre-Qualified Gold Cup and Golden Ticket awards. Example: if there are only 2 Gold Level events with the women's category, the Gold Cup Standings for women will not be available.

The top 4 male athletes from the Gold Cup final standings will receive the following:

- The top ranked male athlete based on the Gold Cup final standings will be prequalified to enter all Crankworx FMBA SWC events of the next Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship season. This athlete is referred to as PQ GC (Pre-Qualified Gold Cup) athlete.
- The next top 3 ranked male athletes will each receive 1 x guaranteed entry (referred to as a Golden Ticket) to 1 x SWC event in the next season (excluding the last SWC event of the season). Only one Golden Ticket per SWC event is permitted. Selection for which athlete will attend each SWC event will be through a draft format in order of rank based on the Gold Cup final standings following the last Gold event of the season.

If one of the Top 4 Gold Cup male athletes is already PQ'd as part of the top 5 from the SWC final standings, eligibility goes to the next ranked rider on the Gold Cup final standings. Athletes cannot pass on their Golden Ticket to another athlete, and if a ticket is not redeemed within the next FMB World Tour season, it expires.

The top 4 female athletes from the Gold Cup final standings will receive the following:

- The top ranked female athlete based on the Gold Cup final standings will be prequalified to enter all Crankworx FMBA SWC events of the next Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship season. This athlete is referred to as PQ GC (Pre-Qualified Gold Cup) athlete.
- The next top 3 ranked female athletes will each receive 1 x guaranteed entry (referred to as a Golden Ticket) to 1 x SWC event in the next season (excluding the last SWC event of the season). Only one Golden Ticket per SWC event is permitted. Selection for which athlete will attend each SWC event will be through a draft format in order of rank based on the Gold Cup final standings following the last Gold event of the season.

If one of the Top 4 Gold Cup female athletes is already PQ'd as part of the top 2 from the SWC final standings, eligibility goes to the next ranked rider on the Gold Cup final standings. Athletes cannot pass on their Golden Ticket to another athlete, and if a ticket is not redeemed within the next FMB World Tour season, it expires.

### **1.5.5. FMBA Red Bull Rookie Standings**

The FMBA Red Bull Rookie Standings are a seasonal ranking considering athletes with either a World Tour License or an Amateur License. To be eligible for the Rookie Standings an athlete must be between the ages of 16 – 25 years old of the current calendar year.

Rookie Rankings are comprised of an athletes' total score from their best three results from Gold, Silver and/or Bronze events in the current calendar year.

The Rookie Standings are updated after every stop and are published on the FMB World Tour website.

### **1.5.6. National Standings**

When the FMBA sanctions a National Championship event in a specific country, the FMBA will create and maintain a National Standings for that country only. The National Standings will only include riders ranked on the FMBA World Tour Ranking who reside in that country, according to their FMBA Member License.

### **1.5.7. Injured Rider Protocol**

Under the "Injured Rider Protocol" a rider can request to freeze the points on the FMB World Ranking due to an injury. During the period of injury (injured status) and for a period of time after the rider has recovered from the injury and resumed competing (recovered status), the rider's points will be frozen. The rider will be

ranked based on these frozen points, allowing the rider to retain potential seeding/invitation rights as per (2.2). The following rules apply.

#### **1.5.7.1. Requesting Injured Rider Status**

To request injured rider status, a rider or their designated representative (e.g. coach) has to contact the FMBA Administration office ([riders@fmbworldtour.com](mailto:riders@fmbworldtour.com)) and provide a medical certificate in electronic form (pdf), signed by a medical doctor within 30 days from the date of injury. The medical certificate has to be in English and include the following information:

- Athlete Name
- Athlete Date of Birth
- Exact date the injury occurred
- Type of injury
- Approximate period of recovery
- Doctor Name / Signature

The rider's injury request will be reviewed by FMBA Administration. On acceptance of the request, the rider will be granted injured rider status and their status set to "injured". Injuries have to be reported immediately when the rider notices that his/her ability to compete will be impacted for a longer period of time. Injury requests which are submitted weeks or months after the actual injury occurred do not have to be accepted but will be reviewed. FMBA Administration has the right to deny requests from riders if the injury is considered marginal or short-term.

#### **1.5.7.2. Frozen Points / Frozen Status**

The ranking points value a rider is ranked on at the time of injury will be frozen when the injury status is enacted. A rider ranked on frozen points is considered having a "frozen status", either "injured" or "recovered". The frozen points determined at time of injury are called the "initial frozen points".

If the rider status 52 weeks after the injury is still "injured" or "recovered", the rider's frozen points will be reduced by 50%, regardless of his/her frozen status. This points value is called the "reduced frozen points". For as long as the rider remains in frozen status, he/she will be ranked based on the reduced frozen points.

During the period of injury or recovery, a rider's ranking position will be calculated using either his/her initial or reduced frozen points.

#### **1.5.7.3. Period of Injury / Injured Status**

A rider's injury status will be enacted on Monday of the week the injury occurred as stated in the medical certificate. The date when the status is enacted is called the "initial injured status date". This date also marks the start of the injury period. A rider's FMB World Ranking points as of the week of the initial injured status date will be frozen and the duration of the rider's injury period will be calculated from that date onwards.

During the injury period, the rider status will be “injured”, indicated on his listing on the FMB World Ranking with a prefix “ \* ”. A rider's ranking position on the FMB World Ranking will be calculated based on the frozen points. The injury period of a rider shall last a maximum of 52 weeks from the initial injured status date. If a rider does not resume competing within 52 weeks, his/her status will be automatically changed from “Injured” to “Recovered” and the rider's frozen points will be reduced by 50%.

#### **1.5.7.4. *Period of Recovery / Recovered Status***

A rider's recovery status will be enacted if

A rider resumes competing within 52 weeks since the injured status was set. This is the case when the rider is listed with a final placement on a competition result submitted by the event host. Participating in a practice session, being listed on the start list of a competition, or being listed on the result of a competition with no rank but status DNS does not result in a status change.

52 weeks have passed since the initial injured status date.

The rider declares him/herself as recovered.

- The date when the status is enacted is called the “initial recovered status date”. This date usually is the date of the Monday of the week immediately following the date of the event the rider competed in or the 52nd Monday following the initial injured status date.

During the recovery period, the rider status will be “recovered”, indicated on his listing on the FMB World Ranking with a prefix “ + ”. The recovery period of a rider shall last a maximum of 52 weeks from the initial recovered status date.

A rider will continue to be ranked based on his/her initial or reduced frozen points during the recovery period until one of the following conditions applies. The check takes place on every recurring update of the FMB World Ranking.

- A. 52 weeks have passed since the rider's frozen status was changed from injured to recovered
- B. The rider's ranking points based on his current results are equal or higher than his/her frozen points (initial or reduced frozen points)
- C. The rider's current number of counting results equals the number of counting results required for the FMB World Ranking (currently 3 counting results are required)
- D. The rider requests to have his/her frozen points dropped

If any of the above conditions A-D applies during the rider's recovery period, the rider's frozen status will be dropped. The rider status will be changed to normal, the prefix “+” on the rankings will be removed and the rider will be ranked based on the points from his/her current results.

Note: A rider's “current results” are his/her results in any given week which are not older than 52 weeks looking back from the current date. A rider's “current number of counting results” refers to his/her best results in any given week.

## 2. FMB World Tour Competition Regulations

### 2.1. FMB World Tour Event Format

FMB World Tour events of the categories; Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze shall comply with the following event format regulations. The information about the final event format shall be submitted together with the Event Application Form.

#### 2.1.1. Competition Rounds

Generally, every Event shall consist of two Competition Rounds, 'Qualifications' and 'Finals'. FMB World Tour events are not allowed to hold Superfinals. Superfinals are understood as when a specific number of athletes in the Final round (e.g. the best 6 ranked athletes in Finals Round after 2<sup>nd</sup> run) are given an additional, 3<sup>rd</sup> run while the other athletes only get to do 2 runs.

FMB World Tour Diamond and Gold Events may host a Finals Round only. In that case, the Event host needs to request this at the time of event application and receive FMBA's approval in the signed Event License Agreement. The requirements listed below for the minimum number of athletes in a Finals Round only, refers to the number of accepted invitations 1 week out from the event. If an injured athlete withdraws and there are no alternates confirmed for the competition, then the injured athlete's starting position will not be filled and there may be less than the required number of athletes in Finals.

##### Diamond Level Events:

**Qualifications:** Diamond events require a minimum of sixteen (16) male athletes and eight (8) female athletes to be invited to the Qualifications Round.

**Finals Round:** When a Qualification Round is held prior to a Finals Round, the top ten (10) male athletes and top five (5) female athletes from Qualifications will advance to the Finals Round

**Finals Round Only:** In the case of an approved Finals Round only at a Diamond event, the following is required in order to be able to guarantee fair and proper access and judging over all athletes; a minimum of fourteen (14) male athletes and six (6) female athletes to be invited to the Finals Round only. Furthermore, the FMBA Judge Director needs to confirm on the judge panel of the respective event that is to only hold Finals Round.

##### Gold Level Events:

Gold events are strongly encouraged to hold a Qualification Round and a Finals Round.

**Qualifications:** Gold events require a minimum of twenty-five (25) male athletes and maximum of thirty (35) male athletes and a minimum of two (2) female athletes and a maximum of fifteen (15) female athletes

**Finals Round:** When a Qualification Round is held prior to a Finals Round, the top

fifteen (15) male athletes and top six (6) female athletes from Qualifications will advance to the Finals Round. This is a minimum requirement. An event host can opt to increase the number of athletes advancing from Qualifications to Finals.

Finals Round Only: In the case of an approved Finals Round only at a Gold event, the following is required in order to be able to guarantee fair and proper access and judging over all athletes; a minimum of twenty-five (25) male athletes and maximum of thirty (35) male athletes and a minimum of two (2) female athletes and a maximum of fifteen (15) female athletes. Furthermore, the FMBA Judge Director needs to confirm on the judge panel of the respective event that is to only hold Finals Round.

#### Silver and Bronze Level Events:

Event hosts can run either Qualifications and Finals or Finals Only.

Competition Eligibility rules only apply to the Competition Rounds (Qualifications and Finals). If an Event Host holds pre-qualifications to their event to determine wildcards, they must take place outside of the sanctioned FMB Event.

### **2.1.2. Qualification Round**

The Qualification Round determines the best athletes of the event that qualify for the Finals.

- Starting order shall be reversed order of the current FMB World Ranking
- Most expected format on the FMB World Tour is 2 runs per athlete, best run counts.
- However, an event host can suggest a format that makes sense for the event's specific characteristics (e.g. combined run scores, jam format ...).
- The event host must clearly communicate the format that is intended towards in their Event Application. The FMBA holds the right to approve the format.
- The host shall clearly communicate the format and how many athletes will advance from a previous competition round into the next round.
- Results must comply with Event Result Requirements (3.2.7)

Exception: Qualifications Round at Gold/Silver Events can be held as a jam format with no restricted number of runs. Results of jam formats also must comply with the Event Result Requirements (3.2.7).

### **2.1.3. Finals**

The Finals consist of the best athletes of the Qualification Round. The Finals determine the winner of the Event as well as the ranking of the best Athletes of the event.

- Starting order shall be reversed order of the Qualification results
- If the Event is a Finals Only format, starting order shall be reversed order of the current FMB World Tour Ranking
- The required format for Finals is 2 runs, best run counts.
- Results must comply with Event Result Requirements (3.2.7)

#### **Incomplete Rounds due to unforeseen events**

- See 3.2.7

#### **2.1.4. Seeding at FMB World Tour Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze Events**

Seeding is based on the FMB World Ranking as of the week of the event. The rider with the lowest FMB World Ranking position of all participants will start first and the rider with the highest FMB World Ranking position of all participants will start last. Riders without a FMB World Ranking position will start before all other riders. If there is more than 1 rider without a FMB World Ranking rank, the seeding positions beneath those will be assigned randomly.

#### **2.1.5. Seeding at Crankworx FMBA SWC Diamond Events**

For the first Crankworx FMBA SWC event of the season, seeding is based on the final SWC ranking of the previous season. For all other Crankworx FMBA SWC events of the current season, seeding is based on the SWC standings, as of the week of the event. The rider with the lowest SWC ranking position of all participants will start first and the rider with the highest SWC ranking position of all participants will start last. Participating athletes that do not have a SWC rank will be seeded before the athletes with a SWC rank. If there is more than one rider without a SWC rank, the seeding positions beneath those will be assigned according to their FMB World Ranking as of the week of the event.

#### **2.1.6. Procedure for replacing a withdrawn athlete from an event in progress:**

If Athletes who qualified for Finals due to their performance in Qualifications, withdraw or will be withdrawn from Finals (because of injury or similar), the Event Host can replace this position and grant the available starting place to the next ranked Athlete/s according to the decisive ranking of the Qualification results.

The special result requirements in 3.2.7 comply.

### **2.2. FMB World Tour Competition Eligibility and Access for Athletes**

The Event Host shall invite, guarantee starting places, and grant event access to athletes based on the following regulations for a Diamond, Gold, Silver, Bronze and National Championship Level.

Event Hosts that are subject to a qualified invitation process using the FMB World Tour Ranking as of 6 weeks out from the event:

- Are not obligated to continue the invitation process within 1 week of the first training session of their competition.
- Unfilled invitational starting positions cannot be filled by wildcards or open registration.
- Event Hosts are required to include the FMBA (riders@fmbworldtour.com) on the initial athlete invitations that go out 6 weeks prior to the event and keep the



FMBA Administration Team informed on the confirmed athlete line-up for the competition.

FMB World Tour licensed Athletes need to accept or decline their event invitation based on the FMB World Ranking within 10 days of receiving the invitation. After 10 days without a written response to the event host, the event invitation expires, and the event host is not obligated to reserve a starting place. The event host will then continue with invitations based on the determining World Tour Ranking.

### FMB World Tour Diamond Events:

- Only FMB World Tour licensed Athletes according to the invitation rules below are eligible to compete in FMB World Tour Diamond Events (see wildcard regulation for exceptions)
- Non-SWC Diamond Open Men Invitation Rules:
  - **Top 16 Athletes of FMB World Ranking:** calculated on Monday, 6 weeks prior to the event. The determining FMB World Tour Ranking for a Diamond event will only include the top 25 athletes. If athletes share a “bubble” position in the determining World Ranking (e.g. 2x 16<sup>th</sup> place) all of these athletes shall be invited. In this case the Event Host can either increase the overall number of starting places OR lower the amount of event Wildcards accordingly. All athletes will be qualified through the FMB World Ranking 6 weeks prior to the event (except for Event Wildcards).
  - **Event Wildcards:** Every FMB World Tour Diamond Event has the option of a maximum of 5 event wildcards to invite additional athletes that are not part of the regulations above. Wildcards need to have a FMB World Tour License. Increasing the number of wildcards requires approval from the FMBA. Event hosts shall contact FMBA no later than 8 weeks prior to the event to get confirmation for additional event wildcards. If any of the event wildcard athletes withdraw from their competition invite, the event host can select an alternate event wildcard athlete.
- Non-SWC Diamond Open Women Invitation Rules:
  - **Top 8 Athletes of FMB World Ranking with a Minimum of 500 points** - calculated on Monday, 6 weeks prior to the event. If athletes share a “bubble” position in the determining World Ranking (e.g. 2x 8<sup>th</sup> place) all of these athletes shall be invited. In this case the Event Host can either increase the overall number of starting places OR lower the amount of event wildcards accordingly. All athletes will be qualified through the FMB World Ranking 6 weeks prior to the event (except for Event Wildcards).
  - **Event Wildcards:** Every FMB World Tour Diamond Event has the option of a maximum of 3 event wildcards to invite additional athletes that are not part of the regulations above. Wildcards need to have a FMB World Tour License. Increasing the number of wildcards requires approval from the FMBA. Event hosts shall contact FMBA no later than 8 weeks prior to the event to get confirmation for additional event wildcards). If any of the event wildcard athletes withdraw from their competition invite, the event host can select an alternate event wildcard athlete.

- Crankworx FMBA SWC Open Men Invitation Rules:
  - **16 Athletes:**
    - **5 Pre-Qualified Crankworx FMBA SWC Athletes (PQ SWC):** The top 5 athletes from the SWC final standings of the previous season are prequalified to enter all Crankworx FMBA SWC events of the next Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship season. These athletes are referred to as PQ SWC (Pre-Qualified SWC) athletes.
    - **1 Pre-Qualified Gold Cup Athlete (PQ GC):** The top ranked athlete from the Gold Cup final standings of the previous season is prequalified to enter all Crankworx FMBA SWC events of the next Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship season. This athlete is referred to as PQ GC (Pre-Qualified Gold Cup) athlete.
    - **1 Golden Ticket:** One of the top 4 ranked athletes from the Gold Cup final standings of the previous season will receive a guaranteed entry (referred to as a Golden Ticket) to one (1) Crankworx FMBA SWC event of their choice using a draft format for the next season. The last SWC event of the season (typically Red Bull Joyride) is excluded from the Golden Ticket and does not apply.
      - Please refer to Gold Cup Standings (section 1.5.4.) for full outline of Golden Ticket rules.
    - **Top 9 Athletes of FMB World Tour Ranking:** calculated on Monday, 6 weeks prior to the event - that are not already qualified for the event (through PQ SWC or PQ GC). The determining FMB World Tour Ranking for a Diamond event will only include the top 25 athletes. If athletes share a “bubble” position in the determining World Ranking (e.g. 2x 16th place) all of these athletes shall be invited. In this case the Event Host will increase the overall amount number of starting places and invite both athletes in the “bubble” position. **For events that will have an invited Red Bull Rookie of the Year athlete or a Gold Event Wildcard, the number of athletes invited from the FMB World Tour Ranking will be reduced accordingly.**
  - **Red Bull Rookie of the Year:** One invitation to a SWC event will be awarded to the Red Bull Rookie of the Year winner from the year prior. This athlete will only get an invitation to the first Crankworx FMBA SWC event of the current season and will be included among the sixteen (16) invited athletes. The Event Host will not increase the number of starting places.
  - **Gold Event Wildcards:** When a Gold event is scheduled 2-4 weeks prior to a Diamond event one to two wildcards will be awarded to the highest ranked riders from this Gold event that are not already qualified for the respective Diamond event. The wildcard event will be selected by the FMBA no later than February of the current calendar year. The Gold event wildcards will be included among the sixteen (16) athletes competing in Qualifications. The Event Host will not increase the number of starting places.
  - **Previous Crankworx Red Bull Joyride Event Winners:** Previous winners of Red Bull Joyride are given a lifetime exemption to compete at any Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship event. The

- Event Host will increase the overall number of starting places if the Athlete is not already qualified for the respective Crankworx FMBA SWC Diamond event.
- **Event Wildcards:** Every Crankworx FMBA SWC Diamond Event has the option of a maximum of 2 event wildcards to invite additional athletes that are not part of the regulations above. Wildcards need to have a FMB World Tour License. Increasing the number of wildcards requires approval from the FMBA. Event hosts shall contact FMBA no later than 8 weeks prior to the event to get confirmation for additional event wildcards). If any of the event wildcard athletes withdraw from their competition invite, the event host can select an alternate event wildcard athlete.
  - Crankworx FMBA SWC Open Women Invitation Rules:
    - **8 Athletes:**
      - **2 Pre-Qualified Crankworx FMBA SWC Athletes (PQ SWC):** The top 2 athletes from the SWC final standings of the previous season are prequalified to enter all Crankworx FMBA SWC events of the current Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship. These athletes are referred to as PQ SWC (Pre-Qualified SWC) athletes.
      - **1 Pre-Qualified Gold Cup Athlete (PQ GC):** The top ranked athlete from the Gold Cup final standings of the previous season is prequalified to enter all Crankworx FMBA SWC events of the current Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship. This athlete is referred to as PQ GC (Pre-Qualified Gold Cup) athlete
      - **Top 5 Athletes of FMB World Tour Ranking with a Minimum 500 points** - calculated on Monday, 6 weeks prior to the event -, that are not already qualified for the event (through PQ SWC or PQ GC). If athletes share a “bubble” position in the determining World Ranking (e.g. 2x 8<sup>th</sup> place) all of these athletes shall be invited. In this case the Event Host will increase the overall number of starting places and invite both athletes in the “bubble” position. For events that will have an invited Red Bull Rookie of the Year athlete or a Gold Event Wildcard, the number of athletes invited from the FMB World Tour Ranking will be reduced accordingly.
    - **Red Bull Rookie of the Year:** One invitation to a SWC event will be awarded to the Red Bull Rookie of the Year winner from the year prior. This athlete will only get an invitation to the first Crankworx FMBA SWC event of the current season and will be included among the sixteen (8) invited athletes. The Event Host will not increase the number of starting places.
    - **Gold Event Wildcards:** When a Gold event is scheduled 2-4 weeks prior to a Diamond event one to two wildcards will be awarded to the highest ranked riders from this Gold event that are not already qualified for the respective Diamond event. The wildcard event will be selected by the FMBA no later than February of the current calendar year. The Gold event wildcards will be included among the eight (8) athletes competing in Qualifications. The Event Host will not increase the number of starting places.

- **Previous Crankworx Red Bull Joyride Event Winners:** Previous winners of Red Bull Joyride are given a lifetime exemption to compete at any Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship event. The Event Host will increase the overall number of starting places if the Athlete is not already qualified for the respective Crankworx FMBA SWC Diamond event.
- **Event Wildcards:** Every Crankworx FMBA SWC Diamond Event has the option of a maximum of 2 event wildcards to invite additional athletes that are not part of the regulations above. Wildcards need to have a FMB World Tour License. Increasing the number of wildcards requires approval from the FMBA. Event hosts shall contact FMBA no later than 8 weeks prior to the event to get confirmation for additional event wildcards). If any of the event wildcard athletes withdraw from their competition invite, the event host can select an alternate event wildcard athlete. In the situation where not enough athletes qualify based on the regulations above, the Event Host may apply to the FMB to extend Event Wildcards invitations to athletes to fill the 6 required starting positions.

### FMB World Tour Gold Events:

- Only FMB World Tour License Athletes according to the invitation rules below are eligible to compete in FMB World Tour Gold Events (see wildcard regulation for exceptions)
- Open Men Invitation Rules:
  - **Top 25 Athletes of FMB World Ranking:** Invitation shall be made based on the FMB World Ranking (calculated on Monday, 6 weeks prior to the event). Event shall have a minimum of 25 starting places in the competition, not including potential event wildcards (see below). If any of the Top 25 ranked athletes decline their invitation, the Event Host is required to invite the next ranked athlete according to the ranking order of the determining FMB World Ranking for this event. If athletes share a “bubble” position in the determining World Ranking (e.g. 2 times 25<sup>th</sup> place) all of these athletes shall be invited. In this case the Event Host can either increase the overall number of starting places OR lower the amount of event wildcards accordingly.
  - **Event Wildcards:** Every Gold Event has a maximum of 10 wildcards to invite additional athletes that are not part of the regulations above. Wildcards can be awarded to licensed or non-licensed athletes. Increasing the number of wildcards requires approval from the FMBA. Event hosts shall contact FMBA not later than 8 weeks prior to the event to get confirmation for additional event wildcards). If any of the event wildcard athletes withdraws from his competition invite the event host can select an alternate athlete.
- Open Women Invitation Rules:
  - **Top 10 Athletes of FMB World Ranking with a Minimum of 300 points:** Invitation shall be made based on the FMB World Ranking (calculated on Monday, 6 weeks prior to the event). Event shall have a minimum of 20 starting places in the competition, not including potential event wildcards (see below). If any of the Top 20 ranked athletes decline

their invitation, the Event Host is required to invite the next ranked athlete according to the ranking order of the determining FMB World Ranking for this event. If athletes share a “bubble” position in the determining World Ranking (e.g. 2 times 20<sup>th</sup> place) all of these athletes shall be invited. In this case the Event Host can either increase the overall number of starting places OR lower the number of event Wildcards accordingly.

- **Event Wildcards:** Every Gold Event has a maximum of 5 wildcards to invite additional athletes that are not part of the regulations above. Wildcards can be awarded to licensed or non-licensed athletes. Increasing the number of wildcards requires approval from the FMBA. Event hosts shall contact FMBA not later than 8 weeks prior to the event to get confirmation for additional event wildcards). If any of the event wildcard athletes withdraws from his competition invite the event host can select an alternate athlete.

### **FMB World Tour Silver Events:**

- Only FMB World Tour License Athletes according to the invitation rules below are eligible to compete in FMB World Tour Silver Events (see wildcard regulation for exceptions)
- Open Men Invitation rules:
  - **10 x Reserved Entries:** Athletes ranked 11<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> place based on the FMB World Ranking (calculated on Monday, 6 weeks prior to the event), are entitled to ten (10) reserved entries on a first come first serve basis. Event Hosts are required to send out invitations to athletes ranked 11<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> based on the 6 week out World Ranking to notify these athletes that registration for the 10 Reserved Entries is open.
  - **Remaining Entries:** The FMB strongly recommends a minimum of 30 starting places in Qualifications. The remaining entries outside of the ten (10) Reserved Entries can be allocated at the Event Hosts' direction.
  - **Event Wildcards:** Every Silver Event has a maximum of 5 wildcards to invite additional athletes that are not part of the regulations above. Wildcards can be awarded to licensed or non-licensed athletes. Increasing the amount of wildcards requires approval from the FMBA. Event hosts shall contact FMBA not later than 8 weeks prior to the event to get confirmation for additional event wildcards). If any of the event wildcard athletes withdraws from his competition invite the event host can select an alternate athlete.
- Open Women Invitation rules:
  - **5 x Reserved Entries:** The top 15 athletes based on the FMB World Ranking (calculated on Monday, 6 weeks prior to the event), are entitled to five (5) reserved entries on a first come first serve basis. Event Hosts are required to send out invitations to the top 30 to notify these athletes that registration for the 5 Reserved Entries is open.
  - **Remaining Entries:** The FMB strongly recommends a minimum of 10 starting places in Qualifications. The remaining entries outside of the five (5) Reserved Entries can be allocated at the Event Hosts' direction.
  - **Event Wildcards:** Every Silver Event has a maximum of 3 wildcards to invite additional athletes that are not part of the regulations above. Wildcards can be awarded to licensed or non-licensed athletes. Increasing the amount of wildcards requires approval from the FMBA.

Event hosts shall contact FMBA not later than 8 weeks prior to the event to get confirmation for additional event wildcards). If any of the event wildcard athletes withdraws from his competition invite the event host can select an alternate athlete.

### **FMB World Tour Bronze Events:**

- FMB World Tour Licensed Athletes and FMB Amateur Licensed Athletes are eligible to compete in FMB World Tour Bronze Events (see wildcard regulation for exceptions)
- Open Men Participation Rules:
  - **General Entry:** Event Hosts are entitled to set-up an open registration system.
  - **Event Wildcards:** No wildcards are permitted for un-licensed athletes
- Open Women Participation Rules:
  - **General Entry:** Event Hosts are entitled to set-up an open registration system.
  - **Event Wildcards:** No wildcards are permitted for un-licensed athletes

### **FMB Recognized National Championships:**

- Only FMB World Tour License Athletes according to the invitation rules below are eligible to compete at an FMB Recognized National Championship event.
- FMB Recognized National Championships must sanction both an Open Men and Open Women category.
- Open Men and Open Women Invitation rules:
  - The top 40 athletes based on the FMB National Standings (calculated on Monday, 2 weeks prior to the event), shall be eligible to enter a National Championships event.

## **2.3. FMB World Tour Competition Course Regulations**

The FMB discipline of Slopestyle requires a specifically designed jump track that flows downhill, via the natural terrain or a temporary construction. The track must have trickable features that allow the rider to become airborne, execute an aerial trick and safely land on their bike to continue down the track.

The following elements are required of a Slopestyle Competition Course:

- There must be a clear start and finish.
- Riders must travel in a linear direction down the course, without repeating a feature or section of the course.

The following elements are not permitted within an FMB Slopestyle Competition Course:

- Air bags
- Mulch

There should be no distinction between the Men's and Women's course or features within a course, unless the Men's and Women's competitions are sanctioned as different event categories.

### **2.1.7. Designation of an FMB Competition Course**

Outside of the above regulations, Event Hosts are expected to design a course that is safe and appropriate for the level of rider expected at their competition. The eligibility requirements and skill level of competing athletes is what primarily defines an FMB competition, with the competition course being secondary.

The FMB therefore does not designate specific technical requirements for each event category; however, the FMB retains the right to assess and approve or deny any competition course hosting a sanctioned event.

The FMB requires a minimum of 3 trickable course features per event level.

## **2.4. FMB World Tour Bike Requirements**

The FMB sanctions Slopestyle and Dirt Jump competitions which have the following bike and wheel size requirements in place:

- 24-inch wheel minimum
- Mountain bike frame
- BMX bike frames are not permitted

## **3. FMB World Tour Event Regulations**

### **3.1. FMB World Tour Event License**

Every professional mountain bike competition / event of the disciplines Slopestyle, Dirt Jump, Big Air or Big Mountain or any combination thereof can apply for a FMB World Tour Event License according to the FMBA Rules, in particular the FMB World Tour TCs.

#### **3.1.1. FMB World Tour Event License Application**

To apply for a FMB World Tour Event License the respective Event Host shall

a) complete and submit the Event Application Form to the FMBA together with the required information regarding the Event requested by the FMBA and due to the following deadlines:

- Application as a Diamond Event: November 30<sup>th</sup> of the previous calendar year of the Event
- Application as Gold Event: January 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year of the Event

- Application as Silver Event: January 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year of the Event
- Application as Bronze Event: 10 weeks prior to Event

(in case of a late application the FMBA is entitled but not obliged to accept the application of the Event Host)

All application documents to be available on the FMB World Tour website.

b) pay the yearly Event License Fee as consideration for the rights granted under the Event Agreement, in particular for all benefits the Event is gaining through communicational, administrative and organizational services of the FMBA and for the use of the FMBA Brands due to the Diamond, Gold, Silver or Bronze Category of the Event:

- Diamond: € 6.000,00
- Gold: € 4.000,00
- Silver: € 1.500,00
- Bronze: € 500,00
- National Championships: € 2.000,00

For Diamond/Gold/Silver Events 50% of the Event Fee is due at the time the Event License Agreement is issued. The payment is mandatory for the integration in the FMB World Tour Calendar. Further 50% of the Event Fee is due 6 weeks prior to the Event date.

For Bronze Events, the Event Fee is due at the time the Event License Agreement is issued.

Gold or Silver Events that include a Bronze Event on the same weekend are exempt from the Bronze Event Fees.

### **3.1.2. Granting of License: Event integration and categorization**

Granting of the FMB World Tour Event License is at the sole discretion of the FMBA. The FMBA grants the FMB World Tour Event License to the Event Host by signing and submitting the Event Licensing Form to the Event Host in accordance with the FMB World Tour TCs.

Events will be categorized by the FMBA in one of four Event Categories outlined in 1.3.1. according to the Event requirements that are outlined in this Rule Book. The categorization has the purpose to outline a path that spans from grass-roots events to proving grounds to professional international qualifier events to elite world class events. Each category indicates an expected level of course building, riding skills that are required, media and public attention and organizational requirements.

For assessment of the FMB World Tour Event Category, the FMBA looks at the event's FMB World Tour Event Categorization Points as outlined in Appendix I that refer to the Event Requirements document. Besides the rating of the Event through FMB World Tour Event categorization points the Event will be reviewed by the FMBA Tour Administration staff and/or the executive board or the advisory board to assure the compliance of the Event with the according Event Category requirements. E.g. qualitative impressions such as the organization/persons behind the event or course build or the event's history are looked at.



To guarantee a certain level of organization and sportive performance, a Gold event host applicant that is new to the FMB World Tour (meaning this event has never been on the FMB World Tour before or has not been part of the FMB World Tour as a Gold or Silver Event within the past three years) has to host its event as a Silver category event (while meeting all Gold requirements already) in the first year before it will be considered for a Gold category in the consecutive year(s). Exceptions from this rule can be made through application to the FMBA Board.

In any case the FMB Tour Administration staff and/or the FMBA advisory board will make the final decision about the integration of the Event in the FMB World Tour calendar and a certain FMB World Tour Event Category.

### **3.1.3. Event License Period**

The FMB World Tour Event License is valid until end of the season of the FMB World Tour according to the FMBA Rules, in particular the FMB World Tour TCs. However, the FMBA is entitled to agree with the Event Hosts on a longer Term.

### **3.1.4. Changes to the Event**

No FMB World Tour Event may be cancelled, postponed or substantially changed in comparison to the details of the Event License Agreement established by the FMBA.

In special cases that force the Event Host to cancel, postpone or substantially change the Event compared to the details set forth in the Event License Agreement the Event has to notify the FMBA in written form regarding the changes promptly.

For those special cases and forced changes of the event the following regulations regarding the FMB World Tour Event License Fee apply:

- a) For event cancellations that are communicated to the FMBA eight (8) weeks prior to the actual event date the Event Host will be refunded 50% of the overall Event License Fee.
- b) For substantial event changes or postponements that are communicated to the FMBA eight (8) weeks prior to the actual event date, any financial refunds to the Event Host lay is at the discretion of the FMBA Board of Directors.
- c) For cancellations or substantial event changes that are communicated to the FMBA later than eight (8) weeks prior to the actual event date, no refunds of the Event Fee will be granted.
- d) For cancellations, postponements or substantial changes of Bronze Events, no refunds of the Event Fee will be granted.

## **3.2. FMB World Tour Event Obligations**

### **3.2.1. Event identification as official FMB World Tour stop**

The Event shall identify itself clearly to the public as being part of the FMB World Tour and shall cooperate fully with the FMBA in terms of public relations of the FMB World Tour.

The Event shall fully comply with the FMB World Tour Branding Requirements as outlined in Appendix III, in particular sections:

### **III.1. FMB World Tour Brands**

- III.1.1 FMB World Tour Logo
- III.1.2 FMB World Tour Event Logos
- III.1.3 FMB World Tour animated logo graphic
- III.1.4. FMB World Tour Glossary of official Terms

and

### **III.2. Use of FMB World Tour Brands**

- III.2.1 Integration of FMB World Tour Logo's in Event Communication
- III.2.2 FMB World Tour Logo Positioning and Sizing
- III.2.3 FMB World Tour Event on-site branding

Exceptions must be approved by the FMBA in writing and at least 12 weeks prior to the Event.

### **3.2.2. FMBA Athlete Event Online Registration System**

FMB World Tour Gold, Silver and Bronze event hosts have the option to use the FMBA Athlete Event Online Registration System, for the Event registration of all participating Athletes.

The FMBA will provide all Events with the necessary information about the Athlete Event Online Registration System.

### **3.2.3. Athletes On-Site Support / Treatment / Safety**

Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze Events shall host an Athletes lounge/area, not to be accessible by the public. The area shall have internet access (if available on-site), facilities for technical maintenance including tools and care equipment and supply of water, fruits and snacks, all which shall be freely available to all Athletes throughout the Event. A notice board shall be placed in the Athlete lounge/area or near the Event desk. All Athlete information shall be clearly displayed and updated regularly. This information shall include the order and times of runs or heats, updated draw sheets, times of official ceremonies, press and media dates, Calendar updates, names and contact numbers of officials and assistants on-site, local transportation, shuttle services, etc..

The Event is fully responsible for the safety of the Athletes and/or the spectators. The Event shall take the respective safety measures in order to guarantee the safety of the Riders/Athletes and/or spectators (e.g. nets and cushions at the race course etc.).

From the start of the first training sessions through the duration of the event until Finals is completed, it is the responsibility of each Event to provide an English-speaking First Aid/Paramedics Team and an Ambulance Car on-site, unless otherwise approved by

the FMBA. For Events other than Diamond or Gold Category, a translation from a Designated Representative is sufficient if there is no English-speaking First Aid/Paramedics Team. A physiotherapist, who specializes in orthopedic or sports medicine, should be provided.

### 3.2.4. Athlete Accommodation and Transportation at Events

The Event is obligated to provide the following accommodation and transportation services to qualified athletes based on event level.

#### 3.2.4.1. Athlete Accommodation

Diamond and Gold Events: Athlete accommodation will need to be provided free of charge to the athletes, two (2) days prior to the first day of training until one (1) day after the competition. Location is preferred to be in close proximity to the event venue and competition course. If the accommodation is not within walking distance, transportation will need to be provided.

- **Diamond Events: 16 x single rooms for men, 6 x single rooms + 1 x double room for women, minimum 3-star hotel**
- **Gold Events: 10 x rooms for men, 5 x rooms for women, minimum 3-star hotel**

Silver and Bronze Events: Athlete accommodation is not required. If athlete accommodation is an option to provide, the FMBA recommends the top ranked FMB athletes are to be offered accommodation first.

#### 3.2.4.2. Athlete Transportation

For Diamond Events: Each Event Host shall provide shuttle transportation for athletes two (2) days prior to the start of training until one (1) day after the competition. Transportation services will be free of charge to the athlete and will include:

- Shuttle Services to / from the Airport to the Accommodation.
  - Travel to the closest Domestic Airport will be encouraged, however the LOC should make options available for pick up and drop off at the closest International Airport to the event venue.
  - Any restrictions to the hours of operation for the shuttle services or fees for additional guests travelling with the athlete need to be made available 6 weeks prior to the event.
- Shuttle Services to / from the Accommodation to the Event Venue
  - If the accommodation is not within 1km or 10 minutes walking or biking distance then transportation for the athletes, including bike transport, is required.

For Gold Events: Shuttle services as outlined above are recommended.

For Silver and Bronze Events: Shuttle services are not required. If the Event location is far from the designated parking zone, an athlete transportation service is recommended.

### 3.2.5. Event Information

### 3.2.5.1. *Event schedule*

Each Event Host shall provide the FMBA, at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the Event a schedule that can be made public, which includes proposed daily starting times for all training session and the competition at the Event as well as a bad weather schedule. During the Event an Event schedule must be made accessible for the Athletes and the public on-site at the Event.

### 3.2.5.2. *Event course information*

Each Diamond and Gold Event shall provide the FMBA, at least 4 weeks prior to the start of the Event, a final course sketch up of the Event including dimensions in digital form. This includes the right to store and publish the course draft on the FMB World Tour website starting two weeks prior to the Event until the end of the respective season.

## 3.2.6. **Event Run Down**

### 3.2.6.1. *Training times & duration*

Minimum standards on training times and duration are essential for athletes to get used to the course and deliver their highest level of performance in competition. Furthermore, consistent conditions on training times and durations are vital to keep injury risk to a minimum. Thus, the below guidelines shall be followed based on event level.

Diamond and Gold Events:

- Official Training: the course should be ready for training a minimum of 24hrs before the first official training session is scheduled. A minimum of two (2) official training sessions must be scheduled prior to Qualifications or Finals. These sessions cannot take place on the same day as Qualifications or Finals.
- The duration of an official training session has to take the difficulty of the course and the number of riders into consideration. As a benchmark, each rider should be able to get at least 3 full training runs in to get used to and establish a feeling for the course. Course builders shall be prepared to react to rider's feedback during the 1st training session and make adjustments if needed before the 2<sup>nd</sup> training session.
- With fields of more than 20 riders, training should be run in heats to minimize the waiting time between runs for riders.
- Training on the day of s or Finals: Training/Warm-up on the day of a competition round shall be scheduled well before the competition starts, however, not too early to avoid riders cooling down in between end of training and start of competition. Duration shall be calculated so that each rider can get at least two full training runs on the course.
- Training In-Between Competition Rounds on the Same Day: If several competition rounds happen on the same day, the time between the competition rounds needs to be calculated based on the following; if the next

competition round happens straight after the foregoing, with a maximum of 15mins between competition end and the start of the next, no warm-up is required. If more than 15 min will pass until the next competition round can be started, a minimum of one (1) training run per athlete is required.

#### Silver and Bronze Events:

- Official Training: the course should be ready for training latest 24hrs before the first competition round is scheduled. A minimum of one (1) official training session must be scheduled the day before Qualifications or Finals take place. These sessions cannot take place on the same day as Qualifications or Finals.
- The duration of an official training session has to take the difficulty of the course and the number of riders into consideration. As a benchmark, each rider should be able to get at least 3 full training runs in to get used to and establish a feeling for the course. Course builders shall be prepared to react to rider's feedback during the 1st training session and make adjustments if needed before the 2<sup>nd</sup> training session.
- With fields of more than 20 riders, training should be run in heats to minimize the waiting time between runs for riders.
- Training on the day of Qualifications or Finals: Training/Warm-up on the day of a competition round shall be scheduled well before the competition starts, however, not too early to avoid riders cooling down in between end of training and start of competition. Warm-up duration shall be calculated so that each rider can get at least one full training run on the course.
- Training In-Between Competition Rounds on the Same Day: If several competition rounds happen on the same day, the time between the competition rounds needs to be calculated based on the following; if the next competition round happens straight after the foregoing, with a maximum of 15mins between competition end and the start of the next, no warm-up is required. If more than 15 min will pass until the next competition round can be started, a minimum of one (1) training run per athlete is required.

#### 3.2.6.2. Athlete meeting

Every Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze Event shall arrange and hold a pre-Event Athletes Meeting to which the Athletes, the FMBA Official and the Head Judge shall be invited. The Athletes Meeting shall have the following agenda:

- Election of the Athlete representative(s)
- Course briefing
- Riders area, medical, weather
- Event format
- Miscellaneous

The Event Host shall provide a list of participants of the meeting and keep the minutes of the meeting.

#### 3.2.6.3. Event Jury

Each Event shall have an event jury, consisting of:

- Event/Sport Director
- Athlete Representative(s)
- Head Judge
- FMBA Official (if applicable)
- Head Course Builder (if applicable)

The Event Host shall arrange, prepare and hold a pre-Event jury meeting to which all event jury members shall be invited. The event jury meeting shall have the following agenda:

- Event schedule (incl. training schedule)
- Event format
- Course safety
- Judging format
- "Plan B", Crisis protocols & procedures (see below)
- Miscellaneous

In general, the event jury members are responsible for the proper execution of the event and ensure that the event is run in a professional, safe and fair way. The event jury is the deciding authority when it comes to situations that have an impact on the competition and the event schedule such as:

- Competition delays & cancellation (e.g. due to critical weather conditions or other conditions threatening the safety of the athletes)
- Extraordinary training sessions (e.g. as a cause of a weather delay)
- Judging issues (e.g. due to out-of-the-normal athlete complaints)
- Compliance with FMBA regulations (e.g. seeding, starting place determination, start order, judging criteria etc.)
- Code of conduct (e.g. athlete's/event host's misbehavior)
- Emergency & crisis protocols

In such cases, the event jury shall meet as soon as the issue becomes apparent and discuss the situation at hand to take a decision. Each jury member has a vote and the majority of votes decides. In case no agreement can be reached within the event jury, the following responsibilities and voting rights are assigned to the event jury members:

#### Event Host:

The Event Director is ultimately responsible for all actions that are undertaken at the event. Thus they must have the final say regarding competition delays & cancellations, extraordinary training sessions and emergency & crisis protocols. In any case they shall act in the best interest of all stakeholders and consult with the event jury before taking a critical decision (such as e.g. cancellation of the event).

#### Athlete Representative:

The Athlete Representative shall consult and intervene in the name and for the best of the athletes. The Athlete Representative shall ensure that athlete hospitality standards are met, monitor that event run down regulations are in compliance with FMB rules (e.g. seeding, start order, judging criteria) and judging is in compliance with FMB judging criteria. They shall inform the event jury about any critical findings.

#### Head Judge:

The Head Judge shall consult and intervene to ensure a fair competition and consistent and transparent judging conditions. They are responsible for ensuring the judging criteria in compliance with FMB regulations are met and must answer for the decisions and performance of the judge panel. If on-site conditions will not allow the judge team to fulfill their duty, they must report to the event jury immediately.

#### FMBA Official:

The FMBA Official shall consult and intervene on all aspects of the event that refer to FMB regulations and sanctioning. They shall monitor that FMB Event regulations are met and ensure that the event jury is fully aware of the FMB competition regulations and code of conduct.

The FMBA official shall act as an intermediary and external adviser who supports all parties for the best of the competition, stakeholders and the sport.

If a person or group fails to comply with FMB regulations the FMBA official has the right to announce negative sanctions in the name of FMBA. E.g., when an event fails to comply with seeding and starting place determination or judging criteria, the FMBA Official can announce that competition results will not be accepted by FMBA, or FMB sanctioning for the event will be withdrawn.

### **3.2.7. Event Result Requirements**

#### **Overall event results**

Each Event Host shall provide the FMBA with overall Event results that include the following information:

- Name, Nation and Rank of each Athlete that participated in the event and achieved a score
- Decisive score for ranking position
- Last Competition Round the Athlete participated in

The overall Event results shall only include Athletes that participated in the Event and achieved a score.

Each Event Host shall provide the FMBA with this information by using the approved FMB Results Template, available by contacting the FMBA Administration, within the timeframe pursuant to the following schedule and event level.

- Diamond/Gold: within 12 hours after end of Finals
- Silver/Bronze: within 24 hours after end of Finals

#### **Special result requirements for withdrawn qualified Athletes and replacing Athletes**

Athletes, qualified for a Finals Round due to their performance in the Qualification Round but withdrawn from the Finals Round (because of injury or similar), shall stay in the Finals Round regarding their rank in the overall Event results and be marked as “did not start” (DNS). The Athlete(s) shall be ranked in the last ranking spot of the Qualification Round. If it’s more than one withdrawn Athlete, all of these Athletes shall be ranked in the last ranking spot of the Qualification Round and do get FMB World Tour ranking points for this position.

The replacing athletes in the Finals Round shall be ranked in the overall ranking with the ranking spot they have achieved from the Qualification Round. The ranking spot of the Qualification Round from where the replacing athlete moved up shall stay free.

### **Result requirements for competition rounds or runs within a competition round that can not be completed due to cancellation because of weather or other unforeseen events**

If not all competition rounds of an event or not all runs of a competition round of an event can be completed e.g. due to weather, then the following can be considered as a final competition round result (Best Run out of X Runs format):

- Not all runs of a competition round can be completed but all athletes have at least completed Run 1 (e.g. 2runs best counts: Run 1 has been completed by all athletes, 70% of all athletes have already done their Run 2, now bad weather comes in with no prospect for postponement). In the case that every athlete has done their Run 1 of a respective competition round then this Run 1 shall be considered for the final result for all athletes, if Run 2 can not be completed by all athletes due to cancellation because of an unforeseen event.

If both Run 1 and 2 have been completed by all athletes and a Run 3 could not be completed by all athletes due to cancellation because of an unforeseen event, then both Run 1 and Run 2 are to be considered for the athlete's final ranking on the competition round result.

- Not all competition rounds of an event could be completed due to cancellation because of unforeseen events (e.g. Qualification on Friday went through and all athletes have a qualification result, now Finals on Saturday are cancelled because of rain throughout the whole day). In the case that every athlete has a result from a previous competition round of the respective event and the consecutive competition round(s) got cancelled due to unforeseen events then the results from the previous competition round(s) shall be considered as final overall result. Competition rounds such as pre-qualifications where not all athletes (e.g. athletes seeded directly in qualification round) have participated in yet can not be considered for a final overall result

### **3.2.8. Event report**

The Event Host shall provide at the request of the FMBA, general information about the Event, such as a summary about the competition finals and information about special and unexpected incidents (for example weather, accidents, delay, special appearances and so on) for the communicational use of the FMB World Tour. The Event report shall be provided to the FMBA as soon as possible but not later than

- 24 hours after the Event finals for Diamond/Gold Events.
- 72 hours after the Event finals for Silver/Bronze.

## **3.3. FMBA at Events**

### *3.3.1.1. FMBA Contact Person and Assistants*

The Event Host shall provide a contact list of all key people of the event and shall designate one person, who will be responsible for all aspects of the Event, as the point of contact for the FMBA. This person must be available on-site throughout the whole Event, ready to solve any problems related to the organization of the Event, Athletes, officials, media and spectators. He/she must be English speaking and be fully aware



of the responsibilities of his/her position. Event Host must provide sufficient personnel to assist this person with their administrative duties. These assistants, who should be English speaking, must also be available to assist Athletes and FMBA Officials with any Event related issues, such as hotel reservations, travel arrangements, local transfers and time schedules.

#### 3.3.1.2. *Event Access FMBA Officials*

The Event Host shall grant all area access (free of charge) to a maximum number of four (4) FMBA Officials. FMBA Officials also may inspect the Event site at any time prior and after the Event.

The FMBA shall inform the Event no later than 4 weeks prior to the Event about FMBA Officials (number, names, arrival and departure days/times).

#### 3.3.1.3. *Responsibilities of FMBA Officials*

The FMBA Official shall be responsible for all FMBA related issues at the Event (Also refer to Event Jury 3.2.6.4). All decisions of the FMBA Officials in connection with the FMBA Rules are binding for the Event Host.

The responsibilities of the FMBA Officials are in particular to:

- act as the representative of the FMBA, speaking with the full authority of the FMBA during the Event; and
- act as final on-site authority of the FMBA ensuring that the Event is conducted fairly in accordance with the FMBA Rules, in particular as specified in the Event Licensing Form; and
- be part of the event jury

The FMBA Official shall consult and intervene on all aspects of the event that relate to FMB regulations and sanctioning. He shall monitor that FMB Event regulations are met and ensure that the event jury is fully aware of the FMB competition regulations and code of conduct.

The FMBA official shall act as an intermediary and external adviser who supports all parties for the best of the competition, stakeholders and the sport.

If a person or group fails to comply with FMB regulations the FMBA official has the right to announce negative sanctions in the name of FMBA. E.g., when an event fails to comply with seeding and starting place determination or judging criteria, the FMBA official can announce that competition results will not be accepted by FMBA, or FMB sanctioning for the event will be withdrawn.

#### 3.3.1.4. *Fees and Expenses of FMBA Officials*

Each Event shall provide FMBA Officials with hotel accommodations and per diems (on own costs of the Event) based on their Event Category:

Accommodations:

- Diamond Events: 2 single rooms, minimum 4-star hotel category

- Gold Events: 1 double room, minimum 4-star hotel category
- Silver Events: 1 double room, minimum 3-star hotel category
- Bronze Events: 1 double room, minimum 3-star hotel category

Complimentary rooms shall be in the Athlete hotel or another hotel (closest to the course) approved by the FMBA or the FMBA Official. Rooms must be provided from one day prior to the start of training until one day after the final of the Event.

Per Diems for Meals:

- Diamond Events: 70 € / day
- Gold Events: 70 € / day
- Silver Events: 70 € / day
- Bronze Events: 70 € / day

A per diem for the purpose to cover meals, must be provided from one day prior to the start of training until one day after the final of the Event.

#### 3.3.1.5. *Fees and Expenses of FMBA Media Personnel*

Each Event shall provide the designated FMBA Media Personnel with hotel accommodations and per diems (on own costs of the Event) based on their Event Category:

Accommodations:

- Diamond Events: 1 double room, minimum 4-star hotel category
- Gold Events: 1 double room, minimum 4-star hotel category
- Silver Events: Not Required
- Bronze Events: Not Required

Complimentary rooms shall be in the Athlete hotel or another hotel (closest to the course) approved by the FMBA or the FMBA Official. Rooms must be provided from one day prior to the start of training until one day after the final of the Event.

Per Diems for Meals:

- Diamond Events: 70 € / day
- Gold Events: 70 € / day
- Silver Events: Not Required
- Bronze Events: Not Required

A per diem for the purpose to cover meals, must be provided from one day prior to the start of training until one day after the final of the Event.

#### 3.3.1.6. *FMBA Offices*

Each Event Host shall provide suitable workspace/office for FMBA Officials, should they require and request it, at the Event.

High speed internet connection shall be provided in the offices of the FMBA Officials unless otherwise approved by the FMBA. The recommended speed is 1mbs or greater and the minimum acceptable speed is 512kbs. Recommended user access is via WiFi.

#### 3.3.1.7. *Event Access FMBA Media Staff*

Maximum of four (4) FMBA media staff engaged by FMBA or a third party acting on behalf of the FMBA shall be permitted full access to the Event and course in order to create video or photo coverage of the Event. The FMBA shall inform the Event no later than two weeks prior to the Event about required media accreditations for FMBA media staff (number, name).

For the sake of clarification any and all rights in connection with the video and photo production of the FMBA media staff belong to the FMBA.

#### 3.3.1.8. *FMBA/FMB World Tour booth*

The Event shall grant free exhibition space (6x3 meter) in prominent position and closest to the course for the FMBA and the FMB World Tour on-site booth if requested by the FMBA. The FMBA shall inform the Event no later than 6 weeks prior to the Event about the presence of the FMB World Tour booth.

The FMB World Tour booth will be used

- To inform about the FMB World Tour and FMBA
- As contact point for FMB World Tour Athletes
- As sign up station for FMBA memberships
- As sales platform for FMB World Tour merchandising products
- As sales platform for Commercial Partners

### **3.4. Event Insurance**

Each FMB World Tour Event shall obtain and maintain general liability insurance or the equivalent thereof. All Events shall maintain a minimum limit of not less than \$5,000,000 US dollars with an insurance carrier acceptable to the FMBA.

a) The liability insurance shall include bodily injury and property damage liability, personal injury, participant legal liability hired and non-owned auto and contractual liability coverage.

b) The Event liability insurance shall name the FMBA officials and FMBA licensed judges as insured with respect to any claim or suits brought against the insured parties, regardless of the court of jurisdiction, arising out of the negligent act or omission of the Event, its directors or representatives.

### **3.5. Violation of the FMBA Rules**

In case of any violation, infringement or non-compliance with the FMBA Rules the FMBA is entitled in its sole discretion to enact a sanction against an Event Host according to the following catalogue:

- Withdrawal of the permission to use the FMBA Brands in connection with the Event and/or otherwise make reference to the FMBA or the FMB World Tour,
- Downgrade the Event to a lower Event Category

- Enactment of contractual penalties pursuant to the FMBA Penalty Catalogue (below)
- Withdrawal of FMB World Tour Event License (Event Disqualification).

<b>FMBA Penalty Catalogue</b>	
Incident	Penalty (the financial penalty will be determined by the FMBA)
Changes of the Event in comparison to Event License (2.1.4)	
- Late notification to FMBA	500€ - 1.000€
- No notification to FMBA	2.500€ - 7.500€
Absent Integration of FMB World Tour Brands	250€ - 2.500€ (for each incident)
Absent FMB World Tour event on-site branding	250€ - 2.500€ (for each incident)
Failure to comply with FMB World Tour Competition Regulations	250 € - 4.000 € (for each incident)
Failure to comply with obligations towards FMBA officials at events	250€ - 7.500€ (for each incident)
Failure to comply with FMB World Tour Judging regulations	250€ - 2.500€ (for each incident)
Failure to comply with Event Media Production regulations	200,00 € - 7.500,00 €(for each incident)
Failure to comply with event prize money requirements	2.500€ - 7.500€
Failure to meet Event Categorization Points of Event License	250€ - 2.500€
Non-FMB-licensed athlete to compete in event outside of wildcard regulations	Diamond: 500 EUR per athlete Gold: 250 EUR per athlete Silver: 50 EUR per athlete

## **4. FMB World Tour Athletes Regulations**

### **4.1. FMB World Tour Athlete License**

Any participation in the FMB World Tour as Athlete, in particular to be included in the FMB World Tour and to be in the position to gain FMB World Tour Ranking Points, requires a valid FMB World Tour Athlete License granted by the FMBA to the Athlete.

The FMBA has two different Athlete License Categories: the FMB World Tour License and the FMB Free Amateur License.

To be eligible for competition access into FMB World Tour events and to be considered for FMB Ranking Points, the Athlete is required to hold a valid FMB World Tour License (Diamond, Gold, Silver, Bronze - FMB World Tour Ranking and SWC Standings) or a FMB Free Amateur License (Bronze events only) before participating in an Event.

#### **4.1.1. FMB World Tour Athlete License Registration**

Athletes shall register for a FMB World Tour Athlete License on the official FMB World Tour website. The registration for a FMB World Tour License includes the application for a FMBA membership.

To register for a FMB World Tour License or FMB Free Amateur License Athletes need to complete the online Athlete Registration Form on the FMB World Tour website ([www.fmbworldtour.com](http://www.fmbworldtour.com)), and pay Athlete License Fee and FMBA Membership fee online with the provided online payment services.

The FMBA grants the FMB World Tour Athlete License to the Athlete once payment is successfully received.

#### **4.1.2. FMBA membership**

The details of the FMBA membership are outlined in Appendix IV. All FMBA members do get certain FMBA member benefits that are outlined on the official FMBA website.

All members are required to submit a copy of their government issued photo ID when purchasing a license.

#### **4.1.3. FMB World Tour License**

Athletes holding a valid FMB World Tour License are eligible to compete in all FMB World Tour Events subject to the FMB World Tour Event access rules. FMB World Tour License Athletes gain FMB World Tour Ranking Points for the FMB World Ranking and the Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship Standings. Available to Male and Female athletes.

Member License Fee: 100 EUR per season (FMBA Rider membership fee included)

#### **4.1.4. FMB Amateur License**

Athletes that have registered for a FMB Amateur License are eligible to compete in FMB World Tour Bronze Events only in consideration of FMB World Tour Event access rules (2.2). Available to Male and Female athletes.

A FMB Amateur License Athlete has the possibility to upgrade the license to a FMB World Tour License during the season. The Athlete then will be handled as FMB World Tour License Athlete for the remainder of the season. Any results within the last 52 weeks will also then be considered and listed on the World Tour Ranking.

The FMB Amateur License is free of charge.

#### **4.1.5. FMB World Tour License – Validity and Termination**

The FMB World Tour Athlete License is valid for one FMB World Tour season in which the Athlete registered for the FMB World Tour license and expires on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.

FMB World Tour licenses can only be terminated due to injuries that lead to competition inability of the Athlete. The Athlete needs to make such an application to the FMBA in written form and not later than May 31<sup>st</sup> of the running season. The termination needs to get approval by the FMBA.

### **4.2. FMB World Tour Athlete obligations**

#### **4.2.1. Athlete Insurance**

Licensed Athletes shall hold a valid and sufficient medical/accident, equipment and sports liability insurance covering the participation in the FMB World Tour Events, effective in the country in which the Event takes place and accepts full responsibility for provision of coverage.

#### **4.2.2. Athletes' behavior at Events**

##### *4.2.2.1. General*

Licensed Athletes participating in FMB World Tour Events shall act in a manner of professional sportsmen. Licensed Athlete shall identify themselves clearly to the public as being part of the FMB World Tour and shall cooperate fully with the FMBA in furthering public awareness of the FMB World Tour. Licensed Athlete will make themselves available for autograph sessions, interviews (press, sponsors) and PR activities for at least one hour/day at each FMB World Tour Event attended on request of FMBA or FMB World Tour Event host or organiser. If finished amongst the first three, licensed Athlete shall be present at the award ceremony at each FMB World Tour Event attended.

Licensed Athletes shall always act as a role model for the youth.

Licensed Athlete respects the hospitality of FMB World Tour Event Hosts and organisers by not abusing their rights. Licensed Athlete will act and conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of disciplined and professional behaviour and not commit any act or acts or become involved in a situation which, in the reasonable opinion of FMBA, brings FMBA, FMB World Tour and its partners, hosts, organisers and sponsors into public disrepute, contempt, scandal or ridicule, offends public opinion or the sensibilities of any substantial class or group, or reflects unfavourably upon the reputation of the forenamed and/or the Athlete. Licensed Athlete shall abide the FMB World Tour Regulations and Code of Conduct when they become available.

#### *4.2.2.2. Safety*

Licensed Athlete will bring with her/him all equipment needed in fully operational condition, especially suitable bikes, spare parts and protection gear including helmet.

Full-Face helmets are recommended by the FMBA to be worn at all FMB World Tour Events.

#### *4.2.2.3. Athlete representative*

At every Diamond/Gold/Silver Event one Athlete representative shall be elected (Also refer to Event Jury 3.2.6.4). Only licensed Athletes are eligible to be elected as Athlete representative. Non-FMB World Tour Athletes may, on a voluntary basis, take part in this election. The Athlete representative must be elected at the Athletes meeting with majority election by all attending Athletes at the meeting.

The Athlete representative is responsible to represent and defend the interests of all FMB World Tour Athletes attending the Event and all non-FMB World Tour Athletes that took part in the election.

The athlete representative shall consult and intervene in the name and for the best of the athletes. The athlete representative shall ensure that athlete hospitality standards are met, monitor that event run down regulations are in compliance with FMB rules (e.g. seeding, start order, judging criteria) and judging is in compliance with FMB judging criteria. They shall inform the event jury about any critical findings.

## 5. Financial

### 5.1. Currency

All references to money are expressed in Euros (EUR), unless otherwise designated. All amounts payable to the FMBA are payable in Euros.

### 5.2. Events

#### 5.2.1. Composition of Commitment

Each Event's financial commitment is composed of on-site prize money, judges fees and Event License fee (2.2.1) obligations unless otherwise approved by the FMBA.

#### 5.2.2. Event prize money

FMB World Tour Events shall pay the following minimum prize purse, according to their Event Category and Gender Categories:

Diamond:

43.000,00 EUR in total cash (Open Men & Open Women Categories)

25.000,00 EUR in total cash (Open Men Category Only)

Gold:

20.000,00 EUR in total cash (Open Men & Open Women Categories)

15.000,00 EUR in total cash (Open Men Category Only)

Silver:

5.000,00 EUR in total cash (Open Men & Open Women Categories)

Bronze:

1.500,00 EUR in total cash or in kind (Open Men & Open Women Categories)

750,00 EUR in cash or in kind (Open Men Category Only)

Note: the Event application must include information about prize money provision in cash or in kind; this may not be changed after application without the consent of FMBA)

***The prize purse for the Men's and Women's category within the same event must be equal if both categories are sanctioned at the same level (eg. 3rd place male receives the same amount as 3rd place female).***

This prize money shall be paid for the FMB World Tour competition only and not include any prize money for side events (e.g. best trick).

The Event prize money shall be paid in cash or cheque at the Event or sent via wire transfer no later than 30 business days after the Event.

Prize money distribution is at the discretion of each Event Host. The FMBA strongly recommends to all Diamond/Gold/Silver Events to use the following guideline to determine the prize money split (in percentage of overall prize money):



1 <sup>st</sup>	30,00%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	22,00%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	15,00%
4 <sup>th</sup>	10,00%
5 <sup>th</sup>	8,00%

Remaining places: 15,00 % spread out

***The prize money distribution % must be equal across the Men's and Women's categories if both categories are sanctioned at the same level.***

Event Hosts are permitted to pay deeper into the Men's results compared to the Women's results. However, the amount paid to each place must be equal (eg. 5<sup>th</sup> place male receives the same amount as 5<sup>th</sup> place female).

### **5.2.3. Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship prize money**

Crankworx and the FMBA will award a minimum overall prize purse of \$100,000 CAD for the Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship.

The prize money will be wired not later than 8 weeks after the final Event of the SWC.

## **5.3. Athletes**

### **5.3.1. Composition of Commitment**

Each FMB World Tour Athlete's financial commitment is composed of FMBA membership fee and FMB World Tour license fee obligations.

## 6. FMB World Tour Judging

### 6.1. FMBA Judging Clinics

To ensure a high quality standard of judging in FMB World Tour Events the FMBA aims to hold annual judging clinics to educate and license judges. All FMB World Tour Events that require accredited judges will be provided with the contact details of FMBA licensed judges.

Securing accredited judges lies within the responsibility of the Event Hosts.

### 6.2. FMB World Tour Event Judging

#### 6.2.1. Judging requirements

##### **FMB World Tour Diamond Events**

Shall have a minimum of 5 judges, including:

- 1 FMBA licensed head judge (judging license A)
- 4 FMBA licensed judges (judging licenses A/B)
- Minimum of 2 international judges (2 European judges, 2 North American judges – judging license A/B)

Shall have an electronic judging system that allows live-scoring after every run.

Beside the minimum judging requirements, the FMBA recommends having 1 FMBA licensed head judge and 5 FMBA licensed judges at FMB World Tour Diamond Events.

##### **FMB World Tour Gold Events**

Shall have a minimum of 4 judges, including:

- 1 FMBA licensed head judge (Judging license A/B)
- 3 FMBA licensed judges (Judging licenses A/B/C - max 1 C licensed judge)
- Minimum of 1 international judge (from other nations than the nation where the Event is held.)

Shall have an electronic judging system that allows live-scoring after every run.

##### **FMB World Tour Silver Events**

Shall have a minimum of 3 judges, including:

- 2 FMBA licensed judges, one of which must be the Head Judge (judging license A/B/C)

##### **FMB World Tour Bronze Events**

Shall have a minimum of 2 judges.

### **6.2.2. Selection of Judges**

The Event Hosts shall select their judges in regard of the Event judging requirements. The FMBA will provide all Events with the contact data of all FMBA licensed judges.

All judges for Diamond and Gold Events will first be selected and put forward by the FMBA and are subject to approval of the Event Host.

An attempt shall be made to ensure that no judge has a vested interest. A person with vested interests is defined as a shareholder or Board of Director of a business enterprise, which sponsors or employs an Athlete competing in that Event. No currently ranked FMB World Tour Athletes may judge a Diamond or Gold FMB World Tour Event.

### **6.2.3. Judging – General**

Judges may not change their scores either on the computer terminal or on the manual judging sheets. In the Event that a mistake has been made the judge should have the Head Judge make the correction for them.

The judges video replay system can only be used in instant situations and once the scores are entered into the computer no changes can be made. The footage once a decision has been made cannot be used to change a result at a later stage.

No judge of an FMB World Tour Event may pass comment on an Athlete's chances in any Event, to the public, media, or other contestants. If a judge does so, then that judge may be dismissed from the panel. The FMBA Board may take further action.

### **6.2.4. Judging Fees**

The FMBA requires Event Hosts to follow the minimum fees outlined in the official FMBA judging rates for the payment of judges. The official FMBA judging rates will be provided to the Event Hosts in digital form.

### **6.2.5. Judging of Extra Curricular Events**

It is recommended that extra curricular Events held at any Event be run at the end of the day and not during actual competition hours. If held during these hours the judges are not obliged to judge them unless agreed to by the judging panel.

## **6.3. FMBA licensed judges at events**

### **6.3.1. General behavior, rights and duties**

FMBA licensed Judges shall always act in a professional way and comply with all rights and duties of FMBA licensed Judges (taught during FMBA judging Clinics and outlined in the FMBA judging guidebook) at every time during the Event.

### 6.3.2. Head Judge as part of the event jury

(Also refer to 6.2.2.2.3 Event Jury). The Head Judge is member of the event jury. As member of the event jury he/she shall consult and intervene to ensure a fair competition and consistent and transparent judging conditions. He/she is responsible that the judging criteria in compliance with FMB regulations are met and must answer for the decisions and performance of the judge panel. If on-site conditions will not allow the judge team to fulfill their duty he/she must report to the event jury immediately.

### 6.3.3. Communication towards public/media

FMBA licensed Judges shall not give official statements about judging to the media or public at Events. If judges talk to media/public they can only speak about their own opinion. FMBA highly recommends that judges talk to the head judge/event host also before giving public comments as an individual.

Only FMBA licensed Head Judges and/or event host is allowed to give official statements about the Event judging.

## 6.4. FMBA Judging Licenses

The FMBA grants three different licenses for FMBA judges:

### A – License

- A - License Judge may judge at all levels of the FMB World Tour competitions
- Be a head judge at all levels of the FMB World Tour competitions

Prerequisite for an A - License

- Been judging for a minimum of 5 years. Gold and Diamond events for the last 3 years
- Been a FMBA licensed judge for minimum 3 years
- Been judging a minimum of 10 Gold/Diamond events
- Has attended a FMBA Judging Clinic minimum every two years

### B – License

- B – License Judge may judge any Gold, Silver and Bronze FMB World Tour competitions and possibly a Diamond event
- Be a Head Judge at any Gold, Silver and Bronze FMB World Tour competition

Prerequisite for an B - License

- Been judging a minimum of 3 years. Gold FMB World Tour and lower
- Been a FMBA licensed judge for minimum 2 years
- Has attended a FMBA Judging Clinic every 2 years

### C – License

- C - License Judges may judge any Silver and Bronze FMB World Tour competitions and possibly a Gold event

Prerequisite for a C - License

- Has attended a FMBA Judging Clinic in the last 2 years

*Exceptions can be made in conjunction with the FMBA board.*

## **7. FMB World Tour Code of Conduct**

### **7.1. Application Requirements**

Each Event Host applying for a FMB World Tour Event License by completion and submission to the FMBA of an online or hard copy form of the FMBA Event Application Form, the Event Host confirms that he/she has read, understood, accepted and will comply with the FMBA Rules (1.1).

Each Athlete applying for a FMB World Tour Athlete License by completion and submission to the FMBA of an online or hard copy form of the FMB World Tour Athlete Registration Form, the Athlete confirms that he/she has read, understood, accepted and will comply with the FMBA Rules (1.1).

### **7.2. Introduction**

The FMBA Code of Conduct applies to all Athletes, Support Staff, and Officials who are involved with or who participate in FMB World Tour events. All Athletes, Support Staff, and Officials shall observe the Articles of the FMB Rulebook at all times and conduct themselves in a professional manner that will not reflect unfavorably on the sport of Freeride Mountain Biking, FMB World Tour, or its members, officers, Representatives, Events, or sponsors. Specific conduct which is either required or prohibited and the associated disciplinary sanctions are set forth in Article 1.3.

### **7.3. Conduct policy and disciplinary actions**

Any person bound by this Policy and found to violate any of the sections of the code of conduct below shall be subject to any of or a combination of the following disciplinary actions:

- (i) Official Warning
- (ii) Disqualification from event where offence occurred
- (iii) Monetary fine
- (iv) Suspension for current FMB World Tour season/Withdrawal of License
- (v) Expulsion from FMB World Tour for multiple seasons
- (vi) Life-long ban to compete in FMB sanctioned events

In case of a minor violation or a first time offense of the individual, an official warning will be issued. A warning will be considered issued if an FMBA representative or official speaks to the offender and clearly states the violation and the first time warning. A written notification of the warning will be sent to the offender within ten days. In very severe cases, the Discipline Committee has the right to suspend or expulse the individual already on first occurrence of such violation.

Any person bound by this Policy and found to violate the sections of the code below shall be subject to the disciplinary actions described in the following sections.

### **7.3.1. Sportsmanlike Conduct**

All individuals bound by this Policy must act at all times with Sportsmanlike Conduct. Sportsmanlike Conduct is defined as, but not limited to: respect for FMB World Tour and event sponsors, event representatives, judges, athletes, FMBA representatives, spectators, member of the media or any other person within the designated Event site; respect for facilities, privileges and operational procedures at Events; the use of courtesy and good manners at events; acting responsibly and maturely at events; refraining from any visible gesture which is commonly understood to be derogatory, profane, and/or highly offensive, or would indicate a sexually explicit act; and refraining from intentional and purposeful display and or exposure of nudity; and refraining from the use of:

- (a) profane or abusive language at event venues (in any language);
- (b) illegal (e.g. under age) or immoderate use of alcohol at FMB World Tour event venues;

and

- (c) the use of illegal drugs.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of violations of Sportsmanlike Conduct but merely a general guideline. Any person bound by this Policy and found to violate this section shall be subject to the following disciplinary actions:

- (i) Monetary Fines and Disqualification. The monetary fine for an offense under this Article can range from \$1,000 USD to \$50,000 USD per offense. Depending on the severity of the violation, the person may also be subject to disqualification at events.
- (ii) Suspension and Expulsion. Any offender under this Article may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from one or more FMB World Tour events upon the first offense. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which demonstrate a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the person may also be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the FMB World Tour.

### **7.3.2. Damage to Freeride Mountain Biking's Image**

Individuals bound by this Policy shall not engage in any conduct which could cause damage to the image of the sport of Freeride Mountain Biking. For purposes of this Article, "damage to the image of the sport of Freeride Mountain Biking" is defined as any act, regardless of time or place, which casts the sport of Freeride Mountain Biking or FMB World Tour in a negative light. Without restricting the application of this Article, "damage to the sport of Freeride Mountain Biking" will include any comments or broadcast from social media accounts that the Athlete is responsible for. Any Athlete found in violation of this section shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- (i) Monetary Fines and Disqualification. First step: An official warning will be addressed to the individual causing the assault. If warning is ignored, each offense will be subject

to a monetary fine and or disciplinary action. The monetary fine amounts for an offense of this Article ranges from \$1,000 USD to \$50,000 USD per offense.

(ii) Suspension and Expulsion. Any offender under this Article may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from one or more FMB World Tour events upon the first offense. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which demonstrate a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Athlete may also be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the FMB World Tour and will have his FMB Athlete License withdrawn.

### **7.3.3. Verbal Assault**

No individual subject to this Policy shall directly or indirectly verbally assault an FMBA official, Athlete, Event sponsor, FMBA management member, any FMBA Representative or member of the media. During Events, this Article also includes spectators, or any other person within the designated Event area. For the purposes of this Article, verbal assault is defined as any oral statement about one or more of the aforementioned persons that: threatens harm; instills fear; implies dishonesty; is derogatory; consists of profanity; or is otherwise highly offensive. Any individual involved in an incident of verbal assault will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

(i) Monetary Fines and Disqualification. First step: An official warning will be addressed to the individual causing the assault. If warning is ignored, each offense will be subject to the following disciplinary steps. First Offense: \$1,000 USD. Second Offense: \$2,500 USD and possible disqualification or removal from the Event if it is the second concurrent offense at the same Event. Third Offense: \$3,000 USD and possible removal or disqualification from the Event if it is the third offense in one season.

(ii) Suspension and Expulsion. Any Athlete who is found to have (3) offenses of this Article in one or more concurrent seasons which demonstrate a pattern of unacceptable conduct may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from one or more FMB World Tour events and of his FMB Athlete License.

### **7.3.4. Physical Assault and Mutual Combat**

No individual subject to this Policy shall physically assault any official, Event staff (including volunteer), Athlete, member of the media, spectator or any other person within the designated Event area. For the purposes of this Article, physical assault is defined as any battery or assault including any attempt to commit a battery and/or assault. All forms of shoving, fighting, mutual combat or the like are considered violations of this Article. All persons should be aware that physical violence has no place in professional Freeride Mountain Biking and will not be tolerated. An act deemed by the Discipline Director to be an act entirely in self-defense will not amount to a violation of this Article. If it is immediately clear to the Tour Manager, the Head Judge, or Event Director which individual or individuals were the initial aggressor of the incident, then that individual shall be disqualified from the remainder of that Competitive Event or, if the Athlete has already been disqualified via loss, then the Athlete shall be suspended from the next Competitive Event. Any individual involved in an incident of physical assault (which includes throwing a punch regardless of whether it connects) will be also be subject to the following disciplinary action:

(i) Monetary Fines and Disqualification. First Offense: \$5,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the Competitive Event. Disqualification may be

waived in a “mutual combat” type situation. Second Offense: \$10,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the Competitive Event. Third Offense: \$15,000 USD and automatic disqualification from remainder of the Competitive Event.

(ii) Suspension and Expulsion. Any offender under this Article may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from one or more FMB World Tour events at the first offense. Fighting has no place in an FMB World Tour and will not be dealt with lightly. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which demonstrate a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Athlete may also be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the FMB World Tour and will have his FMB Athlete License withdrawn.

### **7.3.5. Discrimination, Sexual Harassment or Abuse**

FMBA has zero tolerance for any form of discrimination, sexual harassment or abuse in the sport of Freeride Mountain Biking. Any individual subject to this Policy who engages in discrimination, sexual harassment or abuse in any way associated with the sport of Freeride Mountain Biking shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

(i) Monetary Fines and Disqualification. First step: An official warning will be addressed to the individual causing the assault. If warning is ignored, each offense will be subject to the following disciplinary steps. The monetary fine amounts for an offense of this Article ranges from \$1,000 USD to \$50,000 USD per offense.

(ii) Suspension and Expulsion. Any offender under this Article may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from one or more FMB World Tour events upon the first offense. Where multiple offenses occur within one or more concurrent seasons which demonstrate a pattern of unacceptable conduct, the Athlete may also be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from the FMB World Tour and will have his FMB Athlete License withdrawn.

## **7.4. Review of Violations and Imposition of Discipline**

In the event of a violation of the FMB World Tour Rulebook, the FMBA may impose sanctions in the form of a warning, fine, probation, suspension, expulsion, other appropriate ordered activities or a mixture of them after consultation with a committee of qualified individuals (which may include the Commissioner) selected by FMBA at any time (“Discipline Committee”).

Where a serious violation of the FMB World Tour Rulebook has occurred at an Event, a decision by the Discipline Committee cannot be made as they cannot be contacted or come to a decision in a reasonable amount of time. In this case, the FMBA Official at an event may disqualify an Athlete from the Event with immediate effect or impose other sanctions appropriate for the cause. The FMBA Official will rule to modify, ratify or set aside the disqualification of the Athlete at the earliest convenience in accordance with this Article and the FMB World Tour Rulebook. FMBA will not be liable for damages for loss as a result of the implementation of this Article.

Before any sanction is imposed by the Discipline Committee, the individual subject to discipline shall be notified in writing of the rule violation and sanction by the FMBA and shall be given the opportunity to provide an explanation for the violation or any



applicable mitigating circumstances, to the FMBA within ten days of receiving the written notification.

Following the expiration of the ten-day period, the Discipline Committee shall promptly notify the individual of any sanction imposed.

### **7.5. Appeals of Disciplinary Decisions made by the FMBA**

A disciplined individual wishing to appeal a Disciplinary Decision by the Discipline Committee must file a Notice of appeal with the FMBA within ten days of Notification of the discipline imposed. The Notice of appeal shall set forth all reasons why the discipline imposed should be reversed or reduced and any other relief sought.

## 8. Event media

### 8.1. Event media production

Each FMB World Tour Event of the category Diamond/Gold/Silver shall have a high-quality videographer to create Event coverage for promotion and reports of the Event and the FMB World Tour. Each FMB World Tour Event of the category Diamond/Gold/Silver shall provide wrap video(s), with the FMB World Tour animated logo graphic integrated at the end, within five business days following the end of the event. Videography content to be shared in 9:16 format, with 16:9 format where necessary.

Each FMB World Tour Event of every category shall have a professional photographer to create Event coverage for promotion and reports of the Event and the FMB World Tour.

### 8.2. FMBA's use of Event media production

#### Non-Exclusive Use of Event video clips

Each FMB World Tour Event of the category Diamond/Gold/Silver shall promptly (on the date of release) provide to FMBA the files of one pre-event (if applicable) and one post-event highlight video clip for the promotion of the Event on FMB World Tour social media channels.

#### Non-Exclusive Use of Event Pictures

Each FMB World Tour Event of the category Bronze/Silver will promptly (within three business days) provide to FMBA without charge at least 10 existing pictures of the Event as FMBA may request. Each FMB World Tour Event of the category Gold/Diamond will promptly (within one business day) provide to FMBA without charge at least 10 existing pictures of the Event as FMBA may request. The Event grants the non-exclusive media rights for these pictures as outlined in Appendix V.

#### Non-Exclusive Use of Event Live Webcast

Each FMB World Tour Event that is broadcasting the Event online via Live Webcast shall provide to FMBA the embed code for the Live Webcast and the non-exclusive right to broadcast the Event via Live Webcast on [www.fmbworldtour.com](http://www.fmbworldtour.com).

#### Non-Exclusive Media Highlight Rights

Each FMB World Tour Event of the category Silver shall promptly (within three business days) provide to FMBA without charge existing footage of the Event as FMBA may request. Each FMB World Tour Event of the category Gold/Diamond shall promptly (within one business day) provide to FMBA without charge existing footage of the Event as FMBA may request. The Event grants the non-exclusive media rights for this footage as outlined in Appendix V.

### 8.3. Video and Photo Production by FMBA

FMBA has the non-exclusive right to photograph, record and otherwise capture, distribute and broadcast the Event as outlined in Appendix V.

**Non-Exclusive Media Rights for FMB World Tour Course Preview Videos**

Each FMB World Tour Diamond/Gold Event shall provide the FMBA the non-exclusive right to produce and distribute a FMB World Tour Course Preview video at the event. The FMBA shall be entitled to sublicense these rights to partners.

## **Appendices**

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### **Appendix I - FMB World Tour Event categorization points**

Events that apply to be integrated in the official FMB World Tour calendar, as FMB World Tour Event shall acquire the minimum of the following FMB World Tour Event categorization points to be integrated in the according Event Category:

Diamond Events:	2000 points
Gold Events:	1550 points
Silver Events:	870 points
Bronze Events:	135 points

The above listed FMB World Tour categorization points are a minimum requirement for events to be integrated in the official FMB World Tour calendar. Besides the rating of the Event through FMB World Tour Event categorization points the Event will be reviewed by the FMBA advisory board to assure the compliance of the Event with the according Event Category requirements. The FMBA advisory board will make the final decision about the integration of the Event in the FMB World Tour calendar and a certain FMB World Tour Event Category.

An overview of FMB World Tour event categorization points system can be downloaded on the FMB World Tour Website (Event Requirements).

## Appendix II - FMB World Tour Point Structure

Licensed Athletes get FMB Ranking Points for the place/rank they have achieved at an Event. If there are non-licensed Athletes in the result list of an Event the points for this place will not be awarded. Licensed Athletes do not fill up the places of non-licensed Athletes.

**FMB World Tour Women's Ranking Points Table (January 2024)**

Rank	Diamond & Gold	Silver	Bronze	%
1	800.00	600.00	400.00	100.00
2	720.00	540.00	360.00	90.00
3	640.00	480.00	320.00	80.00
4	576.00	432.00	288.00	72.00
5	524.80	393.60	262.40	65.60
6	480.00	360.00	240.00	60.00
7	441.60	331.20	220.80	55.20
8	409.60	307.20	204.80	51.20
9	380.80	285.60	190.40	47.60
10	353.60	265.20	176.80	44.20
11	328.00	246.00	164.00	41.00
12	304.00	228.00	152.00	38.00
13	281.60	211.20	140.80	35.20
14	260.80	195.60	130.40	32.60
15	241.60	181.20	120.80	30.20
16	224.00	168.00	112.00	28.00
17	208.00	156.00	104.00	26.00
18	193.60	145.20	96.80	24.20
19	180.80	135.60	90.40	22.60
20	169.60	127.20	84.80	21.20
21	160.00	120.00	80.00	20.00
22	152.00	114.00	76.00	19.00
23	145.60	109.20	72.80	18.20
24	140.80	105.60	70.40	17.60
25	137.60	103.20	68.80	17.20
26	134.40	100.80	67.20	16.80
27	131.20	98.40	65.60	16.40
28	128.00	96.00	64.00	16.00
29	124.80	93.60	62.40	15.60
30	122.24	91.68	61.12	15.28
31	119.68	89.76	59.84	14.96
32	117.12	87.84	58.56	14.64
33	114.56	85.92	57.28	14.32
34	112.00	84.00	56.00	14.00
35	109.44	82.08	54.72	13.68
36	106.88	80.16	53.44	13.36
37	104.32	78.24	52.16	13.04
38	101.76	76.32	50.88	12.72
39	99.20	74.40	49.60	12.40
40	97.28	72.96	48.64	12.16
41	95.36	71.52	47.68	11.92
42	93.44	70.08	46.72	11.68
43	91.52	68.64	45.76	11.44
44	89.60	67.20	44.80	11.20
45	87.68	65.76	43.84	10.96
46	85.76	64.32	42.88	10.72
47	83.84	62.88	41.92	10.48
48	81.92	61.44	40.96	10.24
49	80.00	60.00	40.00	10.00
50 - end	78.08	58.56	39.04	9.76

FMB World Tour Men's Ranking Points Table (January 2024)

Rank	Diamond	Gold	Silver	Bronze	%
1	1000.00	750.00	500.00	250.00	100.00
2	900.00	675.00	450.00	225.00	90.00
3	800.00	600.00	400.00	200.00	80.00
4	720.00	540.00	360.00	180.00	72.00
5	656.00	492.00	328.00	164.00	65.60
6	600.00	450.00	300.00	150.00	60.00
7	552.00	414.00	276.00	138.00	55.20
8	512.00	384.00	256.00	128.00	51.20
9	476.00	357.00	238.00	119.00	47.60
10	442.00	331.50	221.00	110.50	44.20
11	410.00	307.50	205.00	102.50	41.00
12	380.00	285.00	190.00	95.00	38.00
13	352.00	264.00	176.00	88.00	35.20
14	326.00	244.50	163.00	81.50	32.60
15	302.00	226.50	151.00	75.50	30.20
16	280.00	210.00	140.00	70.00	28.00
17	260.00	195.00	130.00	65.00	26.00
18	242.00	181.50	121.00	60.50	24.20
19	226.00	169.50	113.00	56.50	22.60
20	212.00	159.00	106.00	53.00	21.20
21	200.00	150.00	100.00	50.00	20.00
22	190.00	142.50	95.00	47.50	19.00
23	182.00	136.50	91.00	45.50	18.20
24	176.00	132.00	88.00	44.00	17.60
25	172.00	129.00	86.00	43.00	17.20
26	168.00	126.00	84.00	42.00	16.80
27	164.00	123.00	82.00	41.00	16.40
28	160.00	120.00	80.00	40.00	16.00
29	156.00	117.00	78.00	39.00	15.60
30	152.80	114.60	76.40	38.20	15.28
31	149.60	112.20	74.80	37.40	14.96
32	146.40	109.80	73.20	36.60	14.64
33	143.20	107.40	71.60	35.80	14.32
34	140.00	105.00	70.00	35.00	14.00
35	136.80	102.60	68.40	34.20	13.68
36	133.60	100.20	66.80	33.40	13.36
37	130.40	97.80	65.20	32.60	13.04
38	127.20	95.40	63.60	31.80	12.72
39	124.00	93.00	62.00	31.00	12.40
40	121.60	91.20	60.80	30.40	12.16
41	119.20	89.40	59.60	29.80	11.92
42	116.80	87.60	58.40	29.20	11.68
43	114.40	85.80	57.20	28.60	11.44
44	112.00	84.00	56.00	28.00	11.20
45	109.60	82.20	54.80	27.40	10.96
46	107.20	80.40	53.60	26.80	10.72
47	104.80	78.60	52.40	26.20	10.48
48	102.40	76.80	51.20	25.60	10.24
49	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00	10.00
50 - end	97.60	73.20	48.80	24.40	9.76

## Appendix III - FMB World Tour Branding Requirements

### III.1. FMB World Tour Brands

#### III.1.1 FMB World Tour Logo



The look of FMB World Tour Logo can be changed by the FMBA. Events are obliged to use the latest version of the FMB World Tour logo.

#### III.1.2 FMB World Tour Event Logos

Gold Level



Silver Level



Bronze Level



#### III.1.3 FMB World Tour animated logo graphic

##### FMB World Tour Opener graphic

- FMB Gold Events
- FMB Silver Events
- FMB Bronze Events

Technical specification:

- 3 seconds length
- 1080p
- prores444
- .mov file

FMBA will provide an according download link.

##### FMB World Tour Closer graphic

Example Closer:



Technical specification:

- 5 seconds length
- 1080p
- prores444
- .mov file

FMBA will provide an according download link.

#### **III.1.4. FMB World Tour Glossary of official Terms:**

All Events, Athletes or Media shall use the following official FMB World Tour Terms when talking about the FMB World Tour in any communication.

<b>FMBA</b>	when talking about the Freeride Mountain Bike Association
<b>FMB World Tour</b>	when talking about the Freeride Mountain Bike World Tour
<b>FMB World Tour official tour stop</b>	when generally talking about events that are part of the FMB World Tour
<b>Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship (SWC)</b>	when talking about the Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship
<b>Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship event</b>	when talking about events that are part of the Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship
<b>FMB World Tour Diamond Event</b>	when talking about events that are part of the FMB World Tour in the Diamond Event Category
<b>FMB World Tour Gold Event</b>	when talking about events that are part of the FMB World Tour in the Gold Event Category
<b>FMB World Tour Silver Event</b>	when talking about events that are part of the FMB World Tour in the Silver Event Category



<b>FMB World Tour Bronze Event</b>	when talking about events that are part of the FMB World Tour in the Bronze Event Category
<b>Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Champion</b>	when talking about the winner of the Crankworx FMBA Slopestyle World Championship
<b>FMBA Judging Clinics</b>	when talking about the official judges education program of the FMBA

## **III.2. Use of FMB World Tour Brands**

### **III.2.1 Integration of FMB World Tour Logo's and promotion material in Event Communication**

Each FMB World Tour Event has to use for their official communication the FMB World Tour Brands in the following communication measures:

#### **III.2.1.1 Advertising**

The FMB World Tour Event Logo must be applied to all Event advertising communications directly relating to FMB World Tour sanctioned Events.

#### **III.2.1.2 Communication/Administration**

The FMB World Tour Event Logo must be applied to all external Event communications. To include but not limited to: stationery, leaderboards, billboards, notice board, prize giving walls, interview walls, memos, powerpoints, documents and press releases. For multiple page documents, the FMB World Tour Event Logo need only be applied on the front page that contains Event logo or Event name.

#### **III.2.1.3 Website**

The FMB World Tour Event Logo must be displayed "above the fold" of the Event website browser. It must be in the view without scrolling down on a minimum screen resolution of 1024x768. The FMB World Tour Event Logo should be no smaller than 45 pixels wide. The integrated FMB World Tour Event Logo must link to the official FMB World Tour website ([www.fmbworldtour.com](http://www.fmbworldtour.com))

#### **III.2.1.4 Promotional Material**

The FMB World Tour Event Logo need only be applied to the front page of all promotional communications. To include but not limited to: Event programs, daily programs, leaflets, draw sheets, announcements and notices. For multiple page documents, the FMB World Tour Event Logo need only be applied on the front page that contains Event logo or Event name.

Written approval is needed if Event wants use the FMB World Tour Event Logo and/or FMB World Tour for merchandise or resold products. In this case an extra license fee applies.

#### **III.2.1.5 FMBA Advertising and Information**

FMBA Advertising and Information Materials, to include but not limited to leaflets, information folder and poster, must be presented and distributed on-site when provided by FMBA. Simple printouts will be on Event's costs if digitally provided by FMBA.

#### III.2.1.6 Event Video Production

The FMB World Tour animated logo graphic shall be integrated in the beginning (Opener) and the end (Closer) of every official Event Video that is produced by or on behalf of the Event Host and will be communicated to the public. (Graphics to be provided by FMBA).

#### III.2.1.7 Event Live-Webcast Production

The FMB World Tour animated logo graphic shall be integrated in the beginning (Opener) and the end (Closer) of the Event Live Webcast. The FMB World Tour Logo shall be integrated in Live Webcast Graphics and at least visible 50% of broadcasting time of Live Webcast. The official FMB World Tour trailer video shall be integrated at least once and in the first quarter of the Live Webcast.

For FMB Diamond Series Events: the current FMB Diamond Series standings pre- and post event shall be integrated in the Live Webcast. Live Webcast announcer shall discuss current FMB Diamond Series standings situation. Event Host to provide a 3-minute slot for FMB World Tour video content in the Live Webcast (if requested).

#### III.2.1.8 FMB World Tour Press Kit

The FMB World Tour Press Kit shall be integrated in printed form in the press area/room of the Event.

#### III.2.1.9 FMBA Reciprocal Marketing

FMB World Tour Events get an own Event profile prominently displayed on the FMB World Tour website. FMB World Tour Event Profiles on the FMB World Tour website can partly be administrated by the Event Host and will integrate the following information:

- Event Logo
- Event information (Name, Date, Schedule)
- Event results (current and historical)
- Event partners
- Miscellaneous information

### **III.2.2 FMB World Tour Logo Positioning and Sizing**

Each FMB World Tour Event shall comply with the following positioning and sizing regulations for the integration of the FMB World Tour Event Logo's in the official Event communication:

#### III.2.2.1 Size Relationship FMB World Tour Logo - Event Logo

Must be a minimum of 50% of the surface area of the Event Logo

#### III.2.2.2 Size Relationship FMB World Tour Logo - Event Title

Must be a minimum of 50% of the surface area of the Event Title

#### III.2.2.3 Positioning and Sizing

The FMB World Tour Logo must be placed in a separated area in a prominent position, e.g. on printed materials (press releases, handouts etc.) in the upper left or right corner of each page of the printed material, at least on the first page. The FMB World Tour logo is used as an endorsement of the quality and authenticity of an Event and its inclusion within the FMB World Tour. The FMB World Tour Logo should never be placed alongside sponsor logos or added to sponsor logo strip

To ensure the FMB World Tour Logo is reproduced to best effect, the Event must adhere to the application rules stated above or the following minimum sizes, whichever is greater:

In quality print	9mm wide
In newsprint	13mm wide
On screen	45 pixels wide

Below are the minimum size requirements for using the FMB World Tour Logo on printed materials:

A7	9mm wide
A6	11mm wide
A5	14mm wide
A4	18mm wide
A3	26mm wide
A2	36mm wide
A1	51mm wide

### III.2.3 FMB World Tour Event on-site branding

FMB World Tour Events shall clearly identify themselves as part of the FMB World Tour and have to accomplish the following branding requirements due to their Event Category:

#### Gold and Silver Events

- FMB World Tour Event Logo on prize giving wall and interview walls
- Provide relevant branding space in starting area (media relevant) for FMB World Tour branding (at least 1x4 meter banner space or similar)
- Provide relevant branding space on course (media relevant) for FMB World Tour branding (at least 2 times 2x2 meter banner space or similar)
- Provide relevant branding space in finish coral (media relevant) for FMB World Tour branding (at least 1x4 meter banner space or similar)

In special cases depending on the specifics of the Event course or immutable circumstances that do not comply with the FMB World Tour Event Branding Requirements the Event Host can apply to adjust the FMB World Tour Event Branding Requirements. This application must be sent to the FMBA in written form and not later than 6 weeks prior to the Event.

The Event Host has to pay for any costs that are related to the adjustments of the FMB World Tour Event Branding Requirements when requested by the Event Host.

### **Bronze Events**

FMB World Tour Bronze Events must produce 2 FMB World Tour Bronze Event Logo (1x4 meter) banners on own costs and place the banners in prominent position on the course. The data for the banner production will be delivered by the FMBA.

### **General**

FMB World Tour on-site branding material will be provided by the FMBA before the Event. All branding material must be handled with care and must be implemented in the outlined spots of the course accordingly. The branding material must be placed with good visibility for spectators and media.

The Event Hosts are holding responsibility for damages of the FMB World Tour branding material through their Event. The branding material have to be shipped back promptly to the FMBA or a place designated by FMBA after the Event took place on FMB World Tour expenses.

## **Appendix IV - Terms and Conditions FMBA membership**

### **1. Membership**

As a member of the Freeride Mountain Bike Association you are part of a global community with the function to promote Mountain Bike Freeride Sports, further youth welfare, and to protect nature and the environment. As a member you will be entitled to all benefits the FMBA offers its members.

### **2. Membership types and prices**

Extraordinary (supporting) membership of individual persons

Fee: € 25,00 per year

Extraordinary (supporting) membership for organizations and their representatives, CEOs and so forth

Fee: € 350,00 per year

### **3. Payment of membership fee**

The membership fee has to be paid after the completion of the application for the FMBA membership. We provide different online payment opportunities. Independent from the chosen method of payment, the membership fee will be charged directly.

### **4. Withdrawal from application**

Applicant is entitled to withdraw from the contract without mentioning specific reasons within 14 days after completion of the membership application.

### **5. Period of validity**

The Association year corresponds to the calendar year. Membership begins on January 1st of the entry year and after the first membership fee is paid. Should a member join after September 30th, the first membership fee validates the membership effective immediately and until December 31st of the following year.

### **6. Notice of termination**

Your membership can be terminated in writing by December 31st of each year respectively with a cancellation period of two months.

## **7. Membership benefits**

With the FMBA membership the member is granted the right to profit from all benefits the FMBA offers its members. An overview of the current benefits can be found on the FMBA website: [www.fmba.org](http://www.fmba.org). Benefits can vary.

## Appendix V – Media rights

### Delivery of Media Footage

Each FMB World Tour Silver Event shall each year promptly (within three business days) provide to FMBA without charge pre-cleared existing video footage of the Event as FMBA may request and if such footage is available. Each FMB World Tour Event of the category Gold/Diamond shall each year promptly (within one business day) provide to FMBA without charge pre-cleared existing video footage of the Event as FMBA may request and if such footage is available. Each FMB World Tour Event hereby grants to the FMBA the non-exclusive right to use online and broadcast, or permit to be broadcast, by any means, whether presently existing or hereafter created, in perpetuity worldwide and as specified in Appendix V, a total each year of (i) up to fifteen (15) minutes of footage for the FMBA Highlight Show or any other programs, produced by or for the FMBA, which are primarily intended to promote the FMB World Tour and/or FMBA; and (ii) up to five (5) minutes daily of footage for any local, regional, national or international news or sports news programming. The footage has to include Top three male/female runs, prize giving ceremony, impressions, winner interview(s) of the Event. In addition, each FMB World Tour Bronze/Silver Event will promptly (within three business days) provide to FMBA at least 10 photographic portraits and/or pictures of Athletes per Event. Each FMB World Tour Gold/Diamond Event will promptly (within one business day) provide to FMBA at least 10 photographic portraits and/or pictures of Athletes per Event.

- (a) Event Host warrants, undertakes and agrees that (i) it possesses full power and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement and that at the date of execution hereof there are not, and during the Term there will not be, any liens or encumbrances against the footage, photographic portraits and pictures which will or might impair the fullest exercise by FMBA any of its rights hereunder and Event Host shall promptly inform FMBA of any claims by any third parties
- (b) it has not assigned or granted and will not assign or grant any rights the exercise of which would derogate from or be inconsistent with the exercise by FMBA of its rights hereunder; (iii) it owns or controls all copyright, underlying rights (including music clearances) and all other rights in the footage, photographic portraits and pictures.
- (c) Event Host will indemnify and hold harmless FMBA, its affiliates and their employees, representatives and agents from and against any and all liabilities arising out of or in connection with the clearance of all rights mentioned above.
- (d) The footage, photographic portraits and pictures are to be fully pre-cleared, i.e. all legal clearances including but not limited to music and footage will be executed and all related payments will be made by the Event Host so that FMBA will be able to fully exercise all rights contained in this agreement without further costs. The footage delivered by Event

Host should be seamless and contain no commercial breaks unless previously agreed. FMBA shall be permitted to amend or alter the footage as required, necessary or desirable in order to compile a programme using the footage.

- (e) Event Host/Event grants the FMBA a non-exclusive, perpetual license under copyright throughout the world to:
- Transmit, distribute and exploit and to authorize third parties to transmit, distribute and exploit the Feed of selected runs for reception by the public by any means and in any television norm, whether live or delayed, in any language, that is capable of being received by a television receiver whether in analogue or digital, including, but not limited to, (i) over the air, satellite, satellite to cable, cable, digital terrestrial, MMDS, VOD, NVOD, and any other television broadcast means now available or available in the future that is capable of being received by a television receiver; (ii) in-flight reception within commercial aircraft flying under the flag of a territory other than that of the Event's Domestic Area; (iii) in-flight video rights to be exhibited in commercial aircraft flying under the flag of a territory other than that of the Event's Domestic Area; (iv) in-vessel reception within commercial vessels sailing under the flag of a territory other than that of the Event's Domestic Area; (v) in-vessel video rights to be exhibited in commercial vessels sailing under the flag of a territory other than that of the Event's Domestic Area; and (vi) home video and other audio/visual rights, including, but not limited to, video cassette, video disc, DVD or other similar means primarily intended to promote the FMB World Tour and/or FMBA (gainively, "FMBA Television Rights"); and
  - The non-exclusive, perpetual worldwide right to exploit and permit others to exploit excerpts of up to five (5) minutes per Event day and Event (main Event, best trick Event etc.), anytime after the Event day for any local, regional, national or international news or sports news programming, also to promote the FMB World Tour and/or sponsors of the FMB World Tour (with respect to any sponsors conflicts with existing event sponsors) and for use by the FMBA in FMB World Tour educational programs and for internal purposes. Any revenues from the sale of highlights shall be in benefit of FMBA.
- (f) Digital Media Rights" means the rights of transmission of the Event, or portions of the Event, on any audio-visual media other than television ("Digital Media") for reception by the public on a free or pay basis regardless which (a) transmission means, whether analogue or digital (hertzien waves, cable, satellite, satellite to cable, ADSL, DVB-T, IPTV, DVB-H, DMB, UMTS, HSDPA); (b) transmission norms such as SDTV or HDTV; or (c) reception devices (standard TV-set or a computer screen or a handheld device or any other display capable of displaying moving pictures) are used. Digital Media shall include, but not be limited to, internet web sites and content services available on cellular phones and



PDA. Event Host/Event grants the FMBA the following perpetual Digital Rights:

- The non-exclusive right to exploit and to permit others to exploit streamed Events on a live or delayed basis via any form of Digital Media worldwide with the following restrictions in the Domestic Area:
  - If an Event is currently prevented from streaming the Event in its Domestic Area due to contractual restrictions with its Host Broadcaster, it must notify the FMBA in writing of the restrictions and the term of the Host Broadcaster contract and the FMBA shall not stream the Matches in the Domestic Area in the local language for the remainder of the current term of such contract. When an Event renews its Host Broadcaster contract, it must make good faith efforts to clear its New Media streaming rights in the Domestic Area and, at a minimum, the Event shall ensure that the FMBA will have the ability to stream delayed Event in the Domestic Area on a free basis. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the FMBA shall be permitted in all circumstances to stream the Matches in the Domestic Area after the completion of the Event; and
  - The non-exclusive, worldwide right to exploit and to permit others to exploit via Digital Media, excerpts of up to five (5) minutes per Event day and Event (main Event, best trick Event etc.), anytime after the completion of the Event.
  - The Event's title sponsor and FMBA title sponsor, shall be protected in their Categories from any conflicting Event presenting sponsorships, framing or same page advertising (including videos whether or not imbedded in the streams) on the FMBA website.
  - The natural and incidental reception of broadcast and streaming transmissions from either the FMBA or Third Parties exploiting the rights for FMBA within the Domestic Area or outside of the Domestic Area will not constitute a violation of these Standards as long as there is no marketing, promotion, advertising or support of such Overspill.
- g) Event Host/Event grants the FMBA the following perpetual photographic rights:
- The unrestricted right and permission to use, re-use, publish and re-publish photographic portraits or pictures of competing Athletes or in which competing Athletes may be included, in whole or in part, or composite or distorted in character or form, without restriction as to changes or alterations, in conjunction with Athlete's own or a fictitious name, or reproductions thereof in color or otherwise, made through any medium, and in any and all media now or hereafter known for illustration, editorial and promotion of FMB World Tour and/or FMBA.

## Video and Photo Production by FMBA

FMBA has the non-exclusive right to photograph, record and otherwise capture, distribute and broadcast the Event, Event site, Athletes, audience, officials or any other person being present, voices, conversations and any sounds, hereinafter referred to as the Footage, in any and all means and media, now known or hereafter devised and in all languages, including the right to edit, dub and delete the Footage, whether directly or through third parties, without any compensation. FMBA shall have the right and license on a worldwide basis and without limitation in time to record, store, broadcast, communicate to the public, distribute, and grant public access to the Event in whole or in part via streaming, whether live (simulcasting) or deferred streaming, over the Internet and/or mobile devices, in particular on the FMBA website and any other linked websites, via worldwide broadcasting and communication to the public, whether live or deferred, and to further distribute such contents on physical media (CD and/or DVD), anywhere in the world to the extent that such Footage is within the context of the FMB World Tour and not in conflict with any exclusive media rights granted by Event to third parties. Event will inform FMBA about any such exclusive rights granted to third parties. FMBA has the right to sublicense its rights.

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## Glossary of Terms

In the FMBA Rules, the following expressions have the following meanings:

**“Athlete(s)”** means the Athlete who has applied for a FMB World Tour Athlete License according to Chapter 2, Clause 2 of the FMB World Tour TCs and Chapter 3.1 of the FMB World Tour Rule Book and have concluded into the FMBA Athlete Agreement with the FMBA.

**“Athlete Fee”** means the yearly fee which has to be paid by the Athletes according to Chapter 2, Clause 2 of the FMB World Tour TCs and Chapter 3.1.2-3.1.4 of the FMB World Tour Rule Book as one of the requirements to obtain an FMB World Tour Athlete License.

**“Athlete Agreement”** means the license agreement between an Athlete and the FMBA which comes into force after the application of an Athlete according to Chapter 2, Clause 2 of the FMB World Tour TCs and granting of the FMB World Tour Athlete License to the Athlete by the FMBA.

**“Athlete License Card”** means the identification card which proves that an Athlete has concluded into an Athlete Agreement with the FMBA.

**“Athlete Registration Form”** and/or **“Online Athlete Registration Form”** means the online form as part of the Athlete Agreement available on the Website of the FMBA [www.fmbworldtour.com](http://www.fmbworldtour.com) which has to be completed and submitted by each Athlete according to Chapter 2, Clause 2 of the FMB World Tour TCs and Chapter 3.1.1 of the FMB World Tour Rule Book to apply for the FMB World Tour Athlete License.

**“Confidential Information”** means all information about any party involved in connection with the FMBA and/or the FMB World Tour that any party becomes aware of in connection with the FMB World Tour and that are classified as confidential information or that, based on other circumstances, can be considered as business or company secrets.

**“Events”** means the freeride mountain bike events which are part of the FMB World Tour, including all activities relating thereto, and/or including any other competitions included into the FMB World Tour by the FMBA during the Term, in particular the Events hosted by the Event Hosts.

**“Event Application Form”** means the form available from the FMBA which has to be completed and submitted by each Event Host according to Chapter 2, Clause 1 of the FMB World Tour TCs and Chapter 2.1.1 of the FMB World Tour Rule Book to apply for the FMB World Tour Event License.

**“Event Fee”** means the yearly fee which has to be paid by the Event Host(s) according to Chapter 2, Clause 1 of the FMB World Tour TCs and Chapter 2.1.1 of the FMB World Tour Rule Book as one of the requirements to obtain an FMB World Tour Event License.

**“Event Hosts”** means local authorities, local agencies and/or Event organizers who host an Event which is or applies for being part of the FMB World Tour.

**“Event Agreement”** means the license agreement between an Event Host and the FMBA which comes into force after the application of an Event Host according to Chapter 2, Clause 1 of the FMB World Tour TCs and granting of the FMB World Tour Event License to the Event Host by the FMBA.

**“Finals”** means last competition round of an event that consist of the best athletes of the Qualifications Round. The Finals determine the winner of the event as well as the ranking of the best athletes of the event.

**“Event Licensing Form”** means the form as part of the Event Agreement completed and submitted by the FMBA to the Event Host after duly application of the Event Host according to Chapter 2, Clause 1 of the FMB World Tour TCs to grant the FMB World Tour Event License to the Event Host.

**“Event Pictures”** means still pictures of an Event which have to be provided by the Event Host(s) to the FMBA regarding the Event(s) according to Chapter 2, Clause 3 of the FMB World Tour TCs and the Chapter 7 of the FMB World Tour Rule Book.

**“FMBA”** means the Freeride Mountain Bike Association, represented by the Board of Directors Alex Dörr, Darren Kinnaird and Tarek Rasouli, Karl Theodor Str.55, 80803 München, Germany, as world governing body for the sport of freeride mountain biking. The FMBA organizes, stages and hosts together with several Event Hosts the FMB World Tour.

**“FMBA Brands”** means any and all present and future names, symbols, logos, emblems, mascots, trophies, slogans, designations, service marks, trademarks and any other mark or designation authorized and/or owned by the FMBA, whether or not registered or applied for or represented in whole or in part, denoting, identifying, or associated with, the FMBA and/or the FMB World Tour, including but not limited to the official FMB World Tour emblem, the FMBA name.

**“FMBA Brand Right(s)”** means rights owned by the FMBA and/or a third party on behalf of the FMBA with respect to the FMBA Brands, in particular the right to commercially exploit the FMBA Brands (e.g. grant licenses to Commercial Partners etc.).

**“FMBA Rules”** means any and all binding rules established by the FMBA, in particular the FMB World Tour Rule Book, the FMBA By-Laws and/or the FMB World Tour TCs in its current version and/or any other contracts concluded into between the FMBA on one side and the Event Hosts or the Athletes on the other side, such as the Athlete Agreement and the Event Agreement.

**“FMBA By-laws”** means the By-laws of the Freeride Mountain Bike Association e.V., incorporating the legal basis and organization of the Freeride Mountain Bike Association e.V.

**“FMB World Tour”** means the official World Tour of freeride mountain bike events and all corresponding events (e.g. award ceremony) organized and staged by the FMBA in cooperation with the Event Hosts of the Events.

**“FMB World Tour Athlete License”** means the rights of an Athlete to participate as Athlete in the FMB World Tour which requires the application as Athlete according to Chapter 2, Clause 2 of the FMB World Tour TCs and Chapter 3.1 of the FMB World Tour Rule Book and the conclusion of the Athlete Agreement with the FMBA.

**“FMB World Tour Calendar”** means the season long official event schedule of FMB World Tour licensed events published by the FMBA according to Chapter 1.3.2 of the FMB World Tour Rule Book.

**“FMB World Tour Event Category”** means one of four event categories (Diamond, Gold, Silver, Bronze) according to Chapter 1.3.1 of the FMB World Tour Rule Book that an FMB World Tour Event is integrated in due to the event categorization of the FMBA.

**“FMB World Tour Event License”** means the rights of an Event Host to participate in the FMB World Tour with its Event as official tour stop of the FMB World Tour which requires the application as Event according to Chapter 2, Clause 1 of the FMB World Tour TCs and Chapter 2.1 of the FMB World Tour Rule Book and the conclusion of the Event Agreement with the FMBA.

**“FMB World Tour Ranking Points” or “FMB Ranking points”** means the ranking points that athletes can collect while participating in FMB World Tour licensed Events according to Chapter 1.5

of the FMB World Tour Rule Book. These points count towards the official FMB World Tour rankings and are the basement for the ranking of the athletes.

**“FMB World Tour TCs”** means Terms & Conditions of the Freeride Mountain Bike World Tour in the current version which are part of the FMBA Rules which have been accepted as binding by the Athletes and Event Hosts with application for the FMB World Tour Event License or FMB World Tour Athlete License.

**“Force Majeure”** means the case that an Event or a substantial part of it is cancelled, postponed, or relocated, for any reason whatsoever which is beyond the control of the Parties, including but not limited to storm, earthquake, flood, riot, national state of emergency, war, act of terrorism or any other force majeure Event prevents the holding, or causes a postponement or relocation, of an Event or a substantial part of it; or either party’s performance of rights and/or obligations under the FMBA Rules is delayed or otherwise made impossible owing to any other reason unforeseen and/or beyond the reasonable control of the other party.

**“Media Rights”** means any and all rights to broadcast, transmit, display or otherwise exploit via the media any rights relating to the FMBA, the FMB World Tour and/or the Event(s), or any part thereof, in all languages in all forms of media, including via television, radio or the world wide web, whether now existing or hereafter developed in the future, in particular the rights specified in the Event Marketing Form which are included into a Partner Package offered to a Commercial Partner by the FMBA or a third party on behalf of the FMBA after prior Approval of the Event Host in difference to the Media Footage which has to be granted to the FMBA by each Event Host with application for the FMB World Tour Event License for the purpose of a commercial exploitation of the FMBA and/or the FMB World Tour in general according to Chapter 2, Clause 3 of the FMB World Tour TCs and the FMB World Tour Rule Book.

**“Media Footage”** means still pictures and video footage of an Event which have to be provided by the Event Host(s) to the FMBA regarding the Event(s) according to Chapter 2, Clause 3 of the FMB World Tour TCs and Chapter 8.1 of the FMB World Tour Rule Book.

**“Operational Costs”** means any and all operational costs incurred in connection with the delivery of Marketing Rights and/or Media Rights to a Commercial Partner on the basis of the contract entered into between the FMBA and such Commercial Partner (such as the delivery of sponsorship rights, production costs, personnel, infrastructure, office and administration, legal, creative and research services).

**“Qualifications Round”** means the last competition round before the Finals that determines the best athletes of the event that qualify for the Finals.

**“Territory”** means the whole world, unless otherwise agreed between the parties in writing.

**“Term”** means the time period specified in Chapter 4 Clause 1 of the FMB World Tour TCs and/or in the Athlete Agreement and the Event Agreement.