

Appendix 5: Foreign Permission Letters

Requirements of Riders Competing Outside the United States

Licensed riders must obtain permission from USA Cycling to compete outside of the United States, **with the exception of Mexico and Canada**. Permission to compete is provided only for visits to federations that are affiliated with the UCI. Each federation is allowed to set its own requirements for allowing foreign riders to compete. It is the rider's responsibility to meet these requirements when applying for permission. Note that you must have an international license in order to compete abroad.

Foreign Permission Application Procedure

- (a)** Proof of Citizenship. If you are not a US citizen (indicated on your license under "status") you must provide a passport (copy) or other proof of citizenship.
- (b)** An applicant must be a licensed rider with a valid International license. If the rider does not have a valid International license, the rider must complete and submit an international license application with the appropriate fee. This form is available from the USA Cycling Membership office, and is available via online application.
- (c)** Foreign Permission Letter (FPL) application. Foreign permission letters can be requested online from your account at www.usacycling.org. If you have no access to a computer, a permission letter may be requested by writing to USA Cycling. **Note that an FPL is not required to compete in Mexico or Canada.**

(1) Each request must show your name, license number, country(s) you wish to compete in, arrival dates and length of stay.

(2) Please allow at least one week to process and issue letters from the date of receipt in the USA Cycling office. Allow for sufficient delivery time to overseas addresses. Applicant is responsible for all "express" mail and fax fees.

USA Cycling Member Services will process the request in the following manner:

(a) A license validation check will be conducted from the USA Cycling computer files.

(b) Permission from the CEO will be requested.

(c) Upon license validation check and CEO's permission, a letter will be sent to the foreign federation(s) giving permission for you to compete overseas, and copies sent to you. You may have five letters free of charge annually.

(d) The letter authorizing competition in a foreign federation will contain:

(i) Your Name (as it appears on your passport)

(ii) UCI code and country of origin

(iii) Club and or Team, if you belong to one

(iv) Racing categories by discipline

(v) Your UCI class (Junior, Under 23, Elite, Master)