

**The President**

UCI BMX Freestyle Community

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### **BMX Freestyle – Introduction to the Olympic Games**

Dear All,

I am delighted to inform you that the UCI can confirm that BMX Freestyle Park will be an official part of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games programme.

The International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Executive Board have today formally approved the full event programme for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, and this will include BMX Freestyle Park events for both Men and Women. In this edition of the Games, there will be nine (9) men and nine (9) women competing.

This news comes at the end of a significant effort from many people for recognition of the sport, and will be a fantastic step in its future development.

The UCI would like to firstly congratulate and thank you, the members of the BMX Freestyle community for all the work and dedication you show to the sport – as this passion for BMX Freestyle has played a vital role in this decision.

The UCI is delighted that this has been achieved after only one year, since the integration of BMX Freestyle to our federation's family. In that time, we've seen the UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup events grow stronger, and we look forward to the first edition of the UCI Urban World Championships in Chengdu, China, in November 2017. Chengdu have already committed to hosting for three years, giving security to the development of that event.

The UCI is committed to working with you, and the 186 national federations to ensure that there is the right level of support in place to develop this, our newest Olympic discipline as you prepare yourselves for the UCI Urban World Championships, the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games and now the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Yours sincerely,



Brian Cookson  
President