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Cookson campaign will not escape democracy – Pat McQuaid, UCI President

UCI President Pat McQuaid has reiterated that Brian Cookson will not escape an election where voting delegates decide the outcome of the UCI Presidential election.

“This election will be decided by the voting delegates at the UCI Congress in Florence, Italy on September 27th despite attempts by him and those who support his campaign to eliminate me from the contest,” said McQuaid.

McQuaid stated that he had respected and adhered to the UCI rules at all times and that his opponent and adversaries were content to mire the election in legal cases and legal argument in an attempt to discredit and overthrow him.

"My other nominations from the Thai Cycling Association and the Fédération Royal Marocaine are valid and were all received in accordance with the UCI rules by the designated closing date," said McQuaid.

McQuaid stated that it was unclear how the decision of the Board of Swiss Cycling to withdraw his nomination had suddenly transpired.

"This was apparently a snap decision in the face of mounting pressure from the company who financed the challenge to my Swiss nomination and whose actions threatened to condemn the Swiss Cycling Federation to financial ruin had it proceeded to an arbitration hearing and lost," said McQuaid.

“I would remind Brian Cookson and his campaign supporters that the UCI Congress will ultimately decide who should lead the UCI for the next four years,” he added.

“Federations all over the world want me to stand for re-election. I am standing as a candidate for re-election. That is not going to change. I am calling on Brian Cookson and his campaign supporters to accept that and to put an end to their concerted attempts to refuse the Congress a choice between two candidates,” stated McQuaid.

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