



2017-18 USA Cycling MJR, MU23 & WU23 Cyclocross Program Information

Moving forward, USA Cycling's Cyclocross Program will consist of two components:

- **High Performance Program:** close work with proven high-performance athletes (world championship medal; medal-capable; and medal-potential riders). The Cyclocross Performance Director will oversee this program throughout the year, across multiple disciplines, and in coordination with other USAC and athlete team personnel. The goal of the program is specific focus on selected athletes to achieve world championship medals and placement on professional cyclocross teams.
- **Development Program:** via pathway entry points of USAC Talent ID camps, summer selection camps, coaches' recommendation, and UCI North American race results, athletes will be selected for international competition based out of USA Cycling European headquarters in Sittard, Netherlands. The Cyclocross Program Director will work closely with the European Program Manager to oversee this program and tailor its schedule and staffing on an annual basis.

2017-2018 European blocks:

- **Race Block #1- November 15th-27th, 2017**
 - **Nov. 18--Janet Memorial (national race)--Hilversum, NED**
 - **Nov. 19--Bavaria-Veldrit (national race)--Lieshout, NED**
 - **Nov. 25—World Cup—Zeven, GER**
 - **Nov. 26—DVV Flandriencross—Hamme, BEL**
- **Race Block #2- December 13th-30th, 2017**
 - **Dec. 17—World Cup—Namur, BEL**
 - **Dec. 23—Waaslandcross—St Niklaas, BEL**
 - **Dec. 26—World Cup—Zolder, BEL**
- **World Championship Preparation Block- January 24th-February 5th, 2018**
 - **Jan. 28—World Cup—Hoogerheide NED**

- **Feb. 3 & 4--World Championships—Valkenberg, NED**

Selection

- European Cyclocross Blocks- Selection to these European blocks will be based on North American results in October and November UCI races. All interested riders should petition for a specific block by submitting the USAC CX Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form (indicate which CX Race Block you are interested in). This form can be found on the USAC Team Selection Page of the USAC website under Cyclocross. This form should be submitted at least four weeks in advance of the specified race block.
- Riders will be evaluated for selection to the Cyclocross Development Camps and Race Blocks based on results at races designated in the World Championship Selection Document as World Championship selection races.
- In addition to the events indicated above, results from other UCI races in the USA and Europe will have an impact on selection as well.
- The primary domestic selection race for summer training and race camps will be the previous year's National Championships.

Funding

- Similar to the three levels of funding documented in the World Championship Selection Document, USA Cycling will fully, partially, or provide no funding to riders for European Race blocks depending on the rider's results and experience.

Development Program's Vision & Goals

- This program is a formal, structured, natural evolution of various USA cyclocross efforts made over the past 15 years. Now that a culture of US competitiveness in international cyclocross has been established, the emphasis turns to cultivating a culture of excellence. Such a focus on excellence drives effort, pride, and top-level performance.
- This program is designed specifically for development of the next generation of American cyclocross talent in the categories of U23 Women, U23 Men, and Junior Men. The program is patterned after successful USAC programs on the road, MTB, and track.
- The Development Program's primary focus is international competition with the aim to make an impact in World Cup and World Championship competitions. A primary tenet of the program is the belief that the best pathway for international cyclocross success comes through strategic blocks of European cyclocross racing, due to the level of competition, challenge of courses, and exposure to European race conditions.