



Domestic Elite Team Protocol

Domestic Elite Team Composition

All teams competing for Pro Road Tour Team Rankings are subject to the following:

- Teams may register up to 25 riders
- The riders must be officially enrolled on the official Domestic Elite team application form
- Registration of Domestic Elite teams will end on March 17st, 2017.
- All riders registered must have the appropriate racing category (Category 1 for men, Category 1/2 for women)

Age Restrictions of Riders:

- For riders on domestic elite teams there is no age restriction.

Nationality of Riders:

- For domestic elite teams or domestic riders added onto the UCI rosters, 80% of the riders for men's teams and 50% of riders for women's teams must be USA citizens with USA UCI codes.

Staff Licensing:

- Directors must have a National Federation license and attend a caravan safety class in order to drive in caravan races. For UCI events, the director must have a Sports Director license and attend the class in order to drive.

National Championships

For 2017, Domestic Elite Teams will be afforded privileges at National Championships, not given to other teams. For men, teams will be allowed to have follow cars at Amateur and Pro Road Championships, as well as having their own category at the new USA Cycling Team Time Trial National Championships.

USPRO Road Race and Time Trial - Men

- The top four (4) DET's in the PRT standings after Redlands will be invited to compete. If any of the four teams do not accept the invite, then we will NOT offer the spot to the 5th place team. Max of 6 riders per team with no guest riders. All riders must meet event qualifications regarding citizenship.
- Team Directors must be licensed as Sports Directors to drive in the caravan, and car order will be based on a secondary draw after the professional teams.

USPRO Criterium - Men

- The top eight (8) DET's in the PRT standings after Redlands. If any of the top eight teams do not accept the invite, the 9th ranked team will be considered based on the size of field. Max of



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USPRO Road Race, Time Trials (ITT & TTT), and Criterium – Women

- Teams will be allowed entry into the USA Cycling Professional Road, Time Trial and Team Time Trial Championships, as well as allowing follow cars in those events, where applicable. Riders not on a Domestic Elite Team must hold an active international license.

Team Scoring for PRT Events

- The top three riders in each team at each event score points for their teams
- The points the top three riders earn from the individual PRT points table from each event are added together to give the team total

Who can score points?

- Only riders duly registered as part of the team can score team points.
- Guest riders are allowed to ride for your team at an event, subject to having a release from their real team, **BUT** they do not score any team points. They may score individual PRT points.
- If a guest rider happens to be in the top three of your team, then your next placed rider who is on the team roster will be counted toward team points.

What type of team can score team points?

There are three types of teams that can score team points in PRT races:

- UCI road teams that are registered through USA Cycling
- UCI road teams that are registered in other countries
- USA Cycling Domestic Elite Teams

Note that, per UCI rules, UCI World Tour teams are allowed to race the Pro Road Tour Calendar events (up to 5 per rider, max team of 3) that have been added to the UCI calendar. For details on this please see UCI rules, Part 2 chapter 7.

All of these teams must register with USA Cycling, pay the required fee if applicable, and declare their rosters of riders that will be competing for the PRT points. In the case of UCI teams registered through USA Cycling, there is no additional fee for registering as their PRT team fee is included in their registration with USA Cycling as a UCI team. In all other cases, the registration fee is \$950 (this includes foreign UCI Continental teams).