



USA CYCLING ATHLETE NOMINATION WORKSHEET

2016 WORLD CYCLO-CROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS
January 30-31, 2016 – Heusden-Zolder, Belgium

GENERAL INFORMATION

USA Cycling will nominate, select and manage all athletes and staff who participate for the “Funded Team”. USAC will also manage and coordinate all aspects of the team travel on site, and all on-site logistics and housing for this event. All athletes and staff who are part of the USA Cycling “Funded Team” delegation for this event in the specific categories for which USA Cycling listed in the *Financial Responsibility* section (below), regardless of the method by which they were nominated, must function **AS A TEAM** (the Team). Therefore, without exception, USAC will manage logistics (food, housing, event transportation, race entry, and etc.) for all of the athletes and staff that are part of the Team. **ALL ATHLETES AND TEAM STAFF FOR CATEGORIES LISTED IN THE “FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY” SECTION OF THESE PROCEDURES WILL BE REQUIRED TO TRAVEL WITH THE TEAM AND PARTICIPATE IN THE TEAM LODGING AND MEAL PLAN.**

USA Cycling will manage logistics (food, housing, event transportation) for **ONLY** the athletes and staff who are selected by USAC to the “Funded Team.” USA Cycling will **NOT** be responsible for or manage logistics for professional team managers, private coaches, professional team staff, athletes' families, spouses, friends or significant others. It will be the responsibility of these individuals to make separate arrangements for housing, food and transportation and they will be responsible for all costs related to any separate arrangements they might make. Additionally, these individual will **NOT** be credentialed as part of the Team for this event and will therefore *not* be allowed in the USAC Team cabin(s) or pit areas unless specifically granted that privilege by the Team Manager.

Nominations will be based on final, official results from the qualifying events identified in this document as qualifying criteria. Mechanical problems and crashes are a part of cycling.

Therefore, USAC will not consider an athlete's position or placing in an event or events at the time the athlete experienced a mechanical problem or crashed or went off course as a determining factor for selection.

Any and all equipment provided by USAC to an athlete attending this event remains the property of USA Cycling and must be returned to USAC at the end of the World Championships. Failure

to return USA Cycling property in a timely manner may result in suspension or other penalties as determined by USA Cycling.

The number of athlete start positions per event and category is determined in each event by the relevant governing body (UCI). These nomination procedures have been developed based on the most recent information supplied by the UCI regarding the events, athlete participation, team qualification and team size. USA Cycling's nomination procedures may be subject to change based on the final international and domestic racing calendars and/or updated information from the UCI.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

USAC will assume financial responsibility for athletes in the teams listed, provided ATHLETES MEET THE AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION STANDARDS BELOW. USAC will fund automatic qualifiers up to the maximum number indicated. USAC may also fund those athletes who are chosen via discretionary nomination by the USA Cycling Selection Committee. Information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the "General Team Selection Information" document on the USAC website. All athletes should review this document as well as "USAC Process for selecting athletes to protected events." Both of these documents outline responsibilities and requirements for team selection.

1. Elite Men (Maximum of 2)
2. Elite Women (Maximum of 2)
3. U23 Men (Maximum of 2)
4. U23 Women (Maximum of 2)
5. Junior Men (Maximum of 2)

FUNDING LEVELS

Level 1 Full-Funding

For athletes qualifying via the specified automatic criteria, USA Cycling will provide one economy class, single destination airfare, which includes three pieces of luggage: Two bikes and one suitcase each under 50lbs (excess weight or additional bag charges are responsibility of the athlete). USA Cycling will also provide ground transportation at event location, food, lodging, all mechanical/race support, TravMed Insurance and competition clothing from Thursday, January 28th through Monday, February 1st 2016. Athletes must confirm their intent to stay with the team no later than January 15th, 2016 in order to be guaranteed lodging and support.

Level 2 Ground-Funding

For athletes qualifying via the specified automatic criteria, USA Cycling will provide ground transportation at event location, food, lodging, all mechanical/race support, TravMed Insurance and competition clothing from Thursday, January 28th through Monday, February 1st 2016. Level 2 funded athletes are responsible for their own airfare and excess baggage expenses. Athletes must confirm their intent to stay with the team no later than January 15th, 2016 in order to be guaranteed lodging and support.

Level 3 Self-Funding

After the maximum number of funded spots have been exhausted athletes qualifying via automatic criteria or named to the team via discretionary nomination will be responsible for a "Team Service Fee" payable on or before the date outlined in this document. The Service Fee for this event and this level is \$800.00.

This fee includes: ground transportation at event location, food, lodging, all mechanical/race support, TravMed Insurance and competition clothing from Thursday, January 28th through Monday, February 1st. Level 3 funded athletes are responsible for their own airfare and excess baggage expenses. Athletes must confirm their intent to stay with the team and pay the team service fee no later than January 15th, 2016 in order to be guaranteed lodging and support.

COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING

As a member of the USA National Team, representing USA Cycling and the United States of America, you may be provided with competition clothing in which you will be required to wear during all training sessions and competitions. Additionally, athletes may be provided casual clothing that will be required wear at official team functions and while participating as a member of the team. Failure to comply with team clothing rules can lead to disciplinary actions, including monetary fines, suspension of racing license and removal from the team.

PODIUM COMPENSATION

All athletes that achieve a top three (3) finish at the 2015 Cyclo-Cross World Championships in the event in which they were selected will be refunded the Team Service Fee (if applicable) as well as a fair market value of their economy class round trip airfare ticket to Europe (all excess baggage costs remain the responsibility of the rider).

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

1. Automatic & Coaches' Discretionary Nominations
 - 1.1. Announcement of Automatic Nominations: January 11, 2016
 - 1.2. Confirmation of intent to participate: January 13, 2016
2. Petition Discretionary Nominations
 - 2.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: January 2, 2016
 - 2.2. Announcement of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: January 11, 2016
 - 2.3. Confirmation of intent to participate: January 13, 2016
 - 2.4. Deadline for submission of **\$800.00** Service Fee: January 15, 2016
3. Final announcement of the Team: January 11, 2016

CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Men

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 19 and over

Maximum Start Positions: 5

Maximum Funded Positions: 2

Athletes may receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following *prioritized* criteria:

Level 1 Funding

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's World Championships in the same event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated.
2. Any U.S. eligible athlete with a top-ten (10) finish in a UCI Elite Men's World Cup event between the dates of September 16, 2015 and December 26, 2015.
3. Any athlete placing in the top five (5) at a Bpost Bank Trofee or Superprestige Series Elite Men's UCI cyclo-cross event between the dates of October 4, 2015 and January 4, 2016.

Level 2 Funding

4. The top-three (3) ranked athletes on the UCI Individual Rankings as of January 11, 2016 provided those athletes are ranked in the top-fifty (50) overall.
5. The winner of the 2015 Elite Men's Pan American Cyclo-cross Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
6. The winner of the 2016 Elite Men's National Cyclo-cross Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
7. Any athlete with a top-fifteen (15) finish in a UCI Elite Men's World Cup event between the dates of September 16, 2015 and December 26, 2015. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are places available on the team, the athletes with the highest placing in a World Cup will be nominated. If two or more athletes achieve the same World Cup finish result, the athlete with the highest World Cup ranking as of December 27, 2015 will be nominated.
8. The athlete with the most accumulated UCI Ranking Points from the following 6 UCI Category 1 events. If any of the following UCI events are downgraded from UCI C1 race status that event will not be used as a selection race. If any race not on this list is upgraded to UCI C1 status it will be added in this list.
 - Ellison Park Cyclo-cross Festival, Rochester, NY, September 5, 2015
 - KMC Cyclo-cross Festival, Providence, RI, October 3, 2015
 - Trek CXC Cup, Waterloo, WI, October 10, 2015
 - Cincy3 @ Kings CX After Dark, Mason, OH, October 31, 2015
 - Derby City Cup, Louisville, KY, November 7, 2015
 - Charm City Cross, Baltimore, MD, November 14, 2015
 - Jingle Cross 2, Iowa City, IA December 5, 2015

Level 3 Funding

9. If positions remain, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>)

Note: The funded position will be filled in order of selection criterion priority. After the funded position has been filled, all other automatic qualifiers will be self-funded athletes.

Elite Women

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 17 and over

Maximum Start Positions: 5

Maximum Funded Positions: 2

Athletes may receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following *prioritized* criteria:

Level 1 Funding:

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's World Championships in the same event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated.
2. Any athlete with a top-five (5) finish in a UCI Elite Women's World Cup event between the dates of September 16, 2015 and December 26, 2015.
3. Any athlete places first (1) at a Bpost Bank Trofee or Superprestige Series Elite Women's UCI cyclo-cross event between the dates of October 4, 2015 and January 4, 2016.

Level 2 Funding:

4. The top-three (3) ranked athletes on the UCI Individual Rankings as of January 11, 2016 provided those athletes are ranked in the top-fifty (50) overall.
5. The winner of the 2015 Elite Women's Pan American Cyclo-cross Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
6. The winner of the 2016 Elite Women's National Cyclo-cross Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
7. Any athlete with a top-ten (10) finish in a UCI Elite Women's World Cup event between the dates of September 16, 2015 and December 26, 2015. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are places available on the team, the athletes with the highest placing in a World Cup will be nominated. If two or more athletes achieve the same World Cup finish result, the athlete with the highest World Cup ranking as of December 27, 2015 will be nominated.
8. The athlete with the most accumulated UCI Ranking Points from the following 7 UCI Category 1 events. If any of the following UCI events are downgraded from UCI C1 race status that event will not be used as a selection race. If any race not on this list is upgraded to UCI C1 status it will be added in this list.
 - Ellison Park Cyclo-cross Festival, Rochester, NY, September 5, 2015
 - KMC Cyclo-cross Festival, Providence, RI, October 3, 2015
 - Trek CXC Cup, Waterloo, WI, October 10, 2015

- Cincy3 @ Kings CX After Dark, Mason, OH, October 31, 2015
- Derby City Cup, Louisville, KY, November 7, 2015
- Charm City Cross, Baltimore, MD, November 14, 2015
- Jingle Cross 2, Iowa City, IA December 5, 2015

Level 3 Funding:

9. If positions remain, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>)

Note: The funded position will be filled in order of selection criterion priority. After the funded position has been filled, all other automatic qualifiers will be self-funded athletes.

U-23 Men

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 19-22 years old (men born in 1994-1997).

Maximum Start Positions: 5

Maximum Funded Positions: 2

Athletes may receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following *prioritized* criteria:

Level 1 Funding:

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's World Championships in the same event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated.
2. Any athlete with a top-five (5) finish in a UCI U23 Men's World Cup event between the dates of October 18, 2015 and December 26, 2015.
3. Any athlete placing in the top five (5) at a Bpost Bank Trofee or Superprestige Series U23 Men's UCI cyclo-cross event between the dates of October 4, 2015 and January 4, 2016.

Level 2 Funding:

4. The winner of the 2015 U23 Men's Pan American Cyclo-cross Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
5. The winner of the 2016 U23 Men's National Cyclocross Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
6. Any athlete with a top-fifteen (15) finish in a UCI U23 Men's World Cup event between the dates of October 18, 2015 and December 26, 2015. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are places available on the team, the athletes with the highest placing in a World Cup will be nominated. If two or more athletes achieve the same World Cup finish result, the athlete with the highest World Cup ranking as of December 27, 2015 will be nominated.

7. The top placed U23 aged rider if in the top 15 overall in the race at each of the following domestic UCI races will be placed into a World Championship pool, from this pool of athletes the highest placed rider at the 2016 USA Cycling National Championships will earn the automatic nomination.
 - Providence Cyclo-Cross Festival C1, Providence, RI, October 3, 2015
 - Providence Cyclo-Cross Festival C2, Providence, RI, October 4, 2015
 - Cincy3-Kings CX After Dark C1, Mason, OH, October 31, 2015
 - Pan Am Continental Cyclo-Cross Championships, Covington, KY, Nov.1, 2015
 - Derby City Cup C1, Louisville, KY, November 7, 2015
 - Derby City Cup C2, Louisville, KY, November 8, 2015

Level 3 Funding:

8. If positions remain, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>)

Note: The funded position will be filled in order of selection criterion priority. After the funded position has been filled, all other automatic qualifiers will be self-funded athletes.

U23 Women

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 17-22 years old (women born in 1994-1999).

Maximum Start Positions: 5

Maximum Funded Positions: 2

Athletes may receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following *prioritized* criteria:

Level 1 Funding:

1. Any athlete with a top-fifteen (15) finish in a UCI Elite Women's World Cup event between the dates of October 18, 2015 and December 26, 2015.
2. Any athlete placing in the top five (5) at a Bpost Bank Trofee or Superprestige Series Elite Women's UCI cyclo-cross event between the dates of October 4, 2015 and January 4, 2016.

Level 2 Funding:

3. The winner of the 2015 U23 Women's Pan American Cyclo-cross Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
4. The winner of the 2016 U23 Women's National Cyclo-cross Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
5. Any athlete with a top-twenty (20) finish in a UCI Elite Women's World Cup event between the dates of October 18, 2015 and December 26, 2015. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are places available on the team, the athletes with the highest placing in a World Cup will be nominated. If two or more athletes achieve the same World Cup finish result, the athlete with the highest World Cup ranking as of December 27, 2015 will be nominated.

6. The top placed U23 Women's aged rider if in the top 15 overall in the race at each of the following domestic UCI races will be placed into a World Championship pool, from this pool of athletes the highest placed rider at the 2016 USA Cycling National Championships will earn the automatic nomination.
 - Providence Cyclo-Cross Festival C1, Providence, RI, October 3, 2015
 - Providence Cyclo-Cross Festival C2, Providence, RI, October 4, 2015
 - Cincy3-Kings CX After Dark C1, Mason, OH, October 31, 2015
 - Pan Am Continental Cyclo-Cross Championships, Covington, KY, Nov.1, 2015
 - Derby City Cup C1, Louisville, KY, November 7, 2015
 - Derby City Cup C2, Louisville, KY, November 8, 2015

Level 3 Funding:

7. If positions remain, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>)

Note: The funded position will be filled in order of selection criterion priority. After the funded position has been filled, all other automatic qualifiers will be self-funded athletes.

Junior Men

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; overall junior men 17-18 years old (men born in 1998-1999)

Maximum Start Positions: 5

Maximum Funded Positions: 2

Athletes may receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following *prioritized* criteria:

Level 1 Funding:

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's World Championships in the same event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated.
2. Any athlete with a top-five (5) finish in a UCI Junior Men's World Cup event between the dates of October 18, 2015 and December 26, 2015.
3. Any athlete placing first (1) at a Bpost Bank Trofee or Superprestige Series Junior Men's UCI cyclo-cross event between the dates of October 4, 2015 and January 4, 2016.

Level 2 Funding:

4. The winner of the 2015 Junior Men's Pan American Cyclo-cross Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
5. The winner of the 2016 Junior Men's National Cyclocross Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

6. Any athlete with a top-fifteen (15) finish in a UCI Junior Men's World Cup event between the dates of October 18, 2015 and December 26, 2015. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are places available on the team, the athletes with the highest placing in a World Cup will be nominated. If two or more athletes achieve the same World Cup finish result, the athlete with the highest World Cup ranking as of December 27, 2015 will be nominated.
7. The winner of the Junior Men's event at each of the following domestic UCI races will be placed into a World Championship pool, from this pool of athletes the highest placed rider at the 2016 USA Cycling National Championships will earn the automatic nomination.
 - Providence Cyclo-Cross Festival C1, Providence, RI, October 3, 2015
 - Providence Cyclo-Cross Festival C2, Providence, RI, October 4, 2015
 - Cincy3-Kings CX After Dark C1, Mason, OH, October 31, 2015
 - Pan Am Continental Cyclo-Cross Championships, Covington, KY, Nov.1, 2015
 - Derby City Cup C1, Louisville, KY, November 7, 2015
 - Derby City Cup C2, Louisville, KY, November 8, 2015

Level 3 Funding:

8. If positions remain, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>)

Note: The funded position will be filled in order of selection criterion priority. After the funded position has been filled, all other automatic qualifiers will be self-funded athletes.

CRITERIA FOR DISCRETIONARY NOMINATION ELITE MEN, ELITE WOMEN, U23 MEN AND JUNIOR MEN TO THE UCI WORLD CX CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Riders who do not meet the above automatic nomination requirements must fill out an online petition to be named to the 2015 World Cyclo-Cross Championship Team by the date established by USA Cycling.

Please note that USAC will NOT fill the teams to the maximum number of riders if it deems petitioning riders are not medal capable or future medal capable.

The online "CX Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form" can be found on the cyclo-cross page of the USA Cycling website.

2. Remaining athletes will be chosen utilizing the USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection. A copy of the document detailing these procedures can be found at:

<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>