



USA CYCLING ATHLETE NOMINATION

**2017 PAN AMERICAN CONTINENTAL ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS –U23MEN
May 4-7, 2017
Dominican Republic**

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how a rider can “automatically” qualify for nomination to the 2017 Pan American Continental Championship Road Team. In cases where there are still available start positions after the automatic qualification process, those positions may be filled via discretionary nominations according to the USAC discretionary selection procedures. More information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the “General Team Selection Information” document on the USAC website.

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 selection committee discretionary selection. Information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the “Team Selection Information (<http://www.usacycling.org/news/user/story.php?id=775>)” 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. U23 Men Road Race (Maximum of 3)
2. U23 Men Time Trial (Maximum of 2)

USAC POLICY FOR FUNDING CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONS FOR WORLD TEAM

Per the current UCI rule, **9.2.009**: In addition to the riders qualified through the UCI Nations classification, according to the quotas indicated in the articles 9.2.010 through 9.2.020, the following persons will also be qualified for Elite World Championships: For the Continental Champion, this facility is limited to the first World Championships following the awarding of the title of Continental Champion.

Because the Continental Championships are held months prior to the actual World Championships, and the level of competition at the Continental Championships is not the International Standard found in most

automatic qualification criteria for USA Cycling's Team Nominations for World Championship Teams, USA Cycling has established the following policies:

Funding of Continental Champions by USA Cycling for World Championship Teams is contingent upon the rider meeting the automatic funding level as outlined in the World Championship Team qualification document. If a rider does not meet these requirements, but chooses to ride the World Championships they will do so at their own cost.

FUNDING LEVELS

Level 1 Full Funding

Athletes 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 competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/race support, and TravMed insurance throughout duration of the event with USA Cycling.

Level 2 Ground Funding

Athletes qualifying automatically for non-Olympic events or via USA Cycling Selection Committee 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 \$1000.00. This fee includes: competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/race support, and TravMed Insurance throughout duration of the event with USA Cycling. Level 2 ground-funded athletes are responsible for their airfare and excess baggage expenses.

COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING

As a member of the USA National Team, representing USA Cycling and the United States of America, you will be provided with competition clothing which you will be required to wear during all training sessions and competitions. Additionally you will be provided casual clothing that you will be required to 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 removal from the team.

USA CYCLING SELECTION STRATEGY FOR PAN-AMERICAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

USA Cycling has historically used the Pan-American Continental Championships as an opportunity to gain crucial UCI points towards UCI Nations Rankings, which assist in ensuring maximum start positions at the World Championships. In many cases, the Pan-Am Continental Championships have also served a dual purpose providing future medal capable athletes the opportunity to experience the stress and challenge of an international championship.

Men Road: The UCI bases the number of start positions for U23 World Championships on a country's Nation's Cup ranking and Continental Tour (Americas Tour) ranking. Because USA Cycling has based our U23 Program exclusively in Europe, our U23 athletes have very little opportunities to earn Americas Tour points. As a result, we have made the Pan-Am Continental Championships open only to U23 athletes in order to secure maximum opportunity at securing UCI Americas Tour points, and thus ensuring maximum start positions annually for U23 World Championships.

Women Road: USA Cycling has historically used Pan-American Continental Championships as an opportunity to secure additional start positions at World Championships via winning Pan-Am Continental Championships.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

1. Automatic & Coaches' Discretionary Nominations
 - 1.1 Announcement of Automatic Nominations: April 17, 2017
 - 1.2 Confirmation of intent to participate: April 24, 2017
2. Petition Discretionary Nominations
 - 2.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: April 10, 2017
 - 2.2. Announcement of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: April 17, 2017
 - 2.3. Confirmation of intent to participate: April 24, 2017
 - 2.4. Deadline for submission of **\$1000.00** deposit: April 26, 2017
3. **Final announcement of the Elite Women's Pan American CC Team: April 17, 2017**

CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Men Road Race

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 19-22 years old (men born in 1995-1998).

Maximum Start Positions: 3

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

Level 1 Funding

1. Any U.S. eligible U23 athlete ranked in the Top 20 in UCI U23 Nations Cup Individual rankings as of April 17, 2017. Athletes will be nominated to the team based on the order of their UCI U23 Nations Cup Individual ranking. Athletes will be nominated from the UCI U23 Nations Cup Individual ranking list until any of the following conditions are met: 1) all positions in the team are filled; or 2) all athletes in the top 20 of the UCI U23 Nations Cup Individual ranking have been nominated.

Level 2 Funding

2. If positions remain after considering the proceeding criterion, 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>).

Men Time Trial

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 19-22 years old (men born in 1995-1998).

Maximum Start Positions: 2

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

Level 1 Funding

1. Any U.S. eligible U23 athlete ranked in the Top 20 in UCI U23 Nations Cup Individual rankings as of April 17, 2017. Athletes will be nominated to the team based on the order of their UCI U23 Nations Cup Individual ranking. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, the highest ranked athlete will earn the automatic nomination.

Level 2 Funding

2. If positions remain after considering the proceeding criterion, 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>).