



USA CYCLING ATHLETE NOMINATION WORKSHEET

2017 WORLD ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS – ELITE MEN
September 17-24, 2017 – Bergen, Norway

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how a rider can “automatically” qualify for nomination to the 2017 World 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. Elite Men Road Race (Maximum TBD)
2. Elite Men Time Trial (Maximum of 2)

FUNDING LEVELS

Level 1: Full Funding

For athletes qualifying via automatic criteria for 2017 World Champions, USA Cycling will provide one economy class, single destination airfare, which includes two pieces of luggage: One

bike 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 via USA Cycling Selection Committee discretionary nomination maybe 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 funded athletes are responsible for their airfare and excess baggage expenses.

TEAM SERVICE FEE

All Team USA athletes who are selected to the team but not funded are required to use USAC provided services and will be required to pay the associated Team Service Fee. This fee will cover lodging and food, ground transport at event location, race support, competition clothing and TravMed throughout the duration with USA Cycling. All athletes travel will be booked arriving 3 days before the first day of their competition, and returning the following day after their last competition.

PODIUM COMPENSATION

If any member of the Road Race team achieves a top three (3) finish in the Road Race, USA Cycling will refund the Team Service Fee and pay the fair market value of an economy class round trip airfare ticket to the event (excluding excess baggage costs) to all Level 2 funded athletes who are members of the Road Race team. If any Level 2 funded athlete achieves a top three (3) finish in the Individual Time Trial, USA Cycling will refund the Team Service Fee and pay the fair market value of an economy class round trip airfare ticket to the event (excluding excess baggage costs) to such Level 2 funded athlete.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

1. Automatic & Coaches' Discretionary Nominations
 - 1.1. Announcement of Automatic Nominations: September 8, 2017
 - 1.2. Confirmation of intent to participate: September 11, 2017

2. Petition Discretionary Nominations
 - 2.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: September 1, 2017
 - 2.2. Announcement of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: September 8, 2017
 - 2.3. Confirmation of intent to participate: September 11, 2017
 - 2.4. Deadline for submission of **\$1000.00** deposit: September 11, 2017

3. Final announcement of the Team: September 8, 2017.

CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Men Road Race

Eligible Participants: UCI Elite (World Tour and Continental UCI-registered team members and USCF category I Licensed Men age 19 and older)

Maximum Number of Starters: TBA

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

Automatic Nomination (in order of priority):

Level 1 Funding

1. Any U.S. eligible 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 athlete in the prior year's World Championships will be nominated.

3. Any eligible athlete finishing in the top-five (5) in the final general classification in a UCI Grand Tour (Giro Italia, Tour de France, Vuelta Espana) event between January 1, 2017 and September 5, 2017. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest ranking and so on. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, such athletes will be ranked based on the recency of the event in which the athlete achieved the qualifying result.

4. Any eligible athlete placing in the top-three (3) in a UCI World Tour event (one-day event or a final general classification). If more than one athlete meets this criterion, such athletes will

be ranked based on the recency of the event in which the athlete achieved the qualifying result.

5. Any eligible athlete ranked in the top 50 of the UCI World Tour Individual rankings as of September 8, 2017. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, athletes will be ranked in order of their UCI Individual World Tour rankings.
6. Any eligible athlete who wins a stage in a UCI Grand Tour (Giro Italia, Tour de France, Vuelta Espana) event between January 01, 2017 and September 8, 2017. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, such athletes will be ranked based on the recency of the event in which the athlete achieved the qualifying result.
7. The winner of the 2017 USA Cycling Professional Road Race National Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

Level 2 Funding

7. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org).

Elite Men Individual Time Trial

Eligible Participants: UCI Elite (World Tour and Continental UCI-registered team members and USAC category 1 Licensed Men age 19 and older)

Maximum Number of Starters: 2

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

Automatic Nomination (in order of priority):

Level 1 Funding

1. Any eligible 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 eligible athlete with a top three (3) finish in an individual time trial stage in a 2017 UCI Grand Tour (Giro Italia, Tour de France, Vuelta Espana) event, prior to September 8, 2017, provided the Time Trial was contested over a distance greater than 30

kilometers. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, such athletes will be ranked based on the recency of the event in which the athlete achieved the qualifying result.

3. The winner of the 2017 USA Cycling Professional Time Trial National Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

Level 2 Funding

4. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org).