QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how a rider can qualify for the 2020 Elite BMX World Championships to be held in Houston, Texas, May 26-31, 2020. For the Elite and Junior categories, all but one start spot will be filled through event results outlined below. One place will remain to be filled via discretionary nomination according to USAC discretionary selection procedures. More information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

USA Cycling (USAC) will set forth the process in which athletes qualify for the 2020 World Championships and manage all staff and credentialing for the Championship event. USAC will also manage and coordinate all aspects of travel including housing and local logistics for the riders attaining Funding Level 1.

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.

USA Cycling will manage the registration process and notify all riders that have qualified for the Championship event of how to register and when. All riders will be required to sign digital waivers during the registration process. USA Cycling will then notify all riders of when and where to collect event number plates, transponders, wristbands and bike security tags once they’ve been collected by the Team Manager prior to the event.

Any Discretionary nominations will be based on event results as well as previous results held on an Olympic style BMX tracks (8 meter Start hill). With that said, mechanical problems and crashes are a part of cycling. Therefore, USAC will not consider an athlete's result or evaluation at the time the athlete experienced a mechanical problem, crashed or went off course as a determining factor for selection.
The number of athlete start positions per event and category is determined in each event by the UCI based on Nations Rankings as of December 31st the year prior to the event.

ELIGIBILITY
Elite Men and Women: UCI International License Holders; 2020 Racing at 19 or older
Junior Men and Women: UCI International License Holders; 2020 Racing Age 17-18

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
USA Cycling will be assuming financial responsibility for riders in the teams listed, IF THE RIDERS MEET THE AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION STANDARDS (Level 1: Full Funding) BELOW.

FUNDING LEVELS
Level 1: Fully Funded
For athletes qualifying via automatic criteria for 2020 World Championships, 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 throughout duration of the event with USA Cycling.

Level 2: Self-Funded
Any athlete not meeting the automatic selection criteria but meets qualification requirements listed below will be required to arrange all aspects of travel, accommodation, food and registration for the event. USA Cycling is no longer offering the Service fee option for BMX.

PODIUM COMPENSATION
Podium bonuses for Elite categories (excluding Junior) at the UCI BMX World Championships are as follows, payable directly to the athlete by USA Cycling:
First place: $5,000
Second place: $3,000
Third place: $2,000

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES
• End of qualifying period: May 3rd, 2020
• Deadline for submission of petitions: 5pm Pacific Time on May 4th, 2020
• Nomination of Discretionary Selections: May 7th, 2020
• Confirmation of intent to participate of Final Qualifications: May 8th, 2020
• Announcement of the Team: On or before May 12th, 2020
CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Men
Maximum Start Positions: 6 plus any riders qualified under criteria #1 below

Level 1: Fully Funded

1. According to UCI rules, any athlete ranked in the top sixteen (16) of the UCI Elite Men World Rankings as of December 31, 2019 will be named to the 2020 UCI BMX World Championships Team.

2. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year’s World Championships in the same event and category may be named to the 2020 UCI BMX World Championship Team. 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.

3. Any athlete who places top three (3) in a 2020 UCI BMX Supercross World Cup event on or before May 3rd, 2020 will be named to the 2020 UCI BMX World Championship Team. In the event that more than five (5) athletes meet this criterion, priority will first be determined by the number of podium finishes earned between January 1, 2020 and May 3, 2020. For ties between athletes with the same number of podium finishes, priority will go to the athlete with the most first place finishes, then second place finishes, and then 3rd place finishes. Any remaining ties will be broken by USAC Power Rankings up to and including events on May 3, 2020.

Level 2: Self-Funded

4. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then one (1) athlete may be nominated by the USA Cycling BMX High Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the discretionary criteria described below. Any athlete seeking discretionary selection must complete the World Championship BMX Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form on the USA Cycling website by 5pm Pacific Time on May 4th, 2020.

5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, places will be filled using the USA Cycling BMX Power rankings through May 3rd 2020, in the order of ranking until all available spots are filled.

Elite Women
Maximum Start Positions: 5 plus any riders qualified under criteria #1 below

Level 1: Fully Funded

1. According to UCI rules, any athlete ranked in the top eight (8) of the UCI Elite Women’s World Rankings as of December 31, 2019 will be named to the 2020 UCI BMX World Championships Team.

2. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year’s World Championships in the same event and category may be named to the 2020 UCI BMX World Championship Team. 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.

3 Any athlete who places top three (3) in a 2020 UCI BMX Supercross World Cup event on or before May 3rd, 2020 will be named to the 2020 UCI BMX World Championship Team. In the event that more than four (4) athletes meet this criterion priority will first be determined by the number of podium finishes earned between January 1, 2020 and May 3, 2020. For ties between athletes with the same number of podium finishes, priority will go to the athlete with the most first place finishes, then second place finishes, and then 3rd place finishes. Any remaining ties will be broken by USAC Power Rankings up to and including events on May 3, 2020.

**Level 2: Self-Funded**

4 If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then one (1) athlete may be nominated by the USA Cycling BMX High Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the discretionary criteria described below. Any athlete seeking discretionary selection must complete the World Championship BMX Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form on the USA Cycling website by 5pm Pacific Time on May 4th, 2020.

5 If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, places will be filled using the USA Cycling BMX Power rankings through May 3rd 2020, in the order of ranking until all available spots are filled.

**Junior Men**

**Maximum Start Positions: 6**

**Level 1: Fully Funded**

1. Any athlete ranked in the top eight (8) of the UCI Junior Men world rankings as of December 31, 2019 will be named to the 2020 UCI BMX World Championship Team.

2. Any athlete placing in the top eight (8) at the prior year’s World Championships in the same event and category may be named to the 2020 UCI BMX World Championship Team. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated.

**Level 2: Self-Funded**

3 If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then one (1) athlete may be nominated to the Team by the USA Cycling BMX High Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the discretionary criteria described below. Any athlete seeking discretionary selection must complete the World Championship BMX Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form on the USA Cycling website by May 4th, 2020.

4 If quota slots remain after considering the previous criterion, remaining spots will be filled by the riders with the highest points awarded from Sarasota, FL National (February 21-22), Houston, TX national (March 6-7) and Rock Hill, SC national (March 27-28). Best 4 out of 6 scores will count. The scoring system can be found on the USA Cycling website on the Team USA – BMX Pathway page- [https://www.usacycling.org/team-usa/bmx](https://www.usacycling.org/team-usa/bmx)
**Junior Women**

**Maximum Start Positions:** 5

**Level 1: Fully Funded**

1. Any athlete ranked in the top eight (8) of the UCI Junior Men world rankings as of December 31, 2019 will be named to the 2020 UCI BMX World Championship Team.

2. Any athlete placing in the top eight (8) at the prior year’s World Championships in the same event and category may be named to the 2020 UCI BMX World Championship Team. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated.

**Level 2: Self-Funded**

3. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then one (1) athlete may be nominated to the Team by the USA Cycling BMX High Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the discretionary criteria described below. Any athlete seeking discretionary selection must complete the World Championship BMX Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form on the USA Cycling website by May 4th, 2020.

4. If quota slots remain after considering the previous criterion, remaining spots will be filled by the riders with the highest points awarded from Sarasota, FL National (February 21-22), Houston, TX national (March 6-7) and Rock Hill, SC national (March 27-28). Best 4 out of 6 scores will count. The scoring system can be found on the USA Cycling website on the Team USA – BMX Pathway page- [https://www.usacycling.org/team-usa/bmx](https://www.usacycling.org/team-usa/bmx)

**DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)**

USA Cycling may choose to fill quota slots through the selection criteria below in order to select athletes with medal capability, future medal capability, or athletes who can achieve the best result for Team USA.

If quota slots remain after the automatic criteria above have been applied, the USA Cycling National Team coach will recommend athletes, according to the criteria below, to the USA Cycling Selection Committee for selection to the World Championships through discretionary selection. The Selection Committee will review data on all petitioning athletes when considering the recommendations. The USA Cycling Selection Committee will consider the following criteria in priority order A through C:

A. **Medal Capable Athlete**– A medal capable athlete is one who has clearly demonstrated the ability to produce a medal winning result in the competition for which the athlete is being selected for by achieving one of the following criteria:

   - Winning a medal (top 3 finish) within the last 24 months at a UCI World Cup or World Championships and demonstrating the continuing ability to perform at that level or higher based on performances in International Competition in the last 12 months or
• Beating previous year’s Worlds or Olympic medalists or current top UCI world ranked athletes in International Competition on multiple occasions in the past 12 months;

B. Future Medal Capable Athletes— An athlete who is future medal capable is one who has the potential to produce a medal winning result within two to three years at a World Championship or Olympic Games by:

• Demonstrating a trend of improving performance in International Competition that, when logically extended out two to three years, in consideration of the athlete’s development path, intersects the future World Championship or Olympic standard for the event under consideration; or

• Winning medals at Junior World Championships in the last 24 months with ongoing additional supporting results in International Competitions competitive with the top ranked Elite athletes.

USA Cycling Selection Committee
Recommendations for discretionary nominations will be made by the USA Cycling National coaching staff to the USA Cycling Selection Committee. However, the USA Cycling Selection Committee will review data on all petitioning athletes, including those not recommended by the coaching staff, and approve athlete nominations using the discretionary criteria described above.

Conflict of Interest
Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.