

USA CYCLING / USAC
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2019 PAN AM GAMES
MEN'S and WOMEN'S ROAD AND TRACK
~~November 29, 2018~~ **April 5, 2019**

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of nomination (Section 1.3).

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), Pan American Sport Organization (PASO) (PAG only) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Pan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the IOC Charter (Rule 42) or the PASO Statutes (Article XXII, Sections 4 and 5).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) standards for participation (if any):

1.1.3.1. All athletes must hold an International License issued by their National Federation.

1.1.3.2. All athletes must have been born no later than December 31st, 2001 and must have a valid UCI license issued by their corresponding National Federation

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- 1.1.4.1. All athletes must be in good standing with USAC, USOC, UCI, and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) at the time of nomination.
- 1.1.4.2. Athletes will only be allowed to use equipment that meets UCI equipment standards during any 2019 Pan Am Games competitions, and in the process of qualifying for the 2019 Pan Am Games Team. Information on UCI equipment standards is available on the UCI website (www.uci.ch).

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

- a. **2019 UCI World Track Championships** to be held in Pruszkov, Poland, February 27-March 3, 2019.
- b. **2018-2019 UCI Track World Cup Events**
 - Round #1 – UCI Track Cycling World Cup-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines Oct. 18-21, 2018
 - Round #2 – UCI Track Cycling World Cup - Milton Oct. 26-28, 2018
 - Round #3 – UCI Track Cycling World Cup - Berlin Nov 30 - Dec 2, 2018
 - Round #4 – UCI Track Cycling World Cup - London Dec. 14-16, 2018
 - Round #5 – UCI Track Cycling World Cup - Cambridge January 18-20, 2018
 - Round #6 UCI Track Cycling World Cup – Hong Kong, January 25-27, 2019

1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

Criteria for athletes to qualify to participate in the 2019 UCI World Track Championships can be found on the USA cycling website:

<https://www.usacycling.org/team/international-events>

1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (include maximum Team size).

OVERVIEW:

For Omnium, Team Pursuit and Madison, the first step for nomination to the 2019 Pan American Games Team is selection to the Long Team as described below. The second step for nomination to the 2019 Pan American Games Team for Omnium is by either automatic selection or discretionary selection. For Team Pursuit and Madison, the second step for nomination is selection to the Final Team for each event by discretionary selection as described below.

For all other events, athletes may be nominated from athletes already selected to the Omnium, Team Pursuit or Madison by the USA Cycling coaching staff. Coaches' Nomination will be according to section 2.2., event scheduling, and desire of the athlete to compete in the other events and subject to review and approval of the USA Cycling Selection Committee as defined in section 11.

MAXIMUM FINAL TEAM SIZE

The maximum quota for the women's and men's Track and Road disciplines is six (6) women and six (6) men. The quota will be filled by athletes selected for events in the following order:

- 1) Omnium (Up to one rider per gender to be selected who may also compete in other events)
- 2) Team Pursuit (Up to five riders per gender who may also compete in other events)
- 3) Madison (If overall team quota slots remain after the preceding selections, up to two riders per gender who may also compete in other events)

Events are listed in priority order:

1. OMNIUM

OMNIUM LONG TEAM CRITERIA

Any athlete who competes in a UCI World Cup Omnium event during the 2018-2019 World Cup season or the World Championships will be nominated to the Omnium Long Team.

OMNIUM FINAL TEAM CRITERIA

After selection to the Omnium Long Team above, the final step for nomination is selection to the Omnium Final Team.

Maximum number of potential starters: one (1)

1. Up to one (1) athlete per gender who places in the top three (3) at the 2019 World Championships will be nominated to the 2019 Pan Am Games Team to compete in the Omnium.
2. If the quota slot remains after considering the preceding criterion, then up to one (1) athlete per gender who achieves two (2) top three (3) placings in the Omnium event in a UCI World Cup events between October 18, 2018 and January 27, 2019 will be nominated to the 2019 Pan Am Games Team. If more than one athlete per gender achieves two (2) top three (3) placings, then the nomination will go to the highest ranked athlete on the UCI Individual Omnium Rankings following the 2019 UCI Track Cycling World Championships..
3. If the men's or women's quota slot remains after considering the preceding criterion, up to one (1) athlete per gender will be nominated by the USA Cycling coaching staff to ride the Omnium event. Coaches' Nomination will be according to section 2.2.A., B. or C., event scheduling, and desire of the athlete to compete in the Omnium event and subject to review and approval of the USA Cycling Selection Committee as defined in section 11.

2. TEAM PURSUIT

The first step for nomination to the Pan American Games Team for Team Pursuit is selection to the Team Pursuit Long Team. The second step for nomination is selection to the Team Pursuit Final Team.

TEAM PURSUIT LONG TEAM CRITERIA

1. Up to five (5) athletes per gender who are members of a Team Pursuit team placing in the top three (3) at the 2019 World Championships will be named to the Team Pursuit - Long Team and eligible for selection to the Pan Am Games Team.

2. Up to (5) athletes may be selected to the Team Pursuit-Long Team by the USA Cycling Coaches according to section 2.2.D. and approved by the Selection Committee as defined in section 11.
3. Members of the Team Pursuit-Long Team will be eligible for selection to the Team Pursuit – Final Team as described below.

TEAM PURSUIT FINAL TEAM CRITERIA

After selection to the Team Pursuit Long Team above, the final step for nomination is selection to the Team Pursuit Final Team.

Maximum number of potential starters: five (5) riders (4 starters and a reserve)

1. Up to five (5) athletes per gender from the Team Pursuit Long Team may be named by the USA Cycling coaching staff to the Team Pursuit – Final Team and nominated to the 2019 Pan Am Games Team. All final nominees for 2019 Pan Am Games Team will come from the previously identified Team Pursuit Long Team.
2. Coaches' Nomination will be according to section 2.2.D. and approved by the Selection Committee as defined in section 11.
3. In order for Team Pursuit-Long Team athletes to be considered for Final 2019 Pan Am Games Team, athletes are required to participate in all Team USA Training Camps and Race Programs as prescribed by USA Cycling Coaching Staff from June 1, 2019 – July 15, 2019, unless excused in advance, in writing from the USA Cycling V.P. of Elite Athletics.

3. MADISON

The first step for nomination to the Pan American Games Team for the Madison is selection to the Madison Long Team. The second step for nomination is selection to the Madison Final Team.

MADISON LONG TEAM CRITERIA

1. Up to two (2) athletes per gender who place in the top three (3) at the 2019 World Championships will be selected to the Madison - Long Team and eligible for selection to the Pan Am Games Team.
2. Up to two (2) athletes per gender who achieve two (2) top three (3) placings in the Madison in UCI World Cup events between October 18,

2018 and January 27, 2019 will be nominated to the Madison - Long Team and eligible for selection to the Pan Am Games Team. If more than two (2) athletes per gender achieve two (2) top three (3) placings, then the nomination will go to the two (2) highest ranked athletes on the UCI Individual Omnium Rankings following the 2019 UCI Track Cycling World Championships.

3. Up to two (2) athletes, per gender, may be nominated by the USA Cycling coaching staff to the Madison - Long Team and eligible for selection to the Pan Am Games Team. Coaches' Nomination will be according to section 2.2.C., event scheduling, and desire of the athlete to compete in the Madison event and subject to review and approval of the USA Cycling Selection Committee as defined in section 11.

MADISON FINAL TEAM CRITERIA

Maximum number of potential starters: up to one (1) team of two (2) athletes per gender. With consideration of the overall maximum team size of 6 Women and 6 Men, if there are team positions which are not filled after the Omnium and Team Pursuit selections are made, up to two (2) athletes may be selected for the Madison.

1. Up to two (2) athletes, per gender, from the Madison Long Team will be named to the Madison - Final Team by the USA Cycling coaching staff and nominated to the 2019 Pan Am Games Team. All final nominees for 2019 Pan Am Games Team will come from the previously identified Madison Long Team.
2. Coaches' Nomination will be according to section 2.2.D. and approved by the Selection Committee as defined in section 11.
3. In order for Team Pursuit-Long Team athletes to be considered for Final 2019 Pan Am Games Team, athletes are required to participate in all Team USA Training Camps and Race Programs as prescribed by USA Cycling Coaching Staff from June 1, 2019 - July 15, 2019, unless excused in advance, in writing from the USA Cycling V.P. of Elite Athletics.

4. ALL OTHER ROAD AND TRACK EVENTS

Due to qualified team size quota slots being exceeded from selection to the Omnium, Team Pursuit and Madison, the USA Cycling coaching staff may choose to fill any other available positions for Road or Track events (Team Sprint, Match Sprint, Keirin, Time Trial or Road Race) at the 2019 Pan Am

Games with athletes previously nominated for the Women's and Men's Team Pursuit, Madison or Omnium events. Coaches' Nomination will be according to section 2.2., event scheduling, and desire of the athlete to compete in the Madison event and subject to review and approval of the USA Cycling Selection Committee as defined in section 11.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

Due to the nature of sport of cycling, whereby tactics or happenstance often dictate results, and the competitive structure of Olympic cycling, whereby selection of athletes to one event can be related to the selection of another event, USA Cycling has determined that the use of discretionary selection is essential to maximize Team USA's medal chances overall. While it has established automatic criteria by which athletes, through extraordinary achievement, have demonstrated very clear evidence of high potential for winning an Pan American Games medal, USA Cycling will use a discretionary selection process to select all athletes who have not qualified automatically.

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

If positions remain after the automatic criteria have been applied, the USA Cycling National Team coach for each discipline and gender will recommend athletes, according to the criteria below, to the USA Cycling Selection Committee for selection to the Pan American Games Team through discretionary selection. The Selection Committee will review data on all long team athletes when considering the recommendations. When making selections for individual events (Omnium or Time Trial), only criteria A, B, and C, will be considered, in that order, by the Selection Committee. The USA Cycling Selection Committee will consider only criteria D, when making selections for team-based events (Team Pursuit and Madison). Any of the criteria below (A, through D,) may be used when making selections for the Road Race.

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 the most recent World Championships or Olympic Games 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 courses similar to the event for which the athlete is being selected on multiple occasions in the past 12 months; or
- Producing a certified World Championship or Olympic medal capable time within the past 12 months (applies only to timed track cycling events); or
- A top three finish on a course with similar profile and against similar competition to those expected for the event for which the athlete is being selected within the last 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 future Olympic Games cycles at a World Championship or Olympic Games by:

- Demonstrating a trend of improving performance in International Competition that, when logically extended out two future Olympic cycles, in consideration of the athlete's development path, intersects the future World Championship or Olympic standard for the event under consideration; or
- Performing within five percent (5%) of the World Championship or Olympic time standard, despite competing a relatively short time in the sport or being biologically immature compared to the average peak age of World Championship or Olympic medalists. (This criteria applies only to timed track cycling events); or
- Winning medals at U23 or Junior World Championships.

C. Best Predicted Finish- If positions for the Team remain open after the application of all Automatic Selection and Discretionary Selection principles, the USA Cycling Selection Committee may choose the athlete or athletes who are most likely to finish the highest in the event.

D. Athletes Who Maximize Team Performance- These selections are essential for team events (Team Pursuit, Team Sprint, and Madison) where the team members must work together as a single unit. These selections may also be used in team-based individual events (Road Race) where the team director has devised a race strategy that designates one or more athletes as team leaders, and another athlete's contribution may assist a team leader in achieving a top performance. For example, even though the Road Race event is scored

individually, athletes who sacrifice their own individual result to execute a team strategy for the designated team leaders can have a profound impact on the ability of a team leader to achieve a top performance.

An athlete who can maximize team performance is one who, based on her or his experience, tactical proficiency, physical abilities, and willingness to work selflessly for the team objective, is expected to contribute to the performance of a medal capable team or designated team strategy. An athlete who can maximize team performance must have the right combination of power, knowledge and attitude.

This criterion does not apply to the individual events of Omnium, Sprint, Keirin, or Time Trial.

Importance of International Competition

As used herein, “International Competition” includes any competition in which the field of athletes is sufficiently strong that performances in that competition are indicative of how an athlete can perform in the competition that the discretionary selection is for. International Competitions need not occur outside the United States, as “international” refers to the competitiveness of the field (i.e., includes many of the best riders from leading cycling nations around the world), not the location of the event.

Data to Support Discretionary Selections

When athletes on Long Teams are eligible for discretionary selection, due to the nature of the event or availability of quota slots after automatic selection, Long Team athletes and National Team coaches will be given the opportunity to submit data to the Selection Committee for consideration in the discretionary selection.

In addition to performances in International Competition or competitions specified in the Athlete Selection Procedures, the Selection Committee may consider for discretionary selections, as appropriate to the discipline, the following:

- For all selections – Validatable and credible performance data such as times on courses (or portions of courses) of similar length or course profile and/or in similar environmental conditions to the event being selected for; athlete power data; or aerodynamic drag data.
- For “Athletes Who Maximize Team Performance” selections – Documentation of successful execution of relevant race tactics and/or evidence of being able to meet the physical requirements of the event being selected for when considering key factors like course profile, environmental conditions, and levels of competition.
- For choosing between two athletes in a selection category – Data may include any or all of the following in no specific order of priority. The inclusion and

order of priority for any data set may be different from event to event as determined by the USA Cycling Coaching staff and USA Cycling Selection Committee.

1. Race results in top international competitions;
2. Race results in top national level competitions;
3. Head to head competition results or performances between multiple athletes in consideration for a discretionary position;
4. Technological data on athlete and or event which is validatable and credible. By way of example this could include but is not limited to: times on similar courses or events, athlete power data, aerodynamic drag data (if relevant) or event demand data.

- 2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

USA Cycling Selection Committee

Recommendations for discretionary nominations will be made by the USA Cycling National coaching staff. However, the USA Cycling Selection Committee (see Section 11 below) will review data on all athletes in the Long Teams and approve ALL athlete nominations using the discretionary criteria described in section 2.2.

- 2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

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.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, USA Cycling has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Cycling may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Cycling:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Cycling CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Cycling. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Cycling, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of USA Cycling's Code of Conduct (Attachment A).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Cycling's Bylaws (Policy IV – Eligibility, Discipline and Hearings) and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once an athlete nomination is accepted by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB/HPMO Code of Conduct, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Information.aspx>

- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, WADA, UCI, USADA, SafeSport and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

- 4.1.1. prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

If an athlete is removed from the team for the reasons described in Section 3 above, the athlete may be replaced by an athlete on the Long Team for the Team Pursuit or Madison who is nominated by the USA Cycling National Coaching Staff and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee. Or that athlete's start position may be filled by another athlete who has already been nominated to the 2019 Pan Am Team for a different start position in any cycling discipline (for example, a pursuit rider to the sprint discipline). All replacement athletes will be chosen based on discretionary criteria described in section 2.2. Any replacement of athletes must comply with these selection procedures, IOC, USOC, and UCI regulations and entry deadlines

- 4.1.2. after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

See above, same as Section 4.1.1

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Cycling will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the PanAmerican Games and are included as attachments:

USA Cycling Code of Conduct (Attachment A)

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the USA Cycling in the following locations:

- 7.1. USA Cycling Web site: www.usacycling.org

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

7.2. Other: N/A

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before:

June 1 25, 2019

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

For athletes to be considered for the 2019 Pan Am Games Team, athletes are required to participate in all Team USA Training Camps and Race Programs as prescribed by USA Cycling Coaching Staff from June 1, 2019 - July 15, 2019, unless excused in advance, in writing from the USA Cycling V.P. of Elite Athletics.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, PASO, WADA, UCI, USADA, and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, PASO, WADA, UCI, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

| <u>USA Cycling Selection Committee</u> | |
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| Name | Title |
| Timothy Duggan | USAC Selection Committee Member- athlete 10 year rule representative |
| Eric Rupe | USAC Selection Committee Member |
| Donny Robinson | USAC Selection Committee Member- athlete 10 year rule representative |
| Heather Irmiger | USAC Selection Committee Member- athlete 10 year rule representative |
| Christine Thorburn | USAC Selection Committee Member- athlete 10 year rule representative |

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| Adam Duvendeck | USAC Selection Committee Member- athlete 10 year rule representative |
| Jan Bolland Tanner | USAC Selection Committee Member |
| Bunki Bankaitis-Davis | USAC Selection Committee Member |

USA Cycling Staff

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| Scott Schnitzspahn (non-voting) | Vice President of Elite Athletics |
| Jeff Pierce (non-voting) | Director of Athletics, Road and Track |
| Derek Bouchard-Hall (non-voting) | Former President and CEO |

12. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Cycling Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

The USA Cycling Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found in the USA Cycling Governance Policy Manual (Policy IV – Eligibility, Discipline and Hearings) on the USA Cycling website: www.usacycling.org.

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, PASO, as applicable, and/or UCI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, PASO, as applicable, and/or UCI rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Cycling. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.



14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Cycling may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>

15. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Cycling.

| Position | Print Name | Signature | Date |
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| USA Cycling President and CEO | Derek Bouchard-Hall Rob DeMartini |  | 4-8-19 |
| Vice President of Elite Athletics | Scott Schnitzspahn |  | 4/5/18 |
| USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative* | Carmen Small | <i>Carmen Small</i> | 4/6/19 |

* If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/HPMO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB/HPMO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

Attachment A



USA Cycling Code of Conduct Agreement
For
U.S.A. Cycling Team Athletes, Pan Am Games Team Members, Coaches and Support Staff

USA Cycling Code of Conduct

The standards set forth in the USA Cycling Code of Conduct (Code) and the Athlete Protection Policies (APP) are mandatory and must be followed by all Athletes, Coaches, Clubs, Committee Members, Independent Contractors, Local Associations, Mechanics, Officials, Program Managers and Directors, Race Directors, Soigneurs, Team Managers and Directors, USA Cycling Board of Directors Members, USA Cycling Employees, Volunteers, and all other USA Cycling Licensees and Participants (collectively, “any participant held accountable by this Code”). The Code and APP are intended to be comprehensive and easily understood, but they are not intended to be exhaustive or complete.

In some instances, the Code and APP deal fully with the subject covered. In other cases, however, when the subject addressed is more complex, the SafeSport Committee will provide additional guidance in making interpretations, determinations, and adjudications. Our Code and APP operate in tandem with the policies and procedures of our organization, our staff and with all applicable U.S. and foreign laws and regulations. Where differences exist, because of local customs, norms, laws and regulations, we require the use of the highest standard of behavior or the most restrictive requirement which applies.

Section 1. USA Cycling grants membership to individuals and groups. The membership may, therefore, be withdrawn or denied after appropriate due process by USA Cycling at any time where USA Cycling determines a member or prospective member's conduct is inconsistent with the mission of the organization or the best interest of the sport and those who participate in it.

In order to assist all members to better serve the interests of those who participate in cycling, USA Cycling has adopted this Code of Conduct.

Section 2. Any member or prospective member of USA Cycling may be sanctioned under the racing rules, fined, suspended, denied membership, censured, placed on probation, or expelled

from USA Cycling after being afforded the right to a hearing under the USA Cycling Administrative Grievance Policy, if such member violates the provisions of the USA Cycling Code of Conduct, set forth in Section 3 below, or aids, abets or encourages another person to violate any of the provisions of the USA Cycling Code of Conduct.

Section 3. The following shall be considered violations of the USA Cycling Code of Conduct:

(a) Violation of anti-doping provisions as established by UCI, WADA, USADA or the USOC. (WADA code located at the following address – <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/the-code>)

(b) The illegal possession, transportation or distribution of drugs or the possession, transportation or distribution of any substances listed on the recognized list of banned substances from WADA or USADA.

(c) Violation of the UCI's Cycling Regulations 'Ban on Injections'. (Located at the following address - http://www.uci.ch/mm/Document/News/Rulesandregulation/16/26/69/13con-E_English.PDF)

(d) Any violation of the USA Cycling APP. (Located at the following address - <http://www.usacycling.org/athlete-protection-policies.htm>)

(e) Conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at any time, past or present for (i) any felony, (ii) any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, or (iii) any crime involving sexual misconduct.

(f) Discrimination in violation of USAC Bylaw D or Section 220522(a)(8) of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, which requires USA Cycling provide an equal opportunity to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, mechanics, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identification, or national origin.

(g) Any non-consensual sexual contact or advance or other inappropriate sexually oriented behavior or action directed towards any member.

(h) The use of illegal drugs or illegal performance enhancing techniques.

(i) Providing alcohol or tobacco or other substances to any participant under 21 years of age by any participant held accountable by this Code.

(j) The abuse of alcohol in the presence of an athlete under the age of eighteen (18), by an athlete, coach, official, trainer, soigneur, or a person who, in the context of cycling, is in a position of authority over that athlete.

(k) Consumption of alcohol by an athlete under 21 years of age regardless of the legal drinking age established by the current state or country of tenancy.

(l) Excessive alcoholic consumption while on USA Cycling business or drinking of alcohol and then driving while on USA Cycling business.

(m) Physical, sexual, or emotional abuse, as referenced in the APP, of an athlete by any party held accountable by this Code and the APP.

(n) Any act of fraud, deception, or dishonesty in connection with any USA Cycling-related activity.

(o) Any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening language or conduct directed towards any person in connection with any USA Cycling-related activity.

(p) Any intentional damage to private or public property while at a cycling event, race venue, or damage to USA Cycling property.

(q) Failure of any member who is a party to or witnesses any violation(s) contained in the above stated USA Cycling Code of Conduct to report the specific violation to USA Cycling immediately.

(r) Any misconduct that constitutes a criminal offense punishable by one year or more in prison, regardless of whether the individual was convicted, or any criminal offense that directly involves the sport of cycling or a cycling event.

Section 4. Alleged violations of the USA Cycling Code of Conduct must be reported to USA Cycling's Risk Protection Manager.

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions of the USA Cycling Code of Conduct Agreement

I certify that I have read all terms and conditions and fully understand, accept, and agree to be bound by them.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____