2019-2020 UCI CYCLOCROSS WORLD CUP SELECTION CRITERIA

2019-2020 UCI Cyclocross World Cup Schedule:

- September 14, 2019 Iowa City, USA
- September 22, 2019 Waterloo, USA
- October 20, 2019 Bern, Switzerland
- November 16, 2019 Tabor, Czech Republic
- November 24, 2019 Koksijde, Belgium
- December 22, 2019 Namur, Belgium
- December 26, 2019 Heusden-Zolder, Belgium
- January 19, 2020 Nommay, France
- January 26, 2020 Hoogerheide, Netherlands

Below you will find information on how a rider can qualify for 2019-2020 UCI Cyclocross World Cup events. There will be Pre-Qualified, Automatic Qualifications and Discretionary Selections. In cases where there are available start positions remaining after the Pre-Qualified and Automatic Qualification processes are complete, those positions may be filled via Discretionary Selections according to the Discretionary Selection procedures below.

- USA Cycling will adhere to UCI rule 5.3.006 stating: In UCI cyclo-cross world cup events for men elite and women elite, riders ranked in the top 50 of the last UCI cyclo-cross ranking published before the next event are pre-qualified. Pre-qualified riders are eligible for selection at the discretion of the federation of their nationality. Federations entering less than 8 pre-qualified riders can expand their selection to a total of 8 entries.

- USA Cycling will prioritize development riders (U23’s and Junior’s) for discretionary selection to the Elite Women’s races for any available start spots beyond the pre-qualified and automatically qualified riders in UCI World Cup events

- For the US World Cup events, the US will be allowed an extra 8 starting positions in addition to the normal 8 starters (or all US riders in the top 50 of the latest UCI Ranking published before the next event, whichever is higher) plus 2 additional Junior riders for the Elite Women’s race

- All riders who wish to register for Automatic Qualification or apply for Discretionary Selection nomination must submit a petition to USA Cycling by the calendar of deadlines listed below.
IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- World Cup Pre-qualified riders will be determined from the most recently updated UCI Individual ranking that is published before each World Cup. For the Iowa City and Waterloo World Cups, pre-qualified riders will be determined from the February 2019 UCI ranking.
- Petitions for automatic and discretionary selection nomination to World Cup events (for riders who do not pre-qualify and for U23 Men and Junior Men World Cup events) are due by 3PM MT no later than three (3) weeks in advance of the relevant World Cup event date unless otherwise specified.
- Final announcement of the USA Cycling World Cup Teams will be released Tuesday before the specific World Cup event.

Deadline dates of intent to start (pre-qualified riders) and petition for nomination (automatic and discretionary selection):

- Iowa City: August 24, 2019
- Waterloo: September 1, 2019
- Bern, Switzerland: September 29, 2019
- Tabor, Czech Republic: October 26, 2019
- Koksijde, Belgium: November 3, 2019
- Namur, Belgium: December 1, 2019
- Heusden-Zolder, Belgium: December 5, 2019
- Nommay, France: December 29, 2019
- Hoogerheide, Netherlands: January 5, 2020

ATHLETE QUOTAS

The UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup event rider quotas are as follows:

Elite Men

All athletes ranked inside the top 50 of the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date will be Pre-Qualified for a World Cup start position. If there are less than eight (8) athletes in the top 50, up to eight (8) may be nominated. UCI Individual rankings include U23 men. All European rounds of the UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup include a separate U23 Men’s race. However, U23 men are still counted in the top 50, so an elite riders needs to be ranked inside the top 50 overall in order to Pre-Qualify for a World Cup start. If riders inside the top 50 UCI ranking choose not to accept their start position, additional riders may be nominated to start up to a maximum of eight (8) riders. U23 riders ranked inside the top 50 UCI points will be included in the pre-qualified riders for every Elite Men’s World Cup event. For the US World Cups, there is no separate U23 Men’s race, and all qualified U23 Men will race in the Elite Men’s race.

Derogation: The UCI has allowed a derogation for the United States which allows the US to start 8 additional riders in the Elite Men’s and Elite Women’s races for both the Iowa City World Cup and the Waterloo World Cup. Qualification information for these additional 8 starting spots are listed below in the qualification information.
Elite, U23 and Junior Women

All athletes ranked inside the top 50 of the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date will be Pre-Qualified for a World Cup start position. UCI Individual rankings include U23 and Junior women. If there are less than eight (8) athletes in the top 50, up to eight (8) may be nominated. If riders inside the top 50 UCI ranking choose not to accept their start position, additional riders may be nominated to start up to a maximum of eight (8) riders.

Every country will be allowed to add two (2) Junior Women riders in addition to the eight (8) maximum starters for each Cyclocross World Cup event.

There are no separate U23 Women’s or Junior Women’s races in the UCI World Cup events. USA Cycling is dedicated to providing the best possible racing opportunities for all of our female athletes, however, this clearly creates a challenge for providing racing opportunities to elite as well as development women riders. While we work with the UCI to create more opportunities for female athletes, we are constrained to operate within the current international racing structure. We encourage all female riders to continue working along-side USA Cycling to support initiatives to include women’s development category races in UCI cyclocross events.

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U23/Junior Men

Each round of the UCI Cyclocross World Cup in Europe (rounds 3 to 9) has separate U23 Men and Junior Men races. There will not be a UCI pre-qualification list for separate U23 Men or Junior Men World Cup events, and up to six (6) athletes may start. USA Cycling will award start spots according to the priority of the criteria listed below.

U23/Junior Women

U23 Women and Junior Women will race in the Elite Women’s category for all 2019-2020 UCI Cyclocross World Cup events. USA Cycling will prioritize U23 and Junior Women riders for nomination to 2019-2020 World Cup events by discretionary selection. Qualification information for these events is listed below.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

USA Cycling does not assume financial responsibility for athletes or trade teams who wish to race in UCI World Cup events. USA Cycling may choose to send a National Team to select World Cup events. In that case, USA Cycling may provide support for riders selected to compete in these events. In any case where a rider is racing at a UCI Cyclocross World Cup event with the support of the USA Cycling National Team or Development Program, the rider will wear all USA Cycling National Team clothing and use all USA Cycling provided sponsor materials.
COMPETITION CLOTHING

All U23 Men and Junior Men are required by the UCI to compete in the competition kit of their respective National Teams if racing in a separate U23 Men’s or Junior Men’s World Cup race. If U23 Men race in the Elite Men’s event at a World Cup, they are not required by the UCI to wear National Team kit. As a member of the Team USA, 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. U23 and Junior riders who do not automatically qualify for World Cup start nominations may be required to purchase competition clothing.

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Elite, U23 and Junior Women

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Ages 17 and over.

Athletes may receive World Cup starts based on the following prioritized criteria:

Pre-Qualifications:

1. All athletes ranked inside the top 50 of the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above will be offered a World Cup quota slot.

Automatic Qualifications: If quota slots remain after considering the Pre-Qualification criteria, athletes may receive a World Cup quota spot according to the following prioritized criteria:

2. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any petitioning athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year’s World Championships in the Elite Women’s category will receive a World Cup quota slot with priority going to the athlete(s) with the highest World Cup ranking according to the latest published ranking before each event.

3. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months in Elite Women’s category will receive a World Cup quota slot provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations. Priority will be given to the rider(s) with the highest World Cup ranking according to the latest published ranking before each event.

4. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the current USA Cycling Elite Women’s National Cyclocross Champion will receive a world cup quota slot.

5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the current Pan American Elite Women’s Cyclocross Champion will receive a World Cup quota slot.

6. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the top two (2) U23 Women in order of the latest UCI World Cup ranking published before the next UCI World Cup event will receive a World Cup quota slot.
7. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the top two (2) Junior women in order of the latest UCI Individual ranking published before the next UCI World Cup event will receive a World Cup quota slot.

8. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the next Elite riders in order of the latest UCI ranking published before the next UCI World Cup event until all available start spots are filled will receive a World Cup quota slot.

Discretionary Selections:

9. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager and Cyclocross Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the Discretionary Selection criteria listed below.

10. The additional two Junior Women’s start spots will be selected by the USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager and Cyclocross Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the Discretionary Selection criteria listed below.

11. For **US World Cup Elite Women’s races**, the additional 8 spots will be filled by three (3) U23 riders and one (1) Junior rider by the USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager and Cyclocross Performance Director following the Discretionary Selection information listed below and four (4) Elite riders in order of the final UCI ranking published in February of 2019.

ELITE MEN

Eligible Participants: USA Cycling International License Holders; Ages 19 and over

Athletes may receive World Cup quota slot starts based on the following prioritized criteria:

Pre-qualifications:

1. All athletes ranked inside the top 50 of the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above will be offered a World Cup quota slot.

Automatic Qualifications: If quota slots remain after considering the Pre-Qualification criteria, athletes may receive a World Cup quota spot according to the following prioritized criteria:

2. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any petitioning athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year’s World Championships in the U23 Men’s or Elite Men’s category will receive a World Cup quota slot with priority given to the athlete(s) with the highest World Cup ranking according to the latest published ranking before each event.

3. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months in the Elite Men’s category will receive a World Cup quota slot provided that race is held in its
entirety and run under UCI regulations. If more athletes meet this criterion than starting spots are available, then athletes will be nominated in order of ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup.

4. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the current USA Cycling Elite Men’s National Cyclocross Champion will receive a World Cup quota slot.

5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the current Pan American Cyclocross Champion will receive a World Cup quota slot.

6. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, all athletes ranked in the top 100 of the UCI World Cup rankings will receive a World Cup quota slot with priority going to the highest ranked riders.

7. For the **US World Cup Elite Men’s races** four (4) of the eight (8) additional World Cup quota starting slots will be filled by Elite Men athletes in order of the latest UCI ranking published in February of 2019 after automatic and pre-qualifications have been met.

8. For the **US World Cup Elite Men’s races** four (4) of the eight (8) additional quota slots will be filled by U23 riders according to the U23 Men’s World Cup Qualification Criteria listed below.

**Discretionary Selections:**

9. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager and Cyclocross High Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the Discretionary Selection criteria listed below.

**U23 MEN**

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Ages 19-22.

Maximum Quota Slots: 6

Athletes may receive World Cup quota slots based on the following prioritized criteria:

**Automatic Qualifications:**

1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year’s World Championships in the U23 Men’s or Junior Men’s categories will receive a World Cup quota slot. If more than one athlete meets this criterion than athletes will be nominated in order of the most recent UCI World Cup ranking before the next World Cup event.

2. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criterion, the top three (3) ranked athletes in the UCI Cyclocross World Cup ranking on the latest published ranking before the next World Cup event will receive a World Cup quota slot.

3. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months in the U23 Men’s or Junior Men’s category will receive a World Cup quota slot. Athlete(s) meeting
this criterion will be nominated in order of the latest UCI World Cup ranking published before the next UCI World Cup event.

4. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the current USA Cycling U23 Men’s National Cyclo-cross Champion will receive a World Cup quota slot.

5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the current Pan American Cyclo-cross Champion will receive a World Cup quota slot.

Discretionary Selections:

6. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Cyclo-cross Manager and Cyclo-cross Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the Discretionary Selection information listed below

JUNIOR MEN

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Ages 17-18.

Maximum Quota Slots: 6

Athletes may receive World Cup quota slots based on the following prioritized criteria:

Automatic Qualifications:

1. Any athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year’s World Championships in the same category will receive a World Cup quota slot. Athletes meeting this criterion will be nominated in order of the most recent UCI World Cup ranking before the next World Cup event.

2. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the top three (3) ranked athletes in the latest UCI World Cup ranking published before the next UCI World Cup event will receive a World Cup quota slot.

3. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months in the same category will receive a World Cup quota slot. Athletes meeting this criterion will be nominated according to the highest finish achieved in a World Cup event in the previous twelve (12) months.

4. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the current USA Cycling Junior Men’s Cyclo-cross National Champion will receive a World Cup quota slot provided he is racing in the same age category.

5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the current Junior Men’s Pan American Cyclo-cross Champion will receive a World Cup quota slot provided he’s racing in the same age category.

Discretionary Selections:
7. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager and Cyclocross Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the Discretionary Selection information listed below.

**USA CYCLING QUOTA SLOT START PETITION INSTRUCTIONS FOR UCI CYCLOCROSS WORLD CUP EVENTS**

1. **All pre-qualified riders must submit an online entry request for each specific World Cup they would like to be entered into for a start.** Pre-qualified U.S. athletes must submit an entry request via the USA Cycling Cyclocross World Cup online survey. The USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager or Cyclocross High Performance Director will submit entries to the UCI for each World Cup 10 days before each World cup event. Do not send your entry request directly to the UCI. The USA Cycling online pre-qualified registration request survey can be found on the Cyclocross World Cups page of the USA Cycling website.

2. The deadline for athletes to submit their entries to USA Cycling is by 3 p.m. MT no later than the dates listed for each UCI World Cup event in the Important Dates and Deadlines section listed above.

3. Only USA Cycling's official online entry survey will be accepted. Make sure you specify the World Cup event and date. No other forms, letters, or emails will be accepted in lieu of the official entry form. Late entries will not be accepted.

4. If a USA Cycling team coach/manager is attending a World Cup event, they will attend the manager’s meeting and pick up all of the race numbers, pit passes and other pertinent materials. Each rider is responsible to contact the USA Cycling team manager/coach to make arrangements to pick up their individual race numbers, pit passes and other pertinent materials for each World Cup event. If a USA Cycling team coach/manager is not present at the World Cup event, each rider is responsible for delegating a representative to attend the manager’s meeting and pick up their race numbers, pit passes and other pertinent materials.

5. When applying for nomination to a UCI Cyclocross World Cup, only submit entry for those races that you will definitely be attending. It is the athlete’s responsibility to notify the USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager or Cyclocross Performance Director if he/she is withdrawing from a World Cup after having applied for a start position either by pre-qualification, automatic or discretionary nomination. Each athlete will be responsible to pay any UCI fine for cancellation or non-participation.

**DISCRETIONARY SELECTION**
USA Cycling may choose to fill quota slots through the discretionary selection criteria below in order to select athletes with medal capability or those that will achieve the best predicted finish for USA Cycling.

Discretionary Criteria

The USA Cycling National Team coach may recommend athletes, according to the criteria below, to the USA Cycling Selection Committee for selection to the Cyclocross World Championships Team 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:

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 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 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

- 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 7 years at a World Championship:

- Demonstrating a trend of improving performance in International Competition that, when logically extended out 7 years, in consideration of the athlete’s development path, intersects the future World Championship standard for the event under consideration; or

- Winning medals at Junior or U23 World Championships

C. Best Predicted Finish- The USA Cycling Selection Committee may choose the athlete or athletes who are most likely to finish the highest in the event based on data described below.

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

Recommendations for discretionary nominations will be made by the USA Cycling National coaching staff. However, the USA Cycling Selection Committee will review data on all petitioning athletes and approve ALL athlete nominations using the discretionary criteria described below. 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; or athlete power data;

- For choosing between two athletes in a selection category (medal capable, future medal capable, or best predicted finish) – 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, or event demand data.

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 the USA Cycling website for the list of Selection Committee members) will review and approve ALL athlete nominations using the criteria outlined above.

Conflict of Interest
Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. Another member of the Selection Committee may also raise a potential conflict of interest of another member. For any conflict raised, the remainder of the selection committee will decide if the conflict is material by vote. In the case of a tie, the tie will be broken by the USA Cycling Director of Elite Athletics. 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, 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.