



## **USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**

### **2019 PAN-AMERICAN CONTINENTAL ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS ELITE MEN AND WOMEN; U23 MEN**

**May 2–5, 2019  
Zacatecas, Mexico**

#### **USA CYCLING SELECTION STRATEGY FOR PAN-AMERICAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

USA Cycling will use the Pan-American Continental Championships as an opportunity to secure additional start positions at the UCI World Championships for the Time Trial by winning the Pan-Am Continental Championships Time Trial. The winners of the Pan-American Championships Time Trial earns direct qualification by name to the World Championships. Those athletes selected for the Pan-American Championships Time Trial will have the option of racing the Pan-American Championships road race, but USA Cycling will not select and enter a specific Road Race Team.

#### **QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Because there are no UCI rankings for the Time Trial or other suitable early season selection races, athletes may petition through the USA Cycling online petition for discretionary selection to the Pan-American Championships Time Trial. Any athlete submitting a petition for discretionary selection to this event should include all relevant data and competition results.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Elite Men and Women: UCI International License Holders; Age 19 and over  
U23 Men: UCI International License Holders; Age 19-22 (men born in 1997-2000).

#### **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

USAC will assume financial responsibility for all athletes who are selected for the Pan-American Championships Team. For athletes selected for the team, USA Cycling will provide one economy class, single destination airfare, which includes up to 3 pieces of luggage: Up to two bikes or one bike and one wheel case, plus 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.

## **COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING**

As a member of the USA Cycling Pan American Championship Team, representing USA Cycling and the United States of America, athletes will be provided with competition clothing which they will be required to wear during all training sessions and competitions. Additionally all athletes will be provided casual clothing that they 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**

- Deadline for submission of petitions: March 11, 2019
- Selection of Discretionary Nominations and Final Selections: March 21, 2019
- Confirmation of intent to participate of Discretionary Nominations: March 21, 2019
- Final announcement of the Team: March 25, 2019

## **CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM**

### **Elite Time Trial**

**Start Positions:** One (2) Elite Men, Two (2) U23 Men and two (2) Elite Women

Because there are no UCI rankings for the Time Trial event, and no suitable early season stand alone time trial races for selection, there will be no automatic selection criteria. All selections for the Time Trial will be by Discretionary Selection.

### **Elite Road Race**

**Start Positions:** Those athletes selected for the Time Trial will have the option of racing the Road Race. USA Cycling will not send a designated road race team due to costs and conflicts with the professional road racing calendar that prevent fielding a full and competitive team.

## **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 in the Time Trial.

### **Discretionary Criteria**

The USA Cycling National Team coach will recommend athletes, according to the criteria below, to the USA Cycling Selection Committee for selection to the Pan American 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. 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

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 (if relevant);
- 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;

### 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 Vice President 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.