



USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
2019 WORLD BMX CHAMPIONSHIPS – CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS
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AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how a rider can “automatically” qualify for nomination to the 2019 World Championship BMX 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 described below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

USA Cycling (USAC) will nominate, select and manage all athletes and staff who participate within the Elite Supercross Race Program. USAC will also manage and coordinate all aspects of the team travel, and all on-site logistics and housing for these events. All athletes and staff who are part of the USA Cycling “Elite Supercross Race Program” delegation for these events in the specific categories for which USA Cycling listed in the *Financial Responsibility* section (below), regardless of the method by which they were nominated, must function **AS A TEAM** (Team USA). Therefore, without exception, USAC will manage logistics (housing, transportation, race entry, etc.) for all of the athletes and staff that are part of Team USA. **ALL ATHLETES AND TEAM STAFF FOR CATEGORIES LISTED IN THE “FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY” SECTION OF THESE PROCEDURES WILL BE REQUIRED TO TRAVEL WITH THE TEAM AND PARTICIPATE IN THE TEAM LODGING.**

USA Cycling will manage logistics (housing, transportation) for **ONLY** the athletes and staff who are selected by USAC to the “Elite Supercross Race Program.” 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. Additionally, the fore mentioned individuals will NOT be credentialed as part of Team USA for these events and will *not* be permitted in the Team USA cabin(s) or pit areas unless specifically granted that privilege by **Jamie Staff**, the BMX High Performance Director.

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.

Any and all equipment provided by USAC to an athlete attending these events remains the property of USA Cycling and must be returned to USAC by December 1st, 2019 or within 10 days of written request. Failure to return USA Cycling property in a timely manner may result in suspension or other penalties as determined by USA Cycling.

The number of athlete start positions per event and category is determined in each event by the relevant governing body (UCI). These nomination procedures have been developed based on the most recent information supplied by the UCI regarding the events, athlete participation, team qualification and team size. USA Cycling's nomination procedures may be subject to change based on the final international and domestic racing calendars and/or updated information from the UCI.

Following the nomination announcement for each UCI SX event all athletes who accept their nomination are required to participate in all Team USA training camps, races or team events as prescribed by the USA Cycling Coaching Staff, unless given written permission from the VP of Athletics, Scott Schnitzspahn. Training camp dates are listed within the important dates and deadlines section of this document.

ELIGIBILITY

Elite Men and Women: UCI International License Holders; 2019 Racing at 19 or older
Junior Men and Women: UCI International License Holders; 2019 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 Funding) BELOW. USAC may also fund those athletes who are chosen via discretionary selection. **Please note that USAC may NOT fill the teams to the maximum number of riders if it deems petitioning riders are not medal capable or future medal capable.**

FUNDING LEVELS

Level 1: Full Funding

For athletes qualifying via automatic criteria for 2019 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

Athletes qualifying via USA Cycling Selection Committee discretionary nomination may be 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 \$1200.00. 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.

PODIUM COMPENSATION

Any self-funded athlete that achieves a top three (3) finish at the 2019 UCI World Championship SX event in which they were selected for will be refunded the Team Service Fee as well as a fair market value of their economy class round trip airfare ticket to the event (all excess baggage costs are the responsibility of the athletes).

COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING

As a member of Team USA for this event, 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 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: June 23, 2019
- Selection of Discretionary Nominations: June 27, 2019
- Confirmation of intent to participate: June 27, 2019
- Final announcement of the Team: July 1, 2019
- Deadline for submission of Team Service Fee: July 15, 2019

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Men

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

Level 1 Funding

1. According to UCI rules, any athlete ranked in the top sixteen (16) of the UCI elite men world rankings as of December 31, 2018 will be named to the 2019 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 2019 UCI BMX World Championships 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. If quota slots remain after considering the previous criterion, any athlete who places top three (3) in a 2019 UCI Supercross WC event on or before June 9, 2019 may be named to the 2019 UCI BMX World Championships Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are available quota slots, the athlete(s) with the highest placing in a world cup will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
4. If quota slots remain after considering the previous criteria, the 2019 USA Cycling Elite Men's National Champion, provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations, may be named to the 2019 UCI BMX World Championships Team.

Level 2 Funding

5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then petitioning athletes may be nominated to the 2019 UCI BMX World Championships Team by the USA Cycling National Team coach and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee, following the discretionary criteria described below. Athletes may petition using the Discretionary Petition form on the USA Cycling website.

Elite Women

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

Level 1 Funding

1. According to UCI rules, any athlete ranked in the top eight (8) of the UCI elite women world rankings as of December 31, 2018 will be named to the 2019 UCI BMX World Championships Team. These athletes will be automatically seeded into quarter-final qualifying round.
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 2019 UCI BMX World Championships 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. If quota slots remain after considering the previous criterion, any athlete who places top three (3) in a 2019 UCI Supercross WC event on or before June 9, 2019 may be named to the 2019 UCI BMX World Championships Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are available quota slots, the athlete(s) with the highest placing in a world cup will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
4. If quota slots remain after considering the previous criteria, the 2019 USA Cycling Elite Women's National Champion, provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations, may be named to the 2019 UCI BMX World Championships Team.

Level 2 Funding

5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then petitioning athletes may be nominated to the 2019 UCI BMX World Championships Team by the USA Cycling National Team coach and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee, following the discretionary criteria described below. Athletes may petition using the Discretionary Petition form on the USA Cycling website.

Junior Men

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

Level 1 Funding

1. According to UCI rules, any athlete ranked in the top eight (8) of the UCI Junior Men world rankings as of December 31, 2018 will be named to the 2019 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 2019 UCI BMX World Championships 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. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated.
3. If quota slots remain after considering the previous criterion, any U.S. eligible athlete who places top eight (8) in a 2019 UCI Supercross WC event on or before June 9, 2019 may be named to the 2019 UCI BMX World Championships Team. If more athletes meet this criterion then there are available quota slots, the athlete(s) with the highest placing in a world cup will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
4. If quota slots remain after considering the previous criteria, the Highest Ranked U.S. eligible athlete on the UCI Junior Men BMX Individual ranking as of June 23, 2019.

Level 2 Funding

5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then petitioning athletes may be nominated to the 2019 UCI BMX World Championships Team by the USA Cycling National Team coach and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee, following the discretionary criteria described below. Athletes may petition using the Discretionary Petition form on the USA Cycling website.

Junior Women

Maximum Start Positions: 4 plus any riders qualified under criteria #1 below

Level 1 Funding

1. According to UCI rules, any athlete ranked in the top eight (8) of the UCI Junior Women world rankings as of December 31, 2018 will be named to the 2019 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 2019 UCI BMX World Championships 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. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated.
3. If quota slots remain after considering the previous criterion, any U.S. eligible athlete who places top eight (8) in a 2019 UCI Supercross WC event on or before June 9, 2019 may be named to the 2019 UCI BMX World Championships Team. If more athletes meet this criterion then there are available quota slots, the athlete(s) with the highest placing in a world cup will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
4. If quota slots remain after considering the previous criteria, the highest ranked U.S. eligible athlete on the UCI Junior Women BMX Individual ranking as of June 23, 2019.

Level 2 Funding

5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then petitioning athletes may be nominated to the 2019 UCI BMX World Championships Team by the USA Cycling National Team coach and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee, following the discretionary criteria described below. Athletes may petition using the Discretionary Petition form on the USA Cycling website.

Discretionary Selection

If quota slots remain after the automatic Level 1 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 Worlds 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 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 recent Junior or U23 World Championships with ongoing additional supporting results in International Competitions competitive with the top ranked Elite athletes.
- 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 based on the data 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 Olympic Games. 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 MTB cycling nations around the world), not the location of the event.

Data to Support Discretionary Selections

When athletes on the Long Team are eligible for discretionary selection, due to the availability of quota slots after automatic selection, Long Team athletes and the National Team coach 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.
- For choosing between two athletes within 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 determined by the USA Cycling Coaching staff and USA Cycling Selection Committee.
 1. Race results in top international competitions (primarily 2019 World Cups);
 2. Race results in top domestic competitions (primarily 2019 Supercross events and National Championships);
 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 the same courses in the same events or event demand data.