



USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

2019 UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 21-22, 2019

Grachen, Switzerland

QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how a rider can automatically qualify for nomination to the 2019 UCI Marathon World Championship MTB Team. In cases where there are still available start positions after the automatic qualification process, any available positions may be filled via discretionary nominations according to the discretionary selection criteria below.

ELIGIBILITY

Elite Men and Women: UCI International License Holders; 2019 Racing Age 19 and over

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

All athletes selected to the 2019 Mountain Bike Marathon World Championship Team will be responsible for organizing and paying for all travel, food and lodging costs associated with the event. USA Cycling will not assume financial responsibility for any athletes selected to the Mountain Bike Marathon World Championship team. In addition, all athletes will be responsible for payment of a Team Service Fee of \$200.00 which will cover competition clothing and TravMed Abroad coverage throughout the duration of the event, as well as team registration expenses. Any athlete that achieves a top three (3) placing at the 2019 MTB Marathon World Championships will have their Team Service Fee of \$200.00 reimbursed.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- Deadline for submission of petitions: August 9, 2019
- Selection of Discretionary Nominations: August 15, 2019
- Confirmation of intent to participate: August 15, 2019
- Final announcement of the Team: August 19, 2019
- Deadline for submission of Team Service Fee: August 26, 2019

EVENT SELECTION CRITERIA

Elite Men Marathon

Maximum Start Positions: 6

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2018 World Championships in the same event and category will be named to the 2019 World Championship Team.
2. Any athlete ranked in the top fifty (50) in the UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Series Rankings as of August 12, 2019 will be named to the 2019 World Championship Team.
3. If quota slots remain after considering the previous criteria, any athlete placing in the top ten (10) at a 2019 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Series event between the dates of January 01, 2019 and August 12, 2019 will be named to the World Championship Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota slots, the athlete(s) with the best placed finish will be named to the World Championship Team. If two riders tie with the best placed finish for the last quota slot, the rider with the most recent best finish will be named to the World Championship Team.
4. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then petitioning athletes may be nominated to the 2019 MTB Marathon 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 Marathon

Maximum Start Positions: 6

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2018 World Championships in the same event and category will be named to the 2019 World Championship Team.
2. Any athlete ranked in the top fifty (30) in the UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Series Rankings as of August 12, 2019 will be named to the 2019 World Championship Team.
3. If quota slots remain after considering the previous criteria, any athlete placing in the top ten (10) at a 2019 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Series event between the dates of January 01, 2019 and August 12, 2019 will be named to the World Championship Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota slots, the athlete(s) with the best placed finish will be named to the World Championship Team. If two riders tie with the best placed finish for the last quota slot, the rider with the most recent best finish will be named to the World Championship Team.
4. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then petitioning athletes may be nominated to the 2019 MTB Marathon 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

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

If quota slots remain after the automatic criteria number 1. above has 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 Championship 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 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 or U23 World Championships in the last 24 months with ongoing additional supporting results in International Competitions competitive with the top ranked athletes in their division.

- C. Best Predicted Finish- If positions for the Team remain open after the application of all Automatic Selection and Discretionary Selection principles A. and B. above, 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 in the “Data to Support Discretionary Selections” section.

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 World Championships. 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 petitioning athletes are eligible for discretionary selection, due to the availability of quota slots after automatic selection, petitioning 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;
 2. Race results in top domestic 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 the same courses in the same events 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 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.