



2019-2020 USA Cycling Junior and U23 Cyclocross Development Program Information

The USA Cycling Cyclocross Development Program is designed to create a complete pathway from entering the sport to finishing on the podium at the highest level. Below is an outline of the programming offered for the 2019-2020 cyclocross season:

- Talent ID and Development camps – scheduled July-August, 2019
- Development Pool domestic racing opportunities – for riders who qualify through Talent ID camps
- European racing opportunities – November racing trip, Christmas/New Year's racing trip and World Cup racing trip late January, 2020.
- October Development Pool Training Camp – tentative

The USA Cycling Development Pool pathway begins with racing in a USA Cycling regional cyclocross series and/or attending a USA Cycling Cyclocross Talent ID or Development Camp. From there, riders may progress to racing at the national level and competing in UCI cyclocross races in North America. The Cyclocross Manager will monitor regional and national results and Talent ID Camp performance data to identify riders who qualify for the USA Cycling Cyclocross Development Pool. Riders who qualify for this pool will be considered for National Team Training Camp opportunities as well as domestic and international racing opportunities.

The USA Cycling Cyclocross National Team will be managed by the Cyclocross Manager and the Cyclocross High Performance Director. National Team athletes must qualify according to the [USA Cycling National Team Qualifications](#) and will receive benefits of National Team support. National Team Athletes will be eligible to attend USA Cycling National Team training camps and racing trips with funding support according to their qualification level.

Purpose

- The purpose of the USA Cycling Cyclocross Development Racing Program is to nurture young athletes with ambition and talent to help them develop the physical, psychological and emotional skills that will enable them achieve their potential in life and sports.
- We accomplish this by:
 - Providing high level, international racing opportunities
 - Providing real-world experience and education in international arenas
 - Selecting motivated, ambitious athletes who show investment and potential in the sport of cycling and specifically, cyclocross
 - Building the support system to manage, coach, guide, educate and provide sustainability for the riders
 - Integrating life skills with high-performance directives to empower personal development through athletic achievement

2019-2020 USA Cycling Development Pool racing opportunities

Domestic Competition Schedule:

- September 13th, 14th and 15th, 2019 – [Jingle Cross](#) and Telenet UCI Cyclocross World Cup #1

International Competition Schedule:

- November European racing block
 - Nov 16th Boortmeerbeek, BEL National Race
 - Nov 17th Flandriencross C1 – Hamme, BEL
 - Nov 23rd Ambiancecross C1 – Wachtebecke, BEL
 - Nov 24th Koksijde World Cup #5 – Koksijde, BEL
- Christmas/New Years European racing block
 - Dec 22nd Namur, Belgium World Cup #6,
 - Dec 26th Zolder, Belgium World Cup #7,
 - Dec 27th Azencross Loenhout, Belgium C1
 - Dec 29th Diegem, Belgium C1
 - Dec 30th Cyclocross Bredene, Belgium C2
 - Jan 1st GP Sven Nys, Belgium C1

- January World Cups
 - Jan 19th Nommay, France World Cup #8
 - Jan 26th Hoogerheide, Netherlands World Cup #9
- World Championships
 - February 1st-2nd Dübendorf, Switzerland

*All schedules subject to change

Selection to the international racing blocks will be based on the following events

- 2018-2019 Cyclocross season international results
- All 2019 USA Cycling Cyclocross [Talent ID Camps](#)
- Rochester Cyclocross Day 1 (September 7th, 2019)
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Jingle Cross / Iowa World Cup weekend (September 13th, 14th and 15th)
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Trek Cup / Waterloo World Cup weekend (September 20th, 21st and 22nd)
- International UCI race results between October 18th and November 25th, 2019
- Pan Am Championships November 9th and 10th, 2019
- Cincinnati Cyclocross Day 1 (Saturday, October 26th, 2019)
- USA Cycling National Cyclocross Championships December 14th-15th, 2019
- Any 2019-2020 Telenet UCI Cyclocross World Cup between September 13th, 2019 and December 27th, 2019
- Qualification for the 2020 UCI World Cyclocross Championships will be based on the 2020 USA Cycling World Championship Team Qualification Criteria ([link](#))

Application:

All interested riders should apply separately for each racing block they are interested in by submitting the USA Cycling (Cyclocross) Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form ([LINK](#)) by the dates listed below. This form can be found on the [USA Cycling Team Selection Page of the USA Cycling website under Cyclocross.](#) The schedule of deadlines for submitting a petition for each racing block is as follows:

- November European racing block – October 16th, 2019
- Christmas/New Year's racing block – November 25th, 2019
- January World Cup races – December 17th, 2019
- World Championships – January 3rd, 2019

Selection Process:

- Riders will be evaluated for selection to the USA Cycling Cyclocross Development Program racing blocks based on the qualification and selection criteria indicated below.
- In addition to the criteria indicated below, performances in other UCI races in the USA and Europe are considered
- Other factors considered in selection for these racing opportunities will be:
 - Consistent, high level performance in international cyclocross competitions
 - Consistent, high level performance in domestic cyclocross competitions
 - Potential for podium performances in high level international cyclocross competitions
 - High performance potential shown at Talent ID camps
 - Ethically-astute professionalism and commitment to future performance in the sport of cyclocross

JingleCross Domestic racing trip

- The top junior man and junior woman riders (1 each) from each [USA Cycling Cyclocross Talent ID camp](#) will qualify for a supported trip to the Jinglecross cyclocross weekend (Sept 13th-15th, 2019)

November block – 16 riders (4 riders in each category, Junior Women, Junior Men, U23 Women, U23 Men)

- Automatic Qualification – 2 riders in each category:
 1. The top US finisher in each category (Jr Men, Jr Women, U23 Men and U23 Women) at the Iowa City World Cup Sept 14th, 2019 and the Waterloo World Cup Sept 22nd, 2019
 2. If the same rider wins both of those events, the next rider with the highest average finish between those two events in each category will qualify. In the case of a tie, the rider with the highest finish in the C1 Jinglecross race on September 15th, 2019 will qualify

- Discretionary Selection – The Cyclocross Manager and Cyclocross High Performance Director will follow the Discretionary Selection information listed below while considering the following criteria in selecting the remaining 2 riders in each category
 3. Performance at the 2019 Cyclocross World Championship team given the rider demonstrates the same level of competitive ability.
 4. Head-to-head Performance in all of the selection events listed above before October 16th, 2019

Christmas/New Year's block (16-20 riders, 4-5 in each category Junior Women, Junior Men, U23 Women, U23 Men)

- Automatic Qualification – 2 riders in each category:
 1. The top US finisher at the Pan American Championships on November 9th-10th, 2019
 2. Any rider who finishes in the top 10 of a Junior Men's or U23 Men's World Cup event before November 25th, 2019. Any rider who finishes in the top 5 of Junior Women or U23 Women in an Elite Women's World Cup event in Europe between October 19th, 2019 and November 25th, 2019
 3. If an automatic qualifying spot is still available in any category, then the winner of the Cincinnati Cyclocross Day 1 (Saturday, October 26th, 2019) of that category will qualify
- Discretionary Selection – The Cyclocross Manager and Cyclocross High Performance Director will follow the Discretionary Selection information listed below while considering the following criteria in selecting the remaining 2-3 riders in each category
 4. Head-to-head Performance in all of the selection events listed above between September 12th, 2019 and November 25th, 2019
 5. Performance at the previous year's Cyclocross World Championship given the rider demonstrates the same level of competitive ability.

January World Cup trip (16-20 riders, 4-5 in each category Junior Women, Junior Men, U23 Women, U23 Men)

- Automatic Qualification – 3 riders in each category
 1. The US National Champion
 2. The top US finisher at the Pan American Championships November 9th-10th, 2019
 3. Any rider who finishes in the top 10 of a Junior Men's or U23 Men's World Cup event before December 27th, 2019. Any rider who finishes in the top 5 of Junior Women or U23 Women in an Elite Women's World Cup event in Europe between October 19th, 2019 and November 25th, 2019

U23 Women in an Elite Women's World Cup event in Europe between October 19th, 2019 and December 27th, 2019

- Discretionary Selection – The Cyclocross Manager and Cyclocross High Performance Director will follow the Discretionary Selection information listed below while considering the following criteria in selecting the remaining 2 riders in each category
 4. Head-to-head performance at any of the selection races between November 15th, 2019 and December 17th, 2019
 5. Performance at the 2019 Cyclocross World Championship team given the rider demonstrates the same level of competitive ability.

Funding:

- USA Cycling will provide different levels of funding according to riders' qualification within the USA Cycling National Team and Development Pool.
 - USA Cycling National Team members will receive full funding for all international racing opportunities
 - USA Cycling Development Pool riders will receive partial funding for all international racing opportunities
 - Funding specifics for each racing trip will be defined prior to the deadline for confirmation of participation

DISCRETIONARY SELECTION INFORMATION

USA Cycling may choose to fill quota slots through the discretionary selection criteria below in order to select athletes with medal capability, or future medal capability, for USA Cycling.

Discretionary Criteria

The USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager and / or Performance Director 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 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 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 two to three years at a World Championship:

- 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 standard for the event under consideration; or
- Winning medals at Junior or U23 World Championships

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

Cyclocross Manager and Performance Director. 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 or future medal capable) – 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 Cyclocross Manager and Performance Director 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 Cyclocross Manager and Performance Director. 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.