USA Cycling Cyclocross National Development Pool

OUTLINE

- The USA Cycling Cyclocross National Development Pool provides young athletes with the pathway from entering the sport to finishing on the podium at the highest level.
- The National Development Pool is the sub-system of the USA Cycling Cyclocross National Team. Similar to the National Team, athletes may qualify for the National Development Pool.
- Athletes who qualify for the National Development Pool will be directly connected with USA Cycling coaching staff and will be eligible to qualify for supported training and racing opportunities offered in the development program.
- USA Cycling coaching staff will facilitate programs to empower athletes to pursue personal development through athletic endeavors.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the USA Cycling Cyclocross National Development Pool is to nurture young athletes and help them develop the physical and psychological skills that will enable them achieve their potential in life and sports.

This is accomplished by:

- 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
- Identifying motivated, ambitious athletes who exhibit potential and personal investment in the sport of cyclocross
- Providing access to high-level education, mentorship and experiences
• Providing access to high-level international racing opportunities

PATHWAY

The USA Cycling development pathway begins with racing in USA Cycling regional cyclocross races and/or attending a USA Cycling Regional Cyclocross Talent ID 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 review 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 Development Program Training Camp opportunities as well as domestic and international racing opportunities.

HOW TO QUALIFY

Athletes may qualify to the National Development Pool by achieving the results listed below. Once qualified, athletes will remain in the Development Pool through the end of the season after the season in which they qualify. Example, if an athlete qualifies in October of the 2019-2020 season, the athlete would remain in the Development Pool through the end of the 2020-2021 cyclocross season. If a rider achieves a qualifying result during a season in which they are already qualified, that would extend the athlete’s qualification through the following season.

U23 Men and Women

• Finish in the top 10 in the Elite category of a UCI C2 Cyclocross event
• Finish in the top 15 in the Elite category of a UCI C1 Cyclocross event
• Finish in the top 5 in a USA Cycling sanctioned cyclocross series in the Elite category
• Finish in the top 10 of the USA Cycling U23 Cyclocross National Championships
• Finish in the top 5 of a USA Cycling individual Collegiate Cyclocross National Championship event

Junior Men

• Finish in the top 5 in a UCI Junior cyclocross event
• Finish in the top 5 in a USA Cycling sanctioned cyclocross series
• Finish in the top 10 of the USA Cycling Junior Men’s Cyclocross National Championships
• Rank in the top 5 in a USA Cycling Cyclocross Talent ID Camp
Junior Women

- Finish in the top 15 of a UCI C2 Elite Women’s cyclocross event
- Finish in the top 20 of a UCI C1 Elite Women’s cyclocross event
- Finish in the top 5 in the Junior Women’s category of a USA Cycling sanctioned cyclocross series
- Finish in the top 10 of a USA Cycling sanctioned Elite Women’s cyclocross series
- Finish in the top 10 of the USA Cycling Junior Women’s Cyclocross National Championships
- Rank in the top 5 in a USA Cycling Cyclocross Talent ID Camp

Invitation

- Additionally, athletes in both the Junior and U23 categories may be added to the pool by invitation from the USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager.
- Athletes may be nominated to the Development Pool by USA Cycling coaches and camp managers.
- Other events including select gravel events (both USA Cycling sanctioned and unsanctioned) will also be considered on a case by case basis to identify athletes who may be added to the pool.