



## **USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**

2018 UCI URBAN CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – FREESTYLE PARK  
November 7-11, 2018 – Chengdu, China

### **QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Below you will find information on how a rider can “automatically” qualify for nomination to the 2018 Urban Cycling World Championships Freestyle Park Team. In cases where there are still available quota places after the automatic qualification process, those places may be filled via discretionary nominations according to the USAC Principles of Athlete Selection. More information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the “Team USA - International Events” section of the USAC website. Following any discretionary selections, if there are still available quota places, these places will be filled by final qualification criteria.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Athlete must be eligible to represent the United States in a UCI competition at the time of nomination. All nominees must have a valid USAC International Racing License and meet all eligibility requirements of USA Cycling and the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) at the time of nomination. All athletes must be in good standing with USAC, UCI, and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) at the time of nomination. All athletes must have been born on or after January 1, 2003.

### **FUNDING LEVELS**

#### **Level 1: Funded**

For athletes qualifying for the team via Automatic Selection criteria, or at USA Cycling’s option for Discretionary Selection and Final Qualification criteria, 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.

#### **Level 2: Self-Funded**

Athletes who do not meet the Automatic Qualification criteria but are selected to the team via USA Cycling Selection Committee Discretionary Selection criteria or by Final Selection criteria will be responsible for self-funding through a “Team Service Fee” payable on or before the date outlined in this document. The Service Fee for this event is \$1,000.00. This fee includes: competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/competition support, and TravMed Insurance throughout duration of the event with USA Cycling. Level 2 self-funded athletes are responsible for their airfare and excess baggage expenses as well. All athletes travel will be booked arriving no later than 5 days before the first day of their competition, and returning the following day after their last competition.

## **PODIUM COMPENSATION**

If any Self-funded athletes achieve a top three (3) finish in the UCI Urban Cycling World Championships Freestyle Park event, USA Cycling will refund the Team Service Fee and pay the fair market value of an economy class round trip airfare ticket to the event (excluding excess baggage costs) to such Level 2 funded athletes.

## **IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

- Deadline for submission of petitions: September 14, 2018
- Confirmation of intent to participate of Automatic Nominations: September 14, 2018
- Selection of Discretionary Nominations and Final Selections: September 20, 2018
- Confirmation of intent to participate of Discretionary Nominations and Final Selections: September 26, 2018
- Final announcement of the Team: September 28, 2018
- Deadline for submission Service Fee for Self-Funded riders: October 15, 2018

## **ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **Elite Men's and Women's Freestyle Park**

**Maximum Start Positions:** up to 6 per gender based on UCI Nations Ranking

Automatic Qualification- Athletes will be selected to the team up to the UCI allocated quotas based on the following *prioritized* criteria:

1. Any eligible athlete ranked in the top three (3) of the 2018 [UCI Individual Freestyle ranking](#) as of Sept 30, 2018. Athletes will be selected in order of their ranking.
2. Any eligible athletes with a top three (3) finish in a 2018 UCI Freestyle Park World Cup. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, such athletes will be ranked based on the most recent event in which the athlete achieved the qualifying result. If the most recent result was in the same event, then such athletes will be ranked based on finishing order in that event.

### Discretionary Selection

3. If quota places remain after considering the proceeding criterion, then athletes who petition by the deadline may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection. Petitioning athletes should have significant international experience since January 1, 2017 demonstrating medal capability.

### Final Qualification

4. If positions remain, athletes will be selected according to UCI ranking as of Sept. 1, 2018