



2018-2019 UCI CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CUP SELECTION CRITERIA

September 23, 2018 Waterloo, USA
September 29, 2018 Iowa City, USA
October 21, 2018 Bern, Switzerland
November 17, 2018 Tabor, Czech Republic
November 25, 2018 Koksijde, Belgium
December 23, 2018 Namur, Belgium
December 26, 2018 Heusden-Zolder, Belgium
January 20, 2019 Pont-Chateau, France
January 27, 2019 Hoogerheide, Netherlands

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how a rider can “automatically” qualify for nomination to the 2018/19 World Cup starting positions. In cases where there are available start positions after the automatic qualification process, those positions may be filled via discretionary nominations according to the USA Cycling Principles for Athlete Selection procedures. More information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the “General Team Selection Information” at <https://www.usacycling.org/team/international-events>.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The UCI has set forth World Cup Cyclo-Cross event rider quotas per nation. These quotas are as follows:

Elite Men

All U.S. eligible athletes ranked inside the top 50 of the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date will be pre-qualified for a World Cup start position. If there are less than eight (8) athletes in the top 50, up to eight (8) may be nominated. UCI Individual rankings include U23 men who are ranked inside the top 50, if there is not a separate U23 men’s race at that particular round of the UCI World Cup. If riders inside the top 50 UCI ranking choose not to accept their start position, additional riders may be nominated to start up to a maximum of eight (8) riders. **For the Waterloo and Iowa City rounds of the UCI CX World Cup, the USA will receive a double allocation of start spots and will be allowed to enter up to 16 riders.**

Elite Women

All U.S. eligible athletes ranked inside the top 50 of the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date will be pre-qualified for a World Cup start position. If there are less than eight (8) athletes in the top 50, up to eight (8) may be nominated. UCI Individual rankings include U23 and Junior women who are ranked inside the top 50, if there is not a separate U23 or Junior women's race at that particular round of the UCI World Cup. If riders inside the top 50 UCI ranking choose not to accept their start position, additional riders may be nominated to start up to a maximum of eight (8) riders. **For the Iowa Waterloo and Iowa City rounds of the UCI CX World Cup, the USA will receive a double allocation of start spots and will be allowed to enter up to 16 riders.**

U23/ Junior Men

For separate U23 Men and Junior Men UCI World Cups, there will not be a UCI pre-qualification list. For separate U23 Men or Junior Men World Cup events up to six (6) athletes may start.

U23/Junior Women

No separate U23/Junior Women's World Cup races will be held.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

USA Cycling will not be assuming financial responsibility for athletes or trade teams who wish to race in UCI World Cup events. If USAC chooses to send athletes and/or a national team to select world cups events, at their discretion and they may also choose to fund those athletes who have either met automatic criteria for that particular event or athletes nominated via discretionary nomination.

USA CYCLING CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CUP ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

1. **ALL pre-qualified riders MUST submit an online entry request for each specific World Cup they would like to be entered into for a start.** Pre-qualified U.S. athletes must submit an entry request via our USA Cycling Cyclo-Cross World Cup online survey. The UCI will accept rider entries only via official entry forms from USA Cycling for all athletes. **Do not send your entry request directly to the UCI!** The USA Cycling online pre-qualified registration request survey can be found on the [Cyclo-cross World Cups page](#) of the USA Cycling website.
2. **The deadline for athletes to submit their entries to USA Cycling is by 3 p.m. MT no later than three (3) weeks in advance of the event.** Only USA Cycling's official online entry survey will be accepted. Make sure you specify the World Cup event and date. **No other forms, letters, or emails will be accepted in lieu of the official entry form.** Late entries will not be accepted. No exceptions.
3. Entered riders will check in at registration for each UCI World Cup. Details on registration and event entry can be found on the UCI website. If a USA Cycling team coach/manager is attending a WCS event, 36 hours prior to the event each rider is responsible for 1) notifying the team coach/manager of his/her lodging arrangements and 2) conveying his/her license to coach/manager. **Any athlete entering but failing to register at the event will be charged the full entry fee by the UCI through USA Cycling.**
4. It is the athlete's responsibility to cancel with USA Cycling. When entering World Cups,

only register for those races that you will definitely be attending. **Each athlete will be responsible to pay any UCI fine for cancellation or no-show.** Details on eligibility and event entry can be found on the [UCI website](#). **Remember to allow time to meet the deadline. Late entries will not be accepted.**

USA CYCLING CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CUP START PETITION INSTRUCTIONS

1. All Elite riders who do NOT pre-qualify for a Cyclo-Cross World Cup start and wish to be considered for a discretionary start if we have additional start spots should submit an online USA Cycling Cyclo-Cross World Cup Start Petition survey. This online petition should be submitted **by 3 p.m. MT no later than three (3) weeks in advance of the event.** The USA Cycling online Cyclo-Cross World Cup Start Petition survey can be found on the [Cyclo-cross World Cups page](#) of the USA Cycling website.
2. Entered riders will check in at registration for each UCI World Cup. Details on registration and event entry can be found on the UCI website. If a USA Cycling team coach/manager is attending a WCS event, 36 hours prior to the event each rider is responsible for 1) notifying the team coach/manager of his/her lodging arrangements and 2) conveying his/her license to coach/manager. Any athlete entering but failing to register at the event will be charged the full entry fee by the UCI through USA Cycling.
3. It is the athlete's responsibility to cancel with USA Cycling. When entering World Cups, only register for those races that you will definitely be attending. **Each athlete will be responsible to pay any UCI fine for cancellation or no-show.** Details on eligibility and event entry can be found on the [UCI website](#). **Remember to allow time to meet the deadline. Late entries will not be accepted.**
4. All U23 and Junior riders who wish to be considered for a discretionary start in a Cyclo-Cross World Cup should submit this same USA Cycling online Cyclo-Cross World Cup Start Petition survey **by 3 p.m. MT no later than three (3) weeks in advance of the event.** The USA Cycling online Cyclo-Cross World Cup Start Petition survey can be found on the [Cyclo-cross World Cups page](#) of the USA Cycling website.

COMPETITION CLOTHING

All U23Men and Junior Men are required by the UCI to compete in the competition kit of their respective National Teams if racing in a separate U23 Men's or Junior Men's World Cup race. If U23 Men race in the Elite Men's event at a World Cup, they are not required to wear National Team kit. As a member of the Team USA, representing USA Cycling and the United States of America, you will be provided with competition clothing which you will be required to wear during all training sessions and competitions. All U23 and Junior athletes who do not meet automatic criteria will be required to purchase National Team competition kit.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

World Cup Pre-qualified riders will be determined from the last updated UCI ranking before the next World Cup. For the Waterloo and Iowa City World Cups, pre-qualified riders will be determined from the February 2018 UCI ranking. For all ensuing World Cups, the pre-qualified riders will be determined from the most recently updated UCI ranking which will be published on the Tuesday before each race.

1. Petitions for discretionary World Cup entry (for riders who do not pre-qualify and for

U23 Men and Junior Men when there is a separate World Cup event) are due three (3) weeks in advance of the relevant World Cup event date

2. Final announcement of the USA Cycling World Cup Teams: 2 weeks before the specific World Cup event.

CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Men

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Ages 19 and over

Athletes may receive World Cup starts based on the following prioritized criteria if start positions remain after the automatic positions are filled up to a total of 8 riders and 16 riders for the Waterloo and Iowa City World Cups:

1. All U.S. eligible athletes ranked inside the top 50 of the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above.
2. Any athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year's World Championships in the same category. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.
3. Any U.S. eligible athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months in the same category provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations. If more than one (1) athlete meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.
4. The 2018 USA Cycling Elite Men's National Cyclo-Cross Champion
5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be selected in order of latest UCI ranking and by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org).

Elite Women

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Ages 17 and over.

Athletes may receive World Cup starts based on the following prioritized criteria if start positions remain after the automatic positions are filled up to a total of 8 riders and 16 riders for the Waterloo and Iowa City World Cups:

1. All U.S. eligible athletes ranked inside the top 50 of the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above.
2. Any athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year's World Championships in the same category. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.

3. Any U.S. eligible athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months in the same category provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations. If more than one (1) athlete meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.
4. The 2018 USA Cycling Elite Women's National Cyclo-Cross Champion
5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be selected by order of latest UCI ranking and by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org).

U23 Men

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Ages 19-22.

Maximum Positions: 6

Athletes may receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following prioritized criteria:

1. Any athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year's World Championships in the same category. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.
2. The top three (3) ranked athletes on the UCI Individual ranking on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup as listed above may be nominated provided those athletes are ranked in the top 100 on the UCI Individual Elite Men ranking.
3. Any U.S. eligible athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months in the same category. If more than one (1) athlete meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.
4. The 2018 USA Cycling U23 Men's National Cyclo-Cross Champion provided he is racing in the same age category.
5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org).

Junior Men

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Ages 17-18.

Maximum Positions: 6

Athletes may receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following prioritized criteria:

1. Any athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year's World Championships in the same category. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.
2. The top three (3) ranked athletes on the UCI Individual ranking on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup as listed above may be nominated provided those athletes are ranked in the top twenty (20) on the UCI Individual ranking.
3. Any U.S. eligible athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months in the same category. If more than one (1) athlete meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.
4. The 2018 USA Cycling Junior Men's National Cyclo-Cross Champion provided he is racing in the same age category.
5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org).