



2018 Elite Supercross Race Program

St-Quentin-en-Yvelines, FRA • March 31-April 1, 2018
Papendal, NED • May 5-6, 2018
Zolder, BEL • May 12-13, 2018
Santiago del Estero, ARG • September 29-30, 2018

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how a rider can “automatically” qualify for nomination and funding to the 2018 Elite Supercross BMX Team. In cases where there are still available start positions after the automatic qualification process, those positions may be filled via discretionary nominations according to the USAC discretionary selection procedures. More information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the “General Team Selection Information” document on the USAC website.

GENERAL INFORMATION

USA Cycling (USAC) will nominate, select and manage all athletes and staff who participate within the Elite Supercross Race Program. USAC will also manage and coordinate all aspects of the team travel, and all on-site logistics and housing for these events. All athletes and staff who are part of the USA Cycling “Elite Supercross Race Program” delegation for these events in the specific categories for which USA Cycling listed in the *Financial Responsibility* section (below), regardless of the method by which they were nominated, must function **AS A TEAM** (Team USA). Therefore, without exception, USAC will manage logistics (housing, transportation, race entry, etc.) for all of the athletes and staff that are part of the Team USA. **ALL ATHLETES AND TEAM STAFF FOR CATEGORIES LISTED IN THE “FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY” SECTION OF THESE PROCEDURES WILL BE REQUIRED TO TRAVEL WITH THE TEAM AND PARTICIPATE IN THE TEAM LODGING.**

USA Cycling will manage logistics (housing, transportation) for **ONLY** the athletes and staff who are selected by USAC to the “Elite Supercross Race Program.” USA Cycling will **NOT** be responsible for, or manage logistics for professional team managers, private coaches, professional team staff, athletes' families, spouses, friends or significant others. It will be the responsibility of these individuals to make separate arrangements for housing, food and transportation and they will be responsible for all costs related to any separate arrangements they might make. Additionally, the fore mentioned individuals will NOT be credentialed as part of Team USA for these events and will *not* be permitted in the Team USA cabin(s) or pit areas unless specifically granted that privilege by **Jamie Staff**, the BMX Program Director.

Nominations will be based on event results as well as previous results held on an Olympic style BMX tracks. With that said, mechanical problems and crashes are a part of cycling. Therefore, USAC will not consider an athlete's result or evaluation at the time the athlete experienced a mechanical problem, crashed or went off course as a determining factor for selection.

Any and all equipment provided by USAC to an athlete attending these events remains the property of USA Cycling and must be returned to USAC by December 1st, 2018 or within 10 days of written request. Failure to return USA Cycling property in a timely manner may result in suspension or other penalties as determined by USA Cycling.

The number of athlete start positions per event and category is determined in each event by the relevant governing body (UCI). These nomination procedures have been developed based on the most recent information supplied by the UCI regarding the events, athlete participation, team qualification and team size. USA Cycling's nomination procedures may be subject to change based on the final international and domestic racing calendars and/or updated information from the UCI.

Following the nomination announcement for each UCI SX event all athletes who accept their nomination are required to participate in all Team USA training camps, races or team events as prescribed by the USA Cycling Coaching Staff, unless given written permission from the VP of Elite Athletics, Scott Schnitzspahn. Training camp dates are listed within the important dates and deadlines section of this document.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

USAC will assume financial responsibility for athletes in the teams listed, provided ATHLETES MEET THE AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION STANDARDS BELOW. USAC will fund automatic qualifiers up to the maximum number indicated. USA Cycling will only fund athletes to participate in the UCI BMX Supercross World Cup series. However, as described above, ALL athletes in these categories will be expected to participate as part of the Team.

1. Elite Men Supercross (Maximum of up to 4)
2. Elite Women Supercross (Maximum of up to 3)

FUNDING LEVELS

Level 1: Full Funding

For athletes qualifying via automatic criteria for 2018 UCI SX events, USA Cycling will provide one economy class, single destination airfare, which includes two pieces of luggage: One bike and 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, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/race support, and TravMed insurance throughout duration of the event with USA Cycling.

Level 2: Ground Funding

Athletes qualifying via USA Cycling Selection Committee discretionary nomination are not responsible for a "Team Service Fee". Ground funding includes competition and casual clothing, lodging, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/race support, and TravMed Insurance throughout duration of the event with USA Cycling. Level 2 funded athletes are responsible for their airfare and excess baggage expenses.

COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING

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. Additionally you will be provided casual clothing that you will be required to wear at official team functions and while participating as a member of the team. Failure to comply with team clothing rules can lead to disciplinary actions including removal from the team.

PODIUM COMPENSATION

Any ground-funded athlete that achieves a top three (3) finish at the 2018 UCI SX event in which they were selected for will be refunded the Team Service Fee (if applicable) as well as a fair market value of their economy class round trip airfare ticket to the event (if applicable; all excess baggage costs are the responsibility of the athletes).

IMPORTANT TRAVEL DATES AND DEADLINES

- UCI SX #1-2 St-Quentin-en-Yvelines, FRA Mar 31- Apr 1, 2018
 - Selection Announcement Feb 26, 2018
 - OTC training camp Mar 1 – 7, 2018

- UCI SX #3-4 Papendal, NED* May 5-6, 2018
 - Selection Announcement April 2, 2018
 - OTC training camp April 9 – 14, 2018

- UCI SX #5-6 Zolder, BEL* May 12 – 13, 2017
 - Selection Announcement April 2, 2018
 - OTC training camp April 9 – 14,

- UCI SX #9-10 Santiago Del Estero, ARG September 29-30, 2018
 - Selection Announcement Aug 13, 2008
 - Training camp (Europe) August 13 -18, 2018

* Because Papendal and Zolder are back to back, the team will be travelling from Papendal to Zolder as one funded unit.

CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Men

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 18 and over

Maximum Funded Positions: 4

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

Level 1 Funding

1. The top four (4) U.S. eligible athletes on the USA Cycling BMX Power Rankings for Elite Men as of the following dates for the following events:
 - 1.1. UCI SX #1-2 St-Quentin-en-Yvelines, FRA - Mar 31- Apr 1, 2018
 - 1.1.1. USA Cycling BMX Power Rankings as of Feb 26, 2018
 - 1.2. UCI SX #3-4 Papendal, NED – May 5-6, 2018
 - 1.2.1. USA Cycling BMX Power Rankings as of April 2, 2018
 - 1.3. UCI SX #5-6, Zolder, BEL – May 12-13, 2018
 - 1.3.1. USA Cycling BMX Power Rankings as of April 2, 2018
 - 1.4. UCI SX #9-10, Santiago del Estero, ARG – September 29-30, 2018
 - 1.4.1. USA Cycling BMX Power Rankings as of Aug 13, 2018

Level 2 Funding

2. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org).

Elite Women

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 18 and over

Maximum Funded Positions: 3

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

Level 1 Funding

1. The top three (3) U.S. eligible athletes on the USA Cycling BMX Power Rankings for Elite women as of the following dates for the following events:
 - 1.5. UCI SX #1-2 St-Quentin-en-Yvelines, FRA - Mar 31- Apr 1, 2018
 - 1.5.1. USA Cycling BMX Power Rankings as of Feb 26, 2018
 - 1.6. UCI SX #3-4 Papendal, NED – May 5-6, 2018 *
 - 1.6.1. USA Cycling BMX Power Rankings as of April 2, 2018
 - 1.7. UCI SX #5-6, Zolder, BEL – May 12-13, 2018 *
 - 1.7.1. USA Cycling BMX Power Rankings as of April 2, 2018
 - 1.8. UCI SX #9-10, Santiago del Estero, ARG – September 29-30, 2018
 - 1.8.1. USA Cycling BMX Power Rankings as of Aug 13, 2018

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