



USA CYCLING ATHLETE NOMINATION INFORMATION 2018 PAN AMERICAN CONTINENTAL XCO MTB CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 4-8, 2018– Pereira, Colombia

QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how a rider can “automatically” qualify for nomination to the 2018 Continental Championship MTB 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 “Team USA - International Events” page on the USAC website (www.usacycling.org).

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. USAC may also discretionarily fund those athletes who are chosen via selection committee discretionary selection.

1. Elite Men Cross Country (Maximum of 3)
2. Elite Women Cross Country (Maximum of 3)
3. Under 23 Men’s Cross Country (Maximum of 2)
4. Under 23 Women’s Cross Country (Maximum of 2)
5. Junior Men Cross Country (Maximum of 1)
6. Junior Women Cross Country (Maximum of 1)

FUNDING LEVELS

Level 1: Funded

For athletes qualifying for the team via automatic selection criteria in Olympic events, 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 nomination 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 and this level is \$1,000.00. This fee includes: 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 are responsible for their airfare and excess baggage expenses as well.

COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING

As a member of the USA Cycling Pan American Continental Championship Team, 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.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

1. Automatic & Coaches' Discretionary Nominations
 - 1.1. Announcement of Automatic Nominations: March 5, 2018
 - 1.2. Confirmation of intent to participate: March 7, 2018

2. Petition Discretionary Nominations
 - 2.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: February 23, 2018
 - 2.2. Announcement of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: March 5, 2018
 - 2.3. Confirmation of intent to participate: March 7, 2018
 - 2.4. Deadline for submission of Team Service Fee: March 21, 2018

- 3. Final announcement of the Team: March 5, 2018**

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Men Cross Country

Eligible Participants: USA Cycling International License Holders; 2018 racing age of 23 and over
Maximum Start Positions: 4

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

1. The top three (3) ranked U.S. eligible Elite Men in the UCI XCO Individual Classification as of February 23, 2018, provided the rider is ranked in the top 50 overall rankings.
2. If positions remain, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection. More information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the “Team USA - International Events” page on the USAC website (www.usacycling.org).

Elite Women Cross Country

Eligible Participants: USA Cycling International License Holders; 2018 racing age of 23 and over
Maximum Start Positions: 4

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

1. The top three (3) ranked U.S. eligible Elite Women in the UCI XCO Individual Classification as of February 23, 2018, provided the rider is ranked in the top 50 overall rankings
2. If positions still remain open then riders may be nominated by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection. More information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the “Team USA - International Events” page on the USAC website (www.usacycling.org).

Under 23 Men’s Cross Country

Eligible Participants: USA Cycling International License Holders; 2018 racing age from 19 to 22

Maximum Start Positions: 2

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

1. The two (2) highest ranked U.S. eligible U23 male athletes in the UCI XCO Individual Classification as of February 23, 2018 provided the riders are ranked in the top 150 overall rankings.
2. If positions still remain open then riders may be nominated by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection. More information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the “Team USA - International Events” page on the USAC website (www.usacycling.org).

Under 23 Women's Cross Country

Eligible Participants: USA Cycling International License Holders; 2018 racing age from 19 to 22
Maximum Start Positions: 2

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

1. The two (2) highest ranked U.S. eligible U23 women athletes in the UCI XCO Individual Classification as of February 23, 2018 provided the riders are ranked in the top 100 overall rankings.
2. If positions still remain open then riders may be nominated by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection. More information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the "Team USA - International Events" page on the USAC website (www.usacycling.org).

Junior Men's Cross Country

Eligible Participants: USA Cycling International License Holders; 2018 racing age from 17 to 18
Maximum Start Positions: 1

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

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2017 World Championships in the same event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top 3 at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.
2. If positions still remain open then riders may be nominated by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection. More information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the "Team USA - International Events" page on the USAC website (www.usacycling.org).

Junior Women's Cross Country

Eligible Participants: USA Cycling International License Holders; 2018 racing age from 17 to 18
Maximum Start Positions: 1

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

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2017 World Championships in the same event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top 3 at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.
2. If positions still remain open then riders may be nominated by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection. More information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the "Team USA - International Events" page on the USAC website (www.usacycling.org).