



USA CYCLING ATHLETE NOMINATION

**2018 PAN AMERICAN CONTINENTAL ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS – ELITE WOMEN
May 1-6, 2018
San Juan, Argentina**

QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how a rider can “automatically” qualify for nomination to the 2018 Pan American Continental Championship Road 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 fund those athletes who are chosen via selection committee discretionary selection.

1. Women Road Race (Maximum of 3)
2. Women Time Trial (Maximum of 2)

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 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.

USA CYCLING SELECTION STRATEGY FOR PAN-AMERICAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

USA Cycling has historically used the Pan-American Continental Championships as an opportunity to gain crucial UCI points towards UCI Nations Rankings, which assist in ensuring maximum start positions at the World Championships. In many cases, the Pan-Am Continental Championships have also served a dual purpose providing future medal capable athletes the opportunity to experience the stress and challenge of an international championship.

USA Cycling has historically used Pan-American Continental Championships as an opportunity to secure additional start positions at World Championships via winning Pan-Am Continental Championships.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

1. Automatic & Coaches’ Discretionary Nominations
 - 1.1 Announcement of Automatic Nominations: April 9, 2018
 - 1.2 Confirmation of intent to participate: April 16, 2018
2. Petition Discretionary Nominations
 - 2.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: April 2, 2018
 - 2.2. Announcement of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: April 9, 2018
 - 2.3. Confirmation of intent to participate: April 16, 2018
 - 2.4. Deadline for submission of **\$1000.00** deposit: April 18, 2018
3. **Final announcement of the Elite Women’s Pan American CC Team: April 9, 2018**

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Women Road Race

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

Maximum Start Positions: 6

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

1. The three (3) highest ranked U.S. eligible athletes on the 2018 UCI Individual Rankings Classification as of April 2, 2018 provided those athletes are ranked in the top twenty (20) of the 2018 UCI Individual rankings classification.
2. If positions remain after considering the proceeding criterion, 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 Time Trial

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

Maximum Start Positions: 2

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

1. The highest ranked U.S. eligible athlete on the 2018 UCI Individual Rankings Classification as of April 2, 2018 provided the athlete is ranked in the top twenty (20) of the 2018 UCI Individual rankings classification.
2. If positions remain after considering the proceeding criterion, 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).