



## **USA CYCLING ATHLETE NOMINATION**

**2018 PAN AMERICAN CONTINENTAL ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS –U23MEN**

**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](http://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. U23 Men Road Race (Maximum of 3)
2. U23 Men 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.

The UCI bases the number of start positions for U23 World Championships on a country's Nation's Cup ranking and Continental Tour (Americas Tour) ranking. Because USA Cycling has based our U23 Program exclusively in Europe, our U23 athletes have very little opportunities to earn Americas Tour points. As a result, we have made the Pan-Am Continental Championships open only to U23 athletes in order to secure maximum opportunity at securing UCI Americas Tour points, and thus ensuring maximum start positions annually for U23 World 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 U23 Men's Pan American CC Team: April 9, 2018**

## **CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE TEAM**

### **Men Road Race**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders; Age 19-22 years old (born in 1996-1999).  
**Maximum Start Positions:** 3

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

1. Any U.S. eligible U23 athlete ranked in the Top 20 in UCI U23 Nations Cup Individual rankings as of April 9, 2018. Athletes will be nominated to the team based on the order of their UCI U23 Nations Cup Individual ranking. Athletes will be nominated from the UCI U23 Nations Cup Individual ranking list until any of the following conditions are met: 1) all positions in the team are filled; or 2) all athletes in the top 20 of the UCI U23 Nations Cup Individual ranking have been nominated.
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](http://www.usacycling.org)).

### **Men Time Trial**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders; Age 19-22 years old (men born in 1996-1999).

**Maximum Start Positions:** 2

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

1. Any U.S. eligible U23 athlete ranked in the Top 20 in UCI U23 Nations Cup Individual rankings as of April 9, 2018. Athletes will be nominated to the team based on the order of their UCI U23 Nations Cup Individual ranking. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, the highest ranked athlete will earn the automatic nomination.
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](http://www.usacycling.org)).