



## **USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**

2018 WORLD ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS – ELITE MEN AND WOMEN  
September 23-30, 2018 – Innsbruck-Tirol, Austria

### **AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Below you will find information on how a rider can “automatically” qualify for nomination to the 2018 World 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” section of the USAC website.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Athlete must be eligible to represent the United States in a UCI competition at the time of nomination. All nominees must have a valid USAC International Racing License and meet all eligibility requirements of USA Cycling and the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) at the time of nomination. All athletes must be in good standing with USAC, UCI, and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) at the time of nomination.

- Elite Men- World Tour and Continental UCI-registered team members and USCF category I Licensed Men age 19 and older.
- Elite Women- USAC International License Holders; Age 19 and over

### **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.

## **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. All athletes travel will be booked arriving 5 days before the first day of their competition, and returning the following day after their last competition.

## **PODIUM COMPENSATION**

Any Self-funded athlete who contributes to a team that achieves a top three (3) finish at the 2018 Elite World Road Championships 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).

## **COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING**

As a member of the USA Cycling World 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 Nominations
  - 1.1. Notification of Automatic Nominations and confirmation of intent to participate: Sept 7, 2018
2. Petition Discretionary Nominations
  - 2.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: Sept 2, 2018
  - 2.2. Notification of Discretionary Selections and confirmation of intent to participate: Sept 7, 2018
  - 2.3. Deadline for submission of **\$500.00** deposit: Sept 10, 2018
3. Final announcement of the Team: Sept 10, 2018.

## **ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **Elite Men's Road Race**

1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's 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 three (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. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing athlete in the prior year's World Championships will be selected.
2. Any eligible athlete ranked in the top fifty (50) of the UCI Individual World Tour ranking as of Sept 3, 2018. Athletes will be selected in order of their ranking.
3. Any eligible athletes with a top three (3) finish in a UCI World Tour one day road race event or a Grand Tour road stage between the dates of January 1, 2018 and September 3, 2018. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, such athletes will be ranked based on the most recent event in which the athlete achieved the qualifying result.
4. The winner of the 2018 USA Cycling Professional Road Race National Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then athletes who petition by the deadline 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)). Petitioning athletes should have significant international experience since January 1, 2017 demonstrating medal capability or have demonstrated the ability to contribute to a medal winning team performance.
6. If positions remain, athletes will be selected according to UCI ranking

### **Elite Men's 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. Any U.S. eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's 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 three (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. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing in the prior year's World Championships will be nominated.
2. The winner of the 2018 USA Cycling Professional Time Trial National Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

3. 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](http://www.usacycling.org)). Petitioning athletes should have significant international experience since January 1, 2017 demonstrating medal capability.
4. If positions remain, athletes will be selected according to UCI ranking.

### **Elite Women's Road Race**

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

**Maximum Start Positions:** up to 7

Athletes will be selected to the team based on the following *prioritized* criteria:

1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's 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 three (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. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing athlete in the prior year's World Championships will be selected.
2. Any eligible athlete ranked in the top twenty (20) of the UCI Individual World Tour ranking as of Sept 3, 2018. Athletes will be selected in order of their ranking.
3. Any eligible athletes with a top three (3) finish in a UCI World Tour one day road race event between the dates of January 1, 2018 and September 3, 2018. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, such athletes will be ranked based on the most recent event in which the athlete achieved the qualifying result.
4. Any U.S. eligible athletes who wins a European UCI 1.1 event between the dates of January 1, 2018 and Sept 3, 2018. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, the athlete with the most recent result at the time of selection will be selected.
5. The winner of the 2018 USA Cycling Professional Road Race National Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
6. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then athletes who petition by the deadline 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)). Petitioning athletes should have significant international experience since January 1, 2017 demonstrating medal capability or have demonstrated the ability to contribute to a medal winning team performance.
7. If positions remain, athletes will be selected according to UCI ranking

## **Elite Women's 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. Any U.S. eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's 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 three (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. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing in the prior year's World Championships will be nominated.
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