



## **USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **2018 UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS September 14-15, 2018 – Auronzo Di Cadore, Italy**

#### **AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Below you will find information on how a rider can “automatically” qualify for nomination to the 2018 World Championship MTB Marathon 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.

#### **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- USAC International License Holders; Racing age of 19 and over in 2018
- Elite Women- USAC International License Holders; Racing age 19 and over in 2018

#### **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

All athletes selected to the 2018 Mountain Bike Marathon World Championship Team will be responsible for organizing and paying for all travel, food and lodging costs associated with the event. USA Cycling will not assume financial responsibility for any athletes selected to the Mountain Bike Marathon World Championship team. In addition, all athletes will be responsible for payment of a Team Service Fee of \$200.00 which will cover competition clothing (see Competition Clothing section below) and TravMed Abroad coverage throughout the duration of the event, as well as team registration expenses. Any athlete that achieves a top three (3) placing at the 2018 MTB Marathon World Championships will have their Team Service Fee of \$200.00 reimbursed.

1. Elite Men Marathon (Maximum of 6)
2. Elite Women Marathon (Maximum of 6)

## **PODIUM COMPENSATION**

Any Non-funded athlete that achieves a top three (3) finish at the 2018 MTB Marathon World Championships will be refunded the 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) as well as fair market value for their lodging at the event.

## **COMPETITION CLOTHING**

As a member of the USA National 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. 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: August 20, 2018
  - 1.2. Confirmation of intent to participate: August 24, 2018
  
2. Petition Discretionary Nominations
  - 2.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: August 13, 2018
  - 2.2. Announcement of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: August 20, 2018
  - 2.3. Confirmation of intent to participate: August 24, 2018
  - 2.4. Deadline for submission of **\$200.00** deposit: August 27, 2018
  
3. **Final announcement of the Team: August 20, 2018**

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

### **Elite Men Marathon**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders; Racing age of 19 and over in 2018

**Maximum Start Positions:** 6

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

1. Any eligible U.S. rider 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 ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.
  
2. Any eligible U.S. rider ranked in the top fifty (50) in the UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Series Rankings as of August 13, 2018.

3. Any eligible U.S. rider placing in the top ten (10) at a 2018 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Series event between the dates of January 01, 2018 and August 13, 2018.
4. If positions remain, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>)

### **Elite Women Marathon**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders; Racing age 19 and over in 2018

**Maximum Start Positions:** 6

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

1. Any eligible U.S. rider 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 ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.
2. Any eligible U.S. rider ranked in the top thirty (30) in the UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Series Rankings as of August 13, 2018.
3. Any eligible U.S. rider placing in the top ten (10) at a 2018 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Series event between the dates of January 01, 2018 and August 13, 2018.
4. If positions remain, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>)