



## **USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **2018 WORLD MOUNTAIN BIKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**MEN AND WOMEN ELITE 4X**

**July 5-6, 2018 – Val di Sole, Italy**

#### **AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Below you will find information on how a rider can “automatically” qualify for nomination to the 2018 World 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 “General Team Selection Information” document on the USAC website.

#### **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

USAC will NOT assume financial responsibility for athletes selected to the World Championship 4X Team. USAC will reimburse expenses for athletes who place in the top three (3) at the World Championships in 2018 (see below “Podium Compensation”).

**Please note that USAC may NOT fill the teams to the maximum number of athletes if it deems petitioning athletes are not medal capable or future medal capable.**

#### **PODIUM COMPENSATION**

Any Non-funded athlete that achieves a top three (3) finish at the 2018 MTB 4X 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: June 4, 2018
  - 1.2. Confirmation of intent to participate: June 6, 2018
2. Petition Discretionary Nominations
  - 2.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: May 25, 2018
  - 2.2. Announcement of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: June 4, 2018
  - 2.3. Confirmation of intent to participate June 6, 2018

**Final announcement of the Team: June 4, 2018**

### **Elite 4- Cross- Men and Women**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders; Age 17 and over

**Maximum Start Positions:** 7

Athletes may receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following *prioritized* 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 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>)