



## **USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA**

2018 WORLD ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS – JUNIOR MEN/ JUNIOR 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 “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.

- Jr. Men and Women - 2018 USAC International License Holders; Age 17-18 years old (born in 2000-2001).

### **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 Athletes**

For athletes qualifying via automatic criteria for 2018 World Championships, USA Cycling will provide one economy class, single destination airfare, which includes two pieces of luggage: One bike and 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**

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 \$500.00. 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**

If any member of the Road Race team achieves a top three (3) finish in the Junior World Championship Road Race, USA Cycling will refund the Team Service Fee and pay the fair market value of an economy class round trip airfare ticket to the event (excluding excess baggage costs) to all Self-funded athletes who are members of the Road Race team. If any Self-funded athlete achieves a top three (3) finish in the Junior World Championship Individual Time Trial, USA Cycling will refund the Team Service Fee and pay the fair market value of an economy class round trip airfare ticket to the event (excluding excess baggage costs) to such Level 2 funded athlete.

## **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 & Coaches' Discretionary Nominations**
  - 1.1 Announcement of Automatic Nominations: August 31, 2018
  - 2.1 Confirmation of intent to participate: September 1, 2018
- 2. Petition Discretionary Nominations**
  - 1.1 Deadline for submission of petitions: August 22, 2018
  - 2.1 Announcement of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: August 31, 2018
  - 3.1 Confirmation of intent to participate: September 1, 2018
  - 4.1 Deadline for submission of **\$500.00** deposit: September 3, 2018
- 3. Final announcement of the Team: August 31, 2018.**

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

### **Junior Men Road Race**

#### **Eligible Participants:**

2018 USAC International License Holders; Age 17-18 years old (born in 2000-2001).

**Maximum Number of Starters: 6**

#### **Automatic Nomination (in order of priority):**

##### Level 1 Funding

- 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 athlete in the prior year's World Championships will be nominated.
- 2.** Any U.S. athlete finishing in the top-three (3) in the final general classification in a 2018 UCI European Junior Men's Nation Cup stage race (2.NC) between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018. If two or more athletes meet this criterion, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
- 3.** Any U.S. athlete finishing in the top-three (3) in a 2018 UCI European Junior Men's Nations Cup one-day road race (1.NC) between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.

4. Any U.S. athlete who wins a road stage (excludes prologues and time trials) in a 2018 UCI European Junior Men's Nations Cup stage race (2.NC) between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018. If two athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
5. Any U.S. athlete who places in the top three (3) in a 2018 UCI European Junior event ranked 2.1 (general classification) or 1.1 between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018. If two athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
6. The winner of the 2018 USA Cycling Junior Men's National Road Race Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

#### Level 2 Funding

7. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>)

### **Junior Men Individual Time Trial**

#### **Eligible Participants: Eligible Participants:**

2018 USAC International License Holders; Age 17-18 years old (born in 2000-2001).

#### **Maximum Number of Starters: 2**

#### **Automatic Nomination (in order of priority):**

#### Level 1 Funding

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 will be nominated.
2. Any U.S. athlete who wins an individual time trial stage in a 2018 UCI European Junior Men's Nation Cup stage race (2.NC) between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018; provided that time trial is greater than 15km in length. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.

3. Any U.S. athlete who wins an individual time trial stage in a 2018 UCI European Junior 2.1 stage race between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018; provided that time trial is greater than 15km in length. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
4. Winner of the 2018 USA Cycling Junior National Time Trial Championship provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

#### Level 2 Funding

5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>).

### **Junior Women Road Race**

#### **Eligible Participants:**

2018 USAC International License Holders; Age 17-18 years old (born in 2000-2001).

**Maximum Number of Starters:** 4

#### **Automatic Nomination (in order of priority):**

#### Level 1 Funding

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 athlete in the prior year's World Championships will be nominated.
2. Any U.S. athlete finishing in the top-three (3) in a 2018 UCI European Junior Women's Nations Cup one-day road race (1.NC) between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on. If two or

more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.

3. Any U.S. athlete finishing in the top-three (3) in the final general classification in a 2018 UCI European Junior Women's Nation Cup stage race (2.NC) between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018. If two or more athletes meet this criterion, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
4. Any U.S. athlete finishing in the top-five (5) in the final general classification in a 2018 UCI Women's Elite stage race, ranked 2.2, between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018. If two or more athletes meet this criterion, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
4. Any U.S. athlete finishing in the top three (3) in a 2018 UCI Women's Elite one-day road race, ranked 1.2, between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
5. Any U.S. athlete who wins a road stage (excludes prologues, or time trials) in a 2018 UCI Women's Elite stage race, ranked 2.2, between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
6. Any U.S. athlete who places in the top three (3) in a 2018 UCI Junior Women's event ranked 2.1 (general classification) between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018. If two athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
7. Winner of the 2018 USA Cycling Junior National Road Race Championship provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

#### Level 2 Funding

8. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>).



## **Junior Women Individual Time Trial**

### **Eligible Participants:**

2018 USAC International License Holders; Age 17-18 years old (born in 2000-2001).

**Maximum Number of Starters: 2**

### **Automatic Nomination (in order of priority):**

#### Level 1 Funding

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. Any U.S. athlete who wins an individual time trial stage in a 2018 UCI European Junior Women's Nation Cup stage race (2.NCup) between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018; provided that time trial is greater than 10km in length. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
3. Any U.S. athlete who wins an individual time trial stage in a 2018 UCI Women's Elite stage race ranked 2.2, between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018, provided that time trial is greater than 10 km in length. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.
4. Winner of the 2018 USA Cycling Junior National Time Trial Championship provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then riders will be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>).