



## **USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA**

2018 WORLD ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS – U23 MEN  
September 22-30, 2018 – Innsbruck, 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.

- USAC International License Holders; Age 19-22 years old (men born in 1996-1999). Under 23 riders who have participated in the Men Elite individual road race at a previous World Championships may not ride the individual road race for Under 23 riders. Under 23 riders who have participated in the Men Elite individual road race at a previous World Championships may not ride the individual road race for Under 23 riders.

### **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

1. 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. U23 Road Race (Maximum of up to 6)
2. U23 Time Trial (Maximum of 2)

### **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 \$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**

If any member of the Road Race team achieves a top three (3) finish in the U23 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 U23 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 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. 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 29, 2018
  - 1.2. Confirmation of intent to participate: August 30, 2018
  
2. Petition Discretionary Nominations
  - 2.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: August 22, 2018
  - 2.2. Announcement of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: August 29, 2018
  - 2.3. Confirmation of intent to participate: August 30, 2018
  - 2.4. Deadline for submission of **\$1000.00** deposit: September 3, 2018
  
3. Final announcement of the Team: August 29, 2018.

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

### **U23 Men Road Race**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders; Age 19-22 years old (men born in 1996-1999). Under 23 riders who have participated in the Men Elite individual road race at a previous World Championships may not ride the individual road race for Under 23 riders.

**Maximum Start Positions:** TBD

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

#### Level 1 Funding

1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top twenty (20) 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 twenty (20) 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 eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2018 USA Cycling Professional Road Race National Championships provided the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, such athletes will be ranked in order based on the highest placing of the event in which the athlete achieved the qualifying result.
3. Any eligible athlete who wins a European 1.2U event between the dates of January 1,-2018 and August 26, 2018. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, such athletes will be ranked based on the recency of the event in which the athlete achieved the qualifying result.

4. Any eligible athlete who finishes in the top three (3) in the final general classification in a World Nations Cup event, between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, such athletes will be ranked based on the recency of the event in which the athlete achieved the qualifying result.
5. Any eligible athlete who finishes top three (3) in the final general classification of a, European 2.HC European 2.2, European 2.2U, European 2.1 or America Tour 2.HC, between the dates of January 1, 2018 and August 26, 2018. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, such athletes will be ranked based on the recency of the event in which the athlete achieved the qualifying result.
6. The top ranked U.S. eligible athlete from the UCI America Tour rankings, as of August 26, 2018, provided that athlete has scored a minimum of 100 points.
7. The winner of the U23 road race at the 2018 USA Cycling U23 Road Race National Championships 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 U.S. eligible athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection ([www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)).

#### **U23 Men Time Trial**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders; Age 19-22 years old (men born in 1996-1999). Under 23 riders who have participated in the Men Elite individual time trial at a previous World Championships may not ride the individual road race for Under 23 riders.

#### **Maximum Start Positions: 2**

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

#### Level 1 Funding

1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top five (5) 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 five (5) 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 eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2018 USA Cycling Professional Time Trial National Championships provided the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, such athletes will be ranked in order based on the highest placing of the event in which the athlete achieved the qualifying result.

3. The winner of the 2018 USA Cycling U23 National Time Trial Championships provided the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
4. Any U.S. eligible athlete who finishes in the top three (3) of an individual time trial stage at a World Nations Cup, European Tour 2.2 or American Tour 2.HC, provided that time trial is greater than 20 kilometers in length, between the dates of January 01, 2018 and August 26, 2018. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, such athletes will be ranked based on the recency of the event in which the athlete achieved the qualifying result.

#### Level 2 Funding

5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then U.S. eligible athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection ([www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)).