



USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA 2018/19 TRACK CYCLING WORLD CUP

2018/19 UCI TRACK WORLD CUP SCHEDULE

October 19-21, 2018 – Saint-Quentin-En-Yvelines, France

October 26-28 – Milton, Ontario, Canada

November 30-December 2, 2018 – Berlin, Germany

December 14-16, 2018 – London, Great Britain

January 18-20, 2019 – Cambridge, New Zealand

January 25-27, 2019 – Hong Kong

1. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements:

- a. Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport
- b. Athlete must be a USA Cycling member
- c. Athlete must hold a valid USA Cycling International License
- d. Athlete must be at least 18 years of age

2. ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA

USA Cycling National Quotas Per Event

In those disciplines that require qualification to the World Cups, points are earned through World Championships, World Cups, UCI Class (C1, C2 & C3) races, Continental Championships, and National Championships. The UCI Eligibility ranking (<http://www.uci.ch/track/ranking/>) represents those points earned. The participation in the individual events shall be restricted to riders with at least 250 points in the respective UCI Track Ranking. To be eligible, each rider must have the minimum amount of points required either on the opening date of the online registration of the first leg of the World Cup (art. 3.4.005), or in the latest update of the respective UCI Track Ranking.

Athletes should review the UCI qualification rules for disciplines as well as Nation Team size. All UCI rules are posted on their website at: <http://www.uci.ch>.

USA Cycling World Cup Team Size

Additionally, the UCI has set forth individual event qualification procedures that make it possible for a nation to qualify more athletes than a national selection is permitted at a UCI World Cup competition. The maximum UCI World Cup team size for a national selection is 10

men and 7 women. Given these guidelines, USA Cycling will prioritize its selection of the UCI World Cups as follows:

1. Olympic Events – Team Events
2. Olympic Events – Individual Events qualified by previous year’s World Championship medal.
3. Olympic Events – Individual Events qualified by UCI rank.
4. Non-Olympic Events – Individual Events qualified by previous year’s World Championship medal.
5. Non-Olympic Events – Individual Events qualified by UCI rank.
6. Olympic or non-Olympic Individual events nominated by discretionary selection.

Athletes may be selected to the USA Cycling World Cup Team by meeting certain automatic selection criteria for this event. If all positions on the Team are not filled through automatic selection, athletes may also be selected to the USA Cycling World Cup Team through a discretionary selection process administered by the USA Cycling Selection Committee. Athletes seeking discretionary selection must submit a Discretionary Nomination Form by the deadline in Section 3 below The Discretionary Nomination Form is available on the USA Cycling website here: [New link to come.](#)

The USA Cycling Selection Committee will apply the selection criteria set forth herein and will make all final selections. Following the nomination announcement for each UCI Track World Cup event, all athletes who accept their nomination are required to participate in all Team USA training camps, races or team events as prescribed by the USA Cycling Coaching Staff, unless given written permission from the VP of Elite Athletics, Scott Schnitzspahn.

1. Team Events- Team Pursuit, Team Sprint, Madison

a. Automatic Selection to the Men’s or Women’s Long Team-

- i. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the previous year’s World Championships in the event. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification and time standards where applicable.
- ii. The top 2 U.S. eligible athletes in UCI Ranking for Madison and Women’s Team Sprint, top 3 U. S. eligible athletes In UCI Rankings for Men’s Team Sprint, or top 4 U.S. eligible athletes in UCI Ranking’s for Team Pursuit on the opening date of the online registration of the first leg of the World Cup. Automatic selection will not roll down to the next highest ranked U.S. eligible athlete.

b. Discretionary Selection to the Men’s or Women’s Long Team-

- i. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then athletes may be nominated to the Long Team via discretion based on the criteria and

principles detailed in the document "USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection" which may be found on the USA Cycling website at <https://www.usacycling.org/team/international-events>.

c. Men's and Women's Team Events –Final Team

Athletes will be nominated to ride the Team Events based upon the following prioritized criteria:

- i. If USA Cycling chooses to start a Men's or Women's Team Event at any leg of the UCI Track Cycling World Cups, all final nominees for the USA Cycling Men's or Women's Team Event Teams will come from the previously nominated Long Team.
- ii. Final coaching nomination is based solely on the Principles of Selection criteria- "An Athlete's Ability to Enhance Team Performance." Team USA will not be comprised of the best individual athletes, but rather the athletes that comprise and make up the best team as determined by the USA Cycling Selection Committee.

In order for Long Team nominees to be considered for USA Cycling World Cup Teams, athletes are required to participate in all Team USA Training Camps and Race Programs as prescribed by USA Cycling Coaching Staff.

2. Individual Events- Omnium, Scratch Race, Points Race, Individual Pursuit, Sprint, Keirin, Kilo (men) or 500m TT (women)

- a. **Athletes will be nominated to ride the Individual Events based on the following prioritized criteria:**
 - i. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the previous year's World Championship will have first priority of selection to one (1) World Cup race of their choosing, of which USA Cycling is supporting and sending a team, in the current season and discipline/event in which they obtained the top three (3) result. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification and time standards where applicable. Should multiple athletes medal at the World Championships, priority order will be determined by finish place.

- ii. Any athlete who wins the National Championship in the current season, will have second priority of selection to one (1) World Cup race of their choosing, of which USA Cycling is supporting and sending a team, in the season and discipline/event in which they won the National Championship. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be internationally competitive at the World Cup level during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification and time standards where applicable.
- iii. The athlete with the highest UCI point total in the event will have third priority of selection to one (1) World Cup race of their choosing, of which USA Cycling is supporting and sending a team. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be internationally competitive at the World Cup level during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification and time standards where applicable.
 1. Athletes may only qualify for one (1) start spot in one (1) of the selection priority criteria outlined above.

b. Discretionary Selection

- i. If positions on the team remain after considering the automatic selection criteria in Section 2.a, athletes may receive a discretionary nomination from the USA Cycling Selection Committee. The USA Cycling Selection Committee may consider nominations made by athletes themselves and the USA Cycling coaching staff. All discretionary selections will be made in accordance with USA Cycling's Principles of Athlete Selection. <http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>

3. **IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

UCI Eligibility Ranking used to determine the participation to the entire 2018-2019 UCI Track Cycling World Cup (article 3.4.005) will be closed two months prior to the start of the first world cup event.

1. Automatic & Coaches' Discretionary Nominations
 - 1.1. Athlete Notification of Nominations: Monday, September 24, 2018; 25 days prior to the Saturday of the first world cup weekend.
 - 1.2. Confirmation of intent to participate: Friday, September 28, 2018; 21 days prior to the Saturday of the first world cup weekend.

2. Petition Discretionary Nominations
 - 2.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: Friday, September 21, 2018; 28 days prior to the Saturday of the first world cup weekend.
 - 2.2. Athlete Notification of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: Monday, September 24, 2018; 25 days prior to the Saturday of the first world cup weekend.
 - 2.3. Confirmation of intent to participate: Friday, September 28, 2018; 21 days prior to the Saturday of the first world cup weekend.
 - 2.4. Deadline for submission of Team Service Fee: Friday, September 28, 2018; 21 days prior to the Saturday of the first world cup weekend.

3. Final announcement of the USA Cycling World Cup Teams: Friday, September 28, 2018; 21 days prior to the Saturday of the first world cup weekend.